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Upcoming Events Spring 2011

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Thursday, May 12: Spring River Clean Up

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Meet at MN River Landing in Wegdahl *Rain or Shine!*
Uruguayan BBQ & Volleyball Party afterwards at Duffy's on Hwy 212

We will be working in the Wegdahl area and along the Minnesota River and Hwy 212 towards Granite Falls. Bring boots, gloves, pick up trucks and clothes that can get dirty. This is a great way to get out and connect the growing CURE Community and meet visiting Uruguayan teacher Alina Gil who will be in Montevideo MN the week of May 9 - 13th F



Trash along the river collected in 2010



Florence Dacey

Monday May 16th: "Words for Our Great River"

Free Community Writing Workshop with Cottonwood Writer & Teacher
Florence Dacey

6 to 8 p.m. at the Redwood Falls Library
the same workshop will be held on

Wednesday, May 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ortonville Library

Cottonwood writer and teacher Florence Dacey will read some of her own river poems and provide tips and writing prompts for writing about personal experiences and reflections about the Minnesota River, its valley and watershed, including Big Stone Lake in Ortonville. The event is for teens and adults and no previous creative writing experienced is needed. Registration is limited to 30. Pre-register by calling the appropriate library or by contacting CURE by e-mail (dixie@cureriver.org) or phone (320-269-2984.)

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Saturday & Sunday May 20 & 21 20th Annual River and History Weekend

Chippewa County Park in Wegdahl MN along the Minnesota River

Line up your canoes and kayaking partners, get that camping gear dusted off and plan on attending CURE's premiere outdoor event of the season. See inside this newsletter for more information, call the CURE office 320-269-2984 or visit www.cureriver.org

If you don't canoe or camp, please come to the **History Talk** at the shelter at the County Park on Saturday evening May 20th at 7 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Pete Carrels — Author & Sierra Club national staffer in South Dakota will speak about: **"The James, River of the Prairie"**

In 1836, Joseph Nicollet described the James River and its valley in what is now eastern South Dakota as "perhaps the most beautiful within the territory of the United States." But Nicollet's aesthetic sensitivities weren't shared by those who followed him onto the Northern Plains. Peter Carrels will describe how this unique watercourse has been unappreciated, overlooked and plundered. The river's natural character and political history merge into a story of ecological loss and cultural revelation.

**"Bring your lawn chairs and a dish to pass at
our pot luck supper starting at 5 p.m.!"**



Pete Carrels, Author
Uphill Against Water,
published in 1999 by the
University of Nebraska Press.

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