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# Mall Forward?

Officials: Latest Attempt At Mall Upgrade Promising

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There have been multiple attempts to upgrade and renovate the Yankton Mall over the past 10 years that never came to pass — but city officials are confident that the latest proposal will hold.

Earlier this month, city officials announced that Dial Properties had come to an agreement to accept a special assessment to fund upgrades to the Yankton Mall.

Yankton Community Development Director Dave Mingo told the *Press & Dakotan* that the city has been trying to come up with an agreement for years.

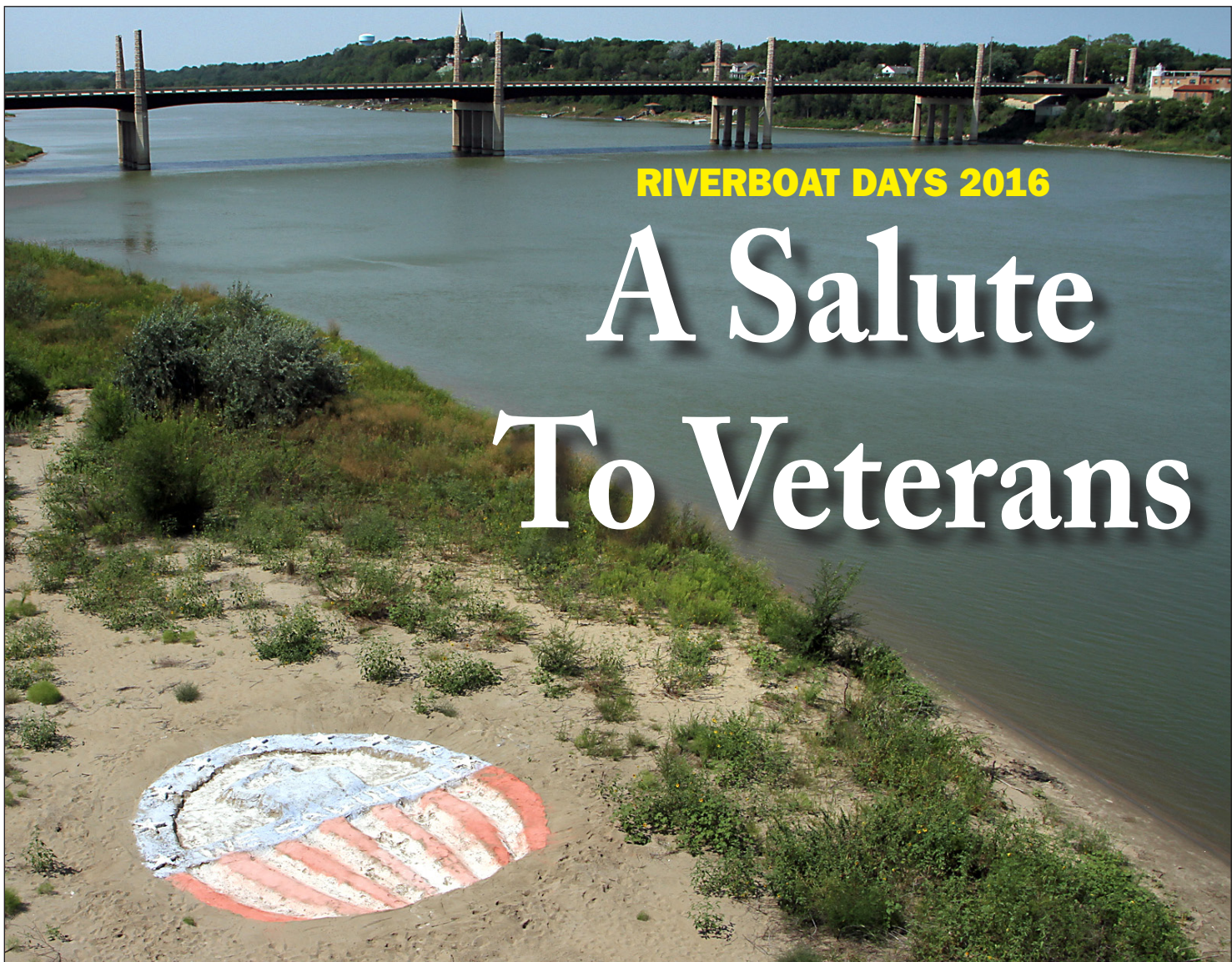
“We’ve been discussing the condition of the mall with the ownership there for six or seven years and trying to work through a plan where we could see some upgrades,” Mingo said. “They’ve been very interested in doing some



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A rendering of plans for the Yankton Mall. A special assessment was recently approved by the City of Yankton as a means of helping facilitate upgrades to the mall.

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RIVERBOAT DAYS 2016

## A Salute To Veterans

### Annual Summer Celebration Kicks Off With A Flourish



Yankton's 32nd annual Riverboat Days kicked off Friday night, but signs of the celebration were evident throughout the day (above), as an artist fashioned a version of this year's logo in the sand near the south end of the Meridian Bridge. RIGHT: This year's theme of “Red, White and Blue: We Salute You,” and Brycen Brunick, 2, of Yankton did his part by wearing an Army uniform during the Kiddie Parade. LEFT: This young dancer from Yankton's Academy of Dance peers into the crowd as part of her performance at the Riverside Park amphitheatre. Riverboat Days continues through the weekend, with the parade starting at 9:30 a.m. today (Saturday). (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



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## Agencies Attacking Mussel Infestation

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Conservation agencies are using more muscle against mussels in Lewis and Clark Lake.

The effort has taken on more urgency after South Dakota and Nebraska officials discovered zebra mussels, an aquatic invasive species (AIS), this week in Lewis and Clark Lake. The mussels were of multiple sizes, indicating zebra mussels are reproducing in the lake.

Mussels also have been found in the Missouri River just below Gavins Point Dam.

As a result, the public can expect to have their boats and other watercraft inspected when coming off Lewis and Clark Lake, said Jeff Van Meeteren, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) regional supervisor.

“Locally, there will be a lot more education and enforcement. We need to get the word out to the people,” he said. “I expect we will hit the boat ramps, have staff do inspections and talk to (the craft operators) about the AIS regulations.”

The agencies are hitting hard to get the boaters' attention, Van Meeteren said.

“We’ll be on the ramps and talking to people. We’ll send a letter to all slip holders, and we’ll send an e-mail blast to all registered campers,” he said. “We’re just trying to get the word out.”

The effort will cross state lines as zebra mussels have also been found at Weigand marina on the Nebraska side of the lake, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC). The NGPC is working with South Dakota officials several federal agencies and local authorities, according to a news release.

A single adult zebra mussel was found last fall at Lewis and Clark Lake, classifying the lake as suspect for the invasive species, Van Meeteren said.

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### CORRECTION

In Friday's front page story, “El Nio To Remain Strong Into Next Spring,” the lead was incorrectly stated. The lead should read “Thanks to the El Nino weather system, look for warmer, drier conditions than normal this winter,” not Thanks to the El Nino weather system, look for cooler, wetter conditions than normal this winter.”

## For Vermillion Native, Vying For National Crown Is Dream Come True

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VERMILLION — For Marley Hanson of Vermillion, being named Miss South Dakota Teen USA was a dream come true.

Hanson, who graduated from Vermillion High School in May and will be attending The University of South Dakota this fall, said she has been proud to represent the state, but most particularly Vermillion.

“It has been a dream come true,” she said. “I have wanted this for years now. It has helped me grow. I have been speaking to different people, helping out with different charities, going to different events. It has been an amazing experience.”

She said her journey began at the Clay County Fair.

“I competed in pageants since 2009, the Clay County Fair Princess pageant being my first one,”

she said. “This is my last year to compete in the teen competition so I figured I might as well go for it and see what happens. I was hoping to win, but I was definitely surprised when they said my name. There was a moment there when they said my name and I was like, ‘Oh, I won. Wait! I won!’”

Since that moment on Oct. 4, 2014 Hanson said learning to bal-



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