OUTDOOR LIFE

Excursions offer new perspective on the river

Moorhead Park and Recreation offers two additional summer events in August

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A group of 16 paddlers set out in canoes and kayaks on The Red River Scavenger Hunt, an excursion hosted by River Keepers, on July 30. The event is part of a series of summer Red River excursions from Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Registration forms and information about August events can be found at cimooreheadmn.us. All excursions cost $15 per participant or $10 for participants providing their own canoe or kayak. Excursions are appropriate for all skill levels. Life jackets, paddles and a brief paddling tutorial is provided and staff members are on hand to assist beginners. Once in the water, participants are treated to a new view of Fargo-Moorhead. "It is much more beautiful when you're on the river than when you're even next to the river," said Christine Laney. River Keepers executive director. "If you're downtown, you can see wildlife, trees and different water features. It's very leisurely, very relaxing."

EXCURSION

Warren Ellingworth and Anna Ludwig canoe the Red River.

The experience also offers the Clay County Cultural Society of Clay a chance to refute persistent Red River rumors. "There are no underwater currents and water quality is much better than people think," added Laney. Excursions depart from the rental shack in the parking lot near the Historical