

## Weekend's MNRR Ranger Programs Announced

National Park Service staff at Missouri National Recreational River will offer a variety of ranger programs for the public at different locations throughout the corridor.

On Friday, June 3, there will be three programs offered: a 2 p.m. ranger-led nature hike leaving from the campground at Clay County Park near Vermillion, a 7 p.m. program at Lewis & Clark State Park Amphitheater near Yankton about native plants and their uses, and a 9 p.m. program about the Missouri National Recreational River at the North Point State Recreation Area Campground Amphitheater near Pickstown.

On Saturday, June 4, at the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. there will be a ranger program about the Missouri River fur trade and National Park Rangers will be roving in Riverside Park in Yankton throughout the day.

On Sunday, June 5, at the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. there will be a ranger program about the Lewis & Clark Expedition and the opportunity to see and feel some of the items they carried on their epic journey.

All National Park Service programs are free. However, visitors attending those occurring at Nebraska and South Dakota State Parks must pay the park entrance fee.

Throughout the year, downloadable Junior Ranger activity booklets are available on the park website at

www.nps.gov/mnrr/forkids/beajuniorranger.htm. Pre-printed copies can be picked up at ranger programs and the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam. Kids are encouraged to complete these activities and earn their Junior Ranger badge and certificate. During the summer months, the National Park Service will also offer ranger-led Junior Ranger programs to help kids learn about Missouri National Recreational River.

The National Park Service wishes everyone a safe, fun-filled summer, especially with the historic high flow rates. A reminder that all boat ramps and recreational river access points are closed until further notice for safety. For questions or more information, please visit our website at www.nps.gov/mnrr or contact the National Park Service at 605-665-0209.

## Miles, Kubal To Present Brown Bag Program

The Dakota Territorial Museum will offer the Brown Bag Lunch program, "Joseph Mills Hanson: Author, Playwright, Poet, Soldier & Son," presented by Susan Miles and Karen Kubal, at noon Friday, June 3, in the museum's conference room.

Hanson, noted author and military historian, was born in Yankton, Dakota Territory July 20, 1876, an only son of Dakota Territory pioneer, Joseph Randall Hanson, and Annie Marie Gertrude Mills Hanson. Museum volunteers Miles and Kubal will focus on the personal history and literary accomplishments of this notable Yankton resident and his collection that currently resides at the Museum. The museum is located at 610 Summit St.

## Rhubarb To Be Celebrated In Vermillion

VERMILLION — Rhubarb will be celebrated at the W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4.

This is the fifth year that the museum is heralding warm weather by saluting this ancient harbinger of summer.

The highlights of the afternoon will be a recipe contest (the judging will be done by visitors and participants) and a talk by Ian Sanderson of Brookings. Sanderson raises rhubarb by the acre and will give the history of his farm and how his family has gardened for many years.

Some of the other activities will include rhubarb Olympics, judging for the biggest rhubarb stalk and leaf, the rhubarb stalk which came from the farthest way. The Friends of W.H. Over Museum are also conducting a bake sale of items submitted for judging as well as a good old fashioned bake sale.

Festivities will take place in Sletwold Hall and everyone is invited to tour the museum while they are waiting for the prizes to be awarded.

## Boy Scout Collection Event This Saturday

Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 133 will hold its monthly scrap newspaper and aluminum can collection Saturday, June 4. Papers and cans will be picked up at the trailer courts and apartment complexes in Yankton. Also, paper and cans will be picked up at Riverside Acres.

Have newspapers and cans secured in sacks or small cardboard boxes and ready to be picked up by 9 a.m. Saturday.

Paper and cans may also be taken to the Riverview Park Reformed Church Parking Lot, 1700 Burleigh, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on the newspaper and aluminum can collection, call 665-0685. The Boy Scouts cannot handle tin or plastic. These need to be placed with the recycling the city picks up or taken directly to the landfill for recycling.

## OBITUARIES

### Viola Coles

Viola M. Coles, age 93, of Yankton and formerly of Scotland, SD, passed away Monday, May 30, 2011 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2011 at United Methodist Church, Scotland, SD with Rev. Tom Petersen officiating.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD, and then one hour prior to the services at the church.

Burial will be in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland, SD. Pallbearers will be all her grandchildren.

Viola was born on September 20, 1917 to Herman Arionus and Dolly (Claussen) in Delmont, SD. She attended country school in Armour and Lake Andes, SD and graduated from high school in Ravinia, SD in 1937. After marrying Merl A. Coles, Sr. on August 23, 1938, they moved to a cattle ranch north of Chamberlain. In 1941 they moved to Yakama, WA and then moved in with her parents in 1945 until Merl got out of the service in 1946. They settled in Scotland, SD where she raised her family. In 1960 they moved to



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1999 when Merl passed away and she moved to Yankton, SD. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Scotland, SD and a member of the Methodist Church in Scotland, SD.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Kocer (Larry) of Tabor, SD; 4 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one sister Phyllis Krempges of Yankton, SD.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents and son, Merl Coles Jr., one brother, one sister and one granddaughter.

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### Mildred Ruman

TABOR — Mildred Ruman, 72, of Tabor died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Tyndall, with the Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in the Czech National Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitations begin at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Tyndall, with the family present at 5 p.m. and a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the

service Saturday at the church.

Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tyndall, is in charge of services.

### Donald Diener

SPRINGFIELD — Donald Diener, 84, of Springfield died Saturday, May 29, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

No funeral services are planned. Cremation was under the direction of Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Springfield.

Full obit and online guestbook at www.crosbyjaegerfh.com.

# Rising River Sends Dakota Dunes Packing

BY WAYNE ORTMAN  
Associated Press

DAKOTA DUNES — Dump trucks and moving vans crowded the streets of Dakota Dunes on Wednesday, hauling in dirt to build up miles of levees protecting the small southeast South Dakota town and carrying away belongings for hundreds of residents leaving before what could be a prolonged summer of Missouri River flooding.

The carefully planned community of 2,500, which sprang up just a few decades ago with an 18-hole Arnold Palmer-designed golf course and a mix of corporate headquarters that includes Tyson Fresh Meats, is among the early trouble spots as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers releases excess water from Missouri River dams after record rainfall across the northern Plains.

Heavy runoff from melting Rocky Mountains' snow could soon compound the problem, and officials are planning possible mandatory evacuations in Dakota Dunes as well as the state capital of Pierre and neighboring Fort Pierre far upstream.

Protective levees were expected to reach above river levels in all three cities, but about 2,000 people and 800 homes and businesses remained threatened by flooding in Pierre, with several hundred more people in Fort Pierre's flood zone.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard asked residents in threatened areas of Pierre and Fort Pierre to evacuate their homes by 8 p.m. Thursday. Daugaard said it was not a mandatory evacuation, but law enforcement officials were going door-to-door Wednesday evening to tell residents about the request.

The governor has urged residents of Dakota Dunes in southeastern South Dakota to move their possessions and be out of their homes by late Thursday. He says 800 of the 1,100 homes in Dakota Dunes could be subject to flooding.

"As the water flow increases, we want to make sure we protect human life as we evaluate how the levees are doing, how fast the water is being released and whether the



PHOTO: DAVE TUNGE/DAKOTA AERIALS

Dakota Dunes residents are leaving today (Thursday) ahead of historic Missouri River flooding, scheduled to hit 150,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) within two weeks. Sandbagging and other efforts have continued non-stop for the past week.

areas are going to be safe," he said.

Much of Montana, where the Missouri River hit hardest before rolling down to the Dakotas, caught its breath Wednesday and looked to make repairs as floodwaters at least temporarily receded. The state also braced for more to come as heavy winter snowpack dissipates, and Big Horn County — where the Crow Indian Reservation suffered substantial flooding — ordered 50,000 sandbags for the next round. But mild forecasts pushed fears of more serious flooding further into June.

The city of Minot, N.D., meanwhile struggled with a different waterway. The Souris River's swift rise had about 10,000 people, a quarter of the city's population, searching for places to stay after the mayor issued a mandatory evacuation order a day earlier. Still, residents got a bit of good news Wednesday when the National Weather Service predicted the fast-moving Souris would crest slightly lower than expected.

It's the Army Corps' plans to increase the rate of water being released from Gavins Point Dam upstream of Dakota Dunes that is causing concern for the community situated at the junction of South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. The corps plans to gradually increase releases through this week before

peaking in mid-June.

Dakota Dunes was born in 1988 as a 2,000-acre venture by an Iowa developer, and swelled by drawing people and business attracted to the state's absence of personal and corporate income taxes. Employees of companies like computer maker Gateway eventually made their homes there and the area ranked as one of South Dakota's wealthiest. The nicest homes sport manicured lawns nearly as impeccable as the golf course, set near streets that carry names such as Augusta Circle, Royal Troon and Pebble Beach Drive.

Retirees Larry and Connie Chapman said they were among the first to move in. On Wednesday, they loaded belongings into trailers and vehicles, unsure when they would be back. The governor had cautioned people to be prepared to be out as long as two months due to all the water that has to come down the Missouri.

"There's nothing to say other than what's happened and why is history and there's no point dwelling on it," Connie Chapman said. "We'll move forward. We have a lot of faith."

Like many of the town's residential streets, the Chapmans' was crowded with cargo trailers, moving

trucks, pickups and large semi-trailers. Traffic in and out was brisk as Highway Patrol troopers manned the main intersection to keep everyone moving, including the 70 trucks being used to bring dirt and manpower to work on the levee system. Two Blackhawk helicopters placed half-ton sandbags in areas that couldn't be reached by the vehicles.

Officials hope to have levee construction completed by Saturday, said Beth Hermanson, a spokeswoman at the state incident command center.

Homeowners removed furnaces and other basement equipment that could be damaged by water.

Plumbers plugged basement floor drains to prevent sewage backups. Only a few homes were fully ringed with sandbags, but many had them protecting ground-level windows to the basement. Some 200 National Guard members and 80 prison inmates helped fill them up.

Nancy Ebert was among residents who stashed household goods in a large semi-trailer to be hauled away and parked on a lot. She and her two adult children, ages 20 and 17, had just moved into their duplex in January and many possessions remained boxed up, so loading the truck didn't take long. Ebert still had the "For Sale" sign, and stuck it back in her yard as a joke.

But she had no intention of fleeing.

"We're not leaving," she said. "They shouldn't stop us from coming back if there's no risk."

Ebert said she can't afford a motel, and can't pay her mortgage unless she works. So she kept a small refrigerator, microwave oven, inflatable air mattresses and patio furniture on hand.

"The only thing we'll miss is a shower," she said. "We've got water, but it's cold because we took the heater out of the basement."

Associated Press writers Chet Brokaw in Pierre, S.D., James MacPherson in Minot, N.D., and Stephen Dockery in Helena, Mont., contributed to this report.

## FLOOD DISPATCHES

### Flooding Affects State Parks Along Missouri

PIERRE — Three state recreation areas and several boat ramps in South Dakota have been closed due to high water releases from Missouri River dams. Boating bans have been put in place from Oahe Dam to Antelope Creek on Lake Sharpe and from Gavins Point Dam to Sioux City.

Farm Island Recreation Area at Pierre was closed late last week, and the campgrounds at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area closed on Tuesday, May 31.

"West Bend Recreation Area, located farther downstream on Lake Sharpe, has not been affected by the releases," said Assistant Park Director Bob Schneider.

All state recreation areas on Lake Francis Case remain open at this time, he said.

"We anticipate some flooding to parks in the Platte and Pickstown areas later this month," added Schneider.

Due to potential flooding, new camping reservations for the summer will not be taken at North Point Recreation Area near Pickstown or Buryanek Recreation Area west of Platte on Lake Francis Case.

Springfield Recreation Area and boat ramp on Lewis and Clark Lake are closed.

Lewis and Clark, Pierson Ranch and Chief White Crane Recreation Areas near Yankton are fully operational. All campgrounds there, and the Lewis and Clark marina, resort and restaurant remain open.

On Lake Oahe, all campgrounds and boat ramps, with the exception of the Thomas Bay and Peoria Flats boat ramps, are open.

For current information about the effect of high Missouri River flows on riverside parks, visit the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks website.

### Heartland Humane Society Flood Resources

To assist pet owners if evacuation due to flooding is necessary, the Heartland Humane Society (HHS) is asking volunteers able to foster an animal on a temporary, emergency basis to contact HHS at 605-664-4244.

The shelter facility is currently at full capacity; however, the HHS will remain a contact point with the community to provide cat or dog food if needed and a list of valuable resources that hopefully will make an evacuation a little less stressful for the families with pets. Please feel free to call HHS at 605-664-4244 if you have any questions or can provide a foster home. Thank you!

The HHS reminds pet owners at risk of evacuation to be prepared with the following:

- 3-7 days worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper toweling
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Pet feeding dishes
- Extra harness and leash (Note: harnesses are recommended for safety and security)
- Photocopies of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires.
- Bottled water, at least 7 days' worth for each person and pet
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
- Flashlight
- Blanket (for scooping up a fearful pet)
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make "Lost" posters)
- Especially for cats: Pillowcase or EvackSack, toys, scoopable litter
- Especially for dogs: Long leash and yard stake, toys and chew toys, a week's worth of cage liner.

### Evacuation Request For Pierre And Fort Pierre

PIERRE — Governor Dennis Daugaard is telling all residents of threatened areas in Pierre and Fort Pierre to evacuate their homes by 8 p.m. Thursday.

Law enforcement officials will begin going door-to-door Wednesday evening to alert residents this new evacuation request.

This is in effect for all residents in Pierre and Fort Pierre whose homes are at an elevation of 1434 feet above sea level or lower. While this is not a mandatory evacuation, it is strongly encourage and recommend.

If you are a resident looking for shelter, call Lutheran Social Services hotline at 224-1189. There's also a Red Cross shelter at Georgia

Morris Middle School in Pierre.

Any additional questions call the flood hotline at 1-866-446-5324 or visit the bReady South Dakota website.

The state has released maps of areas that could expect flooding in Pierre and Fort Pierre. If you live within the inundation area, you are asked to leave your home by Thursday evening.

### State Releases Map Showing Elevations

PIERRE — At Gov. Dennis Daugaard's direction, the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources has released a series of maps showing the 100-year floodplain for the Missouri River from Pierre to Sioux City, Iowa.

The 100-year floodplain maps are intended to serve as guides for local officials, emergency managers, and private property owners. They are available online at [http://disasterrecovery.sd.gov/flood\\_info.aspx](http://disasterrecovery.sd.gov/flood_info.aspx)

It is important to understand, however, that flooding may affect areas outside of the 100-year floodplain. In the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area, flooding is already projected to impact areas beyond the 100-year and 500-year floodplains.

"These maps are a valuable reference for communities and citizens along the river to use as they begin planning for the rising river levels," Gov. Daugaard said Friday. "The elevation of this water upstream is already the highest in the history of the reservoir system, so people should use the maps only as a guide. The river could well rise above the 100-year floodplain."

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels said that while the public's focus has been on rising water in the Pierre and Fort Pierre areas, those people living along the river downstream from that area should make immediate plans to protect themselves and their property.

"I'm telling people to take personal action right now to assess the situation, talk with local emergency managers and implement their own steps to protect themselves and their property," Michels said. "This is not something that may happen. This is a certainty. We know it will happen, and we have a little time downstream to prepare."

Michels also cautioned residents along the Missouri that the river will be more dangerous than they've seen it before.

"I don't care if you think you're the best river rat ever, this is a whole different river than you know," he said. "Please pay attention to conditions and make safe choices."

More information will be released to local officials and to the general public as it becomes available.

Those with questions can call the state's emergency hotline at 1-866-446-5324. For information about flood preparedness, visit <http://www.breadysd.com/floods.cfm>

### Yankton County Daily Briefing Released

The Yankton County Office of Emergency Management (YCOEM) is attempting to better identify the most likely scope of the impending Missouri River flooding. YCOEM officials are working with the Army Corps of Engineers and a private engineering firm to verify actual current and predicted elevations and to compare those to the most recent water level schedule provided by the Corps.

The study, which will include collecting data for at least three days, should better identify which homes will be threatened when the releases at Gavin's Point Dam are increased to the planned maximum level of 150,000 cubic feet of water per second by June 14.

Meantime, emergency management officials are also trying to identify the impact the rising Missouri River waters will have on the levels of Marne Creek and on the James River.

Residents living in the river bottom area, west of Yankton, are encouraged to take measures to protect their homes and property from the potential, and unknown, impact the increased Missouri River level will have on ground water levels and on septic systems and basements.

This DOES NOT include residents with city sewer service.

Information related to the impending flood, and to septic flood preparation, can be found at the YCOEM's information website at [www.yanktonflood.com](http://www.yanktonflood.com).

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