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When It Rains

Parched Yankton Fills Up With 3.88 Of Moisture

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The rains finally found Yankton — and once they started, they didn't seem to stop.

A large, lumbering weather system that inched across the Upper Plains Sunday and Monday dropped an official total of 3.88 inches of rain on Yankton, completely wiping out the city's precipitation deficit for the year to date.

Yankton had been unofficially running nearly four inches behind normal for annual moisture. After this storm, Yankton's unofficial rain total for 2014 stood at 9.88. The normal as of June 10 is 9.80 inches.

The rain fell over the course of approximately 17 hours Sunday and Monday. It picked up in intensity late Sunday night and remained moderate through the following morning. Yankton officially recorded 2.44 inches of rain at 6 a.m., then added another 1.44 by 11:15 a.m.

The 2.88 total shattered the previous record for June 9 of 2.06 inches set in 1907.

However, no major flooding was recorded and no flood advisories were issued. There was some significant runoff and some ponding issues in places, but much of the moisture either soaked in or ran off quickly.

According to Mike Gillispie of the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, a boundary set up from north-central Nebraska to Sioux Falls and then to Minneapolis, along which light to moderate rain began falling late Sunday afternoon.

"But there was a big low pressure system spinning over Kansas" and it didn't move, he said, causing the rain system to basically wallow in place for several hours.

"The boundary just rained itself out," Gillispie said. He added that the Kansas system picked back up Monday and cut off a lot of the moisture from the gulf that had been feeding the northern system.

Rain totals varied around the area and around Yankton. Radio station WNAX noted several 4-inch reports in the Crofton, Nebraska, area, and there was report of 4.20 in

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
This girl, along with a friend, took advantage of the pool of water built up in this low area in the 2100 block of Peninah to do some kayaking Monday after nearly 4 inches of rain fell in Yankton. The girls said the water depth was 1-2 feet late in the morning, but had been deeper earlier.

MMC Names Interim President

Former YSD Educator Lorang To Take Reins

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Mount Marty College (MMC) has named a long-time Sioux Falls Catholic Schools administrator as its interim president.

Dr. Thomas Lorang will begin his temporary tenure immediately, working part-time until July, when he will officially retire as the superintendent for Sioux Falls Catholic Schools. At that time, he will take on full-time interim president duties at MMC.



Lorang

"I'm excited to be back in Yankton after all these years," Lorang told the *Press & Dakotan* during a phone interview. "A few weeks ago, I wasn't thinking about doing anything else (on this scale). I was going to do consulting with schools after I retired, so this became a longer-term consulting job than what I had anticipated."

Lorang will fill a vacancy left by former MMC president Dr. Joseph Benoit, who announced his immediate resignation May 19.

Lorang began his career in the Yankton School District, working originally as a history and English teacher before becoming a guidance counselor. He was also a coach during those 12 years in the community.

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Dr.: Murder Suspect Not Competent To Face Charges

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A psychiatric evaluation has determined that a man accused of murdering his uncle in Yankton is not mentally competent to face charges.

Joshua Charles Hudson has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the March 7 death of 46-year-old Todd Hudson. He is also charged with aggravated assault and grand theft.

Second-degree homicide as murder is a Class B felony for which the punishment is life imprisonment.

Hudson has told Circuit Judge Glen Eng that he wants represent himself in court proceedings. Despite Hudson's wishes, Eng has appointed Dan Fox to represent him.

In April, the judge granted a request from Fox to have a psychiatric evaluation done to determine if Hudson meets a threshold of competency to represent himself.

On Monday, Fox told the court that Dr. Melissa Spanggaard of Avera University Psychiatry Associates in Sioux Falls had determined that Hudson does not have the capacity to understand the nature and consequences of the charges he faces.

In response to the finding, Fox asked that Hudson receive psychiatric care until he is deemed competent.

Additionally, Fox did not contest a request from Yankton County State's Attorney Erich Johnke to get a second opinion on Hudson's mental capacity from a doctor selected by the prosecution.

Johnke also asked that the suspect be committed to the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC) for care.

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Nelson: Ribfest Gave Police Few Problems

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Even with a large crowd at Yankton's Ribfest last weekend, City Manager Amy Nelson said there was little unlawful activity observed.

She told the Yankton City Commission Monday that Police Chief Brian Paulsen was pleased with the event from a law enforcement perspective. The Yankton Police Department secured the assistance of the Vermillion Police Department for the occasion, and officers were highly visible during the recreational celebration fea-



Nelson

turing food and live music. Ribfest organizers estimated 15,000 people attended Saturday.

"(The police department) only had five calls for service from the park," Nelson said. "With the amount of people we had in the park, I'm pretty impressed with the level of safety and security that was maintained."

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Project engineer Jeff Cooley with Civil Design Incorporated of Brookings provides information on rail services during Monday's quarterly board meeting for Yankton Area Progressive Growth.

YAPG Bolsters Stance On Rail Development

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Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) passed a resolution Monday generally supporting rail development at Yankton.

But while the resolution spoke in general terms, much of the hour-long discussion focused on Dakota Plains Ag Center's proposed grain facility in Yankton County.

Dakota Plains, jointly owned by Cargill and Agrex, is considering possible construction sites for the estimated \$30 million facility. Dakota Plains CEO Matt Winsand originated his talks with Yankton County. After

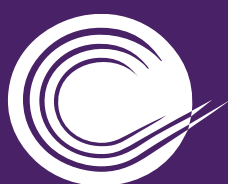
those talks apparently reached an impasse, he has spoken with the Bon Homme County and Clay County commissions.

The grain company plans to make a decision later this month, said YAPG president John Kramer.

"As far as Dakota Plains, June 26 is their decision time," he said at Monday's meeting. "They will decide their location, which is the first priority in their process."

The Yankton County planning commission is reviewing 11 proposals for tax-increment finance (TIF) districts, including one from YAPG, Kramer said.

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