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Senior Menu: Baked Chicken Breast, Noodles Romanoff, Lemon Buttered Broccoli, Pineapple Strawberry Ambrosia, Whole Wheat Bread

Anniversary: Rob & Jeanne Wanous

Birthdays: Kendra Bull • Lester Stearns • Abby Gibbs • Jordan Kjellsen • Ken Tobin • Rhonda Carda • Chanise Pray

10:00am: NEC Boys Golf Meet at Olive Grove, Groton

2:00pm: WELCA "Do Day" Stewardship Projects / Election of Officers

Friday, Aug. 29

Senior Menu: Sloppy Joe on Wheat Bun, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Crunchy Cranberry Salad

Birthdays: • Chuck Padfield • Kristi Thurston • William Zoellner • Jody Bull • Terry Leonhardt • Felicia Ethridge • Tonica Larson • Shawn McDonald

6:30am: Christian Missionary & Alliance Men's Bible Study at Dairy Queen

7:00pm: Football at Parkston

Saturday, Aug. 30

Birthdays: Nathan Atherton • Rachel Zaudtke • Ashley Gibbs • Troy Zoellner • Emma Jo Schinkel

1:00pm: Girls Soccer hosts Pierre

3:00pm: Girls JV 1/2 game

4:00pm: Boys Soccer hosts Pierre

6:00pm: Boys JV to follow varsity game

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



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The cardboard/paper

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.

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

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Roger: 605/397-7118

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Death Notice: Drucilla Hinrichs

Drucilla Hinrichs, 86, of Claremont passed away August 27, 2014 at Wheatcrest Hills in Britton. Services are pending for Tuesday with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

2014 PHEASANT OUTLOOK

2014 PHEASANT BROOD SURVEY RESULTS BY AREA

Local Area	Pheasants Per Mile (PPM)			Change From	
	2014 Survey	2013 Survey	10 yr. ave.	2013 Survey	10 yr. ave.
Chamberlain	6.55	2.66	14.38	147%	-54%
Winner	3.78	2.00	7.33	89%	-48%
Pierre	5.20	2.15	9.16	142%	-43%
Mobridge	3.59	2.12	6.88	70%	-48%
Aberdeen	2.74	1.70	6.11	61%	-55%
Huron	2.92	2.04	7.32	43%	-60%
Mitchell	3.04	2.00	5.97	52%	-49%
Yankton	1.36	0.68	1.40	95%	-3%
Sioux Falls	1.06	0.90	2.14	18%	-50%
Brookings	1.16	0.77	3.89	50%	-70%
Watertown	1.21	0.77	4.63	56%	-74%
Sisseton	0.77	0.56	1.94	38%	-60%
Western SD	1.53	1.01	2.68	51%	-43%
STATEWIDE	2.68	1.52	5.75	76%	-53%

NOTE: Comparisons are valid only between years within each local area.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks has completed the annual pheasant brood survey and the results show a 76 percent increase in the statewide pheasants-per-mile index from 2013: 2014 Pheasant Outlook.

Despite the 76 percent bump this year, South Dakota statewide pheasant numbers are still a long ways from the recent modern highs of the mid-to late 2000s, checking in at 53 percent below the long-term average. The statewide pheasant-per-mile index is similar to 2002 when hunters harvested 1.26 million roosters.

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Notice

Sugar Babes/Sweet Sensations dance groups registration is Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Groton Community Center from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Instructor Gwen Briscoe from Aberdeen ARCC will be offering a sixth, seventh and eighth grade dance team new this year! Call Gwen at 605/290-0410 or Kim at 605/380-7148 for more information.

Silver Skates Registration

Registration for the 2015 Carnival of Silver Skates will be on Sunday, September 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, and again on Monday, September 8th from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Warming House in Groton. Be looking for your registration form coming to you via email and through the school as well. If you are going to be a participant in the Carnival, you MUST attend one of these registration dates to be measured for your costume. Thank you!!

Brotherton Thank You

I wish to send my heartfelt thank you to all of my friends for their cards, calls, and best wishes. I was delighted to visit with so many of you at my farewell party. I especially want to thank and bless my bridge playing friends for the many hours of playing cards, visiting, and enjoying each other's company. As I prepare to say "good bye" to Groton, I assure all of you that I will cherish these memories forever.

**Thank you and God bless,
Clare Brotherton**

Help Wanted

Wheatcrest Hills - New Wage Scale - is hiring for PT and FT CNA positions. We are looking for caring compassionate individuals to join our team. CNA certification training class to start September 15 and we have benefit packages available. Please stop in for application or contact Kristin at 605/448-2251. (0826.0902)

For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING/ OPEN HOUSE**

Project P 0037(129)207; PCN 039K; BROWN COUNTY

SD37 from Aspen Avenue to US12 in Groton

Grading, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk, Roadway Lighting, AC Surfacing

Date: September 4, 2014

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. CDT

Place: Groton Community Center
109 N. 3rd Street
Groton, SD 57445

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will hold an open house style public meeting to discuss and receive public input on the above project. The open house will be informal, with one on one discussion with SDDOT design staff.

A presentation will take place shortly after 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, SDDOT staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than **2 business days prior to the meeting** in order to ensure accommodations are available.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting to share your views and concerns any time between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

For further information regarding this project, contact Mark Leiferman, Chief Roadway Design Engineer at (605) 773-3433.

Information presented at the Public Meeting/Open House will be posted on the SDDOT web site after the meeting at <http://sddot.com/dot/publicmeetings/default.aspx>.

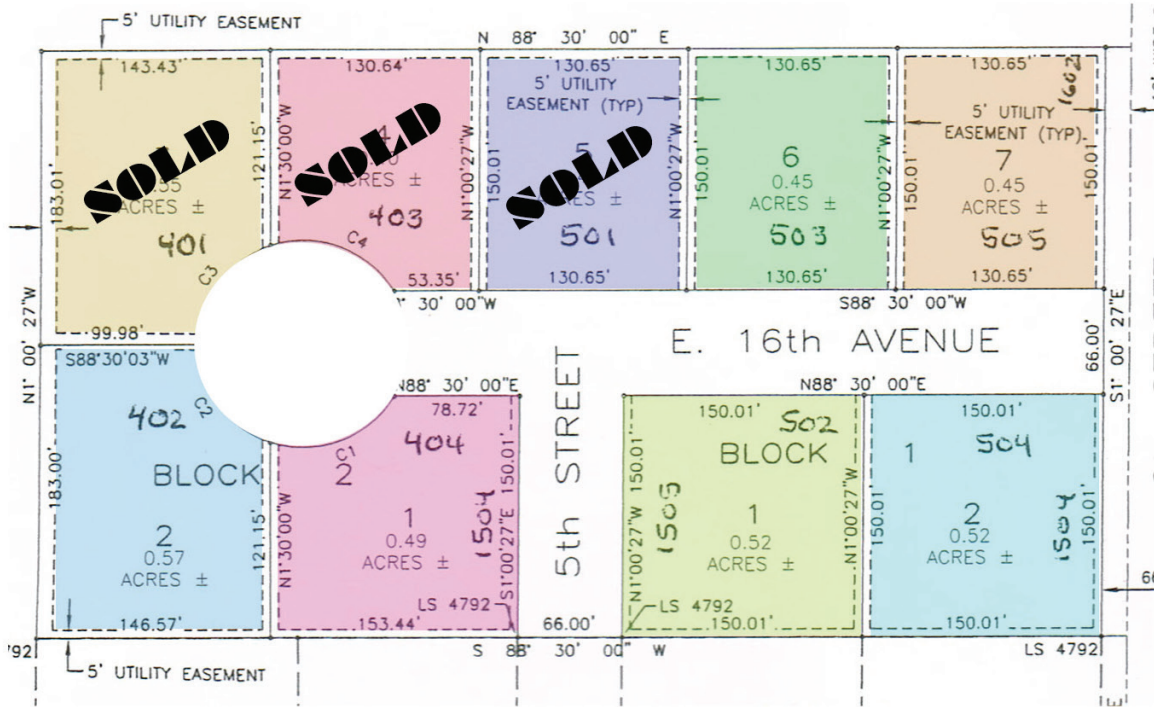
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Achieving the Dream

**Lots for Sale
in a
family
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neighborhood**



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Today in Weather History

1990: The deadliest tornado of 1990, killed 29 people and caused at least 350 injuries as it ravaged parts of Kendall and Will Counties in northeastern Illinois. The tornado produced F5 damage as it approached the western part of the city of Plainfield. As the tornado travelled through Plainfield and Crest Hill, it destroyed several schools with enrollments totaling over 1,500 pupils. Fortunately, classes had not been scheduled to start until the next day. Oddly, no known photographs or videos of the actual tornado exist. The tornado was embedded in heavy rain and hail during most of its lifetime, thus preventing visual warning of the impending event.

2011: Several thunderstorms tracking southeast across the region brought very large hail along with damaging winds to parts of the region. Golf ball hail broke some windows on several homes and on the church in Herried in Campbell County. Very large hail up to three inches in diameter caused some vehicle and siding damage in Tolstoy, in Potter County. In Redfield, seventy mph winds downed a tree along with many large tree branches. Also, the metal on a roof was peeled back.

1898 - Torrents of rain accompanied by a furious wind upset the rain gage at Fort Mohave AZ. However, water in a wash tub set out on the mesa, clear of everything, measured eight inches after the 45 minute storm. (The Weather Channel)

1911 - Saint George, GA, was deluged with 18.00 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1959 - Lieutenant Colonel William Rankin bailed out of his plane at a height of 46,000 feet into a violent thunderstorm, and lived to write about the 45 minute journey (which normally would have been a thirteen minute descent). He described it as one of the most bizarre and painful experiences imaginable. (The Weather Channel)

1971 - Heavy rains from Tropical Storm Doria caused devastating floods in central and northeast New Jersey resulting in 138 million dollars damage. In southeastern Pennsylvania, high winds downed trees and power lines, and in New York City, heavy rains flooded streets and subways. (David Ludlum)

1986 - The temperature at Apalachicola, FL, dipped to 62 degrees to shatter their previous August

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record by four degrees, having tied their August record high of 99 degrees on the 2nd of the month. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms broke the heat in the southeastern U.S. and the Gulf Coast Region, but not before seven cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The severe thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 80 mph downing large trees around Horse Shoe NC, and pelted southeastern Meridian MS with hail two inches in diameter. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Tropical Storm Chris spawned a tornado near Manning, SC, which killed one person, and spawned three tornadoes in North Carolina. Chris produced one to two foot tides, and three to six inch rains, over coastal South Carolina. Severe thunderstorms in New York State and Vermont, developing ahead of a cold front, spawned a tornado which killed one person at Hector NY, produced tennis ball size hail at Brandon VT, and produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Lyndonville VT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


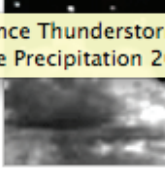
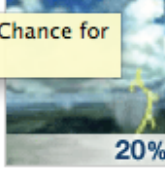




1989 - Early morning thunderstorms in Nebraska produced 4.50 inches of rain around McCook, and 4.65 inches near Auburn and Brownville. Showers in Montana pushed the rainfall total for the month at Havre past the previous August record of 3.90 inches. (The National Weather Summary)




Come 'n' Get It!
Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night
Andover Bar & Grill Serving 5-9 p.m.
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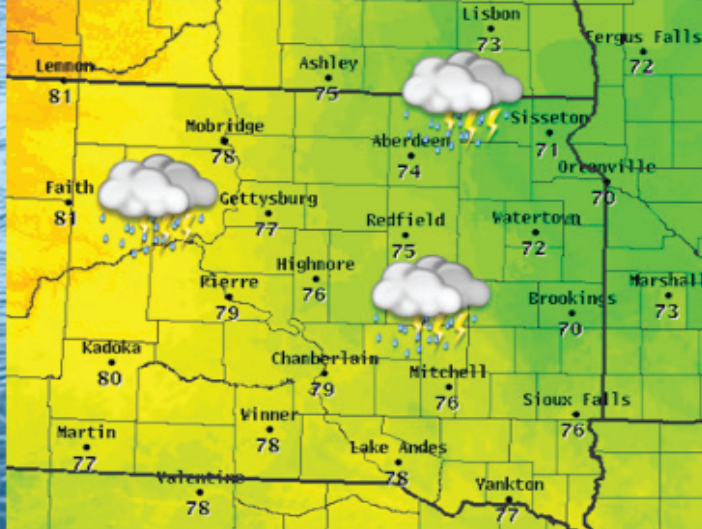
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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Thunderstorms Likely High: 73 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 59 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 80 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 56 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 79 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 64 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 78 °F




Rain Moving Through The Area Today Clearing Tonight






Friday



20%


Upper 70s
To Mid 80s

Saturday



Upper 70s
To
Upper 80s



Sunday



20-50%

Mid &
Upper 70s

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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 Updated: 8/28/2014 4:47 AM Central

Low pressure will move through the region today with light rain and a couple of rumbles of thunder. A few breaks in the sun this afternoon will allow temperatures to hit low 80s west river, however it will be a struggle to get into the 70s in eastern South Dakota/western Minnesota. A few stray showers will pass through the area Friday, with a break in the action for Saturday before the next weather system moves through.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 63.8°F at 5:20 PM

Low: 43.4°F at 7:02 AM

High Gust: 7 mph 1:47 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1937

Record Low: 31° in 1893

Average High: 79°F

Average Low: 53°F

Average Precip in Aug.: 2.12

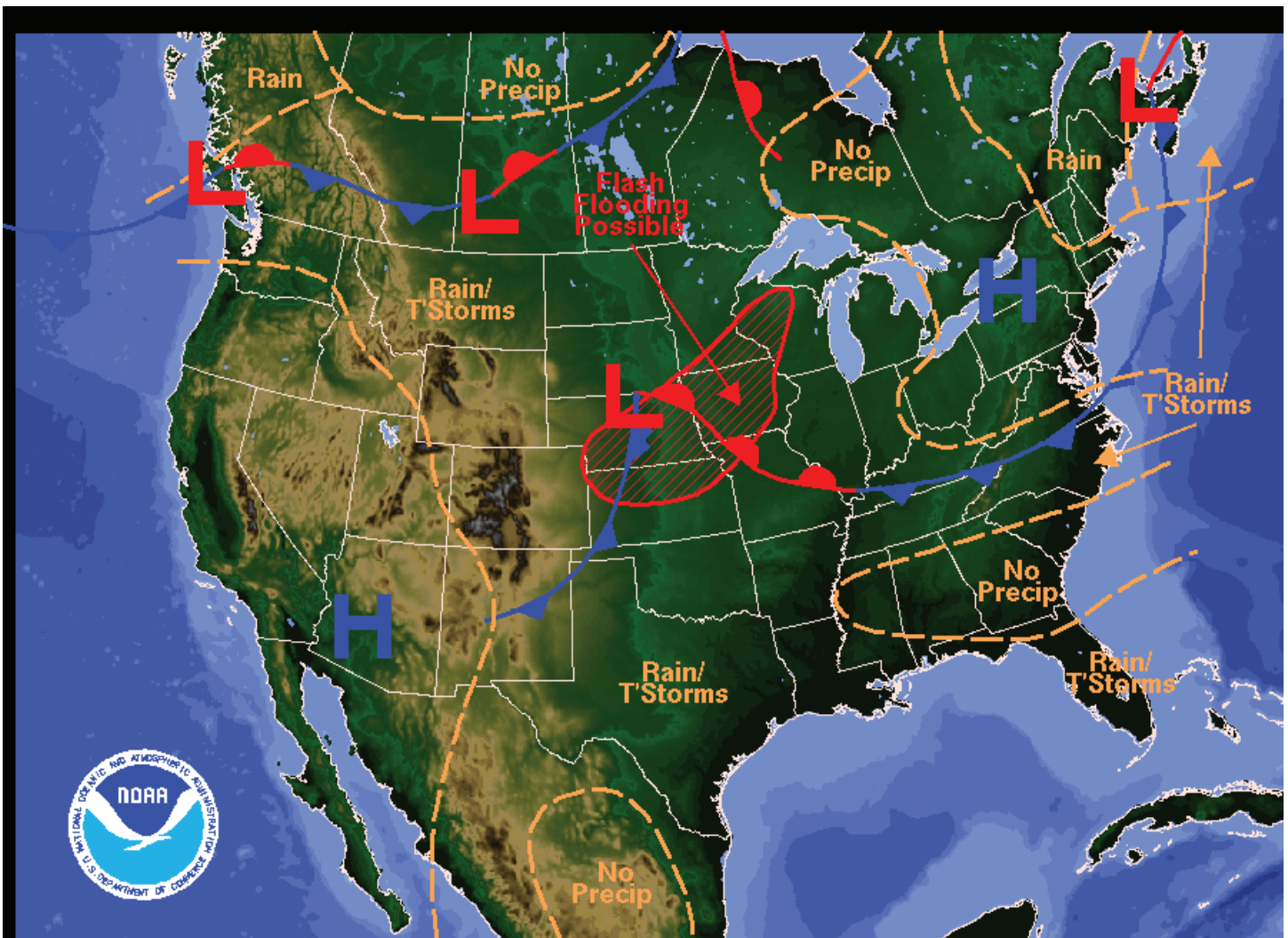
Precip to date in Aug.: 2.95

Average Precip to date: 15.98

Precip Year to Date: 11.93

Sunset Tonight: 8:19 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Aug 28, 2014, issued 3:04 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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FINALLY FREE

A clerk in Birmingham, England was placing a package on a shelf in a post office. As he was lifting it from a cart, it broke open and out fell what appeared to be a pair of "heavy-duty" handcuffs that were not put together and locked.

Jokingly, he said to an associate, "I dare you to try these on for size."

"I'll take the dare," he said, put them on and locked them. After a few laughs, they went to the box to locate the key and unlock them. To their surprise, there was no key.

They hurried to the police station to get a key to release the lock. They inserted it properly, but when they turned the key, it broke. What was once comical now became serious. The broken key either had to be drilled from the cuffs or the thick, heavy chain sawed apart.

But, it was Sunday and no one could be found to help them out of their predicament. Finally, they went to the police chief who said, "Well, this looks like a good time to teach you a lesson. You'll have to go to Derby, explain your problem to the person who made the handcuffs and then come back and we'll remove them. You need to learn a lesson about playing with things that can harm you."

What a picture of sin. At first, it promises to bring pleasure and enjoyment - a time of fun and pleasure. Then, it takes one "captive" and one is no longer free. But, we know there is one who can free us: Christ our Savior. "The Lord sets prisoners free," promised the Psalmist.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to accept the freedom that can be ours through Your Son. May we place our trust in You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 146:7c The Lord sets prisoners free,

Leads' Homestake Opera House celebrates centennial

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — The Homestake Opera House in Lead (leed) is celebrating its 100th birthday this weekend.

The three-level opera house and recreation center opened its doors on Aug. 31, 1914, and became a cultural hub in the Black Hills of western South Dakota. In addition to the theater it had a library and a swimming pool.

The building was heavily damaged by a fire in April 1984, and officials have been working to restore it since. Last December they kicked off a \$4.2 million fundraising campaign to renovate the stage.

The weekend centennial celebration begins with a Friday night party and concludes Sunday with photo and video historical presentations. There also will be tours Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Portrait of former Gov. Bill Janklow hung at USD

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A portrait of former South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow now hangs in Farber Hall at the University of South Dakota.

The portrait by Watertown artist Joshua Spies depicts Janklow at the latter end of his career, giving one of his 16 state-of-the-state addresses. It joins portraits of nine other former governors who attended USD.

Janklow attended the school in the 1970s, studying law. He went on to serve as attorney general, governor and U.S. congressman.

Janklow died of brain cancer in 2012, at the age of 72.

A ceremony was held Wednesday at USD to dedicate his portrait.

Stolen car suspect crashes after several accidents

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man is in custody in Sioux Falls after allegedly crashing a stolen car into several vehicles while attempting to flee police.

Authorities say the man fled when an officer tried to make a traffic stop about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday. The suspect struck a parked van and two vehicles in roadways before rolling the car he was driving multiple times. It came to rest on its roof.

Authorities say the suspect crawled from a window and fled on foot. Officers eventually caught up with him and took him into custody on numerous charges including auto theft, fleeing, reckless driving, and hit and run.

Oil conference planned in Spearfish in October

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Oil and Gas Association and the Black Hills Expo Group are hosting an oil conference in Spearfish Oct. 1-2.

The 2014 Black Hills Bakken and Investor Conference is aimed at helping attendees become more profitable in the energy market. There is a fee and seating is limited.

The conference will feature several speakers on topics including investing in the North Dakota oil fields. Inc. Magazine's Norm Brodsky will be the keynote speaker.

Pressler honors One Feather at South Dakota wake

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Independent U.S. Senate candidate Larry Pressler has joined mourners in South Dakota to honor legendary Oglala Sioux leader and former tribal president Gerald One Feather, who died last week.

One Feather's widow presented Pressler with a tribal star quilt during funeral proceedings Wednesday. She says it recognizes Pressler's work on behalf of Native Americans during his 22 years in Congress. Pressler is a former Republican and served two House terms followed by three Senate terms from 1975 to 1997.

He says his friend's life would inspire him to legislate the expansion of tribal community colleges if he is elected.

One Feather died at age 76 after a massive stroke.

Pressler, former Republican Gov. Mike Rounds, Democrat Rick Weiland and independent Gordon Howie are seeking the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson.

Military vets get free admission to D-Day film

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Military veterans will receive free admission over the Labor Day weekend to the documentary "D-Day: Normandy 1944" at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

It's narrated by South Dakota native, journalist and author Tom Brokaw.

The film opened in May at the Kirby Science Discovery Center Wells Fargo CineDome Theater and runs through the end of the year.

Judge hearing arguments in disputed candidate case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge is hearing arguments on whether the South Dakota Libertarian Party's candidate for Public Utilities Commission can appear on the November general election ballot.

Secretary of State Jason Gant last week ruled Ryan Gaddy ineligible to run for the office, saying Gaddy didn't comply with a state law that requires candidates to be members of the party that nominates them.

Gaddy and the Libertarian Party sued in federal court, arguing the law is unconstitutional and that not putting Gaddy on the ballot infringes on his and the party's rights. The state wants the case dismissed.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol is hearing arguments Thursday morning in Sioux Falls.

SD lawmakers explore highway funding, user fees

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Members of a legislative committee tasked with studying how to best fund state and local highways started gathering ideas Wednesday, including considering increasing some user fees as an option to help fund South Dakota's roads.

The Highway Needs and Financing Committee met Tuesday and Wednesday at the state Capitol. Republican Sen. Mike Vehle, chairman of the committee, said the state could look at a 10 percent increase to the license fee for drivers. He suggested such potential legislation as lowering the gas tax from 22 cents per gallon to 20 cents while adding a 3 percent excise tax on fuel over two years.

"I'm willing to look at a lot of other things, but we've got to get started somewhere," he said.

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The state's gas tax has been at 22 cents per gallon since 1999.

Vehle also said the secretary of transportation should bring annual reports to the Legislature on how well the state is meeting its target road conditions and how much it would cost to reach their goals.

Other legislators commented on Vehle's suggestions but didn't offer any ideas of their own for possible legislation.

The committee heard testimony from concerned parties Tuesday and Wednesday that ranged from Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch to the president of the state's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, David Owen. They wanted to make sure the committee makes legislation recommendations that address fixing state roads but don't unfairly burden industries.

Lentsch and others said many local "farm-to-market" roads are in disrepair and in desperate need of attention, especially as agricultural production continues to increase.

"Our technology continues to advance, so our infrastructure needs to advance," Lentsch said.

Owen said companies such as ethanol processing plants also rely on back country roads and need to see them better funded. He said having some type of user fees would probably be the best approach.

The committee will meet again for two days in early November, and members will finalize their legislative recommendations for new laws at that time.

"There's a lot of things we do in government where we can argue whether that's the government's position or not — but roads are (the responsibility of government)," Vehle said. "So we do have to look at ways to solve this problem."

Missouri opens season with veteran D-line

JAKE KREINBERG, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Markus Golden isn't a conventional team captain. The senior defensive end transferred to Missouri from Hutchinson (Kansas) Community College two years ago, and has zero career starts with the Tigers.

He's not without experience, though.

Golden backed up NFL draft picks Michael Sam and Kony Ealy last season, yet managed to record 55 tackles - including 13 for loss - and 6.5 sacks. He's set to start in No. 24 Missouri's opener Saturday against South Dakota State, and says he doesn't feel any pressure in taking over.

"Oh, no, not at all," Golden said. "Why would I be worried about filling any shoes? I'm the same person. I'm sticking to the same role I had last year, which was being myself out there and playing hard every play."

Golden highlights a defensive line that features three seniors and a junior atop the depth chart despite losing its star power from a year ago. Tackles Matt Hoch and Lucas Vincent have 34 combined starts while end Shane Ray played as a reserve in all 14 games last season. Sophomore tackles Harold Brantley and Josh Augusta are also expected to receive playing time.

Defensive line coach Craig Kuligowski said each of the four tackles is capable of starting, and that as long as the team figures out a rotation for them, there is no drawback to having reserves who can fill in at a moment's notice.

"It keeps everybody on their toes," he said. "Just because they know that you can't look back. You've always got to look forward. So I think it helps our team compete."

But there's no doubt the presence of Sam and Ealy will be missed, as the Tigers led the Southeastern Conference last year with 41 sacks and 108 tackles for loss. Hoch expanded on their contributions to

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the team, saying Sam and Ealy not only excelled on the field but also motivated teammates on the sidelines.

Golden is aiming to replicate those actions, preaching to younger players that as long as they put forth the effort on the field, they'll eventually become a first-stringer. He thinks his split playing time with Sam challenged both players to raise the bar a notch.

"Just in terms of an emotional leader on defense, I don't know if we've had a guy like him since (current Atlanta Falcons player) Sean Weatherspoon," Kuligowski said. "Just in terms of a guy who has that personality, is well-liked and has that energy about him."

Since Weatherspoon's final season in 2009, Missouri has featured several prominent defensive linemen, including Sam, Ealy, Aldon Smith and Sheldon Richardson, so Kuligowski's praise carries some weight. But Golden refuses to reminisce, choosing to focus on South Dakota State instead.

The Jackrabbits play in the Missouri Valley Football Conference in the Championship Subdivision, and feature a pair of veteran offensive players who can pose problems for opposing defensive lines.

Quarterback Austin Sumner already holds school records in completions (631), attempts (1,085) and passing yards (7,824), and needs six more touchdowns to match Ryan Berry at 56. Running back Zach Zenner last year became the second FCS player to rush for more than 2,000 yards in two separate seasons.

"You feel like you have the go-to guy at every one of the positions," coach John Stiegelmeier told his school's website. "But also the confidence they give the other members of the team, just because they've done it, they've worked hard. They're no different than you are. There's a double whammy with their presence."

Whatever happens, Golden can't wait to get started.

"That's the best thing about football," he said. "Every year's a new year."

South Dakota tech school gets \$500,000 NASA grant

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Space Grant Consortium has been awarded \$500,000 by NASA.

The grant will be used by the consortium, located at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, to increase engagement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs at the Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown. The two entities will also partner with South Dakota State University and NASA Johnson Space Center to execute a project called "A Sustainable Food Chain: Growing the Right Stuff!"

The Office of Education at NASA awarded 35 grants to community colleges and technical schools throughout the U.S. in an effort to increase NASA-related STEM engagement.

Sioux Falls seeks public help in controlling deer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls officials are seeking the public's input on a plan to reduce the deer population inside city limits.

The police department and South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks have already developed a proposed deer management plan through research and study of what other cities have done to control urbanized deer. But they are also giving people a change to provide input through an online survey and two public meetings.

Police Chief Doug Barthel says the goal is to receive as much input from the public as possible.

Many residents have expressed concern for their yards, plants and property due to the residential presence of deer.

A guide to the EB-5 program investigation in SD

The Associated Press

Republican and Democratic lawmakers hope to delve deeper into the scandal involving an investment-for-green-card program at the Sept. 24 Government Operations and Audit Committee meeting in Pierre. Here's a look at key elements of the investigations into the reported misappropriation of money in the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the death of its former commissioner:

LATEST: Republican Sen. Larry Tidemann, the committee chairman, said Wednesday he sent letters this week to Joop Bollen, the former administrator of the visa program in South Dakota, and U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson. Tidemann said he'd like Bollen to give a chronology of the program and asked Johnson to update the committee on any criminal investigations.

Also Wednesday, Democratic candidate for governor Rep. Susan Wismer asked that another member of her party sit in on the September meeting, saying she's willing to step aside if her campaign creates a conflict.

On Tuesday, Democrats Sen. Larry Lucas and Rep. Bernie Hunhoff renewed and expanded a request for testimony at the meeting to include Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard, former GOP Gov. Mike Rounds, Bollen and his Aberdeen lawyer, Jeff Sveen. Lucas and Hunhoff gave the four until Sept. 3 to accept the invitation and then vowed to issue subpoenas. The Democrats also demanded access to financial documents. The committee earlier asked for written answers, and Daugaard's office said he would provide them.

BACKGROUND: The EB-5 investment visa program allows people to seek U.S. residency if they invest at least \$500,000 in approved projects. It is under scrutiny because of allegations of financial misconduct at GOED, which oversees the program. An audit found that before Richard Benda left his job as GOED commissioner in 2010, he tacked on an extra \$550,000 to a grant agreement to help the struggling Northern Beef Packers plant in Aberdeen. As commissioner, he had that ability. But a report from Attorney General Marty Jackley showed the same amount was improperly diverted to Benda's new employer, SDRC Inc., which was led by Bollen and administered the EB-5 visa program at the time. Local, state and federal agencies concluded Benda committed suicide in October.

CRIMINAL CASE: Jackley released in July a draft of a complaint against Benda that would have charged him with three alternate felony counts alleging that he illegally obtained \$550,000 intended for Northern Beef Packers and that he double-billed the state \$5,560 for three flights to China and Las Vegas. Journalist Bob Mercer couldn't secure records through an administrative law process and has sued Jackley seeking more information about Benda's death.

MISSING MONEY: Daugaard's office said that he is considering filing a lawsuit to recover the \$550,000 and that a private lawyer has been working for months to determine whether the state can reclaim the money, if it's accessible.

SENATE RACE: During a debate in Mitchell, Rounds' opponents for U.S. Senate challenged the Republican to release additional information he knows about EB-5. Rounds said he's cooperating with state and federal investigators.

BEEF PLANT: Northern Beef Packers filed for bankruptcy last summer and was sold in December to White Oak Global Advisors LLC, a California-based investment firm. Doug Cooper, CEO of the renamed New Angus plant, said he is working on a five-year plan with a goal of eventually employing nearly 600

people and slaughtering up to 1,000 head of cattle per day.

Dem asks for another lawmaker to sit in for her

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Democratic candidate for South Dakota governor is asking that another member of her party sit in on a committee looking into reported misconduct with the EB-5 visa program in the Governor's Office of Economic Development

Rep. Susan Wismer asked Republican chairman Sen. Larry Tidemann to allow Democratic legislative leaders to choose a proxy for her at the Sept. 24 meeting of the Government Operations and Audit Committee meeting. She says if her campaign creates a conflict, she's willing to step aside.

Tidemann could not immediately be reached for comment.

He says he has asked former visa program administrator Joop (YOHP) Bollen to attend the meeting and go over its history. He also asked U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson to brief lawmakers on any investigations.

Barnstormers move from AFL to IFL

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa Barnstormers have relegated themselves.

The Barnstormers announced Wednesday that they'll be moving from the Arena Football League to the lower-tier Indoor Football League for the 2015 season.

President Jeff Lamberti says the "economic aspects" of the IFL are more fitting for the team in Des Moines, which was among the smallest markets in the AFL. The IFL is largely based in the Midwest and includes teams in nearby Cedar Rapids and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Barnstormers competed in the AFL from 1995-2000 before returning to Iowa in 2008 as an af2 franchise.

Iowa rejoined the AFL in 2010 but failed to post a winning record.

Hoven students begin classes in former hospital

HOVEN, S.D. (AP) — Students in the northern South Dakota town of Hoven who lost their school to a fire in the spring have started fall classes in a former hospital. It's a good experience for some and a strange one for others.

The school district is holding classes in the former Holy Infant Hospital while it rebuilds the junior and senior high school that was destroyed in a late May blaze. Classes for the 57 students began Tuesday, according to the American News and KEVN-TV.

"I'm just glad that the kids have a building to go to school in," parent and substitute teacher Lori Sautner said.

Senior Tara Heuer said some in her class were worried after the fire about not being together for their final year.

"We have been together forever, it seems like," she said. "Most of us have been together since kindergarten, so it would be weird splitting up and going to different schools."

Some students said it is a bit strange to go to school in an old hospital.

"It's sort of freaky because you don't know what happened here," eighth-grader Tracie Leach said.

Junior Autumn Simon said her mother was born in the building, and eighth-grader Casey Leach said,

"In the bathrooms, there's bathtubs, and in the classrooms there's sinks and stuff."

The hospital was started by Catholic nuns in 1943. It closed in 2010. The building is across the street from Hoven's elementary school.

"It looked like an old, run-down hospital," Superintendent Pat Jones said of his first visit to the building. "Certainly, the rooms were there, but there was lots of equipment in the rooms that had not been used for a while and a lot of stuff just put in rooms to store. It really presented itself as a building with an unknown future and offered us a great opportunity, but also, a lot of work."

Necessary renovations were completed over the summer, with help from community volunteers.

"They're trying really hard to make it feel like a school, and I'm pretty sure it is going to work," Senior Abby Simon said.

The state fire marshal's office was not able to determine the cause of the fire because of the extensive amount of damage, but authorities believe it to be accidental.

Libertarians seek to stop ballot printing

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

South Dakota's Libertarian Party asked a federal judge Wednesday to stop Secretary of State Jason Gant from printing November general election ballots without the name of its candidate for the state Public Utilities Commission.

Gant last week ruled Ryan Gaddy ineligible to run for the office, saying Gaddy didn't comply with a state law that requires candidates to be members of the party that nominates them.

Gaddy changed his party affiliation from Republican at the Libertarian convention, but the official paperwork wasn't filed until later. That meant Gaddy was still a Republican at the time of his Libertarian nomination, a violation of state law, according to Gant.

Gaddy and the Libertarian Party are suing in federal court, arguing the state law is unconstitutional and that not putting Gaddy on the ballot infringes on his and the party's rights.

Gant said he has no intention of printing ballots until the court case is resolved. A court injunction on ballot-printing could prove problematic if the case drags out, however. Ballots are required to be in county auditors' offices on Sept. 17, two days before absentee voting starts.

Attorney General Marty Jackley, whose office is representing Gant, said Gant is required to follow the law, and that a 2005 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in an Oklahoma case, among others, would seem to indicate that South Dakota's law is constitutional.

The attorney general's office filed its formal response to the lawsuit Wednesday, asking U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol to dismiss the case.

It will defend the state's position during a Thursday morning court hearing in Sioux Falls.

"The United States Supreme Court has allowed these types of statutes to protect the political party process," Jackley said.

The Libertarians argue in their lawsuit that a separate Supreme Court ruling, in a 1986 Connecticut case, indicates that "a state voting regulation that denies ballot access to a political party's nominee because of non-membership violates the party's freedom of association." The party also contends there is no state interest in not allowing Gaddy to run for office, and that Gant's decision was based on "a narrowly restrictive and ultimately arbitrary interpretation" of state law.

Gant said that "state law is black and white, and it's my responsibility to follow the law."

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Conservative Americans for Prosperity comes to SD

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The conservative nonprofit group Americans for Prosperity is launching a South Dakota chapter.

The group that advocates smaller government says its state director is Ben Lee, who has lived in South Dakota for 21 years and has a background in television news reporting, higher education fund-raising and administration. He's also a former member of the state staff for GOP U.S. Sen. John Thune.

Lee says he looks forward to working with local activists to grow the South Dakota chapter.

2 Iowa teens in car hurt when it rams school bus

INWOOD, Iowa (AP) — Two teenage boys have been hospitalized after the car they were in rammed the rear of a school bus in northwest Iowa.

The accident occurred a little after 7:45 a.m. Tuesday in Inwood. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office says the Netherlands Reformed Christian School bus had stopped before being hit by the car.

Chief Deputy Jerry Birkey says no one on the bus reported any injuries. The car's 16-year-old driver, Tyler Niemeyer, was taken to a hospital in Canton, South Dakota. His 14-year-old passenger, Caleb Niemeyer, was taken flown to a hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The crash is being investigated.

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. OBAMA CONTEMPLATES CONGRESS' ROLE IN SYRIAN CRISIS

The big question facing the president is whether or not to seek lawmakers' approval if the White House decides to strike Islamic State targets in Syria.

2. MOTHER PLEADS FOR RELEASE OF CAPTURED US JOURNALIST

In a video, she appeals to the Islamic State militants to show mercy to 31-year-old Steven Sotloff, who was last seen a year ago in Syria.

3. UKRAINE SEPARATISTS LAUNCH BOLD OFFENSIVE

The attack along a new southeastern front raises the prospect that the rebels are seeking to create a land link between Russia and Crimea.

4. FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR'S DEATH PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON GUN TOURISM

Laws are keeping high-powered weapons out of reach for most people, giving rise to a developing scene of indoor shooting ranges.

5. WHO WILL SPLIT COST OF LOOKING FOR MH370

The Australian and Malaysian governments agree to share the \$48 million price tag for the new phase of the search of the missing Malaysia Airlines plane thought to have been lost in the southern Indian Ocean.

6. CANADIANS PROUDLY PROTECTIVE OF TIM HORTONS

The coffee-shop chain, which will be acquired by Burger King, is a national institution tied to Canada's obsession with hockey.

7. HOW SOUTH KOREA IS MOVING AWAY FROM A CONTROVERSIAL TRADITION

Pet-mad younger Koreans are turning their back to eating dogs, long considered a favorite in their country's cuisine.

8. WHY RESEARCHERS ARE TRIPPING SENIORS ON PURPOSE

A scientific experiment wants to help the elderly avoid falling by studying their reactions to a changing walkway's unexpected moves.

9. BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLUES HIT DOGS, TOO

When their young owners return to school, many pets experience separation anxiety, experts say.

10. CASH KEEPS FLOWING FROM ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

The viral fundraising campaign for Lou Gehrig's Disease is approaching a stunning \$100 million. And the money keeps pouring in.

AP News in Brief

Islamic State extremists rooted in Syria, home to the group's declared capital and power base

BEIRUT (AP) — As the U.S. strikes Islamic State targets in Iraq, extremists belonging to the same militant group across the border in Syria are capturing new territory and becoming bolder by the day.

There, in its power base, the Islamic State group controls thousands of square kilometers (miles) of territory, including most of Syria's oil-producing region. In the areas under its control, it has established an elaborate governing system that oversees every aspect of people's lives.

The U.S. has begun surveillance flights over Syria as a possible precursor for airstrikes against Islamic State targets there. U.S. Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has said the group cannot be defeated "without addressing that side of the organization which resides in Syria."

A look at the Islamic State group in Syria:

Obama faces familiar question about Congress' role if he moves toward airstrikes in Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama faces a familiar question as he contemplates airstrikes in Syria: Should Congress have a say in his decision?

Obama was barreling toward strikes last summer when he abruptly announced that he first wanted approval from congressional lawmakers. But Congress balked at Obama's request for a vote and the operation was eventually scrapped.

This time around, the White House is suggesting it may not be necessary to get a sign-off from Congress for airstrikes. While cautioning that Obama has made no final decisions, officials say there is a difference between last year's effort to attack Syria's government in retaliation for chemical weapons use and a bombing campaign against Islamic State militants that is now under consideration.

"What we're talking about now is confronting a terrorist group that has sought safe haven in Syria," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said when asked about the prospect of Obama again seeking congressional authorization. "This is a group that poses a threat to Americans in the region and could potentially, down the line, pose a broader threat to American interests and our allies around the globe."

Earlier this month, Obama authorized U.S. airstrikes against Islamic State targets in Iraq. The militants have been moving with ease between Iraq and Syria, effectively blurring the border between the neighboring nations.

Nigeria reports 2 new Ebola cases, 1 death, as contact hid from gov't and infected doctor

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — A man who contracted Ebola in Nigeria after coming into contact with a traveler from Liberia evaded surveillance and infected a doctor in southern Nigeria who later died, Nigerian health authorities announced Thursday.

The death was the first in Nigeria outside Lagos, the commercial capital. The incident raises the number of confirmed cases in the country to 15, including six deaths.

Health Minister Onyebuchi Chukwu told reporters the man who evaded surveillance has recovered and is now being watched in Lagos. The wife of the doctor who treated him in Port Harcourt is also now being quarantined after she developed symptoms of the deadly disease.

The man is a worker at the Economic Community Of West African States, who was a primary contact of Liberian-American Patrick Sawyer, who flew into Lagos last month and died of Ebola. He recovered after the late doctor treated him for symptoms.

The doctor died on Friday in Port Harcourt and hasn't been buried yet, the minister said, adding that morticians who embalmed him are part of 70 people now under surveillance in Port Harcourt, the capital of Rivers state and a hub for Nigeria's oil industry. The country is Africa's largest oil producer.

Uzi killing in Arizona displays tragic side of gun tourism as it grows in popularity

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The death of an Arizona firearms instructor by a 9-year-old girl who was firing a fully automatic Uzi displayed a tragic side of what has become a hot industry in the U.S.: gun tourism.

With gun laws keeping high-powered weapons out of reach for most people — especially those outside the U.S. — indoor shooting ranges with high-powered weapons have become a popular attraction.

Tourists from Japan flock to ranges in Waikiki, Hawaii, and the dozen or so that have cropped up in Las Vegas offer bullet-riddled bachelor parties and literal shotgun weddings, where newly married couples can fire submachine gun rounds and pose with Uzis and ammo belts.

"People just want to experience things they can't experience elsewhere," said Genghis Cohen, owner of Machine Guns Vegas. "There's not an action movie in the past 30 years without a machine gun."

The accidental shooting death of the firing-range instructor in Arizona set off a powerful debate over youngsters and guns, with many people wondering what sort of parents would let a child handle a submachine gun.

Strategic Ukraine town under rebel control; 11 reported killed in Donetsk shelling

NOVOAZOVSK, Ukraine (AP) — The strategically positioned southeastern Ukraine town of Novoazovsk appears firmly under the control of Russia-backed separatists as concerns grow about the opening of a new front in the Ukraine conflict.

On Thursday morning, an Associated Press journalist saw rebel checkpoints at the outskirts and was told he could not enter. One of the rebels said there was no fighting in the town.

Novoazovsk, which lies along the road connecting Russia to the Russia-annexed Crimean peninsula, had come under shelling for three days, with the rebels entering on Wednesday. The southeastern portion of Ukraine along the Azov Sea previously had escaped the fighting engulfing areas to the north.

In Donetsk, the largest rebel-held city, 11 people were killed by shelling during the night, the city administration said in a statement.

The new southeastern front raised fears that the separatists are seeking to create a land link between Russia and Crimea. If successful, it could give them or Russia control over the entire Sea of Azov and the gas and mineral riches that energy experts believe it contains. Ukraine already has lost roughly half its coastline, several major ports and significant Black Sea mineral rights in March when Russia annexed Crimea.

Many Israelis skeptical of PM Netanyahu's claim of clear-cut victory in Gaza war, poll shows

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim that Israel achieved a "great military and political" victory over Hamas in the latest round of fighting in the Gaza Strip has met with skepticism from many Israelis, according to a poll published Thursday.

The poll, published in the left-leaning Haaretz newspaper, shows that 54 percent of those surveyed believe there was no clear winner in the 50 days of war. The fighting killed 2,143 Palestinians, most of them civilians, according to Palestinian health officials and U.N. officials. On the Israeli side, 64 soldiers, five civilians and a Thai worker were killed.

The poll underscores the unease pervading Israeli society after the third round of fighting between Israel and Gaza-based Islamic militants in the seven years since Hamas took control of the densely populated coastal strip.

Some of Netanyahu's detractors, including ministers in his own government like veteran security hawk Uzi Landau, believe that the prime minister and Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon did not go far enough in pursuing the war, insisting that they should not have stopped until Hamas was destroyed or pleaded for peace.

Others, particularly residents of hard-hit agricultural communities abutting the Gaza border, fear that without a clear political roadmap for the Palestinian territory's future, a resumption of the rocket and mortar fire that caused such considerable disruption to their lives for most of the summer is not so much a question of if, but rather of when.

Burger King's plan to buy Tim Hortons could take a bite out of Canada's national identity

TORONTO (AP) — Few things unite Canadians the way Tim Hortons does. For half a century, they have warmed themselves on chilly mornings with the chain's coffee and Timbits — or doughnut holes to Americans.

So news this week that Burger King will buy Tim Hortons served as a bittersweet reminder of how beloved the homegrown chain is in Canada, where 75 percent of the all the coffee sold at fast food restaurants comes from "Timmy's," as it is affectionately known. Tim Hortons is found in just about every small town and large city across Canada, and hockey-mad Canadians often head to their local Timmy's before or after their kids' games.

Tim Hortons, in a bid to quell any concerns that its distinctly Canadian brand could be watered down, went out of its way to assure that the red and brown coffee and doughnut shop won't change, taking out big ads in newspapers and declaring "fellow Canadians can all rest assured that Tim Hortons will still be Tim Hortons following this transaction."

The chain's aura in Canada comes from its namesake: hockey Hall of Famer Tim Horton, the co-founder who died at 44 in a 1974 car accident after playing in a game for the Buffalo Sabres. In a long run with Canada's most popular NHL team, the Toronto Maple Leafs, the defenseman won four Stanley Cups, including Toronto's last in 1967. That, and the chain's omnipresence, puts his fame in Canada on the order of a New York Yankees baseball legend like Mickey Mantle or Yogi Berra.

"Tim Hortons is iconic in terms of Canada and I wouldn't like to see that diluted," said Daraius Bharucha, a 46-year old teacher from Ajax, Ontario, and a customer since he immigrated to Canada from India 21 years ago. Bharucha said the first thing he does when he returns home to Canada from a vacation is visit the local Timmy's. He knows he's home. "Even among new Canadians the idea of going to a Timmy's has become part of the vocabulary," he added.

Bracing for opposition, White House crafts rationale for Obama to act alone on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — With impeachment threats and potential lawsuits looming, President Barack Obama knows whatever executive actions he takes on immigration will face intense opposition. So as a self-imposed, end-of-summer deadline to act approaches, Obama's lawyers are carefully crafting a legal rationale they believe will withstand scrutiny and survive any court challenges, administration officials say.

The argument goes something like this: Beyond failing to fix broken immigration laws, Congress hasn't even provided the government with enough resources to fully enforce the laws already on the books. With roughly 11.5 million immigrants in the U.S. illegally — far more than the government could reasonably deport — the White House believes it has wide latitude to prioritize which of those individuals should be sent home.

But Republicans, too, are exploring their legal options for stopping Obama from what they've deemed egregious presidential overreaching.

While Obama has yet to receive the formal recommendations he's requested from Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, administration officials said the president is intimately familiar with the universe of options and won't spend much time deliberating once Johnson delivers his report.

Obama's goal had been to announce his decision around Labor Day, before leaving on a trip next week to Estonia and Wales. But a host of national security crises have pushed the announcement back, likely until after Obama returns, said the officials, who weren't authorized to comment by name and demanded anonymity.

Pooches in a pot? Pet-mad young Koreans say no to elders' taste for dog, prefer to raise pups

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — For more than 30 years, chef and restaurant owner Oh Keum-il built her expertise in cooking one traditional South Korean delicacy: dog meat.

In her twenties, Oh traveled around South Korea to learn dog meat recipes from each region. During a period of South Korean reconciliation with North Korea early last decade, she went to Pyongyang as part of a business delegation and tasted a dozen different dog dishes, from dog stew to dog taffy, all served lavishly at the Koryo, one of the North's best hotels.

She adapted famous dishes to include dog meat, replacing beef with dog in South Korea's signature meat and rice dish bibimbap. But the 58-year-old's lifelong experience with a food eaten for centuries

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in Korea is about to become history.

Daegyo, the famous dog meat restaurant she opened in a Seoul alley in 1981, will serve its last bowl of boshintang, or dog stew, on Friday, a reflection of the challenges facing a trade that is neither legal nor explicitly banned under South Korean laws governing livestock and food processing.

Opposite views on dogs as either for eating or petting have co-existed in the country's recent history, feeding a controversy that becomes most bitter in the summer. On three "dog days," which are among the hottest times of the year, many South Koreans queue for the dish of shredded dog meat and vegetables in hot red soup, believing it gives strength to bear the heat.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, August 28, the 240th day of 2014. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 28, 1964, two days of race-related rioting erupted in North Philadelphia over a false rumor that white police officers had beaten to death a pregnant black woman.

On this date:

In 1609, English sea explorer Henry Hudson and his ship, the Half Moon, reached present-day Delaware Bay.

In 1862, the Second Battle of Bull Run (also known as Second Manassas) began in Prince William County, Virginia, during the Civil War; the result was a Confederate victory.

In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station WEAJ in New York City; the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Co., which had paid a fee of \$100.

In 1944, during World War II, German forces in Toulon and Marseille, France, surrendered to Allied troops.

In 1945, the Allies began occupying Japan at the end of World War II.

In 1955, Emmett Till, a black teen-ager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Mississippi, by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

In 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1972, Mark Spitz of the United States won the first two of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter butterfly and anchoring the 400-meter freestyle relay. The Soviet women gymnasts won the team all-around.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein (RAHM'-shtyn), West Germany.

In 1990, an F5 tornado struck the Chicago area, killing 29 people.

In 2012, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney swept to the Republican presidential nomination at a storm-delayed national convention in Tampa, Florida.

Ten years ago: Islamic militants claiming to be holding two French journalists in Iraq gave France 48 hours to overturn its law banning the wearing of Islamic head scarves in schools. (The French government refused the demand; the reporters, Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, were released

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in December 2004.) The U.S. men's basketball team beat Lithuania 104-96 to win the Olympic bronze medal in Athens; Argentina won the gold medal by beating Italy 84-69.

Five years ago: The Los Angeles County coroner's office announced that Michael Jackson's death was a homicide caused primarily by the powerful anesthetic propofol and another sedative, lorazepam. Celebrity disc jockey Adam Goldstein, known as DJ AM, was found dead in his New York apartment; he was 36.

One year ago: A military jury sentenced Maj. Nidal Hasan to death for the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood that claimed 13 lives. On the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial, President Barack Obama stood on the same steps as he challenged new generations to seize the cause of racial equality.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sonny Shroyer is 79. Actor Ken Jenkins is 74. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 74. Actor David Soul is 71. Former pop singer-musician Honey Lantree (The Honeycombs) is 71. Former MLB manager and player Lou Piniella is 71. Actress Barbara Bach is 68. Actress Debra Mooney is 67. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 63. Actor Daniel Stern is 57. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 56. Actor John Allen Nelson is 55. Actress Emma Samms is 54. Actress Jennifer Coolidge is 53. Movie director David Fincher is 52. Actress Amanda Tapping is 49. Country singer Shania (shah-NY'-uh) Twain is 49. Actor Billy Boyd is 46. Actor Jack Black is 45. Actor Jason Priestley is 45. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 43. Actor J. August Richards is 41. Rock singer-musician Max Collins (Eve 6) is 36. Actress Carly Pope is 34. Country singer Jake Owen is 33. Country singer LeAnn Rimes is 32. Actor Michael Galeota is 30. Actress Sarah Roemer is 30. Actor Armie Hammer is 28. Rock singer Florence Welch (Florence and the Machine) is 28. Country-pop singer Cassadee Pope (TV: winner "The Voice") is 25. Actor/singer Samuel Larsen (TV: "Glee") is 23. Actor Kyle Massey is 23. Actress Quvenzhané (kwuh-VEHN'-zhah-nay) Wallis is 11. Reality TV star Alana Thompson, AKA "Honey Boo Boo," is nine.

Thought for Today: "The man who views the world at fifty the same as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life." - Muhammad Ali, American boxing champion (1942-).

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Paving has begun on west side of Groton

Paving of Second Avenue West was done yesterday and the half of Third Avenue West and State Street between Second Avenue and Third Avenue were also completed.



Councilman David McGannon is watching the progress of the paving on Second Avenue West.