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Yankton, SD

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Bartel/James River water quality/jco

The James River Water Development District Board of Directors will talk about long term planning at their May meeting.

District Manager Dave Bartel (bartle) says they have some ideas of providing alternate water sources to livestock producers along the river.....(NEWS1)(down em)(:27)

Bartel says livestock would do better if they stay out of the James River and feeder streams.....(NEWS2)(cattle)(:22)

The legislature passed a bill this year that would give producers a tax break if they create buffer strips near streams. Bartel says they have had some CRP type payment programs for several years.....(NEWS3)(issues)(:23)

Bartel says they also would like to address the long-term problem of trees and other debris ending up in the river.

The board will meet May 11th in Alexandria.

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Children's Fishing Derby/Gavins Point Fish Hatchery

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Gavin's Point National Fish Hatchery, just west of Yankton, and the Friends of Gavin's Point National Fish Hatchery will be hosting the annual Children's Fishing Derby this Saturday between 10am and Noon. Biologist Sam Stukel (STEW-Kuhl) says they look forward to this event every year.....

(news 55) :14 "for them".

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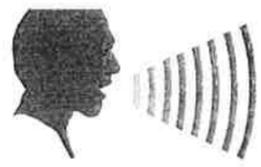
Lots of volunteersincluding people to help clean the fish and pack them on ice to take home. Stukel says there are other things to see as well.....

(news 56 :22) "waiting for a spot".

The event this Saturday is free. They ask that children are accompanied by parent or guardian.
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Yankton, SD

April 10, 2017

Gaskill/Missouri River meetings/jco

The Corps of Engineers Missouri River Basin Water Management Division will hold five public meetings this week to update stakeholders on the planned operation of the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System. Public Information Officer Amy Gaskill has details.....(NEWS4)(information)(:12)

The public meetings will include a presentation from the Corps regarding current basin conditions and plans for operating the reservoir system in 2017, followed by a question and answer session. Gaskill says the system is ready for any possible flooding situation....(NEWS5)(as well)(:19)

Gaskill says they will also provide updates on the partners they work with in monitoring the river.....(NEWS9)(we can)(:09)

Meetings start Tuesday in Smithville Missouri and Council Bluffs Iowa, Wednesday in Ft Peck Montana and Bismarck North Dakota, and Thursday in Pierre South Dakota.

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April 5, 2017

Becker/Gavins Point work/jco

For the first time in several years, there will not be any major outside work on Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri River this summer.

Gavins Point Operations Manager Dave Becker says they wrapped up the final work left over from the flooding of 2011.....(NEWS21)(never ending)(:13)

Becker says they will be doing some work inside the powerhouse.....(NEWS22)(public)(:17)

Becker says the only noticeable change outside may be in the flow of the Missouri River.....(NEWS23)(powerplant)(:15)

Becker says they are still a few years away from doing major rehabilitation work on the turbines inside the power plant.

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May 8, 2017

Shorney/Knofczynski/Missour River runoff/jco

It appears run off into the Missouri River reservoir system is increasing, but still well within the flood capacity.

Nicole Shorney is a hydraulic engineer with the Corps of Engineers in Omaha..... (NEWS6)(through May)(:20)

Corps Engineer Joel Knofczynski (noff-zin-ski) says they have adequate space for all the predicted run off....(NEWS7)(storage)(:10)

Knofczynski says releases from Gavins Point Dam are being adjusted due to downstream flooding.....(NEWS8)(mid May)(:19)

The Corps monthly report shows mountain snowpack runoff into the basin is now peaking.

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May 1, 2017

Bartel/James River trees/jco

The James River Water Development District Board of Directors will talk about long term planning at their meeting next week.

District Manager Dave Bartel says an ongoing issue they face is the number of trees that continue to fall into the river.....(NEWS26)(maybe)(:14)

Bank erosion and flooding over the years have contributed to trees clogging up stretches of the river.

Bartel says it will be a real problem the next time there is flooding along the slow moving river.....(NEWS27)(steam)(:19)

Previous cleanout efforts have concentrated on a few major bridges over the river. Cost is the major roadblock to any major clean out project.

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June 13, 2017

Bartel/James River buffers/jco

Landowners along and near the James River in eastern South Dakota could get some payback, and help clean up the streams in their area.

Dave Bartel, Manager of the James River Water Development District, says they have a program in place to help livestock producers with their water supplies.....(NEWS1)(stream):(20)

Bartel says the grants provide partial payment for new water sources....(NEWS2)(producers):(23)

Bartel says getting livestock out of the tributaries will improve the water quality in the James River.....(NEWS3)(river):(21)

More information is available on their website.

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June 12, 2017

Farhat/Missouri River basin run off/jco

The mountain snowpack that feeds the Missouri River basin is rapidly melting, and runoff into the system is increasing. Jody Farhat (far-hot), Chief of the Missouri River Water Management Office for the Corps of Engineers in Omaha, says they have plenty of room for the increased snowmelt....(NEWS6)(remaining)(:12)

The forecast is for runoff to peak at about one hundred eighteen percent of average. Farhat says they will have enough water for all uses.....(NEWS7)(wildlife)(:16)

Farhat says there is still some flood risk, mostly downstream.....(NEWS8)(weeks)(:20)

Flows from Gavins Point Dam near Yankton have been stepped up to thirty-three thousand cubic feet per second to keep the reservoirs in balance.

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