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Summer Turns Up Heat

Readings May Fry The Records For Last Week Of August

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Will this be the warmest final week of August on record for South Dakota?

Probably yes, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Sioux Falls.

"In fact, the mean temperature (average of the maximum and minimum for the day) is expected to be from one to three degrees warmer

than the warmest on record," the NWS said in a statement.

Northeast Nebraska will also remain in the frying pan, according to the NWS office in Omaha.

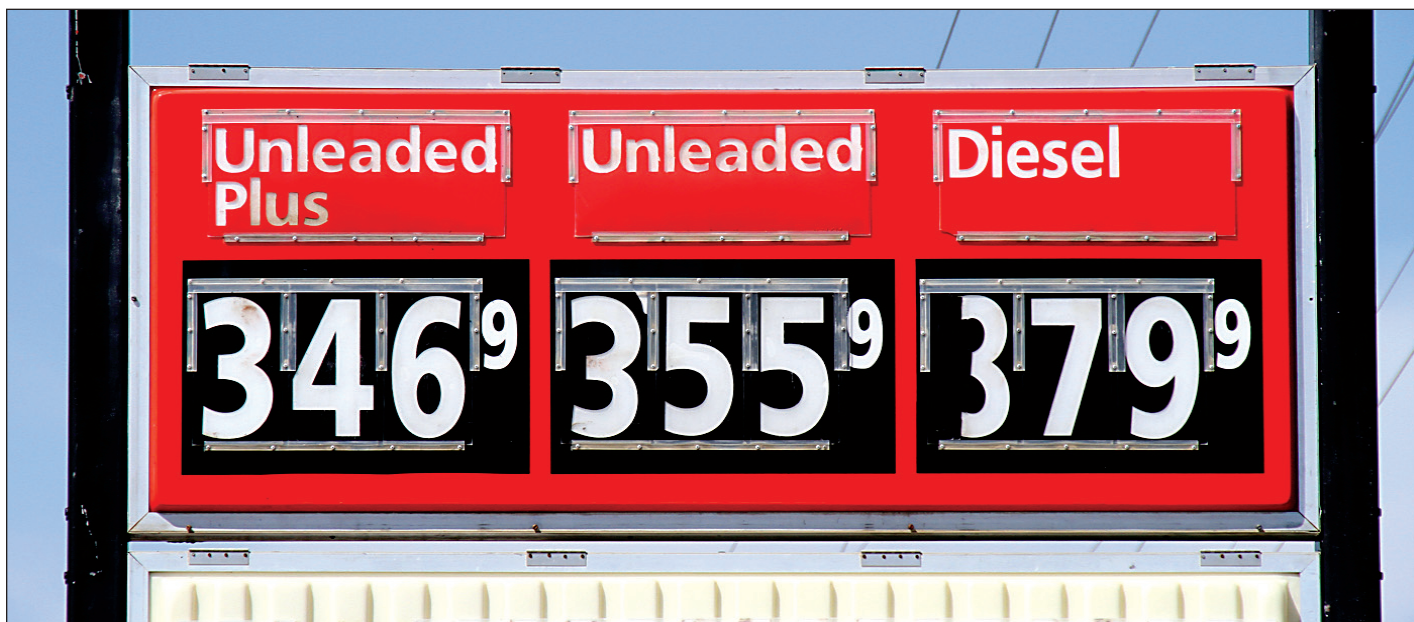
"After a summer of mostly near to below-normal temperatures, summer will go out with a sizzle through the rest of August, with hot temperatures expected through at least Thursday and likely through the end of August," the NWS said.

Both southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska have remained in a heat advisory since last weekend. Yankton unofficially set two consecutive nights of record "warm" low temperatures.

And the coming days look to set a new standard when it comes to a solid week of high temperatures and humidity, South Dakota state

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A Change At The Pumps



This sign north of Yankton reflects the current price of fuel, with unleaded fuel (in center) costing about a dime more than the ethanol blend (at left). New rules in blending fuel, to be implemented sometime in September, may result in much higher prices for non-ethanol fuels — and may compel some stations to discontinue offering it altogether.

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Fuel-Blending Change May Result In Rising Price For Non-Ethanol Gas

"It's going to come to the point where our consumers will likely have to choose between a 10-percent ethanol blend, a much more expensive unleaded-premium blend or premium gas."

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Area residents heading to the pumps next month to fill their tanks with gasoline without ethanol could see a large price jump for their fuel of choice, and they might even have trouble finding it at all.

Beginning in mid to late September, pipeline operators that serve the region will no longer ship 87 octane regular gasoline to their terminals. Instead, they will be transporting 84 octane fuel.

Since gasoline sold in eastern South Dakota must have a minimum octane rating of 87, the newer shipments will need to be blended to achieve mandated octane levels, according to Joanna Weidman,

spokeswoman for NuStar Energy. NuStar has five terminals in South Dakota, including locations in Yankton, Sioux Falls and Mitchell.

"There's a variety of different formulas that will meet the requirements, including two different 87 octane blends, two different 89 octane blends, one 91 octane blend and E85," Weidman said in an email to the *Press & Dakotan*.

What this means for consumers who choose gasoline without ethanol is that, in order for retailers to offer a legal "straight" product, the 84 octane will have to be mixed with the more expensive 91 octane premium, she said.

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U.S. Takes Harsher Stand With Syria

Kerry: Chemical Arms Use In Syria An 'Obscenity'

BY MATTHEW LEE AND JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday outlined the clearest justification yet for U.S. military action in Syria, saying there was "undeniable" evidence of a large-scale chemical weapons attack, with intelligence strongly signaling that Bashar Assad's regime was responsible.

Kerry, speaking to reporters at the State Department, said last week's attack "should shock the conscience" of the world.

"The indiscriminate slaughter of civilians, the killing of women and children and innocent bystanders by chemical weapons is a moral obscenity. By any standard, it is inexcusable and — despite the excuses and equivocations that some have manufactured — it is undeniable," said Kerry, the highest-ranking U.S. official to confirm the attack in the Damascus suburbs that activists say killed hundreds of people.

"This international norm cannot be violated without consequences," he added.

Officials said President Barack Obama has not decided how to respond to the use of deadly gases, a move the White House said last year would cross a "red line." But



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Testimony Heard In Yankton On Abuse Laws

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State legislators met with members of the public at the Yankton Community Library Monday evening to discuss the current state of domestic abuse laws in South Dakota.

Members of the panel in Yankton included State Sen. Deb Soholt (R-Sioux Falls) who was chairing the summer study, Rep. Jim Bolin (R-Canton), Rep. Mike Stevens (R-Yankton) and Rep. Karen Soli (D-Sioux Falls).

"Our official mission is to conduct a comprehensive review of domestic abuse in South Dakota," Soholt said. "The focus of our study has been to review current state and federal regulations, examine the effectiveness of state policies and programs

with respect to domestic abuse, study the prevalence of domestic abuse across the state and a discussion of potential options."

This is the third of four public hearings that have taken place on the subject.

Soholt said the hearings were a result of multiple pieces of legislation pertaining to domestic abuse going nowhere in the state legislature.

"There had been multiple bills that have been coming forward that stalled somewhere in the legislative process," she said. "So we started to look at how we could strengthen our domestic abuse statutes and understand where we need to go and perhaps break down some of the barriers of resistance and misunderstanding."

Testimony included past vic-



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Rep. Mike Stevens (R-Yankton) listens to testimony from Caitlin Collier of Vermillion during a summer study legislative hearing on domestic abuse Monday in Yankton.

tims of domestic abuse, representatives of victim assistance groups, civic leaders and legislators.

One of those to give testimony was Sandie Sullivan, direc-

tor of the Vermillion-based Domestic Violence Safe Options Services. She said the hearing was a positive way to give legis-

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City Commission

Study Of Animal Ordinances Eyed

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The Yankton City Commission took its first bite at a comprehensive review of the community's animal ordinances Monday.

City Attorney David Hosmer said multiple animal ordinance issues have arisen, beginning more or less since day one of his working for the municipality.

He has collaborated with the Yankton Police Department and the Community Development Office to review the current ordinances. Together, they submitted a sample 30-page ordinance pertaining to animals.

"I think there are a lot of issues to talk about," City Man-



Hosmer

work session format."

The commission will do just that prior to its regular Sept. 23 meeting and invites the public to be a part of the discussion.

The current laws date back to 1949, according to Hosmer. He described them as "archaic"

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