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later this week, folks will have a good indication of how we will do that.”

In the meantime, the Corps is proceeding with its previously announced drawdown at Gavins Point Dam near Yankton, which currently runs at 160,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), Farhat said.

“We are cutting Gavins Point to 155,000 cfs on Saturday and Sunday and to 150,000 cfs on Monday,” she said.

Fort Randall Dam near Pickstown has seen its releases increased in recent days from 156,000 cfs to 157,000 cfs and eventually to the current 159,000 cfs, Farhat said.

Fort Randall's gradual increase has produced results, she said, with the reservoir falling 3/10 to 4/10 foot per day.

The Corps has seen progress throughout the mainstem dams, as the elevations are dropping, Farhat said.

- Fort Peck, MT, releases stood at 35,000 cfs on Monday, and the reservoir is falling a half-foot a day.

- Garrison, ND, was reduced Monday morning from 120,000 cfs to 115,000 cfs. The reservoir is falling 1/10 to 2/10 foot per day.

- Oahe and Big Bend releases remain at 140,000 cfs, with Oahe's reservoir falling 1/10 foot per day.

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JODY FARHAT

The National Weather Service forecast for southeast South Dakota calls for a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms from Tuesday night through Thursday night, then a 20 percent chance on Friday night.

The forecast calls for temperatures in the low 90s Tuesday and Wednesday before falling to the mid-80s Thursday and Friday.

While the focus remains on a flood fight, South Dakota officials are gearing up for clean-up and other flood recovery action.

During last week's visit to Yankton, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said the state needs to prepare for what awaits after the floodwaters recede and the Missouri River returns to its banks.

South Dakota has been subjected to long-term stress, with flooding expected to last four months, the governor said.

“This is a very unusual kind of flood disaster,” he said.

State agencies and county emergency managers need to

pool resources in the ensuing clean-up, Daugaard said. The state will see not only flood-related damage but also need to clean up sandbags and levees, he said.

Some of the lessons learned at Pierre and Fort Pierre can be applied to other areas of the state, he said.

Daugaard also hopes that public entities receive some federal assistance before the flooding ends, so money stands available as the clean-up and other recovery efforts begin.

During Monday's media briefing, Col. Bob Ruch, commander of the Corps' Omaha District, said he and Daugaard recently discussed recovery needs.

State officials asked the Corps to continue advising them on water flows so that recovery decisions can be made and so local property owners are advised accordingly, Ruch said.

During Monday's briefing, the Corps was asked about new information showing they should have acted sooner in

anticipation of flooding.

Ruch responded that Farhat provides monthly reports, and the system remained in good condition for anticipated run-off. The problem came in May when upstream areas received record rainfall, with 5 to 8 inches at one time.

“That caused the system to lose its flexibility,” Ruch said. “Nobody could see that amount of rain coming into the (upstream) in a two-state area.”

Both Ruch and Farhat maintain the mainstem dams have been operated this year for flood control and evacuating water, not for other purposes such as endangered species and recreation.

In response to a Press & Dakotan question, Ruch said the ban remains for watercraft below Gavins Point Dam.

When asked about a boat seen Saturday in the vicinity of Riverside Park, Ruch said the craft may have been the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) conducting measurements and evaluations for the Corps.

Red Sox open region play in Mitchell Sunday

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

The Vermillion Red Sox, ranked fifth in the latest rankings of Class "A" amateur baseball teams in South Dakota, open regional tournament play at 2 p.m. Sunday in Mitchell.

The Red Sox finished their regular season with a 2-1 loss to the Sioux Falls Saints. A 1-0 Sox lead, which had held up since the top of the fourth inning, disappeared when the Saints scored the tying and

winning runs in the bottom of the ninth. The tying run scored on a bases-loaded walk, and a single by Josh Meyer won it for the Sioux Falls club.

Garrett Linhardt, who struck out seven, pitched until the sixth inning when Charlie Benz took over. Benz struck out 10 during his stint on the mound.

Richard Swan swatted three basehits and Jon Elliott two among the eight Red Sox hits, and Tyler Candor had a double.

The loss dropped the Vermillion record to 8-6.

Future Coyote finishes second in shot put at Pan American Junior Athletics Championship

Future University of South Dakota men's track and field student-athlete, Kyle McKelvey, finished second in the shot put at the 2011 Pan American Junior Athletics Championships at the Ansin Sports Complex in Miramar, FL, Sunday evening.

McKelvey, a native of Beresford, threw 60 feet, 4 inches, edging Caleb Whitener of the University of Georgia by 3.75 inches. Whitener just completed his freshman year for the Bulldogs. Jamaica's Ashinia Miller won the event

at 65 feet, 6 ¼ inches.

McKelvey will be a freshman this fall for the Coyotes.

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Gov. Daugaard called the denial very disappointing but said South Dakotans will continue to work together to help individuals and communities recover over the coming weeks and months.

“South Dakotans are a resilient, self-reliant people,” Gov. Daugaard said. “We responded to the flooding together. We will recover together. We will seek every possible source of help, including state and local government resources and all the resources the private and non-profit voluntary groups can offer. We are disappointed, but we are not disheartened.”

The last time South Dakota qualified for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for individual assistance was in 2007, when early-May storms caused sudden, widespread flooding in the Aberdeen area.

Bank of the West, First Bank & Trust and Vermillion Credit Union will sponsor, with the United Way hosting. Music will be provided by Old Funk Riot.

•Sept. 1: The event will be sponsored by the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company and the University of South Dakota. DJ music will be featured.

Maloney said she has high hopes for the rest of the summer.

“If the weather is like this the rest of the time, it'll be great. But, I think the more people get used to it and know what it is, the better it will be,” she said.

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president last year, and was really instrumental in bringing this clock to Vermillion and making it a reality.”

Steve Parker, Vermillion Hy-Vee store manager, said Hy-Vee is honored to be a part of the event.

“We paired with the Rotary dedication of the clock just as a great community effort to come out on an evening, have some music, some fun, some food and just a chance for everybody to get together,” he said.

Herbster thanked Mid-American Energy, the Vermillion Community Foundation, Rotary District 5610, the Vermillion Rotary Club, Joe and Mary Edelen and Pat and Willis Sutliff for their roles in the dedication of the clock.

“We could not have done this without your commitment, support and belief in making Vermillion a better place,” he said.

This is the second year of Thursdays on the Platz, which offers Vermillion area residents a chance to interact with friends while enjoying food and live music.

Michelle Maloney, a member

of the Thursdays on the Platz group and a downtown business owner, said the event has been easier to organize this year.

“Once you've done it before it's a little easier,” she said. “(The event itself) hasn't changed, really. We try to keep it a family-friendly event where everybody can bring their family, bring their kids, sit outside, have a beverage and just enjoy.”

So far, response has been positive, she said.

“I had a young couple that moved to Sioux Falls that came back for one last year and said, ‘Oh, I wish they would have had this when we were living here.’ Very positive. Everyone is

supportive,” Maloney said.

Parker said that sense of support is one of the reasons Hy-Vee sponsored the first Platz event of the summer.

“We're very privileged to be in the community, number one, and number two, to be able to provide fellowship and a community gathering ... so we're very honored,” he said.

There are three more Thursdays on the Platz this year, scheduled to run from 6-8 p.m.:

- Aug. 4: The event will be sponsored by Aramark and hosted by Downtown Vermillion, featuring music by Narrative Feed.

- Aug. 25: First Dakota National Bank, CorTrust Bank,

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To grasp the gist of the story right from the start, the audience will depend upon the four narrators – Grace Kjelden, Mia Johns, Briseis Schnack and Morgan Graham – who explain the adventure from start to finish. They will point out that Wonka, played by VHS drama veteran Joe Bob Geis, has closed his chocolate factory but that he reopened it for one day to the finders of five golden tickets hidden within the wrappings of his candy bars. The five youngsters will get a tour of the factory and a lifetime supply of chocolate, and one will win an even grander prize.

The last of the lucky tickets is found by Charlie Bucket, played by Ross Dahlhoff, who lives in poverty with his parents, portrayed by Randy LaMie and Hope Knedler, and his grandparents, Katrina Heles, Noah Gilbertson, Lauren Bern and Austin McQuistan.

One of the other four golden ticketholders is Augustus Gloop (Will Getzin), an excessive eater. His mother is played by

Rachel Axtell.

Another is spoiled brat Veruca Salt (Morgan Swanson), who is joined in the cast by her parents, Sam Pearson and Ellen Hanson.

Bubblegum champion Violet Beauregarde is Anna Hackemer. Leah Geis plays her mother.

The final golden ticketholder is Mike Teavee (Daniel Fuller), a TV fanatic, whose parents are played by Nathan Ford and Alicia Nelson.

The chocolate factory is full of strange rooms – a research room where complex machines design new forms of candy, a nut-sorting room where trained squirrels sort good nuts from bad, a TV studio which can transport a giant chocolate bar into one's home, and a chocolate-mixing room with a

chocolate lake in the middle.

Accidents happen to the ticketholders as Willie Wonka gives them the factory tour. So who among the five wins the grand prize? That's not for us to say!

The chocolate factory's staff is composed of small people called Oompa-Loompas. Cast in these various roles and costumed in wild and wacky attire from sunglasses on their heads to exotic socks on their feet are Marley Hanson, Kourtney Seibel, Morgan Fuller, Peyton Swanson, Abby Howe, Maggie Peterson, Shelby Brady, Rebecca Ford, Madyson Gilbertson, Wyatt Waage, Ryan Howe, Tim Sereda, Brennan Stone, Jack Fuller, Max Braunstein, Josh Bern, Bodhi Brady, Christopher Nelson,

Jackson Graham, Sebastian Sereda, Tavian Schnack, Abby Burbach, Emma Dahlhoff, Kayla Andersen, Annika Holdhusen, Ella Wittmuss, Clare Dahlhoff, Bridget Hulac, Loxi Schnack, Melanie Vogel, Susanna Ford, Sarah Hulac, Kelsey Johannsen, Dawn Swanson, and Carolyn Nelson.

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