

## MAKING WISHES COME TRUE



Volunteers Ken Stoops, Gary Madsen and Rick Steenholdt present Paul Krueger, president and CEO of Make-A-Wish South Dakota, a check for more than \$22,000 from this year's Vermillion/Yankton Dinner & Dance, which was held July 24 at the Old Lumber Exchange. In seven years, this event has raised more than \$100,000 to help make wishes come true for kids in the area.

(Submitted photo)

## Computer scam resurfaces, targets SD consumers

Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning consumers of a computer scam that has resurfaced in South Dakota.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received several complaints from consumers indicated that they had received a telephone call from someone posing as a well-known computer company.

These fake security experts claim that the computers are at risk for security threats and offer to help solve the problem.

These so-called experts then ask you to perform a variety of tasks to help prevent bogus threats and allow them to have remote access to the computer. They work to download malware or ask for personal identifying information.

"Acting as a well-known company, these scam artists have created the perfect scheme to gather information off of your computer, including your personal information like bank account numbers, passwords or login identification," said

Jackley. "We recommend that you do not provide personal identifying information to any unsolicited source."

If you receive a call from someone claiming to want to help you fix your computer, follow this advice:

- Be cautious of unsolicited calls questioning the security on your home computer, even if the caller claims to be from a well-known computer company.

- Do not provide personal identifying information to any unsolicited caller.

- Do not go to a Web site, type anything into a computer, install software or follow any other instruction from any unsolicited caller.

- Make sure you have the latest security updates installed on your computer and always use a strong, unique password and change it regularly.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (800) 300-1986 or consumerhelp@state.sd.us.

# River lovers plan to paddle Sept. 7

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Area river enthusiasts will have a chance to break out their kayaks and canoes next weekend for a paddle trip that will take them from Vermillion to Burbank.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, the group will leave Clay County Park, traveling down the Missouri River to the Bolton boat ramp, which is just south of Burbank.

The event is being hosted by the National Parks Services and the Missouri River Institute at the University of South Dakota, with help from the South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association.

"It's a way to get people on the Missouri River who might not take trips on the river because they see it as too intimidating, or something they're not ready to step into," said Jarrett Bies, one of the event's organizers. "This kind of trip would give them an opportunity to take part and do so in the comfort of knowing there are plenty of people with them and plenty of guidance."

The route is approximately 18 miles and will feature such sites as the Gunderson Backwater, the Vermillion River confluence, Gunderson Island and miles of undeveloped scenic river.

"It's a pretty good haul," Bies said. "If there are prevailing south, southeasterly winds, it could take four to five hours. If the winds are less intense, it could take three to four hours. It'll certainly take three to four hours depending on how many breaks one takes and how aggressively they paddle."

Although he will not be attending the event next Saturday, Bies — a

member of the South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association — has paddled it before, and said attendees will have the opportunity to take in lots of natural beauty.

"The bluffs of the Missouri River are very beautiful, that stretch once you get past the Highway 19 bridge there are lots of sandbars that people can stop and rest on," he said. "They are always illuminating in terms of the rocks or debris or fossils that a person can find. Of course, since it's a national park, you can't take anything out of there."

"It is intriguing to see farmland give way to cottonwoods, which gives way to the bluffs, especially on the Nebraska side," he said. "I think what people enjoy about it is, you pretty much have the river to yourself. There's very little traffic after you get past the Highway 19 bridge."

Part of the reason for this is because that stretch of the river is legally off-limits to any personal motorized watercraft, such as jet-skis, Bies said.

While they may not see a lot of other people, the paddlers could see plenty of wildlife.

"There will be a lot of juvenile bald eagles," he said. "I've seen dozens of them this year on the river."

There have been lots of geese, herons and pelicans, as well, he said.

Not all of the wildlife the river-goers encounter will be a welcome sight, though.

"Hopefully people won't see many Asian carp, or won't get hit by them, but they are unfortunately becoming an indigenous part of the river," Bies said.

They also will have to look out for debris and possible snags.

"The logs that are sticking up out of the water, typically, a person can avoid," Bies said. "But there will be debris that's just a few inches under the water that, if you're not expecting it, could hit the bow of your boat, or you could hit it with your paddle. It could startle a person or catch them off-guard so they might capsizes."

"Capsizing on the river, even if it feels like it's not moving very rapidly, you could be separated from your kayak and your paddle in just a few seconds," he said.

People who travel the river in a larger group are always better off, Bies said.

"If something did go wrong, they would have the support there to help them recover, get back in their boat and continue on the trip," he said.

Those who will be attending next Saturday's trip need to provide their own watercraft, either a canoe or a kayak.

Bies said a kayak is preferable because its closed bow makes it more difficult to capsizes.

Attendees also need to bring a flotation device, and a couple liters of water and something to eat are also advised.

Bies said parking is limited at Bolton, which is why BJ's Specialty Sports of Yankton will be providing shuttle service for a small fee.

"I believe it's \$10 per person, so if a person didn't want to leave a vehicle on the far end, they could contact BJ's Specialty Sports ... so that they could get a spot on their trailer," he said.

For more information about the trip, contact the Missouri River Institute at USD by calling (605) 677-6151, or by e-mailing mri@usd.edu.

## Gov. urges careful driving this Labor Day weekend

South Dakota has recorded at least one highway fatality during every Labor Day travel weekend since 2005, and Gov. Dennis Daugaard is urging travelers to use extra care to end that tragic streak this year.

If every driver makes safe, smart choices, families and friends can celebrate the holiday that marks the unofficial end of summer without grief, the governor said.

"Safe travel is everyone's responsibility every day, but it is even more important during a busy time like the Labor Day weekend," Daugaard said. "Your chances of

traveling safely are greatly improved if you follow speed limits, drive defensively in the higher volume of holiday traffic and buckle up."

School has just begun in many areas, but the state fair is in full swing and many South Dakota families use the Labor Day weekend for one final summer-like outing before getting into the swing of the academic year, he said.

"Everyone on the road is safer if every vehicle has a sober driver on every trip," Daugaard said. "I ask you to join me in making this a Labor Day to remember, not one to regret."

During the official travel reporting period for Labor Day in 2012, South Dakota recorded 138 highway crashes with one death and 56 injuries, records from the state Office of Highway Safety show.

Records show 2004 was the last Labor Day holiday period without a recorded highway fatality.

Since 2004, six of the 17 people who died on South Dakota roads during the Labor Day reporting period were in crashes that involved alcohol.

## OBITUARIES

### Richard Cave

Richard "Dick" Schaller Cave, age 90, of Watertown, passed away on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at Jenkins Living Center in Watertown. Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, at the Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel in Watertown with Reverend Jackie Bernacchi officiating.

Visitation was prior to the services on Monday at the funeral chapel. There was no reviewal.

Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Watertown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Boys & Girls Club in Watertown.

### Gary Griffin

Gary L. Griffin, 65, passed away Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lorraine (nee Weiss) Griffin. He is survived by a son, Matt (Tami) Griffin; a daughter, Nikki (Mark) Kruse. He was the brother of Karol Nelson (Michael) Mastro, Bonnie (Joe) Schulke, Kathy (Mike) Carlson, Tom Griffin and

Steve Griffin; and the grandfather of Tim Griffin and Miranda Brewer.

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Garry was a proud veteran

having served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Burial will take place at a future date in Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

## Margarita Ride will be held Sept. 14

On Sept. 14, The Barking Dog Cycling Club will host the 12th Annual Margarita Ride to benefit the Midwest Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The ride offers routes of 15, 30, 45 and 75 scenic miles all departing from the Eagles Club in Downtown Vermillion starting at 9 a.m. Preregistered riders will

receive a T-shirt and all will receive a Mexican buffet and a drink ticket for post ride festivities.

Registration is available online at <http://www.margaritaride.org>.

For more information, contact club president Kevin Brady at (605) 670-1662 or by e-mail at [bikingbrady@gmail.com](mailto:bikingbrady@gmail.com).

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