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Wild Winter Ride

There's No Relief In Sight For Cold Weather

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If you're tired of the weather, don't expect any relief for the rest of the month. The deep freeze will continue for southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska, according to meteorologist Todd Heitkamp with the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls.

"We are stuck in a rut. This weather pattern from the last couple of weeks should continue," he said. "It looks like we will warm up on Friday, but then we will get another shot of cold air on Sunday and into Monday."

The conditions may improve in the following days, but nothing dramatic, Heitkamp said. "Looking 10 days out, we're not seeing a lot of change," he warned.

The region has seen very rapidly changing weather patterns this winter, but none of the



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warm periods usually found this time of year, Heitkamp said.

"The weather patterns that we typically see in the winter time — that people refer to as the January thaw — we haven't had this year," he said.

"We had one day, maybe two in a row, where we had mild weather. But the weather patterns have been so progressive that we warm up and then just get another shot of cold air."

One such pattern saw a near-record 61-degree reading Sunday in Yankton (the normal high was 28 degrees), followed this week by sub-zero temperatures with wind-chill readings of 35 degrees below zero.

The regional weather conditions are tied to

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Temperatures plunged and winds whipped again Wednesday as another in a parade of clipper-type systems raced through the region. Temperatures are anticipated to warm again Friday, but another cold drop is expected next week.

On A Tear At HSC



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Demolition crews are shown digging out the foundation of the old medical building on the former Human Services Center campus in Yankton earlier this week. The wrecking ball that was used to break down the structure can be seen in the foreground. Officials say the demolition of several of the former HSC buildings remains on schedule.

South Dakota

Lawmakers OK More Common Core Bills

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota lawmakers took another step Wednesday to prevent further expansion of Common Core standards while a study is done to determine whether the state's schools should continue using the academic benchmarks that establish what students should know in each grade level.

Earlier in the week, a legislative panel approved a measure that would set up a two-year study of the existing Common Core standards for math and English.

The Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday endorsed a companion measure that would prevent South Dakota education officials from adopting Common Core standards in other subjects until July 2016. The measure, approved 7-2, also would require the state Board of Education to conduct at least four public hearings over a six-month period before adopting any additional content standards.

The committee also voted unanimously to approve a bill protecting the privacy of student records, an issue raised by Common Core opponents who fear the federal government will get personal information about students through testing used for the new standards.

The full Senate will debate all three measures,

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HSC Demolition Making Progress

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Crews have been busy throughout the fall and winter months demolishing a number of buildings on the Human Services Center campus in Yankton.

According to Kristi Honeywell, director of the Office of the State Engineer, demolition remains on schedule with no major delays to speak of.

"We are very pleased with the progress the contractor has made this

winter," Honeywell said.

At this point, the Haas Building, Edmunds Building, Medical Institute with East and West Wing, Bull Barn, Dairy Barn, Slaughter House have all been demolished. Work is also beginning on demolishing the Root Cellar, Show Barn, Lee Building and various sections of tunnel under the campus.

Honeywell said there's no solid plan for the landscaping that will be put in place of the old structures, but said a general idea has been formulated.

"We don't have an actual landscape plan," she said. "Basically our plan is to

put roads, sidewalks and lights back in along with some green space."

Demolition work and rehabilitation of the lands is expected to be completed in August.

One group of buildings on the campus that is also in play are the Herreid Building, the Mellette Building and the Ordway Building. In October, the *Press & Dakotan* reported Fouth Brothers developing firm was interested in rehabilitating the buildings for residential use. Honeywell said no decision has been reached on the

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Following 2012's drought, many irrigation systems, similar to this one photographed near South Yankton, Neb., in 2012, were deployed across South Dakota in an effort to replenish parched farmlands.

After Drought, South Dakota Saw Big Year For Irrigation

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During a year in which landowners worked to recover from long-lasting drought conditions, South Dakota issued a record number of water right permits for irrigation in 2013, more than doubling the total from the previous year.

According to the state Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR) Water Rights Program, the total number of irrigation permits issued last year was 354, compared to 174 in 2012

and 62 in 2011.

Of the 354 permits issued statewide in 2013, 140 were issued in Yankton, Bon Homme, Clay, Hutchinson and Turner counties. Permits issued in those counties totaled 57 in 2012 and 14 in 2011.

DENR natural resources engineer Ron Duvall said drought conditions were the main contributor to the increase in permits issued, but higher crop prices and lower interest rates seen early last year also influenced the

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