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The mission of the Friends of the Missouri National Recreational River is to build awareness, enhance and advocate for the scenic, recreational, fish and wildlife, ecological, geological, cultural/historical values and economic and recreational opportunities of the Missouri River, a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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Pass It Forward. Pass It On.

Reflections from the Chair

Tim Cowman



The past year has seen progress and expansion for the Friends of the Missouri National Recreational River (FOMNRR). Board members have been working hard to improve our visibility and engage others. Member recruitment continues to be a focus for this young organization. Expanding our membership base both upstream and downstream is important to the growth of the FOMNRR. As our membership base increases, so does the momentum we build to accomplish more projects and take on more activities.



Students at the River Watershed Festival.

We held our annual member meeting on Oct 6, 2018 at Ponca State Park. After a great luncheon and a short business meeting, members hiked, kayaked, and enjoyed good conversation about the river. Watch for announcements for our 2019 annual member meeting, which will tentatively be in the late spring or early summer.

The FOMNRR continues to support the Missouri River Events suite of activities that happen every spring on the river. These events reach out to the public through activities such as the Missouri River Watershed School Festival, Missouri River Cleanup, public awareness events, and the Lake Yankton Outdoor Festival.

Your membership also plays an important role in supporting a Junior Ranger Academy that takes place every summer. The academy engages young people in a variety of topics, activities, and experiences for the kids to explore and learn about the national park including birds, trees, aquatic species, prairies, plants, river, and culture.

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2018 Graduates of the Roscoe Junior Ranger Academy.

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From the Chair

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FOMNRR members have continued to work on development and maintenance of trails along the river. The Frost Trail was created by FOMNRR members and other volunteers in 2017. The trail is a way for the public to experience a wild and scenic stretch of the river on foot. FOMNRR members volunteer to lead various community groups on interpretive hikes along the trail. We continue to look for new trail opportunities along the MNRR.



Goat Island is now part of the MNRR.

A significant feature of the Missouri National Recreational River (MNRR), Goat Island, is now under the management of the National Park Service. A draft management plan is in the works and public input meetings are forthcoming. The

FOMNRR will assist the Park Service in promoting the Island's attractions, as well as in maintaining the Island's natural condition.



FOMNRR Board meets six times annually.

I want to thank all of you for making the FOMNRR a successful organization. Your membership, participation, and volunteer time has given the FOMNRR a great boost. Let's keep it going for 2019!

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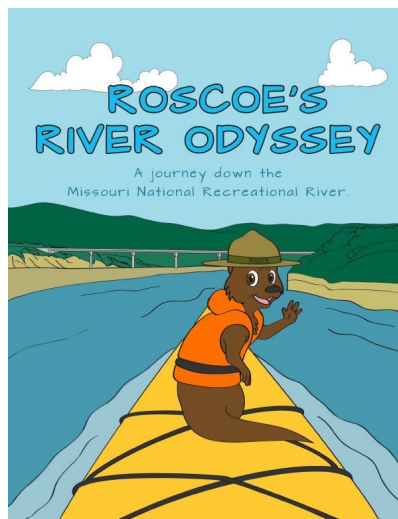
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LOST

There's a pallid sturgeon somewhere in this newsletter? If found please send an email to daniel.peterson@nps.gov with the location of where it is for a prize.

The Coloring Books Are Here!!



The Missouri National Recreational River has its first ever coloring book thanks to the FOMNRR! It's a story about the many experiences of Roscoe the River Otter and a National Park Service Ranger on a paddling trip through the park. The coloring book is free and available at park headquarters located at 508 East Second Street in Yankton 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Superintendent's Corner

Rick Clark



2018 was an incredible year for the MNRR! The year was highlighted in November, which was the culmination of a 3-year project to develop the Park's first ever visitor educational film, *River of Change*. Several showings of the film to the public were organized in November along the 100-mile MNRR corridor from Pickstown, SD to Ponca, NE that resulted in over 300 people viewing the film. Reviews and commentary that the agency has received to date regarding the quality of the film have been very positive. So, if you have not yet seen the film, I encourage you to contact our Headquarters Office in Yankton to make arrangements. We used the film to showcase our mission and purpose coinciding with the Park's 40th anniversary, as well as the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which is the Congressional authority that the MNRR designation is based upon.

In 2019 we hope to further leverage the exposure received during the anniversary events and release of the film to continue to implement key outreach and collaborative aspects identified in the Park's 2016-21 Strategic Action Plan. Paramount among outlined goals and objectives for 2019 are to work closely in partnership with our cooperators to: 1) Complete a Land Protection Plan; 2) Improve and standardize alert road and informational signage leading to and located at the various boat landings (access points) along both the NE and SD sides of the MNRR; and, 3) Finalize the Goat Island Management Plan. I encourage friends' group members and all of our partners to remain closely engaged in our management efforts and to not be shy in providing us with your recommendations.



Mark Your Calendar

- **May 2:** Missouri River Watershed School Festival
- **May 4:** Missouri River Cleanup, 58-Mile District. Meet at Yankton's Riverside Park at 8:00 a.m.
- **May 4:** Dam 'N' Back Trek kayaking event
- **May 25-26:** South Dakota Kayak Challenge
- **June:** FOMNRR Annual Meeting (check fomnrr.org for date and details)
- **June 8:** Lake Yankton Outdoor Festival & Homestead Day
- **July 13:** Fort to Field 50 Paddle Battle Event

For complete listing of programs and events, please visit the Facebook page of Missouri National Recreational River or the park's website at nps.gov/mnrr. Follow us on Instagram @MissouriRiverNPS, Twitter @MissouriRecNPS and Facebook.

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