

Moisture

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WET AND WILD

April 2013 will go down as one of the snowiest Aprils across most of the region, according to NWS hydrologist Mike Gillispie. He noted a number of marks for Yankton:

- 6.90 inches of precipitation from Jan. 1 to April 24 ranks as the 11th wettest; the normal January-April precipitation is 5.15 inches.
- 4.94 inches of precipitation in April (through the 24th) ranks as the third highest. This month will end up as the fifth wettest without any more precipitation through the end of the month. The record is 7.07 inches in 1984.
- 11.5 inches of snowfall in April ranks as the third snowiest. The record is 14.0 inches in 1994.

Those figures were boosted by this week's snowfall. The April 22 totals for southeast South Dakota included 5 inches at Yankton and Menno, 4.5 inches at Hurley, 4 inches at Tyndall and 3 inches at Lake Andes, Gayville, Olivet and Elk Point.

Northeast Nebraska also received a large shot of moisture during that period, the NWS office in Omaha reported. Northern Knox County received around a half-inch of precipitation, while northern Cedar County received nearly 0.9 inches.

The additional precipitation brings a huge — and welcome — boost to farmers looking at spring field work, Gillispie said. The region has gained roughly 3 inches of soil moisture since March 31 but still remains around 2 to 3 inches below normal, he said.

"The frost is completely out of the soils south of roughly Highway 14, and the top several inches have started thawing north of there," he added.

Gillispie sees the fieldwork in good condition entering the more spring-like weather.

"I think we have received enough moisture and seen enough soil moisture recharge this spring to be starting out the planting season in pretty good shape once things warm up a little more," he said.

"Now, we just need to see near-normal rainfall through the rest of the spring and summer to get us through the growing season."

STILL DRY

Despite April's major boost of moisture, southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska are not out of the woods when it comes to drought. The U.S. Drought Monitor only recently moved the region out of the exceptional (D4) category — the worst — to the extreme (D3) category.

The D3 classification remains for at least parts of Gregory, Charles Mix, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay and Union counties in southeast South Dakota and Dakota and Dixon counties in northeast Nebraska.

"The main reason this area has not dropped to D2 (the severe category) like areas slightly farther north is because of the low flows on the Missouri River and the outlooks for below-normal runoff in the Missouri Basin this spring and summer," Gillispie said.

Precipitation totals for the past 30 to 60 days are averaging between 100 and 200 percent for most areas, according to the NWS office in Sioux Falls. For the water year to date, since Oct. 1, the areas classified as D3 are still generally running at 50 to 90 percent of normal.

Because of such moisture deficits, Gillispie doesn't hold any fears of James River flooding with temperatures forecast to climb

rapidly this weekend. "Streamflows on the James River are running near normal for this time of year. Local runoff through this weekend from the rapid warm-up and snowmelt will only cause minor rises on the lower James River," he said.

"The warm-up will cause rapid melting of the deeper and wetter snowpack in the upper James basin this weekend as well, but even there, no flooding is expected through next week. I think we will need to see additional rains to see any flooding on the James this spring."

NO FLOODING FEARS

JRWDD manager Bartel likewise doesn't foresee a major flooding concerns, even though the James River Valley is recording historic snowfall in April.

According to the NWS, Huron has recorded 17.9 inches of snow in April, third all-time for the month behind 25.8 inches in 1935 and 23.4 inches in 1995.

Meanwhile, Mitchell has recorded 19.2 inches in April, trailing only the 20.3 inches in 2008.

Bartel said he hasn't seen any dramatic change in James River levels despite such snowfall readings — which don't even include Aberdeen and other areas to the north.

"I have been monitoring the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) gauge at the Huron site. I see it has been dropping in the last day, slowly," he said. "The Huron gauge fluctuates around 80 cfs (cubic feet per second). Every time there is a little snow or rain, it goes up and then comes back down. It's been gradually falling the last few days."

The James River hasn't seen much runoff, with most of the moisture going into potholes, Bartel said.

"The low spots were pretty dried out going into winter," he said. "Now, with the thaw, these potholes have accumulated a lot of that snowmelt and rain. Those potholes have been protection for us at this point."

However, Bartel has been keeping an eye on the snowmelt coming from North Dakota.

Snowmelt inflow is expected to begin at the Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs in North Dakota during the next week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Thursday. Combined releases from the reservoirs are currently expected to stay below 1,200 cfs with snowpack conditions being compared to 2001. Significant additional rainfall or snow may necessitate higher release levels.

Pipestem Reservoir is currently at pool elevation 1,441.5 feet with approximately 50 cfs inflow and 50 cfs outflow. Jamestown Reservoir is currently at pool elevation 1,429.9 feet with approximately 32 cfs inflow and no outflow. All of the flood storage at Pipestem and Jamestown is currently available for the spring runoff.

Bartel remains optimistic that the James River will not see any major flooding with the release of the northern water.

"I'm not sure how much more snow is sitting in North Dakota and coming down. I can't believe the discharges from Jamestown (will be major). It doesn't look like a significant event at all," he said. "The next day or two, with the significant rise in temperatures, is going to tell the story. But I just haven't seen any major melt."

The April moisture has brought good things, and Bartel looks for the good fortune to continue.

"Things are going really well," he said. "The spring rains can play some tricks on us. If there's a huge event, it's one thing. But right now, things look very positive."

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OBITUARIES

Dr. William 'Bill' Kabeiseman



Kabeiseman

Dr. William J. "Bill" Kabeiseman, 80, of Yankton, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2013 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Bill was born in Yankton on April 21, 1933 to Leo and Katherine (Frick) Kabeiseman. He was baptized in the Catholic Church, attended Sacred Heart Grade School, Trinity High School (Sioux City), and graduated from

Yankton High School as an all-state athlete in football and basketball. Bill was awarded both academic and football scholarships to attend St. Thomas College, St. Paul, MN, later transferring to the University of South Dakota to complete his B.S. and Masters in Physics/Mathematics. With his B.S. and Masters degrees in hand he continued his education at the University of Missouri - Rolla where he received his Ph. D. in Physics. Dr. Kabeiseman spent his 40-year career teaching Math and Physics at the University of South Dakota, chairing the Math department for a portion of that time.

He married Rose Elaine Burgi December 28, 1955 in Yankton and to this union, they were blessed with two children, Michael and Kathleen. Countless hours were spent swimming at

the pool and lake, and as swim-team boosters, they were presented the Ernie Gunderson Memorial Award for devotion to state competitive swimming. Bill and Rose played competitive duplicate bridge for 15 years, with Bill winning the North American Bridge Championship Master. He loved gardening and canning, spending his retirement years on the land he loved and grew up on, a knoll overlooking Lewis & Clark Lake. He cherished his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rose; children: Michael (and Barbara) Kabeiseman of Yankton, Kathy (and John Lee) Kabeiseman of Hawarden, IA; grand and step-grandchildren: Matthew (and Briana) Kabeiseman of Englewood, CO, Kathryn (and Jason) Crisp of Brandon; Nicolette (and Spencer) Bose, Vince and Talia Wellenstein, of Yankton, and Josh Lee, of Sioux Falls; great and step-great grandchildren: Izley and Maxwell

Kabeiseman, Jackson Crisp, Hunter, Landry, Keegin, and Allie Bose. He is also survived by two sisters: his twin, Betty (and Don) McDonald and Phyllis (and Frank) Mach; sisters-in-law: Ann Novotny and Leona Kabeiseman; brother-in-law: Paul Petrillo, and many nieces and nephews.

William was preceded in death by his parents: Leo and Katherine Kabeiseman, brothers: Karl and John Kabeiseman, sisters: Reta Kabeiseman and Ruth Petrillo, brothers-in-law: Robert Novotny, Harold Withee and Pat Pike, and sister-in-law: Betty Pike.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart School, 509 Capitol, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Vernet Mielke



Mielke

Vernet Helen Marie Mielke, 86, of Menno passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Freeman Regional Health Services, Freeman. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno, with Rev. David Ellis officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery. Visitations will be 4-8 p.m., Monday, April 29, 2013 at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers are: Brian Mielke, Tom Mielke, David Mielke, Bret Mielke, Bruce Anderson, Tim Anderson, Cade Anderson, and Roger Simonsen.

Vernet Helen Marie Bartling was born in rural Hutchinson County near Milltown, SD on February 2, 1927 to Leonard and Alice (Roth) Bartling. She was

baptized March 6, 1927 at Unity Lutheran Church near Clayton, SD, her baptismal sponsors were Henry Zanter and Lydia Roth. In 1935, she moved to Menno with her family. She was confirmed on June 30, 1940 at Grace Lutheran Church in Menno. She attended grade school in Menno, graduating from Menno High School in 1944. After graduation, she continued her education at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and graduated with an elementary education degree.

On June 8, 1947 Vernet married Lester "Moon" Mielke at Grace Lutheran Church. They had two sons, Gary and Don. Vernet was a long time educator, teaching in several rural schools

and Menno Public School. At the completion of her career she had taught for 37 years. Her love for teaching and working with the children showed throughout her life. She also enjoyed attending many athletic events in which her sons participated, adding to her role as mother and teacher.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Menno Education Association, and American Legion Auxiliary in which she held various offices. During her retirement, her days were filled with visiting family, taking bus trips with friends, doing volunteer work in the community, reading and making quilts with the ladies at Immanuel Lutheran. Due to failing health, Vernet entered the Menno-Olivet Care Center in March of 2010 and resided there until April of 2013.

She is survived by sons, Gary (Bev) Mielke of Lake Park, MN

and Don (Karla) Mielke of Windsor, CO; four grandsons: Brian (Erica) of Weymouth, MA, Tom (Kim) of Egan, MN, David (Dana) of Erie, CO and Bret of Brookfield, CO; an aunt, Marion Roth of Menno; niece, Cheryl (Bruce) Anderson of Menno, SD and two nephews, Craig Bartling of Pierre, and Danny (Sally) Mielke of La Grande, OR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Lester Mielke, brother, Dewey Bartling and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harold and Lottie Mielke.

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Dr. James Romkema

Dr. James Romkema, 57, of Orange City, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2013, in rural Orange City.

There will be a funeral service on Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m., at Living Water Community Church in Orange City. The Rev. Jason Van Wyk, the Rev. Jonathan Oppenorth, and the Rev. Raymond Weiss will officiate. There will be a graveside service on Saturday, at 5 p.m., at Emmanuel Reformed Cemetery in Springfield, South Dakota. Visitation will be after 4 p.m. on Friday, with the family present from 5-7 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are with the Oolman Funeral Home in Orange City.

James Leroy was born on December 8, 1955, in Tyndall South Dakota, the son of Raymond and Phyllis (Tjeerdsma) Romkema. He was raised in Springfield, attended Logterman Elementary School, and graduated from Springfield High School. He made his confession of faith on June 13, 1977 at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, South Dakota.

He attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1986.

On June 28, 1979, he married Barbara Jean (Weiss) at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City. They made their homes in rural Minnesota and rural Iowa. They most recently lived in Orange City, where he was a large animal veterinarian with the Orange City Veterinary Clinic.

Jim enjoyed vacationing with his family, raising cattle, gardening, rock climbing, camping, play-

ing board games, and woodworking. His family will remember his steadfast faith, quiet strength, generosity, humor, and devotion to friends and family.

Survivors include his wife of more than 33 years, Barb; four children, Craig Romkema, of Orange City; Erica Romkema, of Efland, North Carolina; Elena, and her husband, Jonn Ballam, of Cary, North Carolina; and Christopher Romkema, and his wife, Kimberly, of Omaha, Nebraska; his mother, Phyllis Romkema, of Springfield; and four brothers and a sister, Gary Romkema and Jay Romkema, both of Springfield; Joleen Romkema, of Chamberlain, South Dakota; Jerry Romkema, of Avon, South Dakota; and Paul Romkema, of Springfield.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Romkema. You may express your sympathy at www.oolman.com.

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JoAnn Kruse

Mass of Christian Burial for JoAnn Ella Kruse, 78, of Norfolk, Neb., is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 29, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Norfolk. Burial will be in the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk.

Visitation is 6-9 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Norfolk, with a 7:30 p.m. Wake Service.

Brockhaus-Howser-Fillmer Funeral Home, Norfolk, is in charge of arrangements.

JoAnn died Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk after a long battle with cancer.

Kevin Naber

Kevin was born to Donald and Charlene [Fuks] Naber on Sept. 8, 1961 in Yankton, SD. He died Dec. 13, 2011 in the Philippines where he was living with his wife and son. He was baptised as an infant with Bill and Ruth Hickerson as his Godparents.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Mariel; his son, Russell B.; mother, Charlene Bland; father, Don [Phyllis]; his parents-in-law, Leticia Mistica and Marcelino Bartolome, both of the Philippines; brother, Keith R.; sister, Kristeen A.; brothers-in-law, Michael [Rosalina] and Marlon [Christine]; sister-in-law, Michelle [Freddie] Heruala; step-sister, Jenny [Damon]; also 3 nephews and 3 nieces; several aunts and uncles and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Alvin J. and Rose I. [Sykora] Fuks of the Utica, SD area and Otto and Elsie [Wenke] Naber of Bloomfield, NE.; maternal uncle, Ron Fuks of rural Utica, SD.

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John Taylor

John W. Taylor, 93, of Vermillion, SD, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at Sanford Vermillion Care Center. Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Anna Dietsch

Anna M. Dietsch, 100, of Yankton and formerly of Bow Valley, Neb., died Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 29, at the Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church, Bow Valley, with Father David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wynot, Neb.

Visitation begins at 9 a.m. Monday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington, Neb., is assisting with arrangements.

Linda Pankratz

Linda Pankratz, 96, of Freeman died Wednesday at the Oakview Terrace, Freeman.

Funeral services are at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Salem Mennonite (South) Church, rural Freeman.

Visitation begins at noon Saturday, with the family present from 6-8 p.m., at the Walter Funeral Home, Freeman.

Tax

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a physical presence in the state. As a result, many online sales are essentially tax-free, giving Internet retailers an advantage over brick-and-mortar stores.

Supporters say the bill is about fairness for local businesses that already collect sales taxes, and lost revenue for states. Opponents say the bill would impose complicated regulations on retailers and doesn't have enough protections for small businesses. Businesses with less than \$1 million a year in online sales would be exempt.

Many of the nation's governors — Republicans and Democrats — have been lobbying the federal government for years for the authority to collect sales taxes from online sales.

The issue is getting bigger for states as more people make purchases online. Last year, Internet sales in the U.S. totaled \$226 billion, up nearly 16 percent from the previous year, according to Commerce Department estimates.

The National Conference of State Legislatures estimates that states lost \$23 billion last year because they couldn't collect taxes on out-of-state sales.

The bill pits brick-and-mortar stores like Wal-Mart against online services such as eBay. The National Retail Federation supports it. And Amazon.com, which initially fought efforts in some states to make it collect sales taxes, supports it, too.

The bill also gets support from many Republicans who have

pledged not to increase taxes. The bill's main sponsor is Sen. Mike Enzi, a conservative Republican from Wyoming. He is working closely with Sen. Dick Durbin, a liberal Democrat from Illinois.

Enzi and Durbin say the bill doesn't raise taxes. Instead, they say, it gives states a mechanism to enforce current taxes.

In many states, shoppers are required to pay unpaid sales taxes when they file state tax returns. But governors complain that few people comply.

Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said he supports the bill in part because tax-free Internet sales are eating into sales by Delaware retailers. "In our region, we've long benefited from significant commercial sales from residents of Maryland, of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, who come to Delaware to shop because we're a tax-free state," Coons said. "Over time, the benefit of that has eroded as folks discovered that they could buy the same things online without paying sales tax from home."

He noted that the bill would not require anyone from Delaware to pay sales taxes.

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