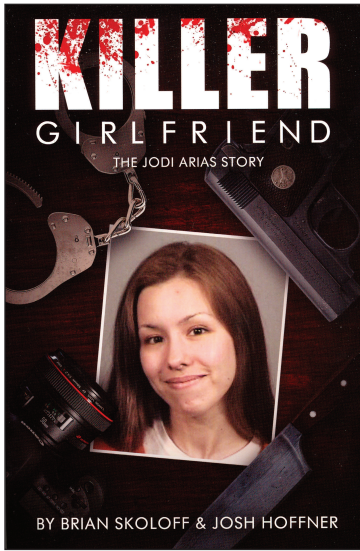




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James River Water Development District vice chair Carol Millan of Mitchell discusses the organization's proposed 2014 budget during a meeting in Yankton Thursday as chairman Randy Stanley of Groton listens.

Report Shows Stream Flows Increasing In S. Dakota

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Preliminary analysis shows a trend of increasing stream flows along several eastern South Dakota waterways, including the James River.

Dan Driscoll, the supervisory hydrologist at the U.S. Geological Survey's South Dakota Water Science Center in Rapid City, reported on his findings Thursday at the James River Water Development District (JRWDD) board meeting held at Yankton's Best Western Kelly Inn.

He received funding from the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) to study flows along watersheds that include the Big Sioux, James and Vermillion rivers.

"(Increased flows are) very apparent, because of the wet conditions that have occurred, starting particularly in 1993," Driscoll told the *Press & Dakotan*. "Now we've had 20 years averaging much higher than what we've seen at least back through the 1930s."

A large portion of the increased flows are due to increased precipitation, he stated. The research seeks to answer what other factors — such as urbanization, conservation and tiling — may be affecting the flows.

"Urbanization can definitely affect peak flows," Driscoll said. "In terms of the land use, there have been a lot of subtle changes over time. It can get pretty complicated to take apart on a year-by-year, field-by-field basis what the land use changes have been."

"It probably would be a useful thing to do more work to complete this," he added. "I think the next steps would be

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House OKs New Farm Bill

Scaled-Down Version Delays Battle Over Food Stamp Spending

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans pushed a scaled-down farm bill through the House on Thursday, putting off a fight over food stamp spending and giving GOP leaders a victory after a decisive defeat on the larger bill last month.

Republicans faced significant opposition

to the plan from Democrats, farm groups and conservative groups that threatened to use the vote against GOP members in future campaigns. But Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., navigated his colleagues to a narrow 216-208 vote by convincing Republican members that this was the best chance to get the bill passed and erase the embarrassment of the June loss.

Any other path to passage would have

most likely included concessions to Democrats who opposed the original bill.

Last month 62 Republicans voted against a broader bill after House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Cantor supported it. Only 12 Republicans voted against the new measure and no Democrats voted for it.

Republicans said the food stamp part of

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‘Bringing Christ Into Their Lives’



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Dana Forbes has been named the new administrator for the Missouri Valley Christian Academy. Forbes, who began his role last week, brings 25 years of experience in education to Yankton.

New MVCA Administrator Ready To Return To Calling

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Dana Forbes believes in educating more than just the brain.

"The important thing to me is to educate the whole person — the spirit as well as the mind," he said.

As the new administrator for the Missouri Valley Christian Academy (MVCA) in Yankton, Forbes will get the chance to do just that.

"It's what I'm really called to do," he said. "It's working with children. It's helping teachers to become better at what they do. And the overar-

ching thing with that is bringing Christ into their lives. That's what I can do here."

Forbes, who began his new post last week, brings 25 years of experience in education to Yankton. He holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo., and his background includes administrative and teaching positions for public, private and charter schools.

Forbes most recently served as a dispatcher for a trucking company in Grand Junction, a posi-

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Fitzgerald Takes Reins AS YSD Board President

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Following Yankton School District (YSD) school board president Chris Specht's retirement from the board earlier this week, Jim Fitzgerald was elected to take his place as head of the board for the 2013-14 school year.

Fitzgerald, who was elected to his second term on the school board last April, said he is looking forward to the opportunity to serve as board president, and said he thinks it's a good fit for him and other members of the school board.

"I think (being elected president) was only natural through the attrition of the school board," he said. "As president I want to continue to carry out the good work being done in the school district."

Fitzgerald said he knows tough times are facing the district, particularly with the budget crunch.

"We have challenging times here, but I think over the past few years, we've taken strides to take the budget into a positive direction," he said. "I'm committed towards continuing to make those positive strides within the district."

He added that he will have no agenda as president.

"I just want to do what's right for Yankton and the students our



Fitzgerald

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Corn Crop Harvest Estimates Downgraded Slightly

BY DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The U.S. Department of Agriculture slightly lowered its estimate of the corn crop on Thursday, a reflection of late planting in the Corn Belt due to the wet spring.

Farmers are now expected to harvest about 13.95 billion bushels, 55 million fewer bushels

than predicted in June. That still beats the 2009 record by about 858 million bushels. A bushel of corn, when on the ears, weighs about 70 pounds.

The USDA also said farmers are now expected to harvest about 89.1 million acres of corn, down from the 89.5 million acres expected a month ago.

For many farmers in Iowa and surrounding states, the rainy

spring left fields soggy for weeks, causing them to delay planting weeks later than normal and, in some cases, re-plant because seeds had rotted.

"We're probably sitting on some of the worst crops in the country," said Chad Hart, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University. "We have drowned out spots and we have holes in our fields we don't like to see there."

But when you look at the corn that did take off and start to grow, it's looking a lot better now than it did two or three weeks ago."

Hart said the corn that was most affected by all the rain stretches along Interstate 35 from Minnesota through Iowa and Missouri and over into Kansas and Colorado.

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Tractors Make Tracks

Workers from Graham Tire in Yankton service tractors lined up for inspection at Paddle Wheel Point Thursday as part of the registration for the seventh annual WNAX/Old Iron Association tractor ride, which takes place this weekend. Gail Anderson of Wisner, Neb., is in the lead tractor that's gearing up for the weekend tour of the countryside. The event also includes the annual parade through downtown Yankton at 6 p.m. tonight. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



U.S. Gov't Reports \$116.5B Surplus In June

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government on Thursday reported a rare surplus of \$116.5 billion in June, the largest for a single month in five years. The gain kept the nation on track for its lowest annual deficit in five years.

The June surplus was due in part to \$66.3 billion in dividend payments from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The mortgage giants were taken

over by the government at the height of the 2008 financial crisis and are now repaying taxpayers for the support they received.

Through the first eight months of the budget year, the deficit has totaled \$509.8 billion, according to the Treasury. That's nearly \$400 billion lower than the same period last year.

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