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## Lake Yankton Fishing Rules Changed

From P&D Staff Reports

Fishing on Lake Yankton is going to explode starting today (Friday) — and it will be

Through Sept. 9, South Dakota anglers will be allowed to harvest fish that will otherwise be lost during the lake renovation process that is scheduled to take place next month.

"Due to a high abundance of rough fish, including Asian carp, and the negative impact they have had on the Lake Yankton fishery, the entire fish population is being eliminated," stated the Game, Fish and Parks' Todd

St. Sauver, lead coordinator for the project in South Dakota.
On Sept. 10, the entire fish population in

Lake Yankton will be eradicated as part of a lake renovation project conducted jointly by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Starting today, licensed South Dakota anglers may harvest up to three times the daily and possession limits of game fish with no regards to length limits. South Dakota anglers may use up to six lines each and minnow seines, spears, archery, dip nets and snagging are also legal. Depending on whether anglers are licensed to fish in South Dakota or Nebraska; separate dates and dais will apply.

Nebraska anglers should visit http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/ for more information. Because the lake is being partially drained

for the renovation, some shorelines will consist of soft mud and anglers should use

Due to concerns about spreading aquatic invasive species, any carp harvested must be killed before they are transported. No fish harvested from Lake Yankton may be sold or used for stocking public or private waters.

# Harvest Shaping **Up Strong**

## Heat Still Needed To Boost Yields, Officials Say

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The region's fall harvest remains on target for record yields, but the coming weeks will prove critical in terms of needed heat, according to a climate expert.

The outlook was provided during Thursday's national conference call with Jeff Andresen, the Michigan state climatologist affiliated with Michigan State University.

South Dakota and Nebraska have en-

joyed nearly ideal weather, Andresen said. "Most crops are in very good, if not excellent, condition," he said. "More than 70

percent of the corn crop is in good or excellent condition. Very little of the overall crop is in poor or very poor shape. The optimistic outlook is reflected in

both U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and private surveys, Andresen

"Most of those (surveys) are suggesting very high yield potential," he said. "Certainly, for corn and soybean yields, new records are forecast across the board and an all-time record production for all crops It's actually been a tale of two seasons,

which has worked out well, he explained. The Central Plains has gone through an unusual year of cooler-than-normal temperatures and wetter-than-normal precipitation.

'We had one of the coolest winters on record, at least in 100 years," he said. "The upper air has played a major role in temperatures the last several months. Much of the region was colder than normal, not only for the growing season but all the way back to the preceding winter.

The Corn Belt's big chill continued into the summer, where July - normally the warmest month of the year - reported mean temperatures 4 degrees below normal. The figure ranks as one of the largest departures from normal, and a record in some states, dating back to 1895.

The cool summer has created concerns over degree-days, a measure tied to the heat received during the growing season, Andresen said.

The degree-day totals are behind where they typically are this time of the year," he said. "Now, we are in the second warmest month of the year. If you don't

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### **Environment Board Sees** The End Of **An Era**

BY BOB MERCER State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Dick Sweetman and Lee McCahren didn't last as long together on the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment as Mick Jagger and Keith Richards have as the Rolling Stones, who after 52 years, are still pounding out their rock and roll.

But the 41 years apiece by Sweetman and McCahren on the state regulatory panel defined the era of change that saw concern about protecting air, water and terrain turn from being viewed by some as subversive in the 1970s to

today's commonplace. Eight of the current nine on the board and a roomful of staff from the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources honored Sweetman and McCahren with speeches, cake and governor's proclamations Thurs-

day.

The two men were nearly constant as the sun in their work as citizens on the board since then-Gov. Dick Kneip made them two of the first appointees to it in 1973.

State Environment Secretary Steve Pirner said office records show that in the past 10 years Sweetman attended 69 of 74 meetings and McCahren missed only the past two because he was ill and couldn't travel.

McCahren, participating by telephone Thursday from a Sioux Falls nursing center, told the group that the only meeting he didn't attend was many years ago when he was in alcohol rehabilitation.

He said that proved to be a good thing.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard recently appointed engineer Daryl Englund of Brookings

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#### **Meeting On The Mound**



Mount Marty College baseball players (from left), Josh Teickroew, Kory Bromley and Nik Davis, all of Yankton, work on removing the rubber from the pitching mound at the Riverside Baseball Stadium Thursday in preparation for the installation of a new turf infield. Work on the \$230,000 first phase of the Bob Tereshinski Field Project is expected to accelerate today (Friday) as crews tear up the infield area. Phase two will involve raising funds to place artificial turf on the remainder of the stadium field. The Riverside field should be ready for play in late September during MMC's fall baseball practices.

#### Court Strikes Down Forced DUI Blood Tests

**BY REGINA GARCIA CANO Associated Press** 

SIOUX FALLS — A South Dakota law that allowed blood to be drawn from suspected drunk drivers without their permission or a warrant is unconstitutional, the state Supreme Court found in a ruling an-

nounced Thursday. The ruling follows a decision by U.S. Supreme Court last year that states that the natural dissipation of alcohol from the blood over time isn't generally reason enough to exempt police from having to get a judge's approval before drawing a blood sample from a suspect.

South Dakota's implied consent law, which went into effect in 2006, stipulated that drivers consent to

drug and alcohol testing just by getting behind the

However, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a Missouri case that police must try to obtain a search warrant from a judge before ordering blood tests for drunken driving suspects. South Dakota judges disagreed in a number of recent rulings on whether the Supreme Court's decision rendered South Dakota's law unconstitutional. In their ruling, however, the state Supreme Court justices cited the ruling in the

Attorney General Marty Jackley said Thursday that the state Legislature "will likely be discussing and addressing any resulting public safety concerns

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# **Roads The Main Topic In Planning Meeting**



ROB NIELSEN/P&D Yankton County Commissioner, John Harper, makes a point during a city-county planning meeting held Thursday morning.

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The county's roadways took center stage during a city-county planning meeting Thursday morning.

County Commissioner John Harper told the meeting that the county is ready to explore giving Bill Baggs Rd. back to the city.

"The Board wanted me to stop and talk about the possibility of sending back their share of Bill Baggs Road to the city now that it's all redone and everything," Harper said. "At this point, their feeling is that most of that road is under city control as far as the property along

it and what goes on it. City manager Amy Nelson said the city would look into the prospect.

Beyond Bill Baggs, Harper said there's a need to look at bridges around the county according to

"From a county perspective, right now the Jim River bridge on old (Highway) 50 is the biggest problem we have both money-wise and immediacy-wise," he said. "We're technically looking at all the Jim River bridges right now and they're going to have a 'snooper' inspection in the middle of September."

However, other county roads aren't seen as major issues at this time

"Right now the county itself doesn't have a large road issue on the table that we plan to do anything about," he said. "We've got a couple of oil roads in the county the Mission Hill road and one out

by Volin — that for some reason this winter really took it hard."

As a result, the county is now going to place a fog coat over chip sealing, which is supposed to give 75-80 percent retention of aggregate on top.

In other business:

 Recent developments regarding the construction along Highway 50 were discussed. The downtown phase will be conducted in 2015 while east Yankton will be completed in 2016.

• The need for more housing for a growing workforce was also discussed.

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