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## Showers, Warm Temps Advance SD Crop Development

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Scattered rain showers and warmer temperatures are helping to advance crop development in South Dakota.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its weekly crop report that farmers and ranchers had on average 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

Winter wheat is jointed at 88 percent and headed at 63 percent. That's slightly behind the average pace of 90 percent. Winter wheat conditions are rated 35 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 19 percent good and 1 percent excellent.

Soybean planting is 98 percent complete, and corn is rated 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 60 percent good and 14 percent excellent.

# Officials: Drought Over In Eastern SD

However, Western Parts Of State Still Suffering From Lack Of Rain

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Associated Press

PIERRE — Recent rains have wiped out drought conditions in most of eastern South Dakota, but lighter rains have not yet fully replenished the soil moisture in many cattle-ranching counties west of the Missouri River and have made the recovery more tenuous, state officials said Monday.

"East River, we largely have little of anything resembling drought," State Climatologist Dennis Today said at a meeting of



**Today**

the Governor's Drought Task Force, noting that parts of eastern South Dakota have recently had to deal with flooding and hail that has damaged crops.

Drought conditions have eased in northwestern South Dakota, Today said. But the state's southwestern corner remains dry, neither improving nor worsening, he said.

"Southwest, they're OK currently. We're

kind of holding our own," Today said.

Conditions have improved drastically from last year, when rain stopped falling across much of the state in July, hurting crop yields and forcing some farmers and ranchers to sell cattle because pastures and hay fields withered.

"I don't expect things to shut off completely, like they did last year," Today said.

Phil Hofer, who farms near Bridgewater in southeastern South Dakota, said corn and soybean fields look good and the soil

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## City OKs Water Billing Structure

Resolution To Be Introduced,  
With Public Hearing To Be  
Held On Rate Changes

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With the action of the Yankton City Commission Monday night, residents anxious to learn what impact proposed water system upgrades will have on their monthly budgets now have an answer.

Taking direction from the commission, City Finance Officer Al Viereck presented a formula that would raise the monthly water bill for the average residential customer that uses 5,000 gallons of water a month from \$24.18 to \$39.65.

"We've had a lot of discussion over the last several meetings in regards to how we wanted to structure the rates, keeping in mind the low-volume users we have in the community and trying to minimize the impact on (them), but yet have them pay a portion of the increase," Mayor Nancy Wenande said.

The current minimum monthly bill for water users is \$13.62. That minimum charge is available to the users with the smallest water meter sizes. As meter size increases, so does the minimum monthly bill.

The commission wanted to raise the minimum charge to \$15. Viereck was able



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## Farm Family Of The Year



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Members of Heine Farm and Feedyard, Ron and Steve Heine and family, receive the 2013 Farm Family of the Year award during last week's Ag Gala at the Riverfront Event Center in Yankton. The Heines continue to own and operate the family homestead near Fordyce, Neb., dating back to 1905. The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce's Agri-Business Committee sponsors the annual gala.

## Heines Honored For Perseverance

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In 1969, Gerhard Heine died at the age of 59, leaving behind his wife, Florence, and eight children ranging in age from 8 to 21.

Florence faced the decision of what to do with the Fordyce, Neb., farm that had been in the family since 1905. With determination, she and the oldest son, Gary, who had always been very involved with the farm, led the operation through the years until the rest of the sons became adults.

"Florence was such a matriarch of the family. She really kept things going," said daughter-in-law Janet Heine. "She will be 93, and we still get together as a family."

Last week, the Heines — including Florence — gathered for another family celebration.

**"Gary said, 'I think Dad had an instinct (about his early passing). During the last year or two of his life, my dad took me along to the sale barn and taught me so much.'"**

**JANET HEINE**

Heine Farm & Feedyard, Ron and Steve Heine and family, were introduced as the 2013 Farm Family of the Year during the annual Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Gala.

Ron Heine accepted the honor on behalf of the family members gathered on stage during the program.

"I think the award is very exciting to get," he said. "I think the Chamber has done a lot of work with this banquet, and I want to thank them for it. We are very appreciative and thank you very much."

Ron Heine acknowledged the large audience that packed the Riverfront Event Center banquet room and showed support for agriculture. He particularly noted the gala newcomers. "It's good to see a lot of new faces," he said.

Ron Heine graduated from Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington, then earned an associate degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has remained active with the cattle business and currently resides in

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## 'One' Author

Danielle Sosin, author of "The Long-Shining Waters," discusses her book during a presentation held at the Yankton Community Library Monday night. Sosin's appearance was the first in her statewide tour as part of the annual One Book South Dakota series. The Minnesota author will be traveling to other communities throughout the summer to talk about her work, and she will be the featured speaker at the 2013 Festival of Books in Deadwood this September. Sosin will be speaking at the Vermillion Public Library July 23. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



## Concert Aims To Generate Funds And Awareness For Habitat

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Boyd Bristow is bringing more than his music to Yankton this week. He is also helping the Habitat for Humanity in Yankton County bring awareness and raise money to their organization.

The "Habitat Hoedown" will feature Bristow at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Riverside Park amphitheater in Yankton. Habitat for Humanity is asking for free-will donations at the concert. There will be root beer floats available, and Thrivent Financial will match the donation from money raised that night.

Bristow is already well known to local audiences because of his involvement with Acoustic Christmas. He has now released a solo recording, and is known for playing folk, rhythm and

blues, country, gospel and rock and roll.

Julie Dykstra, executive director for the Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County, said the money raised from the event will be used to send their seven members to the Habitat 500 Bike Ride, held in Minnesota.

The bike ride was started 21 years ago and covers 500 miles in seven days. Each rider is required to raise a minimum of \$950, but Dykstra said those who participate exceed that amount every year.

Participants this year will start in Becker, Minn., and ride up to Grand Rapids and back to Becker.

Although it is a fundraiser that was started to raise money for Minnesota, Yankton County

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