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S. Dakota Bracing For Major Storm

From P&D Staff Reports

A powerful spring storm may cause travel to become difficult today (Monday) across much of the state, South Dakota officials said.

The National Weather Service has issued a blizzard warning from the northern Black Hills to just west of Mobridge, with snowfall totals from 7-12 inches.

Heavy snow from 7-10 inches in north-west South Dakota is also expected.

Blizzard watches and winter weather advisories are out for much of the rest of the state, except for the southeast corner, including the Yankton area. However, a wind advisory has been issued from 1 p.m. today through 7 a.m. Tuesday morning. Winds gusting up to 50 miles per hour from the southeast are possible be-

fore shifting to the northwest with gusts up to 30-40 miles per hour.

A mix of rain and snow, changing to all snow, is also expected in the Yankton area. While snowfall is not expected to be heavy, the strong winds could cause visibility issues.

"Conditions may deteriorate rapidly

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Do Term Limits Really Matter?

Legislators Shift Chambers To Extend Their Political Service

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Eight of the 105 members of the South Dakota Legislature are ineligible to run again this year for their current seats because they've reached the limit of four consecutive two-year terms set in the state constitution.

Three of the term-limited eight are running for election to the Legislature again, but to the opposite chamber. They are Rep. David Novstrup, R-Aberdeen; Rep. Betty Olson, R-Prairie City; and Sen. Jean Hunhoff, R-Yankton.

Two are running for other offices in government. Rep. Manny Steele, R-Sioux Falls, is hoping to be elected to the city council. Rep. Marc Feinstein, D-Sioux Falls, wants to be elected as a circuit judge in Minnehaha County.

The other three — Rep. David Lust, R-Rapid City; Rep. Lance Carson, R-Mitchell; and Sen. Ryan Maher, R-Isabel — are simply retiring from legislative service.

In the 22 years since South Dakota voters overwhelmingly approved putting term limits in the state constitution, legislators have found many ways to stay in office for extended periods of time.

The most common is changing chambers, so that the calendar starts turning anew. Some sit out for a term or longer and then run again. Neither is illegal. Their standard line of defense is that voters set the ultimate term limit every two years at election time.

Indeed, in 2010 voters turned out 10 of the incumbents including two long-time Democratic lawmakers, Gerald Lange of Madison after 18 years, and Quinten Burg of Wessington Springs after 10.

The broom swept farther in 2012. Three of the longest-serving legislators in South Dakota history were shown out by voters in their districts: Republican Jim Putnam of Armour after 26 years; Democrat Frank Kloucek of Scotland after 20 years; and Democrat Paul Dennert of Columbia-Aberdeen after 20 years.

Putnam and Kloucek had co-existed for two decades from the same legislative district, never serving in the same chamber and always somehow coincidentally deciding to run for the opposite chamber at the same time.

Both always said they didn't coordinate their moves.

Dennert fell victim to re-districting as Republicans in 2011 drew new boundaries. The new lines jammed him into an already all-Democrat district serving the north-eastern counties. So he moved from Columbia into Aberdeen and challenged Republican Sen. Al Novstrup of Aberdeen.

Dennert lost. Now Al Novstrup is engaged this year in an attempt to swap seats with his term-limited son, David. Al said he gave David the choice whether to run for the Senate and then would make his decision whether to run for the House.

That's exactly how it happened to work out. Likewise in Yankton County where term-limited Jean Hunhoff is running for the House. Her brother-in-law, House Democratic leader Bernie Hunhoff, decided to run for the Senate.



B. Hunhoff



J. Hunhoff

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Special Citizens



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Pam and Don Kettering share a light moment after being introduced as Yankton's 2013 Citizens of the Year during a reception Sunday at the Yankton Elks Lodge. A large crowd turned out to the 44th annual event to honor the Ketterings for their many years of community service. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

Ketterings Honored For Community Service

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While Don and Pam Kettering would prefer to focus on how much Yankton has achieved by many people working together, their friends and family spent Sunday afternoon reflecting on what an important part the couple have played in many of those accomplishments.

Yankton's 2013 Citizens of the Year were recognized during a reception at the Yankton Elks Lodge.

"I want to express my appreciation," Don told the large crowd. "I look out and see so many friends and people who have helped us accomplish the things that have been accomplished. ... Any one person doesn't accomplish much of anything. It's the whole that matters."

Proclamations from the City of Yankton, Yankton County and the State of South Dakota were issued in observance of the honor bestowed upon the couple.

During the 38 years they have spent in

Yankton, Don worked for Farm Credit Services of America, and Pam spent more than 20 years with United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton. Both have been involved with United Church of Christ, mental health issues and various other volunteer efforts.

The citizens of the year are selected by a committee composed of various local civic organizations. The *Press & Dakotan* is one of the sponsors of the Citizen of the Year award.

Mike Houska worked with Don at Farm Credit Services for 38 years. He recalled how Don spent a large portion of that time working on high-stress accounts, bankruptcies and foreclosures.

"It takes a special type of individual (to handle those situations)," Houska said. "That is a tough, tough position. You need a lot of ability and technique. Don was the man for the job."

"But I don't remember Don for his work and the great job he did," Houska added. "I remember Don for the individual he was. Everyone runs into difficult problems in their life, whether it be divorces or illnesses. That's when Don really rose to the top. He was always there to offer a helping hand."

Betty Viau of Lewis and Clark Behavioral

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State Hopes To Reach All Veterans, Fill Service Gaps

BY NORA HERTEL
Associated Press

PIERRE — A push in South Dakota to meet with all 75,000 veterans is part of a trend among states to compensate for gaps in federal efforts, national experts said.

Bryan Craig, executive director at the National Center for Veterans Studies at the University of Utah, said states have been working on veteran outreach programs for the past five or 10 years.

Veterans Affairs hospitals used to wait for veterans to come to them, Craig said, but veterans won't always do that if they get busy with work and family.

"This is a population that's not exactly inclined to seek out treatment," he said.

Retired Army Col. Jim McDonough with the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University in New York said veterans and their families don't always know what services are available and can't keep up with all the related changes.

"You are right there with the best of states," McDonough said about South Dakota, "by the very fact that you're undertaking this."

Larry Zimmerman, secretary of the state's Veterans Affairs Department, said he and his staff came up with the idea for "Operation Reaching All Veterans" when he came into office about 15 months ago. The initiative launched with a proclama-

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Teen Court Program Makes Impact In Yankton

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During its first year in existence, the Yankton County Boys & Girls Club Teen Court Program has opened many people's eyes.

Whether speaking with the youth who have gone through the process or the adults who have helped administer it since its March 2013 inception, many people agree teen court has had a bigger impact than they expected.

"I didn't know if it was going to work," said Yankton County State's Attorney Rob Klimisch. "There was concern about kids talking in school (about the confidential cases) and a hierarchy of students that would result in some kids being treated differently. All the feedback I've gotten from parents and others has been fantastic."

The result of that positive experience has been that Klimisch has steadily handed a larger variety of cases over to the teen court program.

What began as a tool to mete out justice to juveniles who had consumed alcohol or committed petty thefts has now expanded to include cases of simple assault, curfew violations, runaways and truancy.

"Due to the success of (Teen Court Coordinator Kelsie Thoreson) running this program, we've put a little more burden on her," Klimisch said.

He said a program may be established to handle cases of marijuana possession in the program's second year.

Teen court dealt with more than 50 cases in its first year involving juveniles from 10 to 18 years of age. The rate of juveniles re-offending after going through the program was just 6 percent.

"I hope it works because they're learning how to resist peer pressure, the consequences

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The Yankton County Boys & Girls Club Teen Court Program was started by coordinator Kelsie Thoreson (pictured) in March 2013. Since then, teen court has handled more than 50 cases.



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