

THE PRESS & DAKOTAN WEATHER CENTER

Yankton's Forecast

Saturday Partly cloudy
22 High: 32° Low: 9°
Sunday Mostly cloudy, chance for flurries
23 High: 22° Low: 12°
Monday A few quick moving snow showers early
24 High: 19° Low: 6°
Tuesday Cold, perhaps a few Christmas Day flurries
25 High: 14° Low: 3°
Wednesday Partly cloudy and cold
26 High: 15° Low: 4°

Yankton Almanac

Temperature Yesterday's High / Low 27° / 9°
Normal High 34.1°
Normal Low 14.1°
Record High 58° in 1890
Record Low -25° in 1989
Precipitation Yesterday's .00"
Month to date .11"
Year to date 13.54"
Avg. year to date 23.63"
Maximum this date .15" in 2006
Yesterday's snowfall .00"
Total snowfall for season 2.5"
Maximum this date 1.0" in 1935
Sun and Moon Sunrise Sunset
Today 7:58 AM 4:59 PM
Tomorrow 7:58 AM 5:00 PM
Moonrise Moonset
Today 1:21 PM 2:40 AM
Tomorrow 1:54 PM 3:39 AM
Maps & Forecast Produced by: DayWeather, Inc. www.dayweather.com

Regional Forecast

Map showing regional forecasts for Pierre, Huron, Brookings, Chamberlain, Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Winner, Lake Andes, Yankton, Sioux Center, O'Neill, Vermillion, Norfolk, Omaha, and various locations in Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota.

National Forecast

Table with 3 columns: Location, Today (Hi Lo W), Tomorrow (Hi Lo W), Monday (Hi Lo W). Lists major cities like Anchorage, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Houston, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa, and Washington, D.C.

Livestock Outlook

Those with livestock interests will want to be aware of colder than normal temperatures moving in on Sunday. It will stay cold through Wednesday.

Military Abroad

Table with 3 columns: Location, Today (Hi Lo W). Lists locations like Baghdad, Iraq; Diego Garcia; Doha, Qatar; Frankfurt; Kabul, Afghan.; Kuwait City; Seoul, Korea; Tokyo, Japan.

Gavins Point Dam

Table with 2 columns: Metric, Value. Includes Lake Temperature (33), Lake Elevation (1208.07), Discharge (18,000 cfs), and Tailwater (1152.97).

DAILY RECORD

POUND COUNT

Several animals are available at the Yankton Animal Shelter. For more information call the Yankton Police Department's Animal Control Officer...

DAILY RECORD POLICY

The Press & Dakotan publishes police and sheriff reports as a public service to its readers. It is important to remember that an arrest should not imply guilt...

BOARD OF TRADE

CHICAGO (AP) — Grains futures rose Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade. Wheat for March delivery rose 1.50 cent to \$7.92 a bushel...

GAS PRICES

The average prices for regular unleaded gas in South Dakota on Dec. 21, 2012: Mitchell \$3.270, Yankton \$3.049.

ON THIS DATE

75 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, December 22, 1937 R.D. Hill, state distributor for Champlin products, operator of an oil products motor transport from refinery to Yankton, has completed and opened a new filling station east of the city...

50 YEARS AGO

Saturday, December 22, 1962 Children's Voices Sweetly Singing. The songs of Christmas fall annually upon the waiting ears of shut-ins as boys and girls (and sometimes adults) go caroling, house to house.

LOTTERIES

FRIDAY RESULTS

MYDAY: Month: 10, Day: 28, Year: 90 PICK 3: 0-2-8

available in the police and court reports. There are no exceptions.

ARRESTS

Jacob Thin Elk, 19, Ft. Thompson, was arrested Thursday for aggravated assault (domestic). Christina Pottebaum, 31, Dakota Dunes, was arrested Thursday on a parole hold.

CRIME STOPPERS

Anyone wishing to report anonymous information on unlawful activity in the City of Yankton or in Yankton County is encouraged to contact the Crime Stoppers tip line at 665-4440.

Crofton

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scores ever year: Battle Creek, Conestoga, Crofton, Perkins County, Southern Valley, Superior and Tekamah-Herman.

The reading assessment tests have been in place for three years; the math assessment has two years of results and science is just getting started with only one year of testing.

"We are very proud of our students," said English teacher Roxie Pier. "In today's world with so many distractions competing for their time and attention, we still have many students who absolutely love to read."

She notices more and more students carrying their library books with them in their book bags, close at hand, so if there are a few empty moments while waiting for others to finish a quiz or homework, they can read a few pages.

The reading program has deep roots in the Crofton District. Twenty years ago, then-principal Dick Allen, Justin Bossman, Lisa Nissen and Pier started the Outside Reading program in Crofton High School. Pier remembers students and parents fighting the program, but today it is an accepted part of the English curriculum.

Today the students read not only books in English class but also in all subject areas — even Physical Education where Rod Hegge requires the students to read health and sport biography books.

"It indicates the great amount of importance the staff and students place on working to adhere to higher standards," said Supt. Randy Anderson. "I compliment everyone for the really good relationships between teaching staff and students, which have been developed in our district."

Students know Pier will accommodate them year-round when reading tests need to be taken. Many students read in the summer months and make appointments to take the required tests after weight-lifting on a summer weekday.

"I remember Mr. Allen telling me all those years ago, not to lose sleep over those students who don't want to read," said Pier. "Just think of those who are improving their skills, even if it is just a little."

Each student must read four books a year and even if they don't like to read, it's not such a huge hurdle to overcome.

Pier knows the students feel they are harassed about reading but it's okay with her. One morning last fall she stopped at the gas station before school and ran into several CHS alumni from nearly 10 years ago.

"As I walked past their vehicles, they all jokingly called out to me, 'We're reading ... we're

reading!" said Pier with a wide smile.

A gab session in Pier's classroom with a few students pulled in out of the hallway over noon break revealed a few of the students thoughts on this noteworthy occasion. Several new books were added to the library this year and the students were quite pleased with the variety.

"The teachers really make reading and books fun," said Bridget Arens. "They recommend books which they think we will enjoy." The students also like it when Mrs. Pier talks to them about books they have read.

"I like the excitement Mrs. Pier brings to reading; she makes it more interesting and actually asks what part we like and what our thoughts are," said Quinn Wragge. She has actually read the books and knows what the students are talking about when they can't put the book down.

"For me, it fills free time in school," said Max David. Some students like series of book or vampire themes. Then there are teachers like social science teacher Mitch Hofer who keeps newspapers and current event magazines in front of the students, encouraging them to use their reading skills in this area.

He also has classic novels like "1984" and makes recommendations about books from earlier eras which have themes that are timeless and educational as well. "I wouldn't know to read a book like that if he didn't encourage me," said David.

"I really appreciate the teachers encouraging us to read books, all kinds — it widens our horizons," said Taylor Johnson. He looks for murder and suspense novels — anything to keep him in suspense.

Some students like Cole Steffen love to read about history in action and historical fiction. The interests are as varied as the students themselves. There was one brave student, Lane Weidner, who sat not three feet from Mrs. Pier's desk and said he would read anything as long as it wasn't Shakespeare.

"We are proud of the achievements of our students as indicated by the governor's rankings. It gives us a reason to celebrate," said secondary principal Todd Strom. "The students of Crofton have a strong desire to learn and excel. The faculty is knowledgeable in their content and are skilled instructional leaders. The high expectations and support of parents along with learning goals set by teachers and students make our school very conducive to learning. The entire school community supports each other and strives to live up to the high standards needed for kids to be 21st century learners. It is a great day to be a Warrior!"

S.D. Legislature To Hold Memorial Service In Pierre Jan. 17

PIERRE — Each year the Legislature honors the memory of legislators who have passed away during the previous year.

This year's service tentatively is scheduled for 3 p.m. (CT) Thursday, Jan. 17, in the House Chamber. The committee in charge of the arrangements

would appreciate receiving the names of former state senators and representatives who passed away during 2012.

Contact the Legislative Research Council at 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070; 605-773-3251; or via e-mail at Lou.Adamson@state.sd.us.

Advertisement for ECOWATER SYSTEMS featuring a baby and the text 'It's That Good. DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS WATER SOFTENERS'.

Advertisement for a birthday gift certificate: 'I would like to thank all my family & friends for the birthday cards & phone calls I received for my 85th birthday. - Laura Goeden'.

Advertisement for Massage: 'Spa Relaxation Gift Certificates 1/2 Hour \$29.00 1 Hour \$49.00 Pro Sports & Spa Massage 2001 Broadway, Yankton, SD (605) 661-0606'.

Advertisement for Newspaper Carrier: 'Thank Your Newspaper Carrier Today'.

Crossword puzzle grid and solution for 'YANKTON DAILY PRESS & DAKOTAN'. Includes 'Yesterday's Solution' and 'su|do|ku'.

Reminder: Put Out Garbage Before 7 a.m.

The City of Yankton would like to remind residents to have their garbage placed by 7 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pickup. Two 33-gallon containers with lids and handles are allowed per household.

Thank you message: 'Thanks Many thanks to all our family and friends for all the good wishes we received for our 60th anniversary. We had so many nice cards, it was fun to get the mail everyday! Thanks to all for remembering us. Love, Jerry & Donna Steckler'.

Christmas Blessings advertisement featuring a group photo and the text: 'It is our sincere wish that the spirit of this Christmas season brings peace, love and joy to your hearts. To you and your family a most blessed Christmas.' Includes PSAHL-KOSTEL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY INC. logo.

QR code advertisement: 'Use your smart phone to scan this QR Code to take you to our e-Edition. (Firefox is the preferred cell phone browser)'.