

The Press & Dakotan Weather Center

Yankton's Forecast

Monday

Partly Cloudy

15

Precip Chance: 10%

Wind : NNE, 10-15

High : 80

Low : 58

Tuesday

Mostly Sunny

16

Precip Chance: 5%

Wind : E, 5-15

High : 79

Low : 63

Wednesday

Isolated T-storms

17

Precip Chance: 30%

Wind : NE, 5-15

High : 78

Low : 59

Thursday

Mostly Sunny

18

Precip Chance: 5%

High : 83

Low : 68

Friday

Scat'd T-storms

19

Precip Chance: 40%

High : 87

Low : 69

Yankton Almanac

Temperature

Yesterday's High / Low 84° / 63°

Normal High 81.4°

Normal Low 58.8°

Record High 103° in 1979

Record Low 40° in 1969

Last Year High / Low 77° / 59°

Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.00"

Month to date 1.36"

Year to date 6.15"

Avg. year to date 10.46"

Maximum this date 1.77" in 2013

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 5:50 a.m.

Sunset 9:10 p.m.

Today 5:50 a.m.

Tomorrow 9:10 p.m.

Moonrise 5:23 a.m.

Moonsset 8:13 p.m.

Today 6:13 a.m.

Tomorrow 9:09 p.m.

New 6/16

First 6/24

Full 7/1

Last 7/8

Weather key: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, cl-cloudy, t-thunderstorms, sh-showers, ra-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind

Regional Forecast

Forecast for Today

	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
S. Dakota				
Aberdeen	76 50 s	70 56 t	Vermillion	80 58 pc
Brookings	76 52 s	73 58 pc	Watertown	74 51 s
Custer	61 50 t	67 50 t	Winner	77 59 pc
Deadwood	64 50 t	65 49 t	Iowa	
Mobridge	75 53 s	70 54 t	Des Moines	79 63 t
Huron	77 54 s	75 59 t	Sioux City	80 59 t
Mitchell	78 56 s	77 62 t	Nebraska	
Pierre	75 54 pc	72 57 t	Norfolk	79 59 pc
Rapid City	69 56 t	70 54 t	Lincoln	80 63 t
Sioux Falls	78 55 mc	76 61 s	Omaha	80 63 t

National Forecast

Location:	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Anchorage	76 55 s	77 56 s
Atlanta	94 74 s	94 74 pc
Boston	67 62 sh	76 65 sh
Chicago	80 62 t	69 60 t
Dallas	88 75 t	86 75 t
Denver	73 56 t	81 56 pc
Detroit	82 66 t	78 61 pc
Green Bay	80 56 t	73 53 s
Houston	87 76 t	87 76 t
Kansas City	81 68 t	80 69 t
Las Vegas	106 82 s	108 79 s
Los Angeles	81 61 s	82 62 s
Miami	85 78 pc	85 79 pc
Minneapolis	78 56 t	74 59 s
New York City	78 69 sh	83 67 t
Philadelphia	86 73 t	90 69 sh
Phoenix	108 79 s	109 80 s
San Francisco	68 53 mc	71 53 mc
Seattle	80 55 s	73 54 pc
Tampa	92 77 t	91 77 t
Washington, D.C.	94 77 t	93 73 t

AG Information

Lowest Relative Humidity	37%
Hours of Sunshine	5
Pan Evaporation	0.24"
4" Soil Temperature	77.1

Gavins Point Dam

Lake Temperature	64 °
Lake Elevation	1206.79
Discharge	28,000 cfs
Spillway Release	0 cfs
Tailwater	1155.65

Support Group To Meet Tuesday

There will be a Crohn's and Colitis support group meeting on Tuesday, June 16, at 6:45 p.m. at the Avera Sacred Heart Campus Pavilion 409 Summit, Yankton.

This meeting is for patients with Crohn's or Colitis and their family and friends.

For information, call Kathy Ryken at 665-8667 or Dave Brown at 665-7199, evenings.

Connections Fundraiser Set For Thursday

The Connections organization will be holding a fundraising event at the Yankton Dairy Queen, 1917 Broadway, at 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 18.

A percentage of sales will go toward the organization, which is a local nonprofit service organization dedicated to providing social activities to people with developmental disabilities in the Yankton area.

MOPH Convention To Be Held This Week

ST. LOUIS — The Military Order Of The Purple Heart Chapter No. 5355 of Sioux Falls will host the Military Order Of The Purple Heart (MOPH) sixth annual Department Convention at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Headquarters, 1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, on June 20.

Purple Heart veterans from North Dakota and South Dakota will be attending this outstanding convention. Reservations for the Luncheon and Banquet Dinner can be made by contacting Gene Murphy at DAV Headquarters (605) 332-6866 or e-mail at davs@midconetnetwork.com.

Mark Williamson, MOPH Department Commander states, "Legislative issues on VA Health Care, VA Budget, Claims Processing, Agent Orange, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), Persian Gulf Syndrome and other important issues will be discussed during the Open Session and the 'Veterans Town Hall Meeting' on June 20 at 10 a.m."

P&D Planning 4th Of July Edition

The Yankton Press & Dakotan is planning a special Independence Day edition to be released on Saturday, July 4. We are asking our readers to take part in this project with some of their personal reflections on the holiday.

• What is your favorite memory from the Fourth of July holiday? What stands out most to you from past celebrations?

• Also, we want to know what America's freedom means to you. The holiday symbolizes the liberties that define this nation and our lives as Americans. What do you appreciate most about being an American?

You can send your thoughts on one or both of those questions. Please send them to us at Fourth of July, c/o News, 319 Walnut St., Yankton, SD 57078; or send to news@yankton.net/. We ask that you respond to us by June 30.

Education

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Melody Schopp, the South Dakota Secretary of Education and a task force member, said the listening meetings break up the audience into groups for brainstorming and interaction.

Schopp has attended task force meetings in Oacoma and Rapid City as well as educator meetings across the state. "The meetings have been well attended and ... is an excellent way to involve every single individual in the conversation regardless of the size of the audience," she said.

State Sen. Billie Sutton (D-Burke), a task force member, plans to attend the Yankton meeting. He represents a legislative district which includes Charles Mix and part of Bon Homme counties.

Sutton wants to see the state's funding formula for education put on the table for discussion and overhaul. He pointed to school districts' growing reliance on opting out of the state's property-tax limit in order to adequately fund local education.

"Over 40 percent of our schools are in opt-outs. That's kind of a disturbing number, especially when you see the dollar amounts for those opt-outs," he said. "Taxpayers are paying \$11 million more in property taxes than 10 years ago just for the opt-outs. The frustrating thing for me is that the answer seems to be putting more (tax burden) on property taxpayers, but you can only do so to a point."

The Oacoma task force meeting discussed imple-

menting a state income tax or an increased sales tax during the summer, Sutton said. The discussion also touched on taxes on corporate profits or income.

In addition, the task force meetings have focused on attracting and retaining teachers, as well as addressing South Dakota's ranking of 51st in teacher pay nationwide.

South Dakota faces a major teacher shortage in the next year or two, Sutton said.

The Legislature was informed that 1,000 teachers plan to retire in South Dakota, but only 700 of this year's college graduates in South Dakota planned to enter education, he said. The number of education majors looks to drop to 500 with the Class of 2016, he said.

"And there's no guarantee that even half of them will stay in the state," he said. "We need to get more teachers in the pipeline."

In addition, current and prospective South Dakota teachers have made an exodus to neighboring states where they can earn at least \$8,000 more annually, Sutton said. He has heard stories of couples who both teach and make at least an additional combined \$36,000 annually by moving to Wyoming.

The problem extends to South Dakota school administrators, who are among the lowest paid in the nation and must take on extra duties such as coaching and bus driving, Sutton added.

State Rep. Ray Ring (D-Vermilion), a retired University of South Dakota economics professor, compiled an study showing teacher pay has continued to lose ground since the current state funding formula

was implemented 20 years ago, Sutton said.

"The current formula could work if it was fully funded," Sutton said. "However, the problem was worsened when one year saw an 8.6 percent cut and another year had zero increase, he said."

The Blue Ribbon Task Force meetings have included discussion on school consolidation, Sutton said.

"But eventually, you can only consolidate so much. Parents don't want their kids driving 50 miles one way to go to school," he said. "My question is: where do you start consolidation and where do you stop? In many instances, consolidation doesn't make sense and isn't the silver bullet in this."

Strong rural schools will play a key role in benefiting agriculture as the state's largest industry, Sutton said. If rural schools close, it will negatively affect the ag sector, which in turn will hurt all of South Dakota, he said.

Sutton pointed to collaboration of the South Central, Colome, Gregory and Burke school districts on a Career and Technical Education (CTE) project. Using a grant from the governor's office, the partnership bought mobile units and offered courses in four different technical areas.

"You could argue it's even more important to offer those courses in rural communities because there

might be kids taking a welding class who would stay and start a business in a town like Burke," he said. "That's a huge deal for those rural communities."

The Blue Ribbon meetings have drawn strong attendance so far, Venhuizen said. He attended the Oacoma meeting and talked to several people who attended the Rapid City meeting.

"Participation at both locations (was) strong," he said. "It's clear that South Dakotans value our schools and are very interested in how we can move them forward."

Sutton said he hopes the public takes advantage of the opportunity to give input at the Blue Ribbon meetings. He becomes frustrated by people who question why they should support more education funding when they don't have children and grandchildren in school.

"Guess what? The kids we have that are graduating right now are growing up to be doctors, lawyers, dentists, farmers and ranchers," he said. "They will affect your life in a big way."

Learn more about the Blue Ribbon Task Force and view the schedule of upcoming meetings at blueribbon.sd.gov.

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ON THIS DATE

75 YEARS AGO

Saturday, June 15, 1940
• Because of vandalism by those using the premises, the Yankton county chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, at a meeting last night, decided to close Izaak Walton Park on the James River east of the city to the public except on payment of a small fee.
• Congress was asked today to empower President Roosevelt to turn the nation's entire automotive industry into a gigantic aircraft factory at once to produce 50,000 war planes for the hard-pressed allies.

50 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, June 15, 1965
• A search for four escaped

South Dakota mental patients which started here Monday have spread across Iowa today. Authorities said they believed the four may be headed eastward from this southwest Iowa area.

• Saigon, South Viet - The battle of Dong Xoai has brought the Vietnamese war to a threshold that

many Vietnamese commanders are not anxious to cross- the first use of American combat forces in battle.

25 YEARS AGO

Friday, June 15, 1990
• Paddlefish were once a major

fishing attraction in South Dakota. But they soon may be put on the threatened species list.

• Falling vegetable and fuel oil prices in May held consumer inflation to a modest 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month, the government said today.

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Yesterday's Solution

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CH BOOK 73 #3

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