

River

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The corps' offices were closed Monday for Veterans Day, and messages seeking comment were not returned. That agency, the U.S. Coast Guard and other river interests have scheduled a news conference for Friday in St. Louis to discuss the current state and outlook for the Mississippi.

The corps said last week that the flow reduction to minimum winter levels is the first of several conservation measures necessary if drought conditions persist into 2013. The agency said precipitation levels remain below normal over the entire Missouri River basin.

Winter typically is a low-water period on the two big rivers, but the situation is more dire this year with many points along the waterways at or near historic lows. The Mississippi was at just over 9 feet in St. Louis on Monday, 16 feet below flood stage. It was at 1.5 feet at New Madrid in southeast Missouri, where flood stage is 34 feet.

The Missouri River was just over 5 feet in Hermann, Mo. (flood stage is 21 feet) and just under 5 feet at Leavenworth, Kan. (flood stage is 20 feet).

The low levels have been months in the making, fueled by the nation's worst drought in decades, which has turned soils bone dry throughout much of the Midwest. Any precipitation is quickly soaked up in the ground and doesn't make its way into the

Mississippi or other key rivers.

"Some places have gotten a lot of rain, but those weren't huge runoff events to jack up the river," said Bob Holmes, a Missouri-based hydrologist for the U.S. Department of the Interior's U.S. Geological Survey.

To compensate, barge companies now are required to carry lighter loads, costing them more per ton to move cargo but also reducing chances of running aground as crews hustle to dredge silt and other sediments from the river to clear passages. One estimate put barge industry losses at \$1 billion the last time the Mississippi was this low, in 1988. But barge company executive P.B. Shaw said that conditions had improved by November of that year.

"Right now, that doesn't appear to be the case," said Shaw, president of Nashville, Tenn.-based Ingram Barge Co. After months of logistical headaches forced by the drought, "I'm kind of numb. That's a little exaggeration, but it's been a real tough year" showing no signs of easing, with climatologists broadly expecting the drought to carry into 2013.

Because of the drought, the Mississippi has received as much as 78 percent of its water from the Missouri this year, compared with 60 percent in a normal year, according to Nixon's office.

"I know that alternative measures are being considered to maintain the Mississippi channel, including dredging and clearing of rock pinnacles along the river," Nixon wrote. "I urge you to fast-track and fully implement those efforts."

Extension: October Was Cool, But Dry Conditions Prevailed

BROOKINGS — For only the second time in 2012, the statewide monthly average temperature was cooler than average in October. Statewide, nearly all locations were also drier than average, according to latest reports from the National Weather Service observers and the High Plains Regional Climate Center in Lincoln, Neb.

"There was very little drought relief to speak of," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"Harvest of corn, soybeans, and sunflowers is pretty much complete, which is a positive impact from drought, but winter wheat is continuing to struggle with the lack of moisture."

Only two climate observing locations were warmer than average in October, Hot Springs and Ardmore, both in Fall River county. Elsewhere, the mercury fell as much as five degrees below average. Wessington Springs, Forestburg, and Flandreau were among those that reported the largest differences from average.

A three-county area in the northeast was wetter than average, but that is an anomaly from the rest of South Dakota.

One positive note going forward is the updated climate outlook for November. The latest map, released Nov. 1, puts northern South Dakota in an area of higher chances of wetter than average conditions.

"There have been a lot of fluctuations this fall in the outlook maps, but a wetter pattern may be settling in, at least for the next couple of weeks," said Edwards.

The remaining two-thirds of the state is forecast to have equal chances of below average, above average, and near average precipitation.

Temperature projections for the next month appear to continue the warm trend that we have seen for most of the year. All of the state is projected to have higher chances of warmer than average temperatures in November.

Edwards says there may be some short-term relief of drought conditions this month. She adds that she is looking towards November with reserved optimism.

"I'm ever the optimist, but each passing dry month is making it more difficult to keep that optimism," said Edwards.

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City

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At Monday's meeting, the City Commission also approved the city manager contract for Amy Nelson. The current city manager of Canton, Nelson was announced as Yankton's new city manager earlier this month and will take the position on Jan. 2, 2013.

"I really can't wait to get started," Nelson said. "I so look forward to joining the excellent staff you have at the city of Yankton and leading the community into great things in the future. I'm very proud and very pleased to be able to call Yankton my home."

Also at Monday's meeting, the commission:

- approved a 5 percent fee increase at Fox Run golf course to help the course recover from losses sustained in the past two years related to the 2011 flood and this year's drought;
- approved a funding request of up to \$6,800 for a sign for Historic Downtown Yankton.

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d_bartos

Drivers

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Debra Hillmer, the director of the South Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles, said the state's four self-service terminals had 7,192 uses between July 2011 and June 2012 — and that span includes the two stations in Sioux Falls only in use since last December.

"During a renewal month, we've had as many as 2,000, which is quite a bit," Hillmer said. "We've

had very good usage."

The Division of Motor Vehicles installed its first test machine in Rapid City two years ago, and got good enough response to ask for proposals statewide. Two terminals were later installed in Sioux Falls last December, at a Get-N-Go and a Hy-Vee store, bringing the eventual number to four — including another in Pierre.

"We did the very first one two years ago in Pennington County, and we had some good response, but not quite what we expected," Hillmer said. "We saw a lot of use from people who were from out of

Bloomfield School Receives Award Today

From P&D Staff Reports

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Two Bloomfield, Neb., school officials will accept the district's award as a National Blue Ribbon School today (Tuesday) in Washington.

Bloomfield principal Rusty Kluender and math teacher/coach Duane Wilken are representing the school during the awards ceremony, which begins around 11 a.m. The event will be live-streamed by the U.S. Department of Education.

The coverage will feature Education Secretary Arne Duncan's congratulatory remarks. After a pause for lunch, the program will resume around noon for "real time" viewing of the award presentations to schools.

The ceremony can be watched by accessing the U.S. Department of Education's channel.

The events, held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, began Monday and conclude today.

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman will address the students and community during a National Blue Ribbon School award ceremony at 2 p.m. Nov. 28 in the Bloomfield school gym.

Bon Homme Co. Democrats Meet Wednesday

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme County Democrats will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Bon Homme County Courthouse in Tyndall. Fall fundraising, election results and a George McGovern tribute will be discussed.

For more information, call 583-4468.

Sacred Heart Vendor Blender Set For Saturday

Sacred Heart School's fourth annual Vendor Blender will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, running from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Elementary School Gym, located on St. Benedict's Drive on West City Limits Road in Yankton.

More than 30 vendors will be on hand. There will be a bake sale and handmade items. Godfather's Pizza will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Supplemental funds are provided by Catholic United Financial. For more information, contact Jessica Woerner at 605-665-5841 or jessicawoerner@gmail.com.

Johnson Seeks Spring Semester Interns

WASHINGTON — Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) announced he is seeking spring interns for his state and Washington offices.

Johnson's internship program matches interns' interests to South Dakota and federal issues while providing a first-hand opportunity to experience a wide-range of office duties. Interns may attend hearings, help with casework, research issues for projects and work with the office administrative staff.

College sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for Johnson's upcoming spring internship program. College credits and/or a stipend are available. To apply for a state office internship, call toll-free at 1-800-537-0025. To apply for a Washington legislative or press internship during the spring term or beyond, interested students should submit a cover letter, resume, references and a writing sample to:

- GENERAL INTERNSHIP: Senator Tim Johnson; Attn: Intern Coordinator; 136 Hart SOB; Washington, DC 20510; By Fax to: 202-228-7575; By Email to: Intern_Coordinator@johnson.senate.gov ;
- PRESS INTERNSHIP: Senator Tim Johnson; Attn: Kate Cichy, Press Intern Coordinator; 136 Hart SOB; Washington, DC 20510; By Fax to: 202-228-7575; By Email to: Kate_Cichy@johnson.senate.gov .

OBITUARIES

Larry Highland

Larry L. Highland, age 69, of Yankton passed away unexpectedly Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, IA.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Dave Lund officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Cemetery, rural Volin at approximately 1 p.m.

Visitations will be from 2-8 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are David Hopwood, Kevin Geraldson, Larry Toepfer, Dennis Bridges, Jeremiah Bridges, Tyler Sweet and David Wittenmyer.

Larry was born December 1, 1942 in Yankton, SD to Lyle and Aves (Freng) Highland. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church and retired from the Local 142 Teamster in Indiana. On June 14, 1969 he was united in marriage to Pat Sibley in Schererville, Indiana. He was a member of the Issak Walton Gun Club. He loved trapshooting, fishing and the outdoors, along with plenty of fun days, whether it would be snowmobiling, reloading shells, or cleaning his guns. He was a man with a true heart of gold, a great husband, dad, grandpa



Highland

and friend. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; son, Mike Highland, daughters, Terra (Larry) Sweet and Sondra (David) Wittenmyer; grandkids: Tiah Sweet, Rachel Sweet, Amber Highland, Tasha Highland, Matthew Highland and Jeremiah Bridges, and Tommy Somers; great-grandchildren: Tyler Sweet, Elise Sweet, Evan Highland, Mason Highland, Lilia Toepfer, Jarrod, Jacob, and Jordan; sisters: Lilia Repp, Joyce (Robert) McCane, Donna Wierson and son-in-law, Dennis Bridges.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Roger Highland, uncle, Mickey Freng, and great-grandchild, Jazzmyne.

Please direct memorials to the American Heart Association, Northland Affiliate, 471 W. 77th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55435 or the Yankton Senior Citizens Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Larry Hoff

Funeral arrangements for Larry A. Hoff, 69, of Kaylor, SD are pending with Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland.

Larry died on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Goglin Funeral Home

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www.goglinfh.com

Madeline Schneider

Madeline R. Schneider, 87, Sturgis and formerly of Tyndall, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Mass of Christian burial is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Sturgis, with Fr. Arnold Kari officiating. Inurnment will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Rosary services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Kinkade Funeral Chapel, Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

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