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Help

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ment on the sandbars and expand them.

"We should come out of this with an increased amount of habitat on top of sandbars we've already created," she said.

Pavelka, manager of the corps' plover and tern monitoring program, said the birds rebounded after similar conditions in 1997.

"Both species go through boom-and-bust cycles and they have adapted to the Missouri River," he said.

"They can have a bad year then come back and be productive."

Bald eagles are one species that might do worse during flooding, as the waters spread the fish and make it more difficult for the eagles to forage for food, Pavelka said.

The pallid sturgeon is among the many species of native fish expected to eventually do well after the flooding, said Tim Welker, a fish biologist with the corps in Yankton. The corps actually canceled a pair of "spring pulses" that were planned to raise water levels in the lower Missouri this year because the water already is high. The pulses are meant to replicate the natural spring rises of the river.

"High flows were a component of the natural Missouri River under which pallids and other native fish species evolved," he said.

But in the short term, sport fishermen are finding things tough along the river.

Dan Miller, owner of Carl's Bait Shop in Fort Pierre, S.D., said his business is suffering because boats aren't allowed on the river and fisherman have a tough time casting a line from shore. He fears the high water will hurt fishing for years.

"I'm no biologist, but I believe the walleye spawn has just been swept away," he said. He recalls high water in 1997 that "took us a dozen years to get it back in balance."

"We had just recovered and were getting cleanable panfish but now that's out," Miller said.

Reunion

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great, but it's also been a little stressful and emotional."

The tragedy took place on May 2, 1950, at the Neuharth's rural residence four miles north and one mile west of Yankton. Helmuth slashed Violet to death with a hunting knife and then killed himself by drowning in a cistern.

While it took some time, Payton, who was 16 at the time, has forgiven her father.

"It's not easy, but you try to get

over it the best you can and move on," she said. "Hating someone for something they did will destroy you, so I try to think positive. You can either move forward and try to become something, or do nothing. I prefer to try to do something."

Allen said her grandfather's actions have had an effect on her life, as well.

"It colored my entire life and existence," she said. "The effects of something like that don't just stop with the children. I think it goes on and colors my view of how I raise my own children."

While the family has taken steps to move forward, Allen said there are a few matters that keep the

wounds from healing completely, including the whereabouts of Helmuth and Violet's youngest child, LaVerne.

LaVerne, who was 22 months old at the time, was adopted by another family, who agreed to tell him about his past. It is unknown if he was ever told about his family, as no one has made contact with him since.

"We're still trying to make a connection with him," Allen said. "I think it would bring about some closure and put everyone's mind at rest, but I certainly understand if he wouldn't want to make contact with anyone."

Allen said another thing that would help the family receive closure would be the return of any

stolen items from the Neuharth household, which was looted following the murder.

"The children, along with everything else they lost, did not get a single memento," she said. "I hope if anyone has anything that had been stolen, they would be kind enough to return it. It would mean the world to us."

Anyone with information about any stolen items can contact Allen at joy_1745@hotmail.com.

For those interested in learning more, Grace Ann Neuharth's book, "Family Secrets," details her life following the murder and is available through numerous book retailers.

Pets

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"We don't want anybody to have to consider leaving their pets in their homes or abandoning them," she said. "The sheriff said we needed to get something set up. I made a call to Darci and, an hour later, the arrangements had been made."

Organizers stressed that were it not for the cooperation of the Yankton Miracle Hockey Association, the pet shelter would not have been possible.

"This is the best situation I have ever seen, in terms of facilities for a temporary pet shelter," said Adams, who just returned to South Dakota

after helping with the natural disasters in Alabama and Missouri. "It is cool, safe and perfect for our needs."

Adams said that as soon as she received the call from Brasel asking about assistance, she put a call into the Petsmart Charities. Within two days, the organization had delivered a semi-load of supplies including food and kennels.

Adams added that the process of checking a family pet into the shelter is very simple.

"We have paperwork that they do have to fill out," she said. "We then make sure that every animal has a collar that identifies them. We keep the records for each animal on the kennel, so we can know if there are special needs. If they have them, bring the pets medical records along."

Janette Kadatz of Heartland Humane Society said if a family has multiple pets of the same breed, every effort would be made to keep them together in an effort to help alleviate stress on the animals.

But, Adams said, the most important thing owners need to know is that they are encouraged to visit and hold their pets, play with them, groom them and take them for walks.

"We want them to come and interact with their animals," Brasel said. "This is not a person giving up their animals — they are not surrendering them for adoption by other people. This is a safe place to house your pets temporarily while you are dealing with the flooding."

Volunteers helping prepare for animal arrivals stressed that the animal

shelter is not limited to animals from Yankton.

"We are opening our doors to anyone who needs a safe place to shelter their family pets while they are displaced due to flooding," Adams said. "We have the staff and facility, now all we need are a few animals to love. I promise we are going to spoil your pets."

The temporary animal shelter is located at 901 Whiting Drive. The shelter entrance is on the south side of the building. Animals will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

"We do need volunteers who are willing to come and give of their time," Adams said.

Anyone who wants to help, or needs more information about housing a pet can call 661-9494.

Tourism

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Dunes areas. We are facing a significant challenge with flooding along the Missouri River in these areas," he said. "But we have had inquiries from folks wondering if it is OK to continue with their vacation plans to South Dakota, and my answer to them is, 'Absolutely!' Our major highways and interstates are not affected by the controlled flooding, and the rest of the state is open for tourism business."

Yankton's biggest attraction, the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, has so far seen little impact from historic flows along the river. That is not expected to change when releases at Gavins Point Dam reach a projected peak of 150,000 cubic feet per second later this month.

"We've had a tremendous amount of calls," said Jeff Van Meeteren, the regional park supervisor for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P). "Fortunately, we haven't had a lot of cancellations in the campground."

He said there has, however, been a noticeable decrease in boating activity, as well as in the use of the Lewis and Clark Resort.

"I think the concern we have right now with the tourism season upon us is that people are making some assumptions that aren't necessarily accurate," Van Meeteren said. "Lewis and Clark Lake is going to be held at normal levels. That is the game plan for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The principle behind that is that they can then absorb some local rain events and have a little cushion. That's good news for us because it basically means we're going to have a normal lake level."

Some hazards and debris have been coming down the lake because of the increased releases along the Missouri River, he said. The hope is that things will eventually settle out.

Also, Van Meeteren said the historic flows have created some good fishing in the area.

High water has closed the Spring-

field Recreation Area and boat ramp, as well as the boat ramps at Sand Creek Lakeside Use Area, Navratil Public Water Access and Running Water Public Water Access in Bon Homme County. However, Van Meeteren said that because the water levels predicted for the Springfield Recreation Area have not materialized so far, GF&P will consider later this week whether parts of it can be re-opened.

Nebraska's Lewis and Clark Recreation Area also remains open for business as usual.

The uncertainty along the river has also created headaches for local events. Yankton Area Arts will be hosting its 20th annual Kids Art Fest from 5-7:30 p.m. today (Tuesday) in Riverside Park. The first Yankton Area Summer Band concert of the season will follow at 8 p.m. in the Riverside Park Amphitheater.

"We've had a handful of phone calls since Thursday asking if this is still going to happen," said Yankton Area Arts executive director Pam Meylor. "We've been assured (by city officials) that we're in a perfectly safe environment."

Yankton Area Arts already had concerns about turnout at its art fest because this is the first year it won't be held in conjunction with

the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce's Appreciation Picnic, which has been re-tooled to a different format.

Meylor said the organization will check with city officials again tomorrow but has no expectation that Riverside Park will be deemed unsafe for activities.

"We're looking forward to an evening where the parents and kids can come out and have a bit of fun," she stated.

As the heart of Yankton's tourism season begins to approach, Scheve said she is nervous about how the events along the Missouri River will affect it.

In 2009, tourism spending in the Yankton area was an estimated

\$17,030,756 and went up 7.3 percent in 2010 to \$18,279,976. The average percent of change between 2003-2009 was 6.7 percent.

To help reassure tourists, Scheve plans to visit local recreation areas weekly and post pictures of them on the Visitors Center's Facebook page.

She is also encouraging people to view the Gavins Point Dam as part of the attraction to coming to Yankton for a visit.

"It really is a front seat to history," Scheve said. "I've never been to Niagara Falls, and I like to think that we have our own version of it right here in our backyard. It's a pretty cool sight, and it is an opportunity for people to see something they've never seen before."

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