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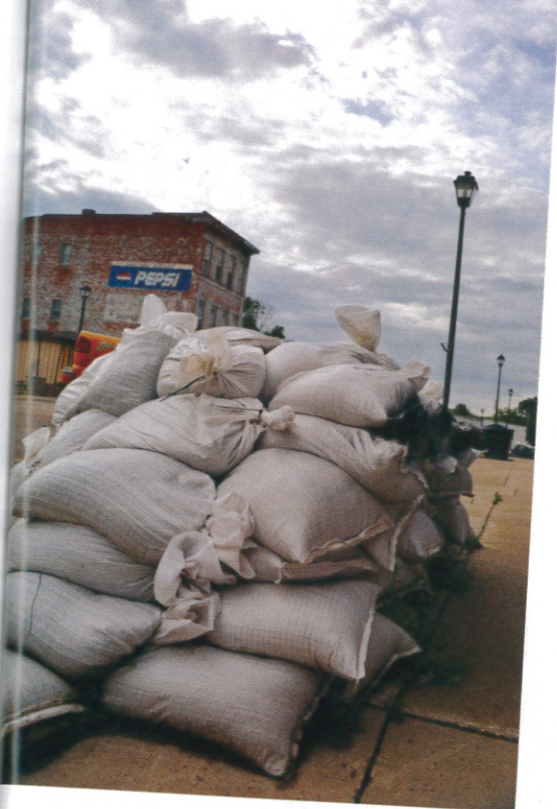
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## Flood Lessons

What can we learn from the great Missouri River flood of 2011? South Dakota State University architecture and design students will study every aspect of this summer's historic flood, including emergency response problems, land development and its environmental impact, and offer solutions. The most innovative ideas will be displayed at the Plain Green Conference Oct. 14 at the Sioux Falls Orpheum Theater.

Plain Green is an arm of the Sioux Falls Green Project, a collection of city leaders exploring environmentally friendly ways to live. Visit [www.greenprojectblog.org](http://www.greenprojectblog.org) for information.

## BIKING, BACON & BREWS

Even though it features an aid station with bacon and rewards finishers with beer, the Dakota Five-O (Sept. 4) is no couch potato's race. The 50-mile course covers some of the most challenging terrain in the Black Hills.

Bicyclers leave Spearfish City Park and enter the Black Hills National Forest on Tinton Road, which parallels the western rim of Spearfish Canyon. The route climbs over 7,000 feet as it loops around the forest and returns to Spearfish. The most difficult portion lies around 30 miles into the course. Steep ascents and rugged terrain challenge riders, but they are rewarded eight miles later at the Bacon Station, where over 50 pounds of fried bacon await.

At the finish line in Spearfish park, Crow Peak Brewing Company provides four kegs of its best beer. Visit [www.dakotafiveo.com](http://www.dakotafiveo.com) for information.



Perry Jewett



The Carr family raises Angus cattle and plays western music.

## Cowboy Crooners

Francie Ganje couldn't let the monthly Heritage of the American West performance end. When the shows stopped in August 2009, Ganje, a long-time director, revived them two months later. So the West's best writers and musicians still meet regularly at the High Plains Heritage Center in Spearfish to stage a 90-minute performance.

The Sept. 15 show features singer Belinda Gail and poet Diane Tribitt. On Oct. 20, the Carr Family Cowboy Band will entertain. The museum also assembles an exhibit matching each evening's theme.

Performances are rebroadcast the following Saturday on KBHB 810 AM (Sturgis) at 1:05 p.m., and KBFS 1450 AM (Belle Fourche) Wednesday at 6 p.m. Call 642-9378 for information.

## THE MONARCH MIGRATION

Millions of monarch butterflies flutter through South Dakota each fall on their way to the oyamel fir forest of central Mexico. Watch them pass, and help researchers learn more about the colorful creatures, from atop Spirit Mound Sept. 8.

Hundreds of South Dakotans volunteer to tag butterflies as part of a national research project led by the University of Kansas. At Spirit Mound, researchers net monarchs and attach a tiny identification tag, no bigger than the nail on your pinky finger, to a wing. Tagging begins at 6:30 p.m., and continues for two hours. A popular flight route takes monarchs along the western edge of the Coteau des Prairies, which leads them to Spirit Mound, just north of Vermillion. Call 232-0873 for information.



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