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Corps Adjusts To Drought

Officials Will Balance 2015 Missouri River Basin Needs

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Drought conditions are expected to persist in the upper Missouri River basin into the foreseeable future, with flooding not expected this year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Thursday.

However, the Corps will continue to monitor flood conditions, said Jody Farhat, chief of the Corps' basin water management division in Omaha.

"Over the past couple of months, the

drought has expanded in the Missouri River basin due to very light plains snowpack and much-below-average mountain snowpack and a light spring precipitation," she said in a conference call. "However, flood control remains our primary consideration."

In fact, torrential rains hit much of the lower basin this week. "Localized flooding can occur even during a drought," she said.

The Yankton region is receiving rainfall this week, which is welcome but doesn't look to have a major overall impact, said South Dakota state climatologist Dennis Today.

"We are in a dynamic situation with rainfall and drought right now," he told the *Press & Dakotan*. "Any impacts on the Missouri will be relatively small in our area because our soils are so dry. Any additional precipitation will be largely taken up by the soils. Runoff will not be large even with decent amounts of precipitation (possible) this weekend."

As of Thursday morning, Yankton received 0.39 inches of rainfall for May with more moisture likely this weekend, Today said.

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI) president Greg Von Wald speaks to MTI's Industrial Maintenance Technology (IMT) graduation at the Technical Education Center (RTEC) Thursday.

MTI Pres. Addresses Graduates

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Skills acquired here in Yankton are needed for today's society.

This was the message Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI) president Greg Von Wald conveyed Thursday during MTI's Industrial Maintenance Technology (IMT) graduation at the Technical Education Center (RTEC).

Von Wald said of the six graduates that they didn't give up.

"The biggest problem for the young people today is not completing something, quite frankly — especially higher education," Von Wald said. "You stuck through it. You've all got your personal lives going on ... We get that, so I commend you on being able to have the self-discipline and motivation to stick to it."

Von Wald said the students' skills will be in high demand far beyond Yankton.

"The demand for the skills you guys learned — very, very broad skills that you learned — (there's) unbelievable demand for them. Not just in Yankton, not just in South Dakota, but nationally."

He added the students need to go out and find opportunity.

"Opportunities are only going to come to those that seek them," he said. "I see this all the time. There's half a dozen students that we have graduating with all of these skills and they're waiting for the phone to ring. It doesn't work that way. All the way through your work life, those opportunities are only going to come to you if you go out and pursue them."

Von Wald also advised students not to necessarily take the first job offer they get.

"Sometimes, that first job offer isn't necessarily the one you want," he said. "There's this feeling out there

Historic Occasion



COURTESY PHOTO
Adam Walter (right) and Broc Mauch (left) have qualified for the National History Day contest at College Park, Maryland for the second year in a row. To help with travel expenses, YHS will host "A Night Of History" on May 12 from 7-8 p.m. in the YHS library.

Two YHS Students Qualify For National History Day

BY JORDYNNE HART
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Hard work has paid off for two Yankton High School (YHS) students.

After more than 150 hours of research and work, Adam Walter and Broc Mauch will help represent South Dakota at the National History Day contest at College Park, Maryland, June 14-18.

Aedan Huntley, Cody Perakslis, Michael Maldonado, Jacob Selgestad also qualified for the competition, but are unable to attend due to schedules.

To help fund expenses for their education trip, YHS will host "A Night Of History" on May 12 from 7-8 p.m. in the high school library.

"Community fundraising is what gets us there," Mauch said. "We have been gracious enough this year to have some funds paid for. We just hope people come out."

All history projects that participated in the state competition will be on display for the public to view, and attendees can visit with the students who created them.

Cookies and juice will be available for free-will donations.

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Prayer Day

About two dozen people turned out on the grounds of the Yankton County Government Center at midday Thursday to take part in the annual National Day of Prayer event. The day, designated by Congress as the first Thursday in May, is an annual observance when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." Local participants, with the help of prayer leaders, prayed for guidance for national, state and local officials and institutions. This year's theme was "Lord, hear our cry." (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

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CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition of the *Press & Dakotan*, the "Our Towns" story about the Wynot highway open house was incorrectly labeled as Knox County. It should have been labeled Cedar County. We apologize for the error.

Voting Rights Case Not Dismissed

RAPID CITY (AP) — A federal judge says a voting rights lawsuit that four Oglala Sioux tribal members filed against Jackson County can proceed.

County officials had asked U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier to dismiss the lawsuit, but the *Rapid City Journal* reports she's denied the motion. Schreier says the tribal members have provided enough information to support their allegations.

Plaintiffs argue the county's practice of offering in-person voter registration and in-person absentee voting only at the county courthouse in Kadoka discriminates against Native Americans living in the portion of the county that's within the Pine Ridge Reservation.

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