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YANKTON'S READY FOR A BUSY ...

# Summer of Fun!

## City Introducing New Activities For The Season

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**Y**ankton is gearing up for its biggest summer yet, and the city is quick to note the multitude of activities coming to town. From motorcycles, to international archery competitions, to traditional favorites such as RibFest and Riverboat Days — the community has

a lot in store.

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* she's excited for the opportunity to show off the community.

"I'm really excited about everything that's happening and all the visitors that are coming," Nelson said. "I feel like it's our opportunity to show off our community and kind of roll out the red carpet and show our hospitality to, not just people in the area, but across the country and all over the world."

One of the new highlights of the summer is set to coincide with the 75th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in August.

Nelson said with such an important event to the state coming up, the city wanted to make an effort to take part.

"This was really in preparation for the 75th anniversary of Sturgis," she said. "They're expecting many more visitors to Sturgis than has happened in the past, so to prepare for that, we want to try to welcome those that are coming up from the south and maybe encourage them to use Yankton as one of their stopovers."

For the inaugural Rumble at the River, the city is planning to offer primitive camping in the Riverside Park area for riders heading to and from the rally.

Parks & Recreation Director Todd Larson told the *Press & Dakotan* the event will go beyond just offering camping to bikers.

"We're talking about Saturday, Aug. 1, from 2-3 p.m., we'd like to do a motorcycle parade where we're actually going to shut down both levels of the Meridian Bridge and motorcycles will be allowed to cross over on the lower level of the bridge and come back over the top," Larson said.

The motorcycles will then be stopped across the top deck of the bridge for an aerial photo, followed by a bike parade that will take the motorcyclists from the Meridian Bridge, to the Gavins Point Dam area and back into town through downtown.

Larson said the attention will then shift towards the Riverside Park area.

"From 3-5 p.m. at Riverside Park, there's going to be a band in the amphitheater so we'd like to get people out and about and down to the park to see the motorcycles and enjoy free entertainment at the Riverside Park amphitheater. From 5-8 p.m., the entertainment will be at The Landing."

The Landing will also be offering its gravel parking lot to bikers with campers and toy haulers. The main camping area will be

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located along Riverside Park. Camping will be open between July 29-Aug. 11.

Larson said following the entertainment at The Landing, the party shifts into downtown. "Then we turn the focus up to the block of 3rd St. between Capital St. and Douglas Ave.

(They're) going to have a band out on the street and have entertainment there."

Motorcycle parking will be available on that block to give the area the feel of a "mini-Sturgis," he said.

Larson said they're still working out many

of the final details of the event.

"We're still in the planning stages so we have a committee that's working on all the final details and getting things hammered out," he said.

He added that hopes are to make this a yearly tradition.

"Seeing how it goes, maybe we have a new yearly event to add to the calendar," he said.

Some of the other events set for Yankton in 2015 include:

- **MAY 23-24** — South Dakota Kayak Challenge, Yankton.
- **MAY 28-30** — State PEO Convention
- **MAY 30-JUNE 7** — Tran-Tractor Relay Across Nebraska. (Stops in Yankton June 6.)
- **JUNE 5-7** — Yankton Junior Legion Baseball Tournament at Riverside Park, Yankton.
- **JUNE 6** — Yankton Ribfest at Memorial Park, Yankton.
- **JUNE 8-14** — The World Youth Archery Championships in Yankton.
- **JUNE 13** — The Lake Yankton Water Festival near Yankton. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call (402) 667-2546.
- **JUNE 13-14** — Bob Deery VFW Baseball Tournament at Riverside Park, Yankton.
- **JUNE 18-21** — State VFW Convention in Yankton
- **JUNE 19-21** — The 11th annual Yankton Soccer Tournament in Yankton.
- **JUNE 19-21** — First Dakota Legion Baseball Tournament at Riverside Park, Yankton.
- **JUNE 20-21** — The 23rd annual Yankton Girls Softball Association Fastpitch Tournament in Yankton.
- **JUNE 26-27** — Yankton County Relay for Life at Riverside Park.
- **JUNE 26** — The 69th annual Lewis and Clark El Riad Temple Shrine Circus at Crane Youngworth Field, Yankton, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **JUNE 27-28** — Bob Tereshinski Baseball Tournament at Riverside Park, Yankton.
- **JULY 4** — Yankton Trilogy Disc Golf Challenge at the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, Yankton, 8 a.m.
- **JULY 4** — Yankton Fourth of July Fireworks at Riverside Park
- **JULY 9-12** — Tri-State Old Iron Antique Tractor Ride in the Yankton area. (Tractor parade in downtown Yankton, 6 p.m. July 10.)
- **JULY 31-AUG. 2** — South Dakota State VFW Minors Baseball Tournament at Riverside Park, Yankton.
- **JULY 31-AUG. 2** — Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days in Yankton.
- **AUG. 21-23** — Riverboat Days in Yankton.
- **AUG. 28-30** — Bash to the Colonies Sail Regatta and Powerboat Poker Bash at Lewis and Clark Lake, Yankton.

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## Four To Compete For 2015 Czech Days Queen

TABOR — Four area young ladies are competing for Czech Days Queen during the 67th annual celebration on June 19-20 in Tabor. The four are Cheree Becvar, Madison Dangler, Kimberly Stibral and Savannah Woods.

Areas of competition include a community vote, talent, costume and personal interviews. The contestants will have their costumes judged and perform their talent on Friday, at 7 p.m. in Sokol Park.

### CHEREE FRANCINE BECVAR

- School: Yankton High School (2015-2016 junior).
- Parents: Arleen Becvar and Frank Hoffer.
- Ambitions and Future Plans: Keep dancing and become a radiologist.
- Activities Participated in High School: Competitive Cheer, Dance Team, Boys Basketball Cheerleader, Girls Basketball Cheerleader, Violin and Choir.
- Honors Earned: Lettered in Competitive Cheer, Dance Team, and Sideline Cheer. Perfect Attendance Award, 2008 South Dakota High Point Champion for Dream Girls, 2009 Miss Summer Princess, 2010 3rd Place Regionals Baton Championships in Omaha.
- INTERESTING FACTS: Hobbies: Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements: I have been dancing since I was 2 years old. I've danced for nursing homes, Ice

Cream Socials, and Riverboat Days. I've participated in March of Dimes March for Babies and volunteer at the hospital. I've competed in club gymnastics, club cheer, and club dance.

• Activity for Talent Contest: Lyrical dance solo.

• Why do you want to be Czech Days Queen? "I have been going to Czech Days ever since I was born. It is part of who I am. It would be a great honor to represent Tabor and to grow in my Czech heritage by being Czech Days Queen."

• What does Czech Days mean to you? "Czech Days is a celebration of our heritage. It is a time to have fun with friends and family. It is eating kolaches, the Beseda Dance, listening to Polka music, watching the parade and riding the carnival rides. I look forward to it every year."

### MADISON MARIE DANGLER

- School: Yankton High School (2015 Graduate).
- Parents: Wade and Lisa Dangler.
- Ambitions and Future Plans: Attend the University of South Dakota this fall enrolled



Becvar



Dangler



Stibral



Woods

in the Honor's Program with a major in Medical Biology. I then plan to continue on for a Doctorate of Medicine in Pediatrics.

• Activities Participated in High School: Basketball, Fall and Summer Softball, Track, Dance, National Honor Society, Gift Givers Club, Pioneer Club, Science Olympiad, Mathletes, and Staff Writer for High School Newspaper.

- Honors Earned: Heather Muth Garvey Memorial Award, Rensselaer Medal Award for Excellence in Math and Science, Two Time Varsity Letter Winner for Gazelle Softball, Mathletes Excellence in Geometry, Two Time Academic Letter Winner, and currently ranked as Valedictorian of YHS Class of 2015.
- INTERESTING FACTS: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements: My hobbies include: assisting youth softball girls with pitching, tutoring, volunteering at the local nursing home, babysitting, dancing, helping my grandpa on the farm, and spending time with my family.
- Activity for Talent Contest: Dancing.
- Why do you want to be Czech Days

Queen? "I have been participating in Czech Days for as long as I can remember. I have special memories of being in numerous kiddie parades, being Czech Days Princess, Beseda Dancing, and celebrating my heritage with my family and community. I would enjoy following in my family's footsteps by being Czech royalty and representing my Czech Heritage. I feel I would be a good ambassador for the town of Tabor."

• What does Czech Days mean to you? "Czech Days, to me, is the celebration of the Czech Heritage in America. It is a time when Czechs from all across the country are able to gather together and enjoy the traditions that have been passed down by our ancestors. Czech Days is well known for its Polka music, Beseda Dancing, and traditional Czech foods especially, my favorite, kolaches and dumplings."

### KIMBERLY JANICE STIBRAL

- School: Scotland High School (2015 Graduate).
- Parents: David and Darla Stibral.
- Ambitions and Future Plans: Attend Black Hills Beauty College in Sioux Falls to become a cosmetologist.
- Activities Participated in High School:



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