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RIVERBOAT DAYS 2015

A Grand Salute!



LEFT: Future Look Salon recreated the flag-raising at the Battle Of Iwo Jima for its Riverboat Days parade float. The entry won first place in the commercial division. **TOP:** Kaiser Heating and Cooling offered this float that lived up to the 2015 Riverboat Days theme of “Red, White and Blue: We Salute You.” **BELOW:** The colors of the nation waved in a northwestern breeze Sunday at the Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Association display at Riverside Park. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



WWII Vets, Vendors Come Out In Full Force For RBD ‘15

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Another year, another successful Riverboat Days.

On Saturday, World War II vets were given special recognition for the 70th anniversary of the end of the second World War, as part of Riverboat Days theme of “Red, White and Blue: We Salute You.”

To commemorate this event, a display was put together of war memorabilia donated by veterans and their families in The Old Mill during Riverboat Days.

One of these families was the family of Luvern Cwach, who served in the Navy from 1943-1946 as a diesel mechanic in England and a truck/jeep driver in France. He also worked as a minesweeper in Japan.

Cwach passed away in 2008. It was his

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■ Riverboat Days 2015 Was A Sea Of Colors And Fun. For more photos, see pages 12-13.

photos of them as well as uniforms, an old flag, French currency from the 1940s and an ID tag, as well as other mementos. “It’s cool to do this for them, and to volunteer and help out.”

Becker’s mother, Leona, had several relatives in the war. One of them, her cousin, Joseph Straka, Jr., was drafted the same day he received a letter of acceptance to join the

wife, Leona Cwach, and daughter, Renee Becker, who donated his war memorabilia to the display.

For the event, Becker wore a Bolo tie with a pendant containing an old photograph of her father.

“It’s a good tribute to my father and uncles,” she said of the display, which contained

St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. He chose to be a soldier the military and was killed in combat in October, 1942. Leona’s other cousins and brothers were able to return home.

Using the memorabilia prompts stories that people unfamiliar with the war can hear, including one Becker heard her father tell many times.

“He always told us about how he rode home on the Queen Mary in a bunk in a drained swimming pool,” she said.

Becker plans to donate the memorabilia to the Meade building.

Saturday’s display wasn’t contained to indoors. Two military vehicles, a 1944 DUKW and a 1942 Dodge three-ton truck, were on hand for people to pose and take pictures. Both vehicles belong to local resident David Nelson.

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Missouri River

Kayaker Sets His Sights On The Gulf

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You could say Scott Hite isn’t afraid of a little exercise, which only partially explains his current fun trip: a kayaking journey from Montana to the Gulf of Mexico.

Hite, from Kalamazoo, Michigan, started from Twin Bridges, Montana, June 13 and reached Yankton this last Friday.

“The hardest part of the trip is over,” he said confidently, despite the choppy waters

that awaited him Monday.

But Hite is looking to get as much exercise as he can, especially since he soon won’t be able to so.

Hite was born with a club foot, resulting in him having to get his leg broken twice and reassembled. The condition also gives his trouble with his sacroiliac joint, the part of the bone that connects the spine to the pelvis. Hite has already had one surgery to have screws inserted into the



REILLY BIEL/P&D

Scott Hite of Kalamazoo, Mich., made a pit stop in Mission Hill over the weekend before departing Sunday to continue his one-man kayaking journey to the Gulf of Mexico.

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Transition: USD Greets New Students

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VERMILLION — For nearly 1,600 families, Vermillion was the epicenter of big changes in their lives this weekend, as the University of South Dakota freshman class of 2015 moved into the residence halls located in Vermillion.

With the move parents and new students alike stepped out of their comfort zones, as parents had to leave their babies behind and students faced the reality that it is their time to reach for their futures.

The process began early with a finely choreographed move-in plan.

Scott Pohlson, vice president of enrollment and marketing in University relations, said the weekend’s events

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