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A class of Black Hills area teachers put their classroom learning to use by casting out at the Spearfish Middle School gymnasium last Wednesday. The class was held as part of the National Fly-fishing in Schools Program, which encourages instruction of fly-fishing in schools. *Courtesy photo*

The program follows in the footsteps of "archery in schools," which now has more than 5,000 schools in its program.

The reason why archery and fly-fishing are becoming so popular in schools, said Katie, is that teachers are looking for life-

time sports — skills that can be used at all age levels, and that are alternatives to basketball and other team sports.

Teachers also end up benefiting. "The goal is to get kids connected again," she said. "Or if they're older and they're out

of practice, to get them re-connected."

Another misconception people have is that mountain streams are required to fly-fish.

"You can fish in any farm pond and catch bluegill," she said. "Bluegill are the best teachers and they're in every state."

The Coles are both founders of the National Fly-fishing in Schools Program.

The non-profit program helps schools by raising money for the equipment, and then gives teachers the training they need to pass on the sport to kids.

Teachers such as Nate Hartsock, from Hulett, Wyo., who said he has always wanted to learn fly-fishing.

Last Wednesday, Harstock was part of a class of 15 local teachers who met at Spearfish Middle School to brush up on their knots and knowledge of fish.

They spent time in the classroom learning the casting-loop, the surgeon's knot, the hand-shake knot, among many others.

In the gymnasium they were able to cast out using the "CasTarget," which uses photorealistic targets to engage anglers-in-training.

Pretty soon he'll be teaching his own students.

Katie said that the Crook County School District in Wyoming has already purchased one fly-fishing kit, and is planning on buying another.

She added that other schools in the

immediate area are interested, but that funding is in the works.

"After the last training (at the middle school), there's a good chance we'll see some programs in Spearfish and Lead-Deadwood," she said.

The Rapid City School District has already purchased four fly-fishing kits from the program, and are implementing them in their schools next school year.

Katie estimated that 26 states have requested teacher fly-fishing training this summer.

"All these schools that have been trained in the last few months will begin in the fall of 2010," she said. "We've been getting great feedback from the pilot schools and we're finding that both kids and teachers like it."

To help with funding, the Coles formed the Flyfishing Education foundation, which works to obtain grants and secure funding from state fish & wildlife agencies, state education agencies and the outdoor industry to help schools pay for the cost of equipment.

Each kit costs about \$300,000, said Cole.

Dana and Katie own a fly-fishing school in the Northern Hills, and they have both spent their lives vacationing in a family cabin in Spearfish Canyon.

"It's a hidden secret," Katie said about fly-fishing in the Black Hills.

# LOCAL & REGIONAL WEATHER

## Spearfish Forecast

**Tonight** Potentially severe thunderstorms  
**Low: 55°**

**Friday** Cooler, isolated thunderstorms  
**High: 63°**  
**Low: 50°**

**Saturday** Rain, a few t-storms too  
**High: 64°**  
**Low: 46°**

**Sunday** Maybe a few more thunderstorms  
**High: 67°**  
**Low: 49°**

**Monday** Isolated thunderstorms  
**High: 70°**  
**Low: 51°**

**Tuesday** Warmer and mostly sunny  
**High: 77°**  
**Low: 52°**

## Spearfish Almanac

### Temperature

Yesterday's High / Low 72° / 57°  
 Normal High 72°  
 Normal Low 50°  
 Record High 98° in 2000  
 Record Low 38° in 1951

### Precipitation

Yesterday's n/a  
 Month to date 1.13"  
 Normal month to date 1.3"  
 Year to date 14.46"  
 Normal year to date 10.09"

### Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	5:11 AM	8:40 PM
Friday	5:10 AM	8:40 PM
Saturday	5:10 AM	8:41 PM
Sunday	5:10 AM	8:41 PM

New June 12, First June 19, Full June 26, Last July 4

## Snowpack

Location	% of Normal
O'Neil Pass	100 %
Maitland Draw	200 %
N. Rapid Creek	n/a
Belle Fourche River	114 %
Powder River	142 %
Toungue River	142 %
Lower Yellowstone River	113 %
Lower North Platte River	141 %

## Road Conditions

South Dakota: Call 511  
 Montana: (800) 332-6171  
 Wyoming: (307) 772-0824

## Regional Forecast

Location	Forecast for Tomorrow
Billings	65 / 47
Sheridan	60 / 44
Gillette	58 / 44
Casper	57 / 43
New Castle	60 / 46
Buffalo	52 / 40
Spearfish	63 / 50
Rapid City	65 / 49
Pierre	74 / 57
Chadron	71 / 51
Scottsbluff	70 / 51
Valentine	76 / 56
Cheyenne	63 / 45

Local	Tomorrow			Saturday			Tomorrow			Saturday			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Belle Fourche	64	50	th	64	46	th	72	58	th	68	52	th	
Beulah, WY	60	46	th	60	44	th	75	58	th	63	55	th	
Deadwood	62	48	th	59	41	th	76	59	th	67	53	th	
Hill City	55	41	th	53	36	th	77	60	th	67	55	th	
Iron Creek	60	46	th	56	41	th	74	57	th	67	51	th	
Lead	61	46	th	57	40	th	79	61	th	69	56	th	
Sturgis	64	50	th	63	45	th	<b>Wyoming</b>						
Sundance, WY	58	44	th	57	42	th	Casper	57	43	sh	53	43	sh
Rapid City	65	49	th	61	48	th	Gillette	58	44	th	57	41	th
Whitewood	63	49	th	59	41	th	Sheridan	60	44	th	59	41	sh

## Regional Weather Discussion

Daytime heating and atmospheric energy and moisture, from a cold front, will bring numerous t-storms to the area. Some t-storms will be strong to severe tonight. Be ready for cooler temperatures and showers on Friday and Saturday.

## National Forecast

Location:	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	95	54	su
Atlanta	89	72	th
Chicago	74	70	pc
Dallas	89	77	th
Denver	95	49	th
Detroit	78	72	pc
Houston	92	78	th
Kansas City	88	76	pc
Las Vegas	97	68	pc
Los Angeles	74	60	su
Miami	90	80	th
Minneapolis	71	65	th
New York City	80	64	th
Oklahoma City	92	76	pc
Philadelphia	85	64	pc
Phoenix	103	72	pc
Reno	65	44	pc
San Francisco	65	62	su
Seattle	60	51	sh
Tampa	94	75	pc
Washington, D.C.	87	66	pc

## Today's Weather

Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind

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