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South Dam Ribbon Tying, Lake Sturgeon, RiverArts, Hudson Bay Expedition, Water Supply Study

You are cordially invited to attend a "Ribbon Tying" celebrating the completion of the South Dam retrofit. The celebration will be held at the South Dam, 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29. To access the celebration turn east on 32nd Avenue South off of South University Drive in Fargo and follow the signs. Originally built in 1933, the South Dam was recently improved to eliminate the dangerous hydraulic roller effect that is common at low-head dams. By constructing a series of rock rapids, the improvements will allow fish migration to occur and help undo the deadly undertow for humans. This is the third dam retrofitted in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The "ribbon tying" will represent the reconnecting of the Red River of the North in the Fargo-Moorhead city limits. Representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, North Dakota Game and Fish, and others will be present.

Lake Sturgeon, a fish that can weigh 100 pounds, is one of the fish species in the Red that requires a reconnected river. **If nature cooperates, there will be a ceremonial stocking of a Lake Sturgeon at the South Dam Ribbon Tying.**

See the attached RiverArts poster to see all the activities happening in Moorhead on Tuesday nights! June 28th's theme at Viking Ship Park is "Animals, Animals, Animals". River Keepers' Executive Director, Bob Backman, will be talking about wood ducks at 6:30 p.m. River Keepers will also have some mounted fish on display, courtesy of North Dakota Game and Fish.

The Hudson Bay Expedition <http://www.hudsonbayexpedition.com> is getting closer to Fargo-Moorhead. The high water delayed their travels down the Red for about 2 weeks. They plan to be in Fargo-Moorhead the Monday or Tuesday evening.

In order to support their trek the Hudson Bay Expedition is accepting donations. For a donation of \$15 you will receive an official Expedition T-shirt or a reprint of Eric Sevareid's book (75th Anniversary edition), *Canoeing with the Cree*. Both can be bought for a discount of \$25. The book describes the trip 75 years ago, of Eric's 2250 mile canoe trip to Hudson Bay from St Paul. Stop by the office (please call first to make sure we are here) to pick yours up today. (Make out checks to Hudson Bay Expedition.)

The June 1, Wednesday edition of the Forum headline story was about the **Red River Valley Water Supply Project**. To read the draft report see www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao. It is a large file but does have an executive summary.