

THE PRESS & DAKOTAN WEATHER CENTER

Yankton's Forecast

**Monday 27** Mostly sunny and windy, bitter cold  
**Wind:** SE, 15 to 25  
**High:** 5°  
**Low:** -10°

**Tuesday 28** Minimal cloudiness  
**Wind:** SE, 10 to 20  
**High:** 12°  
**Low:** 3°

**Wednesday 29** Increasing clouds, snow overnight  
**Wind:** S, 15 to 25  
**High:** 35°  
**Low:** 14°

**Thursday 30** Partly to mostly cloudy, flurries at night  
**High:** 22°  
**Low:** 8°

**Friday 31** Light snow showers  
**High:** 28°  
**Low:** 12°

Yankton Almanac

**Temperature**  
Yesterday's High / Low 46° / 14°  
Normal High 26°  
Normal Low 5°  
Record High 61° in 2006  
Record Low -22° in 1950  
Last Year High / Low 36° / 34°

**Precipitation**  
Yesterday's trace  
Month to date 0.09"  
Year to date 0.09"  
Avg. year to date 0.39"  
Maximum this date 0.89 " in 1944  
Yesterday's snowfall 0.0"  
Total snowfall for season 13.0"  
Maximum this date 3.0 " in 1979

**Sun and Moon**  
**Sunrise** Today 7:49 AM Tomorrow 7:48 AM  
**Sunset** Today 5:36 PM Tomorrow 5:37 PM  
**Moonrise** Today 4:33 AM Tomorrow 5:32 AM  
**Moonset** Today 2:22 PM Tomorrow 3:28 PM

New Jan. 30 First Feb. 6 Full Feb. 15 Last Feb. 22

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Weatherkey: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms,sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind

Regional Forecast

**Forecast for Today**

S. Dakota		Iowa		Nebraska		Minnesota	
Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
Pierre -4/-22	Is 0/-10	pc	Vermillion -4/-10	pc	11 2	pc	11 2
Brookings -8/-20	w -1/-7	pc	Watertown -9/-23	Is	-4	-9	pc
Custer 8/-5	pc 22/12	su	Winner 9/-5	pc	15	9	pc
Deadwood 7/-2	pc 23/17	su	<b>Iowa</b>				
Mobridge -1/-11	pc 10/1	pc	Des Moines 3/-7	pc	12	2	su
Huron -2/-15	pc 4/-3	pc	Sioux City 4/-11	pc	10	1	pc
Mitchell -2/-11	pc 9/2	pc	<b>Nebraska</b>				
Pierre 11/-4	pc 16/5	pc	Norfolk 9/-9	pc	15	4	su
Rapid City 8/-3	pc 20/14	su	Lincoln 13/-7	su	19	5	su
Sioux Falls -4/-16	pc 3/-4	pc	Omaha 8/-6	pc	15	5	su

National Forecast

Location:	Today			Tomorrow		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Anchorage	40	33	pc	37	30	pc
Atlanta	51	26	pc	36	14	mc
Boston	43	12	sh	18	11	pc
Chicago	-1	-15	w	0	-6	pc
Dallas	40	21	pc	38	20	pc
Denver	20	6	ls	28	17	pc
Detroit	12	-8	ls	3	-5	pc
Green Bay	-4	-19	w	-4	-12	pc
Houston	64	32	mc	37	26	sn
Kansas City	14	1	pc	22	10	pc
Las Vegas	69	43	pc	68	44	pc
Los Angeles	70	53	pc	75	54	pc
Miami	80	66	pc	80	68	pc
Minneapolis	-8	-23	pc	-3	-13	pc
New York City	36	13	ls	18	8	pc
Philadelphia	35	7	ls	16	9	pc
Phoenix	75	45	pc	77	46	pc
San Francisco	63	50	pc	64	50	mc
Seattle	50	41	pc	49	44	r
Tampa	76	60	r	72	49	r
Washington, D.C.	37	11	ls	18	8	pc

**Livestock Outlook**  
Expect mostly sunny skies today and Tuesday, but cold and windy conditions continue. We could see a few flurries on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be a better chance for snow on Friday.

**Gavins Point Dam**

Lake Temperature	33
Lake Elevation	1207.36
Discharge	15,000 cfs
Spillway Release	0 cfs
Tailwater	1152.68

Nebraska

Medicaid Backers Turn To Those Who Didn't Qualify

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Less than a year after lawmakers rejected Medicaid expansion in Nebraska, supporters are turning to a new group of allies: Low-income people who now realize that don't qualify for coverage.

While signing up for health care on the federal website, many learned that although they're poor, they aren't poor enough to qualify for coverage. Now, they're coming forward and preparing to push for a rewritten Medicaid proposal along with advocacy groups and supportive state lawmakers.

On Wednesday, the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee will hear from people who would have qualified for Medicaid under the expansion proposal. The hearing sets up another debate in the Legislature, with supporters, made up of Democrats and some moderate Republicans, facing opposition from conservative lawmakers and Republican Gov. Dave Heineman.

In his State of the State message, Heineman assailed the Medicaid proposal as unaffordable and urged lawmakers to reject it.

"When we debated this last year, it was an abstract concept for legislators, just hearing about big numbers and the federal poverty level," said Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, of Omaha. "Sometimes that doesn't resonate. But when you hear about the individual stories of people who are impacted, it often drives policy more than statistics and data."

The measure that stalled last year would have insured about 54,000 residents — most of them adults, ages 19 through 64, who don't have minor children and who make less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

That includes Oksana Kling and her 19-year-old son, Cody Thornley.

Kling, of Omaha, suffers from severe arthritis that has kept her from working outside her home for the last seven



Heineman

years. She injured her knee while walking down a flight of stairs in August, and business at her home daycare plummeted because she wasn't able to carry children or take them to an upstairs bathroom.

Kling, 49, said she made \$1,200 a month when her business was in full swing — enough to cover all her bills — but she now collects less than \$700 from the parents who kept their children enrolled. Without coverage, virtually all of her money goes toward prescription medications for her and her son. She received a shut-off notice from her power company in December, and she's now three months behind on her rent.

"I'm in this Catch-22," Kling said. "I can't get better and go back to work until I have my knee replacement surgery. But I can't have the surgery because I was denied Medicaid."

Her son, Thornley, suffered from a painful cyst that required surgery. Kling said his doctor went ahead with the procedure on the assumption that the teen would qualify for adult Medicaid within 90 days, so the surgery would be covered. But Thornley was denied, and he aged out of a state children's health program when he turned 19. His unpaid medical bills have risen to more than \$10,000. Kling said complications from the surgery have prevented him from finding work, and he still has problems with the cyst.

"I understand that the governor wants to give money back to taxpayers, and that's a good thing," Kling said. "But we could also use that money so that people in this gap, like me, aren't stuck in the system. Because let me tell you: Until I'm able to work again, I'm going to have to keep drawing food stamps and energy assistance. If we get evicted, we're going to be using homeless shelters."

Denise Dickeson of Lincoln said she relies on Medicaid to treat her post-traumatic stress disorder, the result of abuse by her ex-husband. But the 57-year-old said she only qualifies because she spends \$150 a month on "redundant insurance," which reduces her \$1,000 monthly income enough to let her collect the benefit. If Medicaid were expanded, she said, she could qualify without having to reduce her income.

Dickeson said the extra money would help cover repairs for her 1997 Plymouth Voyager, and allow her to buy healthier food. Dickeson said she's frustrated that the state hasn't acted on the Medicaid proposal.

"I know it's not personal, but it feels personal," she said. "It's really tough to get along."

The measure would still have the federal government paying 100 percent of the cost until 2016. The federal contribution would then decrease gradually to 90 percent by 2020. The legislation includes a requirement that lawmakers re-evaluate the program if federal reimbursement ever drops below 90 percent.

The measure will still face opposition in the Legislature. Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion said the proposal would tether the state financially to the federal government, making it politically difficult to withdraw if the federal contribution declined below 90 percent.

Kintner pointed to a recent study of Oregon's Medicaid expansion program, which found that low-income adults covered by government health insurance visited emergency rooms more often than other adults.

"You still have a problem with the federal government saying they're going to pick up 90 percent of the cost," Kintner said. "There isn't anyone who thinks we won't eventually get a Congress and a president who are serious about addressing the deficit. They're going to say, we can't afford 90 percent — and that will cost us greatly."

The bill is LB887.

2014 Cracker Barrel Dates Set

Yankton County citizens will have an opportunity to question their legislators at three Legislative Cracker Barrels sponsored by the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee.

The dates for the 2014 Cracker Barrels will be: Saturday, Feb. 1; Saturday, Feb. 22; and Saturday, March 1.

The Cracker Barrels will get under way at 10 a.m. and be located at the Avera Office Pavilion Amphitheatre.

Chamber Executive Director Carmen Schramm encourages county residents to join the Chamber "for an open forum with our local legislators to discuss issues happening during the legislative session and bills that may affect them."

For more information, contact the Chamber at (605) 665-3636 or visit [www.yanktonsd.com/crackerbarrel](http://www.yanktonsd.com/crackerbarrel).

EE Model Grant Accepting Applications

The EPA's EE Model Grant Program is currently accepting applications from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens.

The program works to engage communities across the country through educational projects that have a lasting impact on local watersheds and air quality.

This year's competitive grants program will total \$2.77 million. Grants will be awarded from each of the 10 EPA regional offices and EPA's headquarters in Washington for a total of 22 to 32 grants. Each award will be an estimated \$75,000 to \$200,000.

Proposals are due by Feb. 4.

For more information, visit <http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants/>.

Public Speaking Workshop Begins Feb. 6

You have been asked to prepare a presentation to convince someone to buy your product or accept your ideas. As you are introduced, your hands begin to shake and your mouth is dry. You wonder if you will ever make it through your presentation.

This nervousness is not unusual and it can be eliminated.

The Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club is conducting an eight-week workshop called Speechcraft that will help participants overcome nervousness and learn basic public speaking skills. Open to the general public, the program begins Feb. 6 at 12:05 p.m. and will be held each Thursday at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Pavilion conference room.

There is a fee for this program.

For registration information, contact Jennifer at 661-4093 or [vpm-6217@toastmastersclubs.org](mailto:vpm-6217@toastmastersclubs.org).

BLOOD DRIVES

The Blood Center will have a mobile unit at the following dates, locations and times:

- Tuesday, Jan. 28 — Yankton, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Benedictine Center, 501 Summit, noon-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Yankton, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Benedictine Center, 501 Summit, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Schedule a blood donation appointment online at [www.siouxland-bloodbank.org](http://www.siouxland-bloodbank.org) or call 800-798-4208.

Eligible blood donors must be at least 16 years old, should weigh at least 120 pounds and should be in general good health and have not donated whole blood in the past 56 days. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800-287-4903 or visit [www.lifefervebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifefervebloodcenter.org). A photo I.D. is required at the time of registration.

Neb. Man Dies After Train Collision

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a Nebraska man died after a Union Pacific freight train struck his truck Sunday morning.

The accident happened in Belvidere in southeast Nebraska around 2:30 a.m. The town is about 45 miles south of York and just off of U.S. Highway 81.

Authorities say 24-year-old Bryant Mussman tried to cross the railroad tracks at a closed crossing before the accident happened.

Mussman was not wearing a seatbelt. The Ohioa man was engaged to be married, and he is survived by a son, two brothers and his parents.

Police Investigate Fatal S. City Shooting

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — Police are investigating a fatal shooting at the same Sioux City home where two people were shot and killed in November.

Sgt. Dane Wagner says the latest shooting happened Saturday night around 5:15. One man died and another was wounded in the incident.

The names of the victims were not immediately released.

Several people were detained for questioning after Saturday's shooting, but no one was charged immediately.

In November, two people were fatally shot and a third was wounded at the same house in west Sioux City where this weekend's shooting happened.

Police have not said if the incidents are linked, but officers visited the home Friday to serve a search warrant related to the November shooting.

Donor Leaves \$6.85M To Neb. Town

MILFORD, Neb. (AP) — Residents of a small Nebraska town about 15 miles west of Lincoln are dreaming about how to use \$6.85 million an anonymous donor left them.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports Milford recently learned of the donations to nine groups in town, including the school district, nine-hole golf course and city.

Mayor Dean Bruha says he feels like the town won the lottery. Bruha says the donations will allow the city to some tackle

projects it had only dreamed of before.

The donation to the city is supposed to be used for enhancements, not tax relief. All the donations are supposed to be used to create endowments.

Bruha says the city is looking at building a recreational trail, repairing curbs and streets, improving handicapped access or adding infrastructure for housing.

Summit Seeks To Build Workforce

PIERRE (AP) — A summit being held in Rapid City next month will seek ways to diversify South Dakota's workforce in critical science-related fields.

The state Board of Regents and the South Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research will host the summit Feb. 6-7.

The summit is part of a program to build a diverse workforce in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Regents Executive Director Jack Warner says the summit provides a chance for students, faculty and businesses to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities that students from all backgrounds face in pursuing science-related careers.

Neb. Rural Business Grants Available

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Rural businesses in Nebraska can apply for grants to help their grow.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development office is overseeing the grants that can be used in several ways.

Last year, four grants worth a total of \$170,000 were awarded in Nebraska as part of the program. And a separate \$99,000 grant was awarded under a similar program that's designed to help Native Americans.

Grants are only available to businesses in areas with less than 50,000 population. Applications are due by Feb. 24. More details are available online at <http://1.usa.gov/1io4lCT>.

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6	8	7					5	
	5			8				7
5	1	6	7				4	
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7				5			8	
	2					9	6	3
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EASY EA BOOK 55 #4

**Yesterday's Solution**

4	8	6	7	9	3	2	1	5
7	3	1	6	5	2	4	9	8
9	5	2	8	4	1	3	7	6
5	9	8	4	2	7	6	3	1
6	2	3	5	1	8	7	4	9
1	7	4	3	6	9	8	5	2
2	4	9	1	7	6	5	8	3
3	1	7	2	8	5	9	6	4
8	6	5	9	3	4	1	2	7

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Check tomorrow's paper for the solution to today's puzzle.

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