

Tabor Ready To Host 64th Annual Czech Days

TABOR — Mac's Carnival and Attractions on the Midway and the Craft Fair in the school gym kick off the 64th annual Czech Days celebration beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 14.

The seventh annual Rich Schild fireworks display after the Tabor Bluebirds baseball game in Leonard Cimpl Park will conclude the first day of the Czech Days celebration.

Miss Emily Manas, 2011 Czech Days Queen, along with Princess Jenna Lammers and Prince Matthew Schaeffer, welcomes all visitors to the 64th annual Czech Days celebration at Tabor on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 14-16.

Czech Days has been listed in Top Events USA, Group Tour Magazine, The American Bus Association, South Dakota Department of Tourism Five Great Events, and was featured as a "Local Legacies" project to mark the Library of Congress' Bicentennial. The exhibit in the Library of Congress will preserve the Tabor Czech Heritage for future generations.

The information center located in the Community Center will be open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. where Czech souvenirs including cook books, kolace baking video's and DVD's, jewelry, tapes, CD's of the Tabor 1890 Band, and other items may be purchased. A Kolace and Roll Baking Demonstration — presented by Rita Varilek, Ann Beran, and daughter Brenda Underberg, and daughter-in-law Amy Beran — will be held both days in the Information Center.

The Czech Days Craft Show located in the school gym north of St. Wenceslaus Church will be open all three days Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. featuring a large variety of crafts. Entry forms may be downloaded from the Czech Days web site at www.taborczechdays.com.

Quilter's Quarters located on Lidice Street across the street from Sokol Park will be hosting a quilt display on Friday and Saturday; see Sue at: quiltersquarters@hcinet.net. An authentic mini Czech pioneer village and museum located south of Sokol Park in Vancura Me-

morial Park was created and is maintained by the Czech Heritage Preservation Society, Inc. It is open to the public both days with walking tours and homemade noodles may be purchased there. Adjacent to the park is the Blachnik Museum, which is also open to the public both days. A special Czech Days stamp cancellation will be held at the Post Office on Friday June 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday activities begin at 10:45 a.m. in Vancura Memorial Park with a Memorial Service that will be held for deceased members of the Czech Heritage Preservation Society that have passed away during the past year. The Czech Heritage Preservation Society will conduct the memorial service. A non-denominational church service will follow in St. John the Baptist Pioneer Chapel also located in the park.

The giant parade will start at 1 p.m. in front of St. Wenceslaus Church led by the 2012 Parade Marshal Ruth Melichar. There is no entry fee to enter the parade. Anyone wishing to place an entry in the Czech Days Parade should contact Ken and Colleen Sedlacek, 42911 310th Street, Tabor, SD 57063 or call at (605) 661-2628 or (605) 661-0411 for more information.

Parade entry forms may be downloaded from the Czech Days web site at www.taborczechdays.com.

The Tabor Chamber of Commerce will furnish loudspeaker systems on each block of the parade for announcement of each parade entry.

Following the parade, Jean Hunhoff and Matt Hunhoff, MC's will start the Opening Program in Sokol Park. Included in the opening program will be dedication ceremonies of the 2012 Czech Days celebration to Vivian Vaith.

Also at 3 p.m. in the Information Center Kitchen there will be a Kolace Baking Demonstration presented by the Varilek and Beran Family Bakers.

Free concerts by Bob Vrbsky and his accordion will follow at 3:30 p.m. and the Dick Zavodny Band at 5 p.m.

Starting the free evening concerts at 6:15 p.m. will be the Nase Mala Kapela and polka dance-off contest with Erin Tycz as MC. The 2012 Czech Days Queen

Talent Contest and Costume Judging will take place at 7 p.m. The Tabor 1890 Band concert will begin at 8 p.m. followed by the famed Tabor Beseda Dancers, 248 members strong, dancing, at 8:30 p.m.

A new feature this year will be an Outdoor Polka Jam Session at 9 p.m. on the Sokol Park Stage (weather permitting) this will take the place of the dance in Beseda Hall on Friday evening. Already committing to join the jam session is the Gregory Polka Band.

On Saturday, the Kiddie Parade begins at 11 a.m. one block east of St. Wenceslaus Church.

The route goes one block south and a half-block west and ends up in Sokol Park where all activities take place. Any child who is not yet 12 years of age may participate in the parade. Bring your entry to the start of the parade route by 10 a.m. for assignment of category and number. The categories are: Dolls, Bicycle, Pet, and Miscellaneous.

Parade entry forms may be downloaded from the Czech Days web site at www.taborczechdays.com.

Any child interested in being selected for Prince or Princess does not need to participate in the Kiddie parade but must be dressed in a Czech costume such as worn by the Beseda Dancers. The new Czech Days Prince and Princess will be selected by drawing the names out of a container at random on the Sokol Park stage following the Kiddie Parade. Boys and girls must be at least 8 years old and not yet 12 years old at the time of the drawing. The contestant should be living in the immediate area as there are parades and other events that they will be expected to participate in.

River City Gymnastics and Cheer competitive teams will be presenting some fun in the sun with music and tumbling at Sokol Park immediately following the kid's parade on Saturday. River City offers a variety of classes in cheer and gymnastics. They are located out of Summit Center in Yankton, serving children from the surrounding areas.

Clowns and balloons will be entertaining at 11:30 a.m. followed by introduction of the queen candidates and the



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Tabor is set to host its 64th annual Czech Days beginning Thursday, June 14. Pictured is Emily Manas, 2011 Czech Days Queen.

Kiddie Parade awards, followed by the crowning of the 2012 Czech Days Prince and Princess by the 2011 Princess Jenna Lammers and Prince Matthew Schaeffer.

At 1 p.m. at the Information Center Kitchen, there will be a Kolace baking demonstration presented by the Varilek and Beran Family Bakers also at 1 p.m. in Sokol Park an Encore of Queen Candidates Talent will take place.

The sanctioned pedal tractor pull competition will take place at 1:30 p.m. on the street south of Sokol Park with the pull being run by Chad Stevicks and the C & D Pedal Pullers.

Bob Vrbsky and his accordion and Dick Zavosny Band will be providing music in Sokol Park starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Czech Polka Mass will take place at 5 p.m. in St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church featuring Tabor area Czech

singers and musicians providing Czech singing and music.

The Bon Homme High School Bohemian Band will perform at 6:15 p.m. followed by the Dick Zavodny Band in Sokol Park with a concert at 7 p.m. The Tabor 1890 Band concert follows at 7:45 p.m. with the Tabor Beseda Dancers performing at 8:30 p.m. Completing Sokol Park activities at 9 p.m. will be the crowning of the 2012 Czech Days Queen and Czechlanders Band from Grand Island, Neb., providing the music for the Coronation Ball in Beseda Hall concluding the 64th annual Czech Days celebration at 9:30 p.m.

For additional information, visit <http://www.taborczechdays.com> or email taborczechdays@yahoo.com.

Dakota Rising To Choose New Sites

Community leaders in five locations across South Dakota are unanimous in their praise for Dakota Rising, the unique and effective entrepreneurial development program that builds local economies. Now Dakota Rising is adding new Sites — and your community can be one of them.

"If you are looking for a program which will enhance your community's effectiveness to retain and grow local business," said Bryan Walker, a Site Coordinator in Spearfish, "I would strongly recommend applying to become a Dakota Rising site."

Dakota Rising, currently working in five South Dakota Sites, is expanding. Through a competitive application process, up to four new Sites will be added to the Dakota Rising network.

"The Dakota Rising process makes you truly assess your community, engage those you know will help advance the community and gives you a fresh perspective," said Cindy Turner, Site Coordinator for Southern Hills on the Rise, serving Fall River and Custer Counties. "It is excitement driven. Others within the community see this excitement and it is contagious."

Dakota Rising cultivates entrepreneurs dedicated to growing themselves and their businesses by connecting them to a system of support, resulting in economic growth. Dakota Rising, a program of "Dakota Resources: Economic

and Leadership Development," commits resources to the creation of environments that support and nurture entrepreneurs and people engaged in rural businesses.

"The Dakota Rising program has broadened our horizons as a positive force for economic development in rural South Dakota," said Joel Price, chairman of the Faulkton Area Economic Development Corporation. "Dakota Rising brought the tools, talent and people together in one place to maximize the potential necessary to maintain, strengthen and grow small businesses. The phenomenal growth in our business community that we've seen in Faulk County can be directly attributed to our selection as a Dakota Rising Site."

To become a Dakota Rising Site, review the Site Selection Criteria, available at dakotare-sources.org/dakota-rising, prior to submitting an Intent to Apply, also available on the Dakota Resources website. Once an Intent to Apply is submitted, you will be contacted by Dakota Resources with additional information about the Dakota Rising application process and opportunity.

Dakota Rising partners with local community groups led by a local Site Coordinator and driven by a local Resource Team to develop a system of support for business development by:

- Nurturing a pool of entrepreneur and small business talent

through business visitation, community outreach and youth activities.

- Networking resources through Resource Fairs, mentoring connections and bringing together resource partners, business leaders and entrepreneurs statewide.

- Building community support, through heightened public awareness of the value local entrepreneurs and business people add to the community by sharing entrepreneurs' and community success stories, collaborating with other community organizations and seeking resource and financial assistance for the Dakota Rising Entrepreneur Development System.

Sites that are a part of the Dakota Rising network are supported by Dakota Resources staff, national experts in entrepreneur development systems and ongoing training to create environments where businesses grow and prosper.

"The Japanese proverb 'None of us is as smart as all of us' aptly describes the philosophy of Dakota Rising and the resulting outcome of a community's involvement," Turner said. "Dakota Rising encourages and cajoles a community and its entrepreneurs to stretch, reach and grow with amazing results."

For more information about becoming a Dakota Rising Site, visit dakotarising.com.

Walks And Talks Set For Meridian Bridge

Rangers at Missouri National Recreational River will conduct walks to the historic Meridian Bridge and present short talks on a variety of subjects. The walks will begin at the Territorial Capitol replica in Yankton's Riverside Park at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 and 3 p.m. Upon reaching the bridge, the talks will last no more than 15 minutes, after which visitors may continue across the bridge, return to downtown Yankton, or chat with the ranger on the way back to the capitol.

Next week's programs are as follows:

- Monday, June 11 — "Money in the Banks" How much has been invested in trying to "tame" the Missouri River? Has it been worth it?

- Tuesday, June 12 — "Simple Schemes to Sink a Steamboat" The mid-1800s brought a constant battle between the river and the steamboat men. Discover how the boatmen countered the river's dirty trick, who finally won, and the legacy they left us.

- Wednesday, June 13 — "Then and Now" The Missouri River, its users, and uses have changed over the centuries. What does this mean for the river in our future?

- Thursday, June 14 — "Fishing for Change" Fishing may be the most popular way to enjoy the Missouri River. How have river changes affected fish populations and fishing, and what will be the effect of the 2011 flood?



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SURVIVORS' LAP • 6:00 PM

4:30-5:30 PM Survivor Registration

5:00-5:30 PM Survivor Celebration/Meal

5:45 PM Group Survivors Picture

SURVIVOR REGISTRATION | PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION BY JUNE 15TH

Name: _____ Gender: M / F

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth (optional): _____

Month and Year of Diagnosis: _____ Type of Cancer: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle): YM, YL, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

* I am interested in hearing more about patient-related programs/services of the American Cancer Society. Yes/No

* Please contact me about volunteer opportunities with the American Cancer Society. Yes/No

* Please send me information about donating to the American Cancer Society. Yes/No

This registration form can be returned to:

Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center – Attn. Darla Gullikson
1115 W 9th St., Yankton, SD 57078

Survivor Registration forms can also be completed on the Yankton Relay For Life website at www.relayforlife.org/yanktonSD (click on Survivors & Caregivers) **by June 15th** to ensure t-shirt size.

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