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Friday, Aug. 8

State Teener Tourney at Volga

Senior Menu: French Dip Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Seasoned Cabbage, Waldorf Salad

Anniv: Brad & Diann Morehouse • 2008: April and Branden Abeln

Birthdays: Yvonne Lange • Sashia Sombke • Karter Moody

6:00pm: Wine on 9 Golfing

6:30pm: C&MA VBS

Saturday, Aug. 9

State Teener Tourney at Volga

Birthdays: Loel Schott • Bradley Clocksene • Kim Yarborough • Lee Thompson • Laurie LaMee

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

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recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

NSU's back-to-school workshop to focus on school safety

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University's eighth annual back-to-school workshop will focus on making schools safer for students and educators.

"Rachel's Challenge – Start a Chain Reaction of Kindness and Compassion," will be 8 a.m.-noon Friday, Aug. 15, at Aberdeen's Dakota Event Center, 720 Lamont St.

The free workshop, open to anyone but geared toward educators, will be led by Darrell Scott and Joe Coles. Scott's daughter, Rachel, was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, but her shining example of love and acceptance was not defeated that day. Her acts of kindness and compassion have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing programs in America: Rachel's Challenge, founded by her father.

Darrell Scott has spoken before millions of people, challenging and inspiring them with words from Rachel's diaries.

Coles has spent a lifetime helping schools and students in his role as a teacher; coach; counselor; school administrator; athletic director; and, most recently, speaker and consultant. He is a true friend to everyone involved in education and recognizes the importance of making a difference in the lives of young people.

Along with the workshop, NSU is offering a corresponding one-credit online course, "Rachel's Challenge: Awakening the Learner." The course, which runs Aug. 25-Dec. 17, builds on the Rachel's Challenge program.

Every day 160,000 students do not attend school because they are bullied, teased and harassed there. By turning a tragic death at Columbine High School into a mission for change, Rachel's Challenge is dedicated to making schools safer, more connected places for students and educators to live and learn.

The Rachel's Challenge Awaken the Learner 5 Step School Improvement Process is designed to create a culture of kindness and compassion and to equip students and adults with resources to combat bullying and reduce feelings of isolation and despair.

An estimated 750 people are expected to attend the NSU workshop. Groups of 25 or more are asked to register prior to the event by calling 605-626-2415. For more information, visit www.northern.edu/online/pages/workshops.aspx.

Athletics Student/Parent Meeting

Groton Area Fall Athletics Student/Parent meeting will be held on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 PM in the GHS Arena. All student-athletes, along with a parent, planning to participate in any fall athletics activity must plan to attend. We will complete paperwork requirements, discuss policies, procedures, and philosophies as a large group followed by team meetings conducted by the coaching staff.

Mount Rushmore Mascots To Celebrate South Dakota's 125th Birthday

PIERRE, S.D. – The Mount Rushmore Mascots are coming to Watertown for a special South Dakota 125th birthday celebration on Sunday, Aug. 17, where entertainment and activities for kids and adults will be provided. The celebration starts at 2 p.m. at the Joy Ranch.

At the birthday event, Joshua Spies will unveil two special paintings he completed to honor Watertown and the state's anniversary year.

Activities will include train rides, a horseshoe tournament, a time capsule and a beard contest. There will also be an old-time classroom on display and an old-time photo booth.

Various speakers will talk about patchwork of the prairie, railroading in territorial times,

history of Lake Kampeska and commemorating the 'Q':125 years of statehood. Re-enactors portraying Gov. Arthur Mellette, Mrs. Maggie Mellette, Etta Tarbell and John Banvard will also be present.

Entertainment will be provided by the Old Time Fiddlers, the Sons of Norway, Native American dancers, old-time hymn singing, Greg Hanson and the Backroads, an old west shoot out, a Watertown Municipal Band Concert and a special Sherwin Linton "Forever on the Stage" concert.

Weather permitting, the celebration will conclude with a fireworks display.

Admission is free, but five-dollar commemorative, numbered buttons are being sold to help defray expenses. Two numbers will be drawn and the winners will each receive \$500 in Watertown bucks. Many Watertown businesses and organizations are also sponsoring activities and events.

For a complete schedule and more information, go to www.watertowncommunityfoundation.org/125th.



Today in Weather History

1985: Eight to ten fires were started by lightning in western and central Corson County. A former school house burned south of McIntosh near the Grand River.

2010: Thunderstorms produced damaging winds and flash flooding from heavy rain along and near the Missouri River in southeast South Dakota during the late afternoon of August 8th. Bon Homme and Yankton Counties were among the hardest hit areas. Avon in Bon Homme County, thunderstorm winds caused widespread damage to trees and power lines. The tree damage included large trees uprooted or blown down, and at least two houses were damaged by falling trees. The damage to power lines caused a power outage over the town which lasted about 5 hours. The winds also destroyed a large shed and damaged a camper parked in the shed. In Tyndall, thunderstorm winds of 70 mph caused tree damage, including large trees blown down. The winds also blew down power lines, damaged several small sheds, and tore shingles off roofs. Thunderstorm winds also ripped through Yankton County. Near Napa, thunderstorm winds overturned several campers and caused widespread tree damage, including large trees blown down at a Lewis and Clark Lake campground. A fee collector was injured by tree debris.

1878 - The temperature at Denver, CO, soars to an all-time record high of 105 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1881 - A cloudburst and flash flood occurred at Central Springs, CO, and Idaho Springs, CO. (David Ludlum)

1882 - An August snowstorm was reported by a ship on Lake Michigan. A thick cloud reportedly burst on the decks covering them with snow and slush six inches deep. Snow showers were observed at shore points that day. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1983 - The temperature at Big Horn Basin, WY, reached 115 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorm rains in eastern Nebraska sent the Wahoo River and Ithica River above flood

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stage. Thunderstorm rains in western Iowa sent the Nishnabotna River over flood stage. Up to seven inches of rain deluged the Council Bluffs area Friday evening and Saturday morning. Thunderstorms produced 4.4 inches of rain in three hours Friday evening, along with golf ball size hail. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a slow moving cold front produced severe weather from central Kansas to southern Wisconsin late in the day. Thunderstorms in Iowa produced hail three inches in diameter at Vinton, and produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Donohue and near Mount Pleasant. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988: The Chicago Cubs held their first Major League Baseball night game in Wrigley Field's 74 year history. It was rained out in the 4th inning. (NWS)

1989 - A total of ninety-nine cities in the central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Alpena MI with a reading of 40 degrees. Mount Mitchell NC was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 35 degrees. Early evening thunderstorms around Las Vegas NV produced wind gusts to 116 mph. The high winds damaged or destroyed about eighty- two aircraft at Henderson Sky Harbor Airport and McCarran International Airport, causing fourteen million dollars damage. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night

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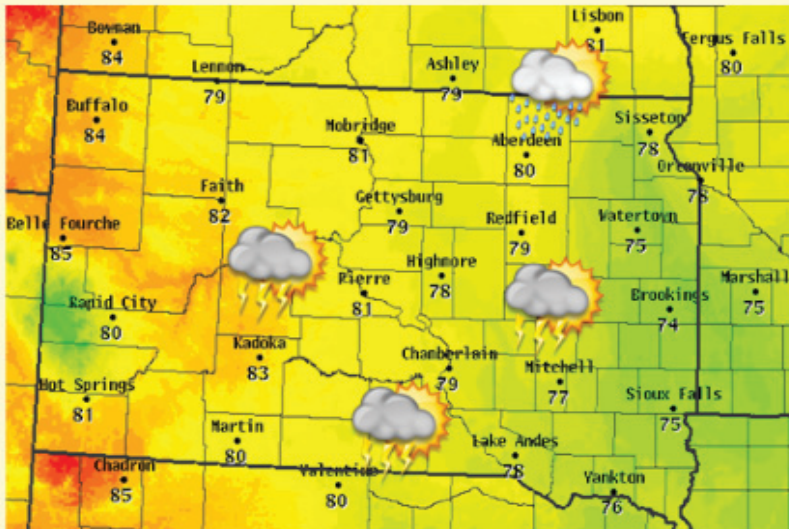
TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny



Inclement Weather Will Persist Through The Weekend



Todays Highs



20%-30% Chance For Weak Showers & Storms


Saturday



20%-30%

Highs:
Upper 70s
Through
Mid 80s

Sunday



30%-40%

Highs:
Upper 70s
Through
Mid 80s

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An inclement weather pattern will continue through the weekend with isolated to scattered weak showers and storms. Drier air will move in for the start of the work week.

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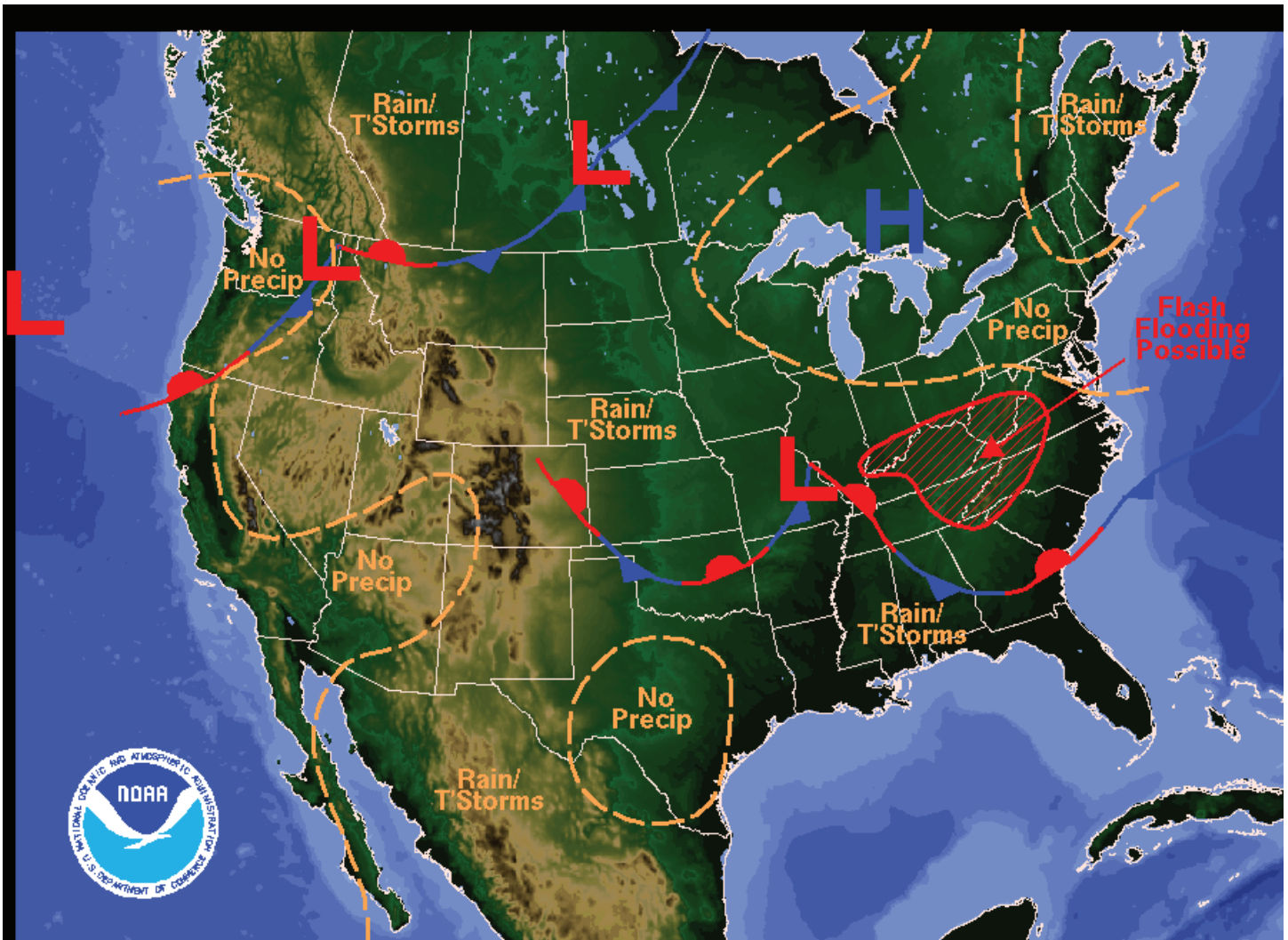
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 78.8°F
Low: 63.2°F
High Gust: 10 mph
Precip: 0.05

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1936
Record Low: 42° in 1939
Average High: 83°F
Average Low: 58°F
Average Precip in Aug.: 0.55
Precip to date in Aug.: 0.20
Average Precip to date: 14.41
Precip Year to Date: 9.48
Sunset Tonight: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:27 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Aug 08, 2014, issued 2:56 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHO OWNS ALL THIS LAND ANYHOW?

A tourist from New York stopped at a filling station to purchase gas after he visited the Grand Canyon. As he was walking inside to purchase a soft drink, he noticed a farmer sitting near the door, slowly rocking back and forth observing the visitors.

"Wow," said the tourist, "that Grand Canyon is the most wonderful thing I've ever seen. It's so big it leaves me breathless. What do you think of it, sir?" he asked.

"It'd be a horrible place to lose a cow," he said slowly.

We live among God's great gifts every day. Sadly, we rarely pause to admire them, or even stop to thank Him. We are surrounded by the marvel of God's handiwork, yet are not aware of it. Not David. He was continually in awe of God and His creation. On one occasion, overwhelmed at the sight before him, he exclaimed, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it; the world and all who dwell in it."

Looking at the way David's thought unfolds, he is calling our attention to the fact that whatever we think we own or possess or have at our disposal, is not ours - it is God's and He has entrusted us to be His managers of everything. Everything!

Wherever we look and whatever we see is God's. We may have a deed to a home or a title to a car or a large portfolio of stocks or an unreasonable amount of cash in a bank. But we have no control over any of our possessions. With the tick of a clock or the beat of a heart, everything could be gone. "The world and its inhabitants are God's."

Prayer: Help us, Father, to realize that everything we think we own is Yours. It's on loan to us to honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

News from the Associated Press

Minot Air Force Base getting more personnel

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — Minot Air Force Base will be getting 303 more personnel through an effort to strengthen the military's nuclear mission.

U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., said 69 of the new positions will be with the 5th Bomb Wing and 234 with the 91st missile wing.

The Minot base oversees 150 Minuteman III missiles buried in silos across 8,500 square miles in northwest and north central North Dakota. It also is home to B-52 bombers. The two wings are assigned to Air Force Global Strike Command, which oversees nuclear missiles and bombers.

The military has been working to address problems, including morale and training issues, in the nuclear mission. Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, commander of Global Strike Command, said earlier this year that more than 1,000 personnel would be added to the five bases in the command.

"Minot Air Force Base, with both a bomber wing and a missile wing, is clearly a vital part of that (nuclear) mission, which this increase in personnel signifies," Hoeven said in a statement Thursday.

Many of the base's bombers have been flying out of Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota and Anderson Air Base in Guam this summer to allow for runway upgrades at the Minot base.

Col. Jason Armagost, commander of the bomb wing, told members of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee on Thursday that the \$32 million project will wrap up by the end of September.

"You'll see B-52s flying around here again pretty soon," he said.

Minot bombers and crews routinely deploy to Guam to keep a bomber presence in the South Pacific. Ellsworth was chosen as a temporary site because it is close and has a suitable runway. The southwest South Dakota base houses B-1 bombers.

'Prayer rock' will not go to Crazy Horse Memorial

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) A 3-ton boulder believed to have been used by Native Americans to worship decades ago will not be moved from a Sioux Falls museum to the Crazy Horse Memorial in western South Dakota.

The Siouxland Heritage Museums board on Thursday rejected a request by a local artist to have the "prayer rock" moved from its spot outside the Pettigrew Museum.

Richard Perkins believes the rock's spiritual significance gets overlooked at its current location and that it would be better appreciated at the memorial being built in the Black Hills to the Oglala Lakota warrior.

The museum governing board unanimously rejected the request, finding that there was no solid reason for moving the rock.

Aberdeen added to public meetings in autism study

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Aberdeen has been added to a list of cities that will host public meetings on rule changes pertaining to students with autism and other disabilities.

Rapid City, Pierre and Sioux Falls had previously been selected to host meeting on the topic.

The state departments of Human Services and Labor and Regulation selected a private firm in June to conduct a study on the treatment of autism spectrum disorders for children in South Dakota.

State lawmakers enacted the study this year in an effort to analyze the availability and effectiveness of autism care services for children, as well as the impact of requiring insurance plans to cover services.

The firm is expected to issue a report by Nov.15, 2014.

Updates on the study will be available online at <http://dlr.sd.gov/autism/> .

Bacon grease-fueled motorcycle stops in Sturgis

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Among the thousands of motorcycles rumbling through Sturgis this week is one fueled by bacon grease.

Austin, Minnesota-based Hormel Foods Corp. had the bike customized so it can run on fat that's refined into a biodiesel blend.

The goal is to promote its Black Label Bacon line.

Ad agency BBDO is showing off the Track T-800 CDI at events across the country on a 10-day trip that ends Aug. 29 at the San Diego Bacon Fest.

It's also producing a documentary on the effort.

Game commission finalizes geese, turkey seasons

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission finalized its goose, duck and turkey hunting season rules Thursday, approving changes that allow hunters to kill more than double the number of light geese this season but that reduce the number of licenses for available for fall turkey hunters.

At a meeting in Fort Pierre on Thursday afternoon, commissioners approved the changes of light geese bag limits as part of their effort to curb the exploding population.

Hunters will be allowed to bag 50 light geese a day this season, up from 20. The ideal population of light geese in North America is about 1 million, but there are currently about 15 to 25 million, according to the U.S. and Canadian governments.

About a dozen hunters who provided testimony before the meeting proposed closing the fall turkey season this year to allow the state's declining population to rebound.

"Fall is a good time to close the season on wild turkeys to give the flocks that survive winter a better base to build back to," wrote Mike Kervin, a turkey hunter from Brookings.

But the commission ultimately decided to allow two instead of the existing five licenses per person. The changes also mean the state will offer 205 more one-tag licenses and 650 fewer two-tag licenses for resident hunters on east river hunting areas.

It will offer 750 fewer one-tag licenses for resident hunters and 60 fewer one-tag licenses for nonresident hunters in the Black Hills hunting area.

Turkey season will run Nov. 1 through Jan. 31. That's one month shorter than last year, when it began Oct. 1.

Duck and goose seasons vary by breed and by geographical regions in the state. Both are unchanged from last year.

Commissioners also discussed a petition from Sal Roseland, who runs R&R Pheasant Hunting in Seneca. Roseland is pushing for the commission to remove daily bag limits for pheasants on private hunting preserves in the state and is proposing that any hunters wishing to take more than 20 birds per day on a preserve pay \$120 license fee.

Roseland said the money from license fees would go toward helping preserve wildlife habitat in the state.

"We feel this restriction directly impacts how we market our product, and the resulting negative economic impact, when groups choose another state because of the lack of daily bag limits in those states," he said in a petition presented to the commission on Thursday.

After lengthy discussion from the commissioners and several questions about how the process would work, Roseland removed his petition and said he would bring it back to the commission in the future.

This year's trapping and hunting season for bobcats was also finalized Thursday. There were no recommended changes this year from wildlife officials.

The commission will hear a proposal from wildlife officials on mountain lions at its Friday meeting.

Scammers reportedly making calls to SD residents

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Fraternal Order of Police says scammers pretending to be members of the organization are reportedly calling residents asking for money.

The organization says it is assisting the South Dakota Attorney General's office in an investigation into possible fundraising companies illegally making calls using the group's name.

Mike Walsh is the organization's state president. He says representatives do make fundraising, sponsorship and advertising calls, but they are accompanied by a "caller ID" based in South Dakota.

Walsh says the group always mails some materials before accepting any pledges. Con artists often request money to be transferred or mailed to addresses out of the state.

Devils Tower crash kills Illinois man, child hurt

DEVILS TOWER, Wyo. (AP) — An Illinois man is dead after a tractor-trailer struck his car near Devils Tower.

The Wyoming Highway Patrol says 65-year-old Bruce M. Hinton, of Lindenhurst, Illinois, failed to yield when he exited a scenic pullout on Wyoming Highway 24 on Tuesday.

A Freightliner driven by 46-year-old Troy D. Gossard, of New Underwood, South Dakota, ran into Hinton's 2003 Mercedes.

Patrol officials say the truck driver tried to avoid the crash. A 9-year-old child in the car was taken to a hospital and was in stable condition.

Gossard wasn't hurt in the crash.

Mount Rushmore mascots to celebrate SD's birthday

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Mount Rushmore mascots will join in on the celebrations for South Dakota's 125th birthday.

The oversize caricatures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln — whose faces are on Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills — will visit Watertown on Aug. 17 to celebrate South Dakota's statehood.

The celebration will include train rides, horseshoe tournament, a time capsule and a beard contest. There will also be an old-time classroom on display and an old-time photo booth.

The event is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Joy Ranch.

More statehood celebrations can be found online at: <http://125.sd.gov> .

Oil boom and housing bust alter US spending trends

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Dakotans, enriched by an oil boom, stepped up their spending at triple the national pace in the three years that followed the Great Recession. In Nevada, smacked hard by the housing bust, consumers barely increased their spending.

Americans spend the most, per person, on housing in Washington, D.C., and the least in West Virginia.

Those and other figures emerged Thursday from a new annual report from the government that for the first time reveals consumer spending on a state-by-state basis from 1997 through 2012. The numbers point to substantial shifts in the economy since the recession ended. The recession, which began in December 2007, officially ended in June 2009.

Spending jumped 28 percent in North Dakota, the largest gain nationwide, from 2009 through 2012. It surged nearly 16 percent in Oklahoma. The next-largest increases were in South Dakota, Texas and West Virginia.

The changes in spending patterns in North Dakota have been particularly dramatic. Its per-capita spending in 2007, before the recession began, was \$32,780. That ranked it 24th among states. By 2012, North Dakota's per-capita spending was \$44,029, fourth-highest nationwide. (The figures aren't adjusted for inflation.)

North Dakota has boomed in large part because of a breakthrough drilling technique, known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," that has unlocked vast oil and gas reserves. The state's per-person income soared 37.2 percent, before inflation, from 2009 through 2012, according to a separate report released this year. That's by far the most for any state. North Dakota's unemployment rate was a barely visible 2.7 percent in June, the lowest in the nation.

By contrast, spending eked out a scant 3.5 percent increase in Nevada, the weakest for any state and far below the 10.7 percent national average. Arizona's 6.2 percent increase was next-weakest, followed by Hawaii's, Florida's and Utah's.

When the housing bust struck in 2006, home values plummeted in Nevada, Arizona and Florida. The persistently weak consumer spending in those states underscores the lingering damage the housing bust inflicted on their economies.

Nevada and Arizona also received the smallest income gains in the first three years after the recession ended. Salaries and other income in Nevada rose just 3.8 percent and in Arizona, 6.7 percent. The national average was 11.1 percent.

And Nevada's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent in June, the third-highest. Arizona's was 6.9 percent, 10th-highest.

The government's figures show that state-by-state spending patterns were radically different before the recession. In the three years leading up to the downturn, for example, spending in Arizona jumped 21.2 percent, the fourth-highest in the nation. Big home price gains during the housing bubble likely fueled more spending.

North Dakota's spending growth was only 12th-highest in those years. Spending rose the most in Wyoming, where it surged 24.5 percent, followed by Louisiana and Hawaii.

The report points to wide spending disparities elsewhere in the country. Per-person spending in 2012 was highest in Washington, D.C., at \$59,423, followed by Massachusetts at \$47,308. The next-highest per-person spending totals were in Connecticut, North Dakota and New Jersey.

Spending was lowest that year in Mississippi, at \$27,406. Arkansas was second-lowest, at \$28,366.

The government's new report includes figures for specific spending categories. For example, in 2012,

consumers spent the most on housing and utilities in Washington, D.C., where per-capita spending reached \$11,985, followed by Hawaii at \$10,002. Connecticut and Maryland ranked third and fourth. Those figures largely reflect high rents in those areas.

The individual categories of spending data tend to coincide with regional cost-of-living differences. Consumers in Alaska, where food costs are generally high, spent the most on groceries, laying out \$3,852 in 2012, followed by Vermont at \$3,622, followed by New Hampshire, \$3,616, and Hawaii, \$3,615.

The cold-weather state of North Dakota led the nation in spending on gas and energy, paying a per capita \$3,916 in 2012. Wyoming, South Dakota and Maine spent the next-largest amounts.

Hawaii spent the least, at just \$882, followed by New York, Florida and California.

Consumer spending in SD ahead of the nation

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota consumers felt comfortable opening up their wallets in the three years after the Great Recession ended in 2009, outpacing the nation's consumer spending growth by 4 percentage points.

New economic data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis released Thursday shows that consumer spending jumped 14.9 percent in South Dakota from 2009 through 2012, while the nation's grew by 10.7 percent.

The bureau for the first time released state-by-state breakdowns of personal income, consumption and specific spending categories. The numbers point to substantial shifts in the U.S. economy since the recession ended.

Spending jumped 28 percent in North Dakota, the largest gain nationwide, from 2009 through 2012, the latest year for which figures are available. It surged nearly 16 percent in Oklahoma, and the next-largest increases were in South Dakota, Texas and West Virginia.

South Dakota's per-person consumer spending in 2012 grew 3.5 percent over the previous year, according to the report. That is slightly stronger than nation's 3.3 percent growth in 2012, the most recent year for which figures are available.

"Though this is just one indicator, it is another sign that South Dakota has a strong and growing economy," Kelsey Pritchard, spokeswoman for Gov. Dennis Daugaard, said in a statement. "Just this week, Gov. Daugaard was in New York to spread the word about South Dakota's economic strength and business-friendly climate."

South Dakota's per capita consumer spending hit a pre-recession high of \$31,597 in 2007. But by 2012, each South Dakotan spent \$37,036 on average on consumer goods and services compared to \$35,498 for the nation. Of that amount, almost \$5,000 was spent on housing, about \$7,100 on health care and about \$2,900 on groceries and other off-premises food and beverages.

The average South Dakota consumer had one of the highest per capita expenditures — \$2,521 — on gas and energy goods in 2012. The state trailed only North Dakota (\$3,916) and Wyoming (\$3,475). The national average was \$1,328.

IDs released in Sioux Falls murder-suicide

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have identified two people who died in a murder-suicide. Authorities say 32-year-old John Vigus shot 20-year-old Kayla Paetow and then turned the gun on himself Wednesday.

Lt. Matt Burns says Vigus and Paetow were in a relationship and lived together.

Site chosen for proposed \$30M grain facility

TABOR, S.D. (AP) — Dakota Plains Ag Center has chosen a site west of Tabor for a proposed \$30 million grain-loading facility.

The facility will be built at the junction of state Highways 25 and 50 in Bon Homme County, pending county approval. Construction is to begin next April, with the facility opening in time for the fall 2016 harvest.

The Tabor site was chosen after talks between Dakota Plains and Yankton County about a possible site northwest of Yankton stalled after three years.

The project would require about \$10 million in rail upgrades. Dakota Plains says it would pay \$4 million of the cost.

10 Things to Know for Today The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. THREE-DAY MIDEAST TRUCE EXPIRES

Gaza militants and Israeli military exchange fire as negotiations in Cairo on a permanent cease-fire and a new border deal hit a deadlock.

2. "AMERICA IS COMING TO HELP"

Obama authorizes U.S. airstrikes if necessary and airdrops of humanitarian aid in northern Iraq to counter advancing Islamic militants.

3. WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION URGES EXTRAORDINARY RESPONSE TO STOP EBOLA SPREAD

Like Polio and Swine Flu before it, the health agency declares the outbreak in West Africa to be an international public health emergency.

4. ISELLE DOWNGRADED TO TROPICAL STORM

Iselle would be the first tropical storm to hit the state in 22 years, and a hurricane — Julio — is following in its path.

5. HOW CRASHES ARE IMPACTING A CARRIER

After twin disasters this year, Malaysia's state investment company plans to make Malaysia Airlines fully government owned.

6. SENATOR ABANDONS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

John Walsh, a Democrat from Montana, drops out of the race amid allegations that he plagiarized a college paper.

7. HOMEOWNER CONVICTED OF KILLING UNARMED WOMAN

Jurors reject the claim of a suburban Detroit man who says he feared for his life when he heard the woman pounding on his door in the middle of the night.

8. WHY GM IS RECALLING SUVs FOR THIRD TIME

Water can get into the driver's side power window control switch and cause a short. The switches can even overheat and catch fire.

9. PISTORIUS TRIAL DOWN TO CLOSING ARGUMENTS

The defense lawyer in the double-amputee runner's murder trial says police may have mishandled evidence where the shooting happened.

10. WHERE TIGER WOODS STANDS IN FINAL MAJOR

Declaring his round not "very good," the 14-time major winner shoots a 74 at the PGA Championship at Valhalla, nine shots behind leader Lee Westwood.

AP News in Brief

Israel, Hamas resume fire after 3-day truce; fate of Cairo talks on Gaza border deal uncertain

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel and militants from Gaza resumed cross-border attacks on Friday, after a three-day truce expired and talks brokered by Egypt on a new border deal for the blockaded coastal territory hit a deadlock.

It was not clear if the renewed fighting would derail the Cairo negotiations, which are aimed at reaching a sustainable truce, or whether the Egyptian mediators can find a way to prevent a further escalation and a return to full-out war.

Militants from Gaza fired first after the temporary truce expired at 8 a.m. (0500 GMT), launching 21 rockets toward Israel. Most landed in open fields, but two were intercepted over the coastal city of Ashkelon.

The Israeli military said it responded with strikes "across Gaza."

In Gaza, police said Israel launched 10 airstrikes, with most of them hitting empty lands and farms but that seven people were hurt. Police also reported fire from Israeli tanks on northern Gaza and from Israeli gunboats at the central area of the strip.

AP Analysis: Obama puts US military on brink of return to Iraq, the nation he vowed to exit

WASHINGTON (AP) — After years of resisting the pull of more Mideast conflicts, President Barack Obama is ready to return the United States to military action in Iraq, the very country where he accused his predecessor of engaging in a "dumb war."

The president's authorization of airstrikes against militants in Iraq threatens to upend his legacy as the commander in chief who ended the long, unpopular war which killed nearly 4,500 American troops. It also raises fresh questions about whether Obama's desire to end that conflict clouded his assessment of the risks of fully withdrawing U.S. troops, as well as his judgment about the threat posed by the Islamic extremists who have taken advantage of a vulnerable Iraq.

As he addressed a war-weary nation late Thursday, Obama insisted the U.S. was not moving toward another protracted conflict in Iraq.

"I will not allow the United States to be dragged into fighting another war in Iraq," he declared, while also announcing that U.S. military aircrafts had already completed airdrops of humanitarian aid to Iraqi religious minorities under siege.

To be sure, the actions unveiled by Obama are more limited in scope than the full-scale invasion of Iraq that he inherited from his predecessor, George W. Bush.

World Health Organization: Spread of Ebola in West Africa is an international health emergency

LONDON (AP) — The World Health Organization on Friday declared the Ebola outbreak in West Africa to be an international public health emergency that requires an extraordinary response to stop its spread.

It is the largest and longest outbreak ever recorded of Ebola, which has a death rate of about 50 percent and has so far killed at least 932 people. WHO declared similar emergencies for the swine flu pandemic in 2009 and for polio in May.

The WHO chief, Dr. Margaret Chan, said the announcement is “a clear call for international solidarity” although she acknowledged that many countries would probably not have any Ebola cases.

“Countries affected to date simply do not have the capacity to manage an outbreak of this size and complexity on their own,” Chan said at a news conference in Geneva. “I urge the international community to provide this support on the most urgent basis possible.”

The agency had convened an expert committee this week to assess the severity of the continuing epidemic.

Iselle weakens from hurricane to tropical storm 50 miles from Hawaii; winds at 70 mph

HONOLULU (AP) — The first storm in a one-two punch that sent Hawaii scrambling to brace itself weakened on its approach to the state, while a second system close behind was largely expected to pass north of the islands.

The National Weather Service downgraded Iselle to a tropical storm about 50 miles before it was expected to make landfall early Friday in the southern part of Hawaii’s Big Island. Wind and rain from the system still had enough oomph to knock down trees, cause power outages and block some roads. No deaths or major injuries were reported late Thursday.

Iselle was classified as a tropical storm 11 p.m. Thursday Hawaii Standard Time when its winds slowed to 70 mph, putting it below the minimum of 74 mph for a hurricane.

The storm was weakening because of several factors, including wind shear chopping at the system and the Big Island’s terrain above the water, said Chris Brenchley, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Honolulu.

“It can start to feel the drain,” he said. “As wind blows into the terrain, the terrain kind of redirects the wind.”

Memories stirred 35 years after Jonestown massacre when victims’ remains found at funeral home

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Thirty-five years ago, funeral directors in Delaware struggled to quickly bury and cremate the remains of more than 900 people who died in a suicide-murder in Jonestown, Guyana, many of them Peoples Temple followers who drank cyanide-laced punch.

Some bodies that arrived back in the U.S. at Dover Air Force Base in 1978 were claimed by families. Some were cremated. Others were buried in a mass grave in California.

On Thursday, officials revealed that not all had been brought to a final resting place. The cremated remains of nine Jonestown victims were discovered in a decrepit, now-shuttered funeral home in Dover,

officials said. The discovery reopened wounds.

"All the survivors in touch with me are traumatized because that door had been closed," said Jonestown survivor Laura Johnston Kohl, now a retired teacher from San Diego.

"Whatever journey the ashes took in the U.S. is secondary. The first issue is how do we settle it to make sure the ashes are where they belong ... at Evergreen where everybody is," she said, referring to the cemetery that is the site of the mass grave.

In camps for Myanmar's persecuted Rohingya Muslims, kids show signs of severe malnutrition

OHN TAW GYI CAMP, Myanmar (AP) — Born just over a year ago, Dosmeda Bibi has spent her entire short life confined to a camp for one of the world's most persecuted religious minorities. And like a growing number of other Muslim Rohingya children who are going hungry, she's showing the first signs of severe malnutrition.

Her stomach is bloated and her skin clings tightly to the bones of her tiny arms and legs. While others her age are sitting or standing, the baby girl cannot flip from her back to her stomach without a gentle nudge from her mom.

"I'm scared she won't live much longer," whispers Hameda Begum as she gazes into her daughter's dark, sunken eyes. "We barely have any food. On some days I can only scrape together a few bites of rice for her to eat."

Myanmar's child malnutrition rate was already among the region's highest, but it's an increasingly familiar sight in the country's westernmost state of Rakhine, which is home to almost all of the country's 1.3 million Rohingya Muslims.

More than 140,000 have been trapped in crowded, dirty camps since extremist Buddhist mobs began chasing them from their homes two years ago, killing up to 280 people. The others are stuck in villages isolated by systematic discrimination, with restrictions on their movement and limited access to food, clean water, education and health care.

Rep. DesJarlais defies predictions of blowout in Tennessee GOP primary despite scandals

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Scandal-plagued Tennessee Rep. Scott DesJarlais defied expectations of a blowout defeat in his bid for a another term, instead emerging from the Republican primary with a razor-thin margin that left the race too close to call.

With all precincts reporting, DesJarlais and challenger Jim Tracy were separated by a 33-vote margin, illustrating the willingness of the incumbent's tea party base to overlook his personal problems that included once urging a mistress to seek an abortion.

The final result of Thursday's election may drag out until the end the month as election officials consider provisional ballots and potential challenges.

In the other high-profile Tennessee primary contest, Republican Lamar Alexander became the latest U.S. senator to fend off a tea party challenge, defeating a state representative who had used a familiar tactic in trying to cast him as an out of touch insider.

Alexander, a former two-term governor, ended up with 49.7 percent of the vote, compared with 40.5 percent for Rep. Joe Carr of Murfreesboro.

Defense lawyer in Oscar Pistorius murder trial says police may have mishandled evidence

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The chief defense lawyer for Oscar Pistorius delivered final arguments in the athlete's murder trial on Friday, alleging that Pistorius thought he was in danger when he killed girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp and also that police mishandled evidence at the house where the shooting happened.

At one point, lawyer Barry Roux slapped his hand on the desk in front of him to mimic a sound that the double-amputee runner has said he heard on the night of Steenkamp's death. Such an alarming sound, Roux argued, explains why Pistorius thought an intruder was in his home and that he had to defend himself by opening fire.

On Thursday, chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel presented his final arguments that the athlete shot Steenkamp through the closed toilet door after an argument, describing him as an "appalling witness" who lied constantly during testimony to try to cover up the murder.

Roux said Pistorius' disability had made him particularly vulnerable and anxious over the years, comparing the runner to a victim of abuse who kills an abuser after a long period of suffering.

Pistorius has said he killed Steenkamp on Feb. 14, 2013 by mistake, thinking an intruder was in the toilet and about to attack him.

Tale of 2 stars: McIlroy keeps climbing at PGA Championship; Woods heading in wrong direction

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The divide between golf's two biggest names just keeps growing.

There's Rory McIlroy, shooting another round in the 60s and looking very much like the man to beat at the PGA Championship.

Then there's Tiger Woods, spraying shots all over Valhalla and now most concerned with making it to the weekend.

Clearly, they are two players heading in very opposite directions.

"I'm really happy with everything," said McIlroy, who opened with a 5-under 66 on Thursday despite one bad swing that led to a double bogey. "I've got a good thing going right now."

Detroit-area man who shot woman on porch convicted of murder after jury rejects self-defense

DETROIT (AP) — A suburban Detroit man who said he fatally shot an unarmed woman on his porch out of fear prompted by early morning pounding on his doors faces up to life in prison after jurors rejected his claim of self-defense.

Theodore Wafer was convicted Thursday of second-degree murder after a nine-day trial that centered on whether the 55-year-old had a reasonable and honest belief that his safety was in peril.

"I don't know why this was brought to me," Wafer testified this week. "I didn't go out looking for this."

No one knows why Renisha McBride ended up at Wafer's Dearborn Heights home about 4:30 a.m. on Nov. 2, though prosecutors speculated the 19-year-old may have been seeking help. She had been out with a friend hours earlier before crashing her car in Detroit around 1 a.m. and an autopsy found she was extremely drunk.

Wafer opened the front door and shot McBride in the face, firing through a screen door while she

stood on the other side. He first suggested to police that it was an accident but later admitted to intentionally pulling the trigger.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, August 8, the 220th day of 2014. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon announced his resignation, effective the next day, following damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal.

On this date:

In 1814, during the War of 1812, peace talks between the United States and Britain began in Ghent, Belgium.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft signed a measure raising the number of U.S. representatives from 391 to 433, effective with the next Congress, with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.

In 1937, during the Second Sino-Japanese War, Japan completed its occupation of Beijing.

In 1942, during World War II, six Nazi saboteurs who were captured after landing in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others who'd cooperated with authorities were spared.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S. instrument of ratification for the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, the Republican national convention in Miami Beach nominated Richard Nixon for president on the first ballot.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign - which he ended up doing.

In 1978, the U.S. launched Pioneer Venus 2, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

In 2007, space shuttle Endeavour roared into orbit with teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan on board.

Ten years ago: Alan Keyes, the Republican two-time presidential hopeful, threw his hat into Illinois' U.S. Senate race (he ended up losing in a landslide to Democrat Barack Obama). Actress Fay Wray, the damsel held atop the Empire State Building by the giant ape in "King Kong," died in New York City at age 96.

Five years ago: Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice. A small plane collided with a sightseeing helicopter over the Hudson River in New York City, killing nine people, including five Italian tourists. Typhoon Morakot slammed into Taiwan, leaving more than 670 either dead or missing (the typhoon also killed 22 people in the Philippines and eight in China).

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One year ago: The U.S. sharply escalated its drone war in Yemen, with military officials in the Arab country reporting three strikes that left a dozen dead. Actress Karen Black, 74, who was featured in such counterculture favorites as "Easy Rider," "Five Easy Pieces" and "Nashville," died in Los Angeles. Opera singer Regina Resnik, 90, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Anderson is 88. Actress Nita Talbot is 84. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Jerry Tarkanian is 84. Singer Mel Tillis is 82. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 77. Actress Connie Stevens is 76. Country singer Phil Balsley (The Statler Brothers) is 75. Actor Larry Wilcox is 67. Actor Keith Carradine is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Airrion Love (The Stylistics) is 65. Country singer Jamie O'Hara is 64. Movie director Martin Brest is 63. Radio-TV personality Robin Quivers is 62. Percussionist Anton Fig (TV: "Late Show With David Letterman") is 61. Actor Donny Most is 61. Rock musician Dennis Drew (10,000 Maniacs) is 57. TV personality Deborah Norville is 56. Actor-singer Harry Crosby is 56. Rock musician The Edge (U2) is 53. Rock musician Rikki Rockett (Poison) is 53. Rapper Kool Moe Dee is 52. Rock musician Ralph Rieckermann is 52. Middle distance runner Suzy Favor Hamilton is 46. Rock singer Scott Stapp is 41. Country singer Mark Wills is 41. Actor Kohl Sudduth is 40. Rock musician Tom Linton (Jimmy Eat World) is 39. Singer JC Chasez ('N Sync) is 38. Actress Tawny Cypress is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Drew Lachey (lah-SHAY') (98 Degrees) is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marsha Ambrosius is 37. Actress Lindsay Sloane is 37. Actress Countess Vaughn is 36. Actor Michael Urie is 34. Tennis player Roger Federer is 33. Actress Meagan Good is 33. Britain's Princess Beatrice of York is 26. Actor Ken Baumann is 25. Pop singer Shawn Mendes is 16.

Thought for Today: "It is the anonymous 'they,' the enigmatic 'they' who are in charge. Who is 'they'? I don't know. Nobody knows. Not even 'they' themselves." - Joseph Heller, American author (1923-1999).