

Minnesota River Weekly Update April 18, 2013

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Events:

Watershed network meeting moved to April 25th

Thursday, April 25

9:30 am - 3 pm

Redwood Falls Pizza Ranch

The watershed network spring meeting, which was scheduled for Thursday, April 18, has been postponed to Thursday, April 25th, due to today's weather forecast. Same time and place.

Minnesota River Banquet 2013

Saturday, April 27th

5 pm

Lola's Larkspur, New Ulm, MN

Minnesota River Enthusiasts, I am **sure** the snow will be melted by **5 PM Saturday April 27th**. So we are going to have a barbecue in Downtown New Ulm at Lola's Larkspur. The Annual **Minnesota River** Banquet will feature BBQ ribs and chicken, corn, slaw, beans and more. We are going to have fresh made soft pretzels and 3 kinds of artisan beer mustard on every table for appetizers. Then the program for the evening features **Natalie Warren** and **Denny Frederickson**. Natalie will give an inspiring presentation on her 2000 mile canoe trip she took with her partner **Ann Raiho** from the Twin Cities to Hudson Bay, the first two women to accomplish such an incredible feat. Denny will give us an update on the exciting new national initiative of which the **Minnesota River** is applying for called "**Blueways**" and speak about our **watershed** as well. I will give an overview of current and past actions and initiatives going on, along with a summary of challenges we are looking forward to. There will be a raffle and many prizes. As always it is first come first serve at the door, but if you want to assure a place at the table you can respond to this email with how many and who you are. Then send a check for \$25 per person made to CCMR at PO Box 488 for the number of people coming. **See attached flyer and send to all your friends Sponsored by the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River Since 1989.**

Dakota Kinship, Values, and the U.S Dakota War

Saturday, April 27th

2-4 pm

1851 North Minnesota Avenue

Just North of St. Peter on U.S Highway 169

Join the Nicollet County Historical Society and Minnesota Historical Society for a unique experiential learning opportunity on Saturday, April 27th from 2-4!

Presenter Mike Wilson (Goojijiwininiwag Ojibwe) will be leading an interactive workshop that explores the values encoded in cultural activities such as the moccasin game and hoop dance, and how those values may have affected individual decisions to participate in the U.S Dakota War.

Participants will end the day with a deeper understanding of teh cultural values that informed the actions taken in response to the historical circumstances present in 1862,

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River and History Weekend

Friday,

Saturday and Sunday, May 17, 18 and 19, 2013

Granite Falls Memorial Park, Downtown Granite Falls, and Upper Sioux Agency State Park, Granite Falls, MN

Featuring a Film Festival, Live Music, Paddling Theater and Guided Tours of the new rapids that will be uncovered where the Minnesota Falls Dam used to be located. Our goal is to attract 250 paddlers from around the state and South Dakota. Make your plans now to attend. Volunteers and performers will be needed -- so if you can help, call [1-877-269-2873](tel:1-877-269-2873).

Environmental/Conservation Articles:

Drought alert: NRCS urges no-till planting this spring

Tri-State News – April 8th, 2013

With soil moisture conditions extremely low, especially at subsurface levels, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) agronomist Jason Miller of Pierre suggested that producers in South Dakota eliminate any unnecessary tillage whatsoever.

http://www.tristateneighbor.com/news/regional/article_57facc4c-9e26-11e2-8226-0019bb2963f4.html

Asian carp in Minnesota? If you net one, yes. But DNA won't tell

Pioneer Press April 9th, 2013

http://www.twincities.com/ci_22987612/asian-carp-minnesota-if-you-net-one-yes

Oklahoma Setting the Standards on Non-Point Pollution Reduction

Efforts to curb nonpoint source pollution in Oklahoma's waterways outpaced those in all other states in 2012, according to data collected by the U.S EPA. Data shows conservation efforts of landowners, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and its local districts resulted in a more than 2.44 million pound reduction of phosphorus entering state's streams, rivers, and lakes. Best management practices also reduced nitrogen loading by an estimated 2.7 million pounds and sedimentation by 10,000 tons. To see the full

article: <http://muskogee phoenix.com/local/x237739145/State-tops-in-drive-to-curb-water-pollution>

Jobs:

Program Assistant Opening- Rural Advantage

Rural Advantage is now accepting applications for a Program Assistant to help with the delivery of a variety of programs the nonprofit organization offers. The successful candidate will have strong communication skills, be able to manage projects to achieve program goals, and have knowledge of sustainable agriculture, local foods, marketing and or business. Rural Advantage is located in Fairmont, MN.

Contact Linda Meschke at linda@ruraladvantage.org or [507-238-5449](tel:507-238-5449) for a complete job description or send a cover letter describing your interest in the position, a resume and reference.

Please register at the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance's bulletin board at <http://mail.mnsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/mrwa/> to receive regular updates on what is happening in the Minnesota River Basin.