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South Dakota National Guard troops load crates containing the Dakota Territorial Museum's Discovering the Rivers of Lewis & Clark exhibit to be taken to the Mead Building Friday morning. The exhibit, which stopped in Yankton in 2002 as part of the bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the upper reaches of the Louisiana Purchase, has been in storage since 2007.

# Out Of Storage

## Mothballed L&C Exhibit Makes Move To Mead

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The last time members of the public had a chance to see the Discovering the Rivers of Lewis & Clark traveling exhibit was 2006 in Oregon. While the public at large still has to wait a few more years to see it once again, exhibit pieces made the trip out of storage to their permanent home at the Mead Building, the future home of the Dakota Territorial Museum, Friday.

Dakota Territorial Museum director Crystal Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* the exhibit has spent the interim in storage after being donated to the museum.

"The Discovering the Rivers of Lewis & Clark traveling exhibit had been in storage for a couple of years after the bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery (in 2004) was over," Nelson said. "The organization that owned it was the American Rivers, Inc. in Washington D.C. They wanted to donate the exhibit to an organization or somewhere along the Missouri River where the exhibit could be seen. It was a choice between us and Sioux City and we ended up making the right kind of deal."

After acquiring the exhibit in 2007, Nelson said the pieces would have to be crated and stored until the museum had the room. "We got the exhibit — it's numerous

crates and a very large exhibit, actually," she said. "We put it in storage thanks to First Dakota National Bank. ... As we are working on the exhibit planning for the Mead Building, this particular exhibit is going to be incorporated into the permanent gallery as per our agreement with American Rivers. In preparation for that, we really need to kind of get the exhibit out of storage and start working with the pieces, getting it set up, seeing how it's going to fit in to the building."

Friday morning, members of the South Dakota National Guard began hauling 20

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## Project Set To Bring VHS Into The 21st Century

BY SARAH WETZEL  
For the Plain Talk

VERMILLION — It's more than just a facelift that the Vermillion High School has been getting this summer. It's an upgrade according to Vermillion School District Superintendent Mark Froke.

"The outcome is to upgrade all the classrooms and the restroom areas to provide an attractive, comfortable atmosphere for the students and staff," he said. "The environment will be more comfortable from the standpoint of heating and ventilation, and also the system will be much more efficient from the standpoint of having the latest equipment installed versus equipment that was installed 50 years ago. You look down in the boiler room now and you see a completely different picture than you did three months ago. We had a couple big boilers in there before. Now we have three smaller units. One of them will probably handle most of the heating needed throughout the season. We're bringing the classrooms into 21st century standards."

New equipment also includes a brand new fire alarm system to replace the original one installed 50 years ago.

Though not all the work will be completed by the time school starts, Froke said it should not make an impact on the high school students.

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# Building For The Future



ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D

Photo Cutline: Members of the Yankton High School National Honor Society with Yankton Homeless Shelter Executive Director Eric Miller pose in front of the current facilities, which have become too small to meet community needs. The NHS has decided to partner with the Homeless Shelter Board to help raise money for new facilities, which are hoping to be obtained by January. Pictured above with Miller: YHS NHS seniors Joseph Kelly, Michael Haas, Adrienne Kusek, Amy Doering, Kylee Duncan, Kirsten May, Hannah Williams and Amanda Gravholt.

## YHS Seniors Join Homeless Shelter To Raise Funds

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The Yankton High School National Honor Society has decided to partner with the Yankton Homeless Shelter in an attempt to raise money for the purpose of expanding its current facilities.

"We don't like to call people homeless," said Chair of the Homeless Shelter Board Pastor Jon Cooke. "We like to describe the people that visit our shelter as people who are experiencing homelessness; that could be anyone of us."

The shelter, located on Fourth Street, opened in 1994 for the original purpose of sheltering homeless men. However, since 2010, the increasingly growing need caused their mission to expand to include families, women and children.

"The River City Domestic Violence Center provides shelter for women and children but some women and children don't qualify because they may be homeless for some reasons other than domestic violence," Cooke said. "As a result, we have opened our doors to cover this sort of missing element in society that wasn't there, but is more prevalent now."

In 2014 the shelter was housing 136 individuals, including 63 children. The current shelter only has 9 beds and an apartment area in the basement facility. Because living spaces are limited, the shelter overflows some people into motels, which can get very costly.

Last year, 63 individuals were sheltered in the StarLite Inn Motel, which

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# Group Gets Its Ducks In A Row

Parents As Teachers To Host Inaugural Rubber Ducky Race Fundraiser

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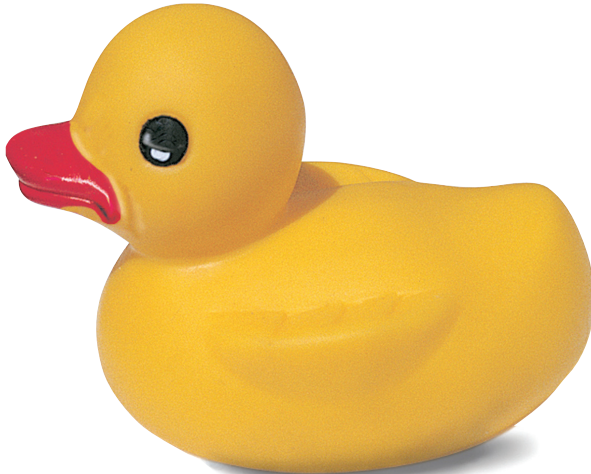
Every organization comes up with creative ways to draw people's attention to their programs. The Yankton County Parents as Teachers group is doing this with the use of universally-loved rubber ducks.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, the organization is sponsoring the Lucky Lucky Rubber Ducky Race at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Park Pool in Yankton. The event acts as a benefit for the organization while also offering an evening of fun for the families involved.

"Hopefully, we'll get a lot of people watching the event and they'll learn more about Parents as Teachers," said educator coordinator Deanna Branaugh. "We hope to gain some new families because of the exposure."

Parents as Teachers is a national organization in which childcare professionals work with parents during their child's early years from prenatal to age 3. Yankton County's Parents as Teachers has been active since 1995.

The organization functions in three



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