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Plenty Of Reservoir Capacity Despite High Runoff

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The runoff continues above normal in the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, but the reservoir system still contains three-fourths of its flood storage capacity.

The July runoff above Sioux City was 4.3 million acre feet (MAF), or 133 percent of normal, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Wednesday.

Two factors are contributing to the continued high runoff, said Jody Farhat, chief of the Corps' basin water management division in Omaha.

"Although July precipitation was below normal in the upper basin, high stream flows persisted in some areas due to very wet conditions in June," she said in a news release. "Runoff from the remaining high elevation mountain snowmelt also contributed to the above normal July runoff."

The 2014 runoff forecast is 32.5 MAF, or 129 percent of normal. Average annual runoff is 25.2 MAF.

However, the higher-than-normal runoff doesn't create immediate concerns, based on Corps figures.

The total volume of water stored in the mainstem reservoir system currently stands at 60.6 MAF. The water occupies 4.5 MAF of the 16.3 MAF combined flood control storage zones.

"System storage peaked on July 21 at 60.9 MAF and is gradually declining," Farhat said. "The water remaining in the annual flood control zone will be released during the remainder of the year to serve navigation, water supply and other downstream purposes."

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Tuition Freeze II?

Regents Scrutinize 2016 Budget Plans For State Campuses

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — The state Board of Regents will decide today (Thursday) on the 2016 budget priorities to be sent to the governor for South Dakota's public universities and special schools.

The top item might be asking that student tuition and fees for South Dakota residents be frozen for a second year in a row.

The freeze would apply for the fall 2015 and

spring 2016 semesters.

The early estimate is \$6.8 million of additional funding on an ongoing basis would be required from the Legislature.

Overall the regents appear to be looking for about \$11 million of ongoing new funding and about \$22 million in one-time funding.

The regents' request is due no later than Aug. 29 to Gov. Dennis Daugaard's budget office.

He would decide in the next three months what to formally recommend to the Legislature

in December.

The legislators would approve the fiscal 2016 budget in March. The 2016 budget year starts July 1, 2015.

Regents looked over the list of proposals presented Wednesday by budget and administrative staff.

Some fees were missed in last year's freeze request, according to Monte Kramer, the regents vice

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Rolling Home



This menacing-looking rocket launcher rolled up the James River valley on Highway 81 north of Yankton Wednesday afternoon, a sure sign that Bravo Battery was coming home from two weeks of training. The Yankton-based National Guard unit did its training at Camp Ripley in Minnesota. Unit members will be taking part in this weekend's Riverboat Days parade and other activities.

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Niobrara

Neb. Woman Sentenced For Theft

From P&D Staff Reports

SANTEE, Neb. — A Niobrara, Neb., woman has been sentenced in federal court for theft of funds on the Santee Sioux reservation in northern Knox County, Neb.

Lila Mechaley, 53, has been ordered to serve five years of probation and to perform 200 hours of community service. She was also ordered to pay restitution of \$16,726.22 to the Village of Santee, Neb.

Judge Joseph F. Bataillon issued the sentence following Mechaley's conviction. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced the sentencing Wednesday in a news release.

Mechaley was the Santee village clerk from 2010 to 2012. As the village

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Radio Group Set To Spread News

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The Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club (PDARC) plans to spread the word about Yankton with other ham operators from all over the country and perhaps all over the world this weekend. PDARC will operate its first special event radio station called, W0D over Riverboat Days. The event will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the west side of the Meridian Bridge on the South Dakota side.

The club is holding this event to celebrate South Dakotas quasicentennial.

"We really want to promote amateur radio within the community, and what better way to do that than to tie it in with Riverboat Days on the Meridian Bridge?" said member Marv Olnes.

Amateur radio involves using designated radio frequency spectra for purposes like private recreation, wireless experimentation and emergency communication.



Members of the Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club plan to be stationed near Meridian Bridge Saturday during Riverboat Days, trying to tell the nation — and perhaps the world — about Yankton and South Dakota.

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According to Ed Gray Vice President of PDARC, the club's mission is to provide a public service to the community in the form of communication. The club will execute this objective by advertising the state of South Dakota, Riverboat

Days and the city of Yankton to all people with whom they come in contact with.

"Our goal is to contact all 50 states and about 500 people," said

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Yankton County 4-Hers Prepares For State Fair



Jessica Goeken of the Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club works at cleaning up her livestock entry recently in preparation for Yankton County's 2014 4-H Achievement Days. Local 4H-ers and officials are now gearing up for the South Dakota State Fair in Huron in two weeks.

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BY KAYLA PRASEK
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With two weeks before the opening of the South Dakota State Fair, the Yankton County 4-H staff is busy with final preparations for the annual festivities in Huron.

Stephanie Siebrandt, Yankton County 4-H/youth development coordinator, said her main goal is to finish getting all the static exhibits ready to enter.

"I'm finishing putting state fair entry tags on all the projects right now," she said. "Then, the rest of this week and next week, Danielle (McFarland, Yankton County Extension office manager) and I will figure out how we're going to make all our projects fit in our booth."

This year, 4-Hers are limited to taking two static exhibits to the state fair, due to the demolition of Clover Hall,

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the main exhibit facility. All static exhibits, except display photographs,

will be shown in the National Guard Armory building.

"We're trying to play around with how we can hang the lattice at the back of our booth so we can hang things up and utilize the space in the best way possible," Siebrandt said. "If any of our kids are sending bigger items, I told them there's no guarantee they'll be displayed."

Siebrandt said the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days were a success for the 150 Yankton County 4-H members, but state fair is the highlight of

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