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ACT Testing at GHS
Robotics at GHS GYM

State Cross Country at Huron

Anniv: Brad & Darliss Larson

Birthdays: Lars Hanson • Sarah Leonhardt • Tasha Dunker • Joshua Dennert • Paige Heintzman • Alan Bell

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

Sunday, October 26

Anniv: Harry & Gloria Pharis

Birthdays: Ethan Charles Briggs • Marie Sternhagen

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: United Methodist School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with Communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00pm: Worship at Trinity Church

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, October 27

Oral Interp at Brookings

School Breakfast: Cereal, long john, fruit,

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The cardboard/paper

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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back 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.

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

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Attached garage.

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John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Celebrating 125 Years of South Dakota

Sunday, November 2, 2014, marks a historic milestone in South Dakota's rich history, the 125th anniversary of its admission into the Union. On that day in 1889, the Dakota Territory was divided, simultaneously creating South and North Dakota. We kind-heartedly debate which was first to be admitted, but historians offer that President Benjamin Harrison shuffled the Act of Admission papers for the states to ensure that no one knew which state entered the Union first.

Regardless, we have much for which we should be proud. Since 1889, millions of Americans and international visitors have enjoyed the beauty of our great plains, crossed the rolling hills of the Missouri River, and marveled at the ruggedness of the Badlands. Others have joined in the thrill of an autumn pheasant hunt, curiously visited the Mitchell Corn Palace or Wall Drug, or have reveled in the beauty of the historic Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, and Crazy Horse Memorial.

To us, though, South Dakota is home, and in addition to the wondrous beauty God blessed upon the state, we are fortunate to live in welcoming communities, many of which were built by those who came here to make a better life for themselves. My grandfather immigrated to America from Norway in 1906 and was drawn to the freedom and opportunity that

the young state of South Dakota offered. He started a small hardware store, exhibiting the entrepreneurial spirit that still resonates today on our main streets and fields throughout the state.

While many immigrated to South Dakota, we also celebrate the culture and traditions of our nine Native American tribes. The rich history of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota are woven into the fabric of South Dakota and are a significant part of what makes South Dakota such a unique and special place.

South Dakota's dynamic and

Classifieds

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resourceful workforce has made our state the number one place in the country to do business, and our proud agricultural tradition helps feed the nation and the world. Yet it is South Dakota's people, past and present, that are by far our greatest commodity. South Dakota's 125-year history has been paved by the humble, generous, and hard-working men and women who lend a helpful hand to their neighbors and communities to build a better life for the next generation.

From small towns such as Murdo, where I grew up, to cities such as Sioux Falls, where I now live, and all points in between, there is no mistaking the genuine character of South Dakotans. We gather under the lights of Friday night games, at rodeos, local parades, powwows, and church gatherings for comradery and fellowship that provide support during good times and bad. South Dakotans are the people who selflessly lend a hand after a storm sweeps through the plains or help friends through a deployment. South Dakotans uphold the highest ideals of community.

As communities throughout the state continue celebrating this important milestone, I was proud to join Senator Tim Johnson in passing a resolution in the Senate on September 18, 2014, celebrating the 125th anniversary of statehood. As we look to the next generation to continue improving our communities and strengthening our state's resolve, I offer my prayers that God will continue to bless our great state.



Service Notice: Merle Hanson

Services for Merle Hanson, 78, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 28 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be held at the church on Monday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Merle died October 23, 2014 at his residence in Groton.

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SD Prepared To Monitor Travelers From Ebola-affected Countries

PIERRE, S.D. – The state health department will actively monitor travelers who enter South Dakota from Ebola-affected countries under new measures announced by the CDC, a state health official said today.

"All travelers who enter the U.S. from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, the three countries most affected by the Ebola outbreak, through five major airports in the country are screened for Ebola symptoms," said Secretary of Health Doneen Hollingsworth. "Low-risk travelers without symptoms can continue on. CDC then notifies destination states so the individuals can be monitored for 21 days, the longest time it can take from when a person is exposed to Ebola virus until symptoms can develop. We're prepared to do that monitoring in South Dakota."

Hollingsworth said active post-arrival monitoring means Department of Health staff will maintain twice-daily contact with the individual to check their temperature and the presence or absence of other Ebola symptoms such as headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, lack of appetite, or abnormal bleeding. The monitoring provides an added safeguard to complement the existing exit and entry screenings.

The Secretary emphasized that while the risk of Ebola is low, the state and its partners in the private health sector are still preparing to respond. The state is also holding conference calls and webinars with health care providers to discuss issues such as submitting lab specimens, dealing with medical waste, the state's stockpile of supplies and exercising response plans. The state has also pre-positioned personal protective equipment used in patient care.

"We take seriously the responsibility to prepare for public health threats such as Ebola but I do want to emphasize that there are currently no Ebola cases in South Dakota and no contacts to Ebola cases in South Dakota and that active monitoring of travelers is taking place," said Hollingsworth.

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Statehood Celebration To Be Held At Capitol Building

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard is reminding South Dakotans that the 125th statehood anniversary celebration at the Capitol Building is a week away.

The special event at 7 p.m. CDT on Nov. 1 will include the dedication and lighting ceremony for the newly restored stained glass in the Capitol and a performance by the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra in the Capitol Rotunda.

"The Nov. 1 celebration should be quite the event. It will be the first time a full orchestra will have performed in the Capitol Building," said the Governor. "I hope to see you there."

The event is free and open to the public. Though all tickets for seating on the second floor have been reserved, standing room will be available on the marble grand staircase and in the balconies above the rotunda floor.

For those unable to attend, OaheTV will broadcast the full ceremony live on channel 8 in Pierre and Fort Pierre, and on their website at www.oahetv.com. The program will also be available on demand at the website after the live broadcast.

The evening statehood celebration will be the final event in the Capitol that day. A rededication of the newly refurbished First Ladies Inaugural Gown exhibit is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on the first floor. The unveiling of the three latest statues of former governors by the Trail of Governors is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the rotunda.

Also on Nov. 1, South Dakota Public Broadcasting will air a special "Happy Birthday South Dakota" piece at 9 p.m. CDT featuring the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra's performance in Sioux Falls from earlier this month.

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Playoff Information

Groton Area to host Mobridge-Pollock in the first round of the football playoffs. Game time is 7 p.m. Admission is \$7/Adult and \$5/student. Student passes, adult passes, booster passes and senior passes are NOT accepted at SDHSAA events.

Improvements In Infant Mortality

A column by First Lady Linda Daugaard:

The adventure of serving as First Lady has really been a journey of learning. I've had the privilege of talking with people all around the state about what is happening in their communities and I've been able to learn about a whole host of issues affecting our state – among those issues, infant mortality.

When Dennis was first elected, he was shocked to learn how many infants were not reaching their first birthday, and that South Dakota's infant mortality rate was higher than the rates in surrounding states of North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Montana and Nebraska.

This unsettling truth led him to ask me to lead a task force on infant mortality in South Dakota. I worked with a group of doctors, nurses, tribal health care workers, midwives, social workers and Department of Health officials to understand the causes of the problem.

In our research, we found three major contributors to infant mortality: tobacco use, lack of prenatal care in the first trimester and unsafe sleep practices.

The infant mortality rate for infants of mothers who smoke is almost twice as high as it is for infants born of non-smokers. Last year, 15 percent of pregnant women smoked. Though that is an improvement from 2012, South Dakota still has one of the highest rates of mothers smoking during pregnancy.

Along with abstaining from tobacco products, it's critically important for expectant mothers to seek the care they need during the first trimester. In South Dakota, 72 percent of women received prenatal care in the first trimester last year. That's an improvement from the previous year. I've heard stories from women who have been told to wait until they are 12 weeks along to schedule prenatal care visits. That's not good advice. Those who seek that care early on are less likely to lose their child within the first year.

Also before baby is born, expectant parents should learn about safe sleep practices. Infants need to sleep on a firm surface covered by a fitted sheet. Pillows, blankets, toys and crib bumpers should not be in the crib. Babies need to be placed on their back and it's best for them to sleep in light clothing. Family members and other caregivers also need to know about these important practices.

Since the task force issued its findings, I've been traveling around the state to talk about the causes and to gain support for the South Dakota Cribs For Kids® program. Under this program, private organizations and donors have partnered with the Department of Health to provide Safe Sleep Kits to families without a safe sleep option that show a financial need. The kit includes a portable crib, crib sheet, sleep sack, informational DVD, children's book and pacifier. So far, 4,325 parents and other caregivers have received these cribs.

After talking to groups and raising money for the past two years, we've finally received good news. The infant mortality rate decreased significantly last year, from a rate of 8.6 deaths per 1,000 births in 2012 to a rate of 6.5 in 2013.

I am happy that we're seeing improvements, but I know there's still more work to do. There's no fixing this problem overnight; we have to be committed for the long haul.

If you'd like to donate to South Dakota Cribs For Kids® call the Department of Health at 605-773-3361. To learn more about infant mortality, go to forbabysakeSD.org.

KRISTI NOEM
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



Costly Policies

I spoke with a young woman in the grocery store last March who had a hand full of coupons and a cart full of generic food. We had a long conversation about how tough it was to make ends meet when electricity costs were so high. Then again, the cost of almost everything was seemingly on the uptick. Even the cart of groceries each of us was pushing was going to cost more than it did a few years ago – and we weren't alone.

More than half of people say they're spending more on groceries this year than last. It's one of the reasons I pushed so hard for the Farm Bill to be passed.

Growing up, my Dad always told me that you can have a decade of good years and lose it all after one bad year. The Farm Bill was designed to help control this risk and ensure disasters like Winter Storm Atlas wouldn't wipe out a portion of our agriculture industry. Without this safety net, you and I would probably be paying a lot more for fruits, vegetables, cereal, milk, meat and more every week.

Even with the Farm Bill passed, there's more to do. I'm constantly fighting back the EPA and other agencies to ensure producers, local businesses, and consumers aren't paying more because of unnecessary regulations. We've already been able to stop the EPA's talks of expanding dust regulations and OSHA's attempt to regulate small family farms, but this administration keeps pushing new regulations – that means new costs for the average South Dakotan.

January 2014 represented the largest month-to-month increase in electricity costs in the last four years. Still, the administration is moving forward on new greenhouse gas regulations that could increase electricity costs by \$17 billion nationwide. In South Dakota, families earning less than \$50,000 per year already spend one-fifth of their after-tax income on energy, which is double the national average. It's unacceptable to further increase these costs for families.

It doesn't have to be this way. I filled up my tank in Watertown last week for less than \$3.00 a gallon. It's been a while since there's been prices like that. We're seeing these lower prices in large part because U.S. oil production is rising. Because many states have streamlined their regulatory processes, oil production on state lands increased 61 percent between 2009 and 2013. Meanwhile, production on federal lands fell 6 percent. Just think what gas prices might be if we eliminated some of the unnecessary federal regulations too?

Poor policies out of Washington have also pushed the cost of healthcare up for many South Dakota families I've spoken to. With healthcare costs expected to rise 6.8 percent in 2015, many South Dakotans are bracing for another round of premium increases. I've been working on a bill to replace the Affordable Care Act with a patient-centered model that targets the primary drivers of healthcare costs. Rather than costly mandates, my plan would infuse more competition into the marketplace, shift to an outcome-based reimbursement model, and limit frivolous lawsuits.

The fact of the matter is that our paychecks buy less today than they did a year ago – let alone five or 10 years ago. And still, this administration is working to implement policies that make it harder to stretch a dollar. I believe we ought to be eliminating costly regulations, not adding new ones. We should be restoring genuine accountability to government and making sure Washington is doing more with less – just like families are.

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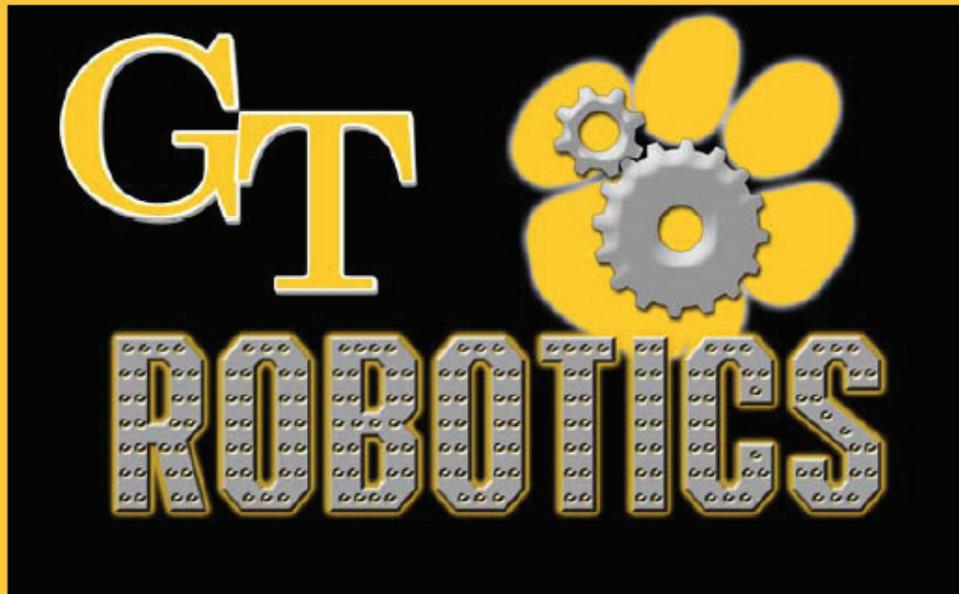
Netters beat Britton-Hecla

Groton's volleyball team went to Britton Friday night and came home with a 3-0 win over the Braves. Groton made it a clean sweep by winning the junior varsity match, 25-17 and 25-12, and the C match, 25-18 and 25-9.

Groton was 69 of 74 in serves with 11 ace serves. Groton was 75 of 89 in attacks with 34 kills, was 85 of 85 in sets with 28 assists and had 59 digs.

Courtney Kurtz had 75 sets with 27 assists and had 15 digs. Kasey Waage had 16 digs and was 22 of 22 in serves with three ace serves. Ashley Gibbs was 13 of 14 in serves with one ace serve and was 17 of 20 in spikes with seven kills. Josie Doeden was 21 of 24 in spikes with 10 kills and Paityn Bonn was 13 of 15 in spikes with six kills.

*You're invited to join us for a
robotics competition
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**Saturday, Oct. 25
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

*See schedule on back side.
Stop in anytime to observe,
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**Groton Area
High School**

406 North 2nd Street

Old Gymnasium

*Come learn more about
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**Thank you for supporting
GT Robotics!**

Saturday, Oct. 25 Robotics Competition Schedule

10 a.m. Opening ceremony

10:15 a.m. Qualification rounds

2 p.m. End of qualification rounds, begin alliance selection for elimination rounds

2:30 p.m. Elimination rounds

4:30 p.m. Closing and awards ceremony

School Board Agenda

Monday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., GHS Conference Room

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. Program Overview Presentations Library/Media...Brenda Madsen and Carla Kjelden
3. Follow up discussion with Mr. Thorson in regards to Football Field Project.
4. Discuss Quarterly Internal Control Assessment – Students Handling Money and Concessions.
5. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
6. Second Reading and Approval of Policies: EBCC Emergency Lockdowns (Deletion); EEACA Bus Driver Examination and Training (Amend); IGDF Student Fundraising Activities (Amend); IGDI Inter-scholastic Athletics (Amend); IIBGA District Owned Computers (Amend); IKFB Board of Regents College Entrance Requirements (Deletion); IL Testing Programs (Amend)

7. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Food Service Inspection of Groton MS/HS Food Service Facility conducted by South Dakota Department of Health on 10/21/14.
2. Approve hiring Joel McNeely as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 2014-2015 at 8% of base salary (\$2,560).
3. Approve Madaleine Gonsoir as Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for 2014-2015 season.
4. Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) to discuss student issue.
5. Approve Open Enrollment Application #15-18 from Aberdeen School District.
6. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

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1989: Low pressure over Nevada produced high winds in the southwestern U.S., and spread heavy snow into Utah. Winds gusted to 63 mph at the Mojave Airport in southern California. Snowfall totals in Utah ranged up to 12 inches at Snowbird, with 11 inches at Alta. "Indian Summer" type weather continued in the central and eastern U.S. Twenty cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 77 degrees at Alpena, Michigan and 81 degrees at Saint Cloud, Minnesota were the warmest of record for so late in the season. Record highs continued across central and northeast South Dakota. The record highs were 81 degrees at Aberdeen, 82 degrees at Mobridge and Sisseton, and a very warm 85 degrees at Wheaton. 1921 - A hurricane with 100 mph winds hit Tampa, FL, causing several million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1977 - Dutch Harbor in Alaska reported a barometric pressure reading of 27.31 inches (925 millibars) to establish an all-time record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1981 - A northbound tornado caused two million dollars damage to Bountstown, FL, in less than five minutes. Fortunately no deaths occurred along its six mile path, which was 30 to 100 yards in width. Radar at Apalachicola had no indication of a tornado or severe weather. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A storm system moving across the Saint Lawrence Valley produced 40 to 50 mph winds east of Lake Ontario. High winds downed some trees around Watertown NY, and produced waves seven feet high between Henderson Harbor and Alexandria Bay. Mason City IA and Waterloo IA tied for honors as cold spot in the nation with record lows for the date of 19 degrees. Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma and northern Texas produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 65 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Severe thunderstorms erupted over northeastern Texas during the late evening producing softball size hail at Newcastle and Jonesboro. Low pressure over James Bay in Canada continued to produced showers and gale force winds in the Great Lakes Region. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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ENDORSEMENTS:

- ★ Family Heritage Alliance
- ★ The National Rifle Association
- ★ South Dakota Right to Life

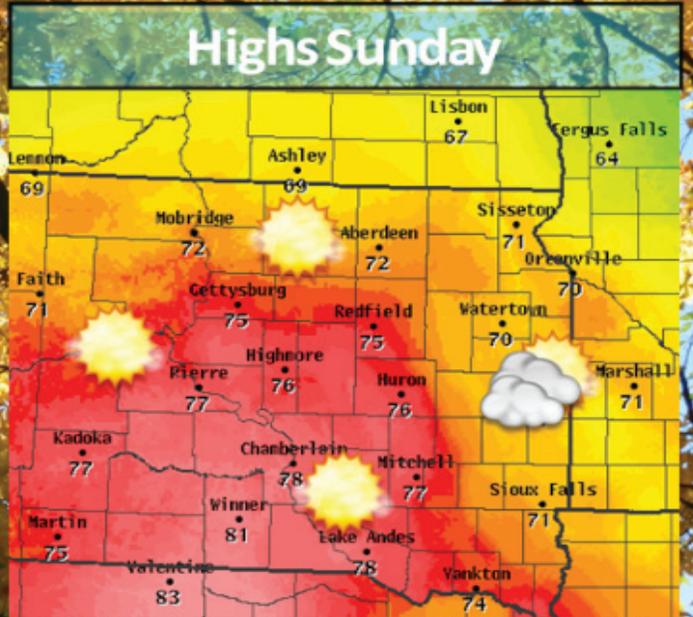
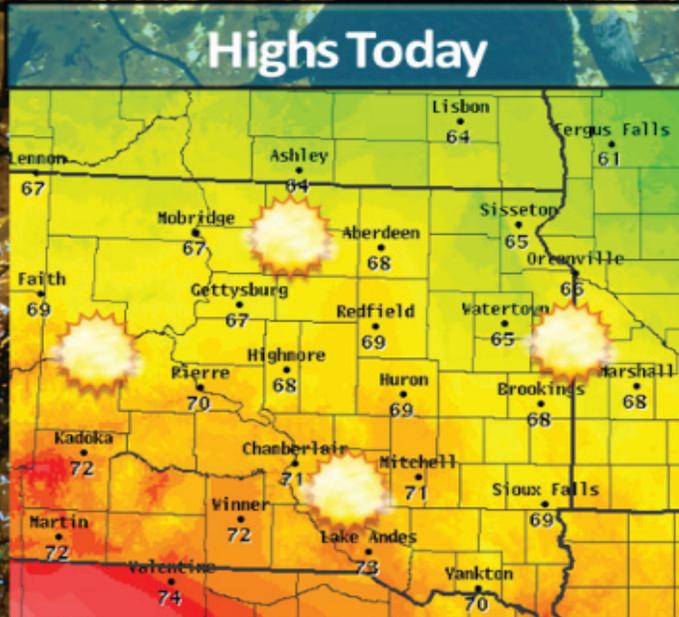
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| Sunny | Mostly Clear | Breezy | Partly Cloudy | Slight Chc Showers | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Sunny |
| High: 67 °F | Low: 38 °F | High: 71 °F | Low: 45 °F | High: 60 °F | Low: 36 °F | High: 48 °F |

Continued Dry & Mild For The Weekend



 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 10/25/2014 5:08 AM Central

Mild & dry conditions will continue through the weekend, with a cool down for the upcoming work week. While temperatures will be much closer to normal, the chance for any measureable rain for the upcoming week looks to be pretty low.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 78.1°F at 4:00 PM

Low: 37.3°F at 7:40 AM

High Gust: 16 mph at 4:18 PM

Precip: 0.00

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Record High: 81° in 1989

Record Low: 10° in 1942

Average High: 53°F

Average Low: 29°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.66

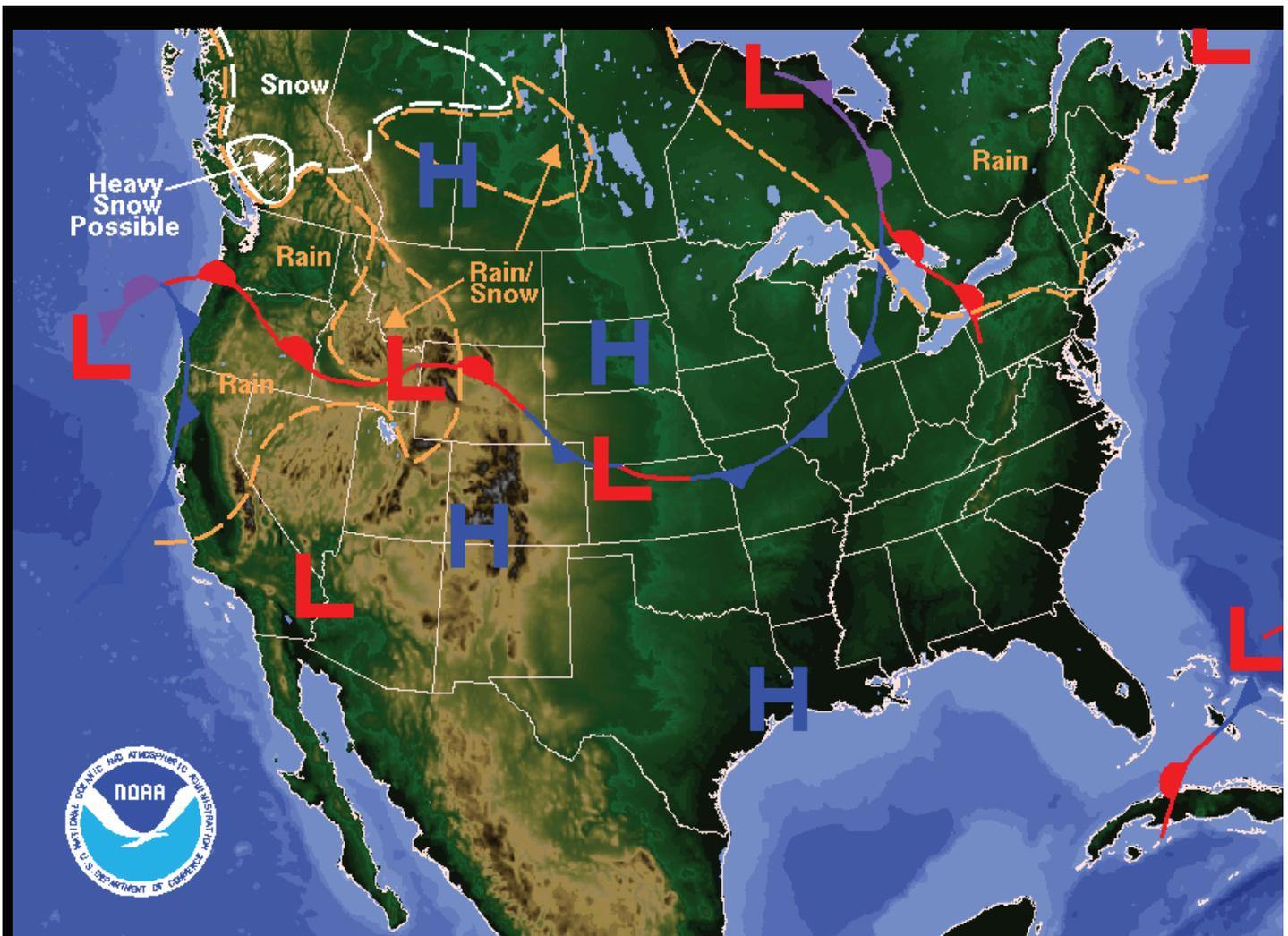
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.29

Average Precip to date: 20.14

Precip Year to Date: 13.23

Sunset Tonight: 6:31 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:05 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Oct 25, 2014, issued 4:45 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A DISASTROUS ENDING

Sexual promiscuity, in the eyes of many, is not "all that bad" or "something than can't be helped" or is "just the way things are." For some it has been "labeled an addiction" that needs to be "cured." For others it is not "what I had planned - but just happened." And far too many have been desensitized to the fact that it is sin and simply wrong, or if it's "consensual" it's OK.

Not in God's sight. It is sin and clearly wrong.

God, speaking through Solomon, graphically set the standards for a sexual life style that He would bless and the consequences for those who disregard His position.

Following God's wisdom brings justice, safety, deliverance, good, godly friends, pleasure, peace, security, longevity, wellness, a wholesome life and certainly His very best blessings.

On the other hand...The "passing pleasure" of indulging in a life of adulterous living however has its own "rewards." Solomon writes, "Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng." It would seem that this would cause many to pause and ponder about sexual misconduct. But it does not stop there: "Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death."

What a powerful "exposé" of the sin of adultery.

Our choice is very clear: we can enjoy intimacy and pleasure that comes from following God's plan for sex, or a path that ends in the chamber of death.

Prayer: Lord, as always, the choice is ours. If we want a "God-blest life" we must follow Your commands. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 7:26, 27 Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.

News from the Associated Press

SD man sentenced for attempted sex trafficking

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to two years in prison for attempted sex trafficking.

Twenty-one-year-old Curtis Austin, of Rapid City, was arrested during an undercover operation in August 2013 at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Authorities say he responded to an Internet posting that advertised sex with a 15-year-old girl.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken ordered Austin to serve three years of supervised release at the end of his prison sentence, and to register as a sex offender.

Austin's lawyer was not available for comment.

Governor appoints new transportation commissioner

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a new transportation commissioner.

State Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist says Ronald Rosenboom of Sturgis has been appointed to serve in the South Dakota Transportation Commission through April 2016.

Rosenboom will be finishing the term of former commissioner Michael Trucano, who has retired after 17 years of service.

Rosenboom is the former executive director of Black Hills Special Services Cooperative in Sturgis.

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S. Dakota cattle on feed up 6 percent from 2013

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more animals reported 190,000 cattle on feed on Oct. 1, up 6 percent from last year.

The Agriculture Department says in its latest report that placements in feedlots during September totaled 50,000 head, up 16 percent from 2013.

Marketings of fed cattle s for the month of September totaled 42,000 head, up 31 percent from last year.

Other disappearance during September totaled 3,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year.

Official: No conflict of interest for Skjonsberg

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state official says there was no conflict of interest in a vote taken by a member of a state development board.

Rob Skjonsberg (SHONS-berg) is on the Board of Economic Development. The Nation publication reported this week that Skjonsberg twice voted in favor of extending a permit for Novita LLC, a business that works with corn oil.

The Nation reported Skjonsberg's firm Lake Sharpe Investments holds investments in Novita through a private equity firm. Democrats had called on Gov. Dennis Daugaard to dismiss Skjonsberg from the board.

Board Commissioner J. Pat Costello says a state attorney reviewed the matter, and decided there wasn't a conflict of interest because Skjonsberg didn't have a "direct financial interest" in Novita.

Skjonsberg is serving as campaign manager for GOP Senate candidate Mike Rounds.

Reports: Weiland outraised Rounds for 2 weeks

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democrat Rick Weiland outraised Republican Mike Rounds in the first two weeks of October by more than \$60,000, according to campaign finance reports released Friday for the final pre-election disclosure period of South Dakota's tight U.S. Senate race.

Weiland's report showed the Democrat raised about \$330,000 between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, compared to Rounds' roughly \$269,000 haul. Rounds had significantly outraised Weiland since the race began, and the former South Dakota governor still holds an overall advantage — about \$667,000 vs. Weiland's \$334,000.

Weiland's campaign sought to use the fundraising bump as a sign of momentum in a race that hadn't been considered competitive until recently, especially after the campaign arms of both parties have invested \$1 million each into TV advertising in the race.

The two national parties have disputed how close the campaign is; there's been little public polling and Republicans have maintained that Rounds has clung to a comfortable lead. Meanwhile, Democrats say the race has tightened and that Rounds' support eroded amid continuous coverage of the EB-5 visa program, for which the Republican has faced allegations that the program was mismanaged and ineffective.

Weiland adviser Steve Jarding said the fundraising is evidence of shifting tides.

"People are taking another look at the race," Jarding said. "Mike's in trouble. That's no secret. He's been embroiled in a scandal that's getting bigger every day."

Republicans see South Dakota as a must-have in their push to net six seats and take control of the U.S. Senate. South Dakota, which hasn't voted for a Democratic presidential nominee since Lyndon Johnson, is considered one of their best targets.

Rounds' camp said in a statement that Weiland's policies don't fit in South Dakota.

"An extra \$60,000 can't hide Rick Weiland's support of President Obama's failed policies," Rounds' campaign manager Rob Skjonsberg said in a statement. "We'll dedicate every dime to make sure South Dakotans understand the consequences of this race."

Meanwhile, independent candidate Larry Pressler represents another wrinkle in the race. The former three-term South Dakota senator only raised roughly \$54,000 during the latest disclosure period and

has just \$169,000, but he's running an outsized campaign with those limited resources.

Wismer, Daugaard split on state's GOP status quo

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The two leading candidates in South Dakota's governor's race differ on almost every issue, but they're particularly split in one area: the status quo.

State Rep. Susan Wismer, who's trying to unseat Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard in a state that hasn't elected a Democratic governor since 1978, says South Dakota needs competing ideologies.

"With a balancing voice in the governor's office, a lot more positive things would happen for South Dakota," she said.

Daugaard, though, says Republican control has worked well for South Dakota and points to his administration's economic successes. He says split-party rule can lead to gridlock like the situation in Washington, D.C.

"To suggest that by having diversity of party identification, you automatically have a division of attitude and a diversity of opinion that doesn't already exist, ignores the fact that there is a good diversity of opinion and attitude already," he said.

The two are also competing with independent candidate and former University of South Dakota law professor Mike Myers.

In its 125-year history, South Dakota has sent only four Democratic governors to Pierre. Republicans have controlled both houses of the state Legislature and the governorship since 1994.

Under Daugaard, the state has trimmed its budget and seen surpluses, reformed how it treats non-violent drug offenders and brought its unemployment rate to second-lowest in the nation behind only North Dakota.

Wismer says one-party rule has led to corruption and significant cuts in state funding. The progress, she said, has come at the cost of cutting spending in key areas, particularly education, nursing homes and transportation infrastructure.

The shortage of qualified teachers in South Dakota has worsened this year, with reports from education officials showing that schools are having more trouble than ever hiring qualified instructors. South Dakota ranks last in the nation for teacher pay, according to the National Education Association.

Wismer said a fix to the state's teacher shortage is simple.

"Respect them and pay them," she said. "The tone of the conversation coming out of Pierre needs to change and it needs to start at the very top with the governor's office."

Daugaard said the state's last-place ranking in teacher spending doesn't tell the whole story, noting that South Dakota is 39th in education funding but local school boards determine teacher salaries. He said the fact that other states put more money toward it doesn't mean those students get a better education.

That's like saying, 'If I go to the grocery store and I spend twice as much money for a given food item, I'm getting food that's twice as good,' he said. "And that may or may not be true."

Wismer and Daugaard have also split on expanding Medicaid in the state. Wismer has said she sees it as a critical issue and that broadening the program would help at-risk residents with minimal costs to the state.

Daugaard said a Medicaid expansion would be relatively inexpensive at first but would eventually cost South Dakota millions of dollars.

Senate candidate Weiland keeps at populist message

HENRY C. JACKSON, Associated Press

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — When U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson announced he wouldn't seek re-election — putting a seat in conservative-leaning South Dakota in play — national Democrats had a few candidates in mind to replace him.

None of them was the eventual nominee, and one of the first people to tell you that would be Rick Weiland, who's locked in an unexpectedly competitive race.

A businessman and former aide to ex-Sen. Tom Daschle, Weiland was ignored by national Democrats and Republicans alike until recently. In the vacuum, he's run an unabashedly liberal campaign: He has touted the benefits of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul and run ads in which he plays guitar and sings folksy lyrics decrying income inequality and the influence of big money in politics.

"Some of us believe corporations and billionaires that already have more, deserve more ... The rest of us believe it's time we got a break instead," Weiland, 56, said in his most recent TV ad.

His populist approach hasn't changed in the final few weeks, but the state of the four-way race has.

Initially expected to be won at a canter by former Gov. Mike Rounds, the Republican has struggled. Independent candidate Larry Pressler, a former Republican congressman, has found traction. A fourth candidate, tea party-inspired independent Gordon Howie, also is in the mix.

The GOP is counting on South Dakota as part of a push for the majority; it needs six seats to retake the Senate.

But Rounds has been accused of mismanaging a state-run federal visa program that operated while he was governor, through which wealthy foreigners could invest in projects in rural South Dakota that produced jobs in exchange for U.S. visas.

Weiland and Pressler have benefited from Rounds' wobbles, and the national campaign arms of Senate Democrats and Republicans have taken notice — investing \$1 million apiece. Outside groups, including Mayday PAC, which supports campaign finance restrictions, also have invested heavily in Weiland.

Weiland's campaign received another symbolic boost this week: It outraised Rounds in the most recent fundraising period. Weiland's finance report, released Friday, showed he took in about \$330,000 between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, compared to Rounds' roughly \$269,000. Rounds has more cash on hand, though, with \$667,000 compared to Weiland's \$334,000.

Another sign of the race's tightening has been on the airwaves, where Rounds, who had never run a negative ad in either of his gubernatorial campaigns, targeted Weiland and Pressler.

For months, Weiland has toiled quietly, boasting that he's been to each of South Dakota's incorporated cities twice and making reduced campaign spending a top issue.

With fresh focus on the race, Weiland has doubled down on his message. At a debate this week in the far southeastern South Dakota city of Vermillion, he repeated his support for comprehensive immigration reform and floated the prospect of additional taxes to fully fund Social Security. At another point, he said plainly he would not vote for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid — but has no plans to vote for Republicans, either.

"Frankly, both political parties are just too beholden to big money," Weiland said at the event, hosted by the University of South Dakota.

Rounds countered that Weiland would be a "vote for Obama," calling Weiland's views too liberal for South Dakota.

The Democrat's path to victory is complicated, and he'll hope to win with about a third of the vote, with Pressler and potentially Howie pulling enough votes from Rounds. Weiland's supporters tend to

be a minority within South Dakota's mostly conservative voter base, and many back him because they believe he will be a reliable Democratic vote.

Sioux Falls resident Rayna Fritz, 55, said Weiland's populist views put him in line with other liberal senators she supports, such as Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. and Bernie Sanders of Vermont, an independent who caucuses with Democrats.

Weiland's idealistic approach inspires other voters, such as Patricia Lawlor, who'd been disillusioned with politics for several years before hearing Weiland's anti-big money pitch on the stump.

"All of a sudden I got excited, and I was like, 'I haven't felt this excited about politics in so long,'" the 51-year-old Rapid City resident said.

Others who might be inclined to support Weiland said they were concerned he couldn't win, and are considering a pragmatic vote for Pressler. Jil Jennewein, 56, of Rapid City, said she has been a loyal Democrat but backs the Republican-turned-independent because Weiland has let outside groups advertise for him.

Plus, Pressler might be more electable, she said, adding. "Republicans (here) don't vote Democrat ever."

South Dakota man sentenced for child sex abuse

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Authorities say a South Dakota man has been sentenced in federal court in North Dakota for abusive sexual contact with a minor.

U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon says 60-year-old Peter Spotted Horse was sentenced on Thursday to four years and three months in prison.

Spotted Horse was charged in January 2013 and later pleaded guilty to the charge.

US Senate Democrat won't support Reid if elected

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Rick Weiland says he won't vote to retain Sen. Harry Reid as majority leader if South Dakotans send him to a Democrat-held chamber in Washington on Nov. 4.

Weiland says Reid and Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell "have given us probably the most dysfunctional government in a generation, and they need to step aside." He made the comment at a debate at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion on Thursday.

Reid is a key figure on the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. It announced earlier this month that it would put \$1 million into the race to support Weiland. Reid had previously been lukewarm about Weiland's bid to replace retiring Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson.

Sanford Health donating to Watford City hospital

WATFORD CITY, N.D. (AP) — Dakotas-based Sanford Health is donating \$1 million over the next decade to help fund a new hospital in the western North Dakota oil patch community of Watford City.

McKenzie County Healthcare Systems in June broke ground for a \$60 million medical complex. It will replace the city's decades-old hospital and include a new emergency room, clinic and nursing home under one roof.

The project is being funded several ways, including with sales tax revenue. McKenzie County and the energy company Oneok Partners each have also pledged \$1 million.

Sanford Health and McKenzie County Healthcare Systems already partner in several areas including

physicians and air ambulance services.

Sanford bills itself as the country's largest not-for-profit rural health care system, with facilities in 126 communities in nine states.

Sioux Falls teacher wins award, \$25,000 prize

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls kindergarten teacher has been honored for her work in the classroom.

Hawthorne Elementary teacher LeeAnna Rabine was honored Friday with a Milken Educator Award, and the \$25,000 cash prize that comes with it. She was presented the award during a surprise school assembly in her honor.

Rabine has taught for 10 years at Hawthorne, where a large proportion of her students are learning the English language.

The Milken Family Foundation honors dozens of teachers around the country each year. Rabine is the 17th South Dakota educator to win the award since 2002.

Feds act to protect 2 butterflies; farmers wary

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The federal government has added two Upper Midwest butterfly species to its list of threatened and endangered species, pleasing conservationists but worrying farm groups who say it could make it harder for their members to earn a living off the land.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Thursday named the Dakota skipper as threatened and the Poweshiek skipperling as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Both of the inch-long, brown-and-orange butterflies were once found in eight Midwestern and Plains states, but their populations declined due to several reasons, including the loss of native prairie vegetation and agriculture, the agency said.

"We recognize the reason we still have any Dakota skippers or Poweshiek skipperlings on the landscape at all is the conservation ethic of ranchers who have had the foresight to conserve grasslands in the Upper Midwest," Tom Melius, Midwest regional director for Fish and Wildlife, said in a statement. "Our hope is to continue to work with landowners and partners to conserve these butterflies and the valuable habitat they depend upon."

Tierra Curry, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity, praised the listings. In a statement, she said that "protecting the last high-quality prairie habitats for the butterflies will keep these special places safe, along with all the other plants and animals that need them to survive."

But U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., said he wonders if the listings will even help the butterflies, and he worries the move will hurt the farming, ranching, energy and transportation industries.

"This is most alarming since no studies have been done to estimate the value the public places on preserving the two butterflies nor any examination of how their decline or extinction would affect our ecosystem," he said.

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association worries about harm to private property rights, Executive Vice President Julie Ellingson told The Bismarck Tribune.

"We think this will have implications for those who make their living on the land," she said.

The South Dakota Farmers Union and Farm Bureau both will be monitoring the upcoming designation of critical habitat for the butterflies, according to the Argus Leader newspaper.

"The devil is in the details with a recovery plan and a habitat area," Farm Bureau Executive Director Wayne Smith said.

The Dakota skipper is found in western Minnesota, northeastern South Dakota and the eastern half of North Dakota. Small numbers of Poweshiek skipperlings survive Michigan and Wisconsin. It's been several years since the butterfly has been seen in Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas.

Feds give SD cities funds for rural water systems

PARKSTON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota cities of Menno, Parkston and Wagner are among rural communities nationwide that will receive upgrades to water and wastewater systems with more than \$340 million in grants and loans from the federal Agriculture Department.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the cities' share of funding. Menno is receiving a \$1 million loan to upgrade the sewer sanitary system. Parkston is getting a \$300,000 loan to extend sanitary sewer collection lines and add additional hook-ups.

Wagner is getting a \$1.75 million loan and a \$200,000 grant for upgrades to its water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems.

The federal agency is providing \$175 million in loans and \$165 million in grants through the Water and Environmental Program.

AP News in Brief

Ebola-stricken doctor seen as globe-trotting do-gooder driven to join global health fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Craig Spencer, the physician now being treated for Ebola in New York City, is the kind of globe-trotting do-gooder who could walk into a small village in Africa and, even though he didn't know the language, win people over through hugs alone, according to people who worked with him.

Even before leaving for Guinea this summer to fight Ebola with Doctors Without Borders, the 33-year-old had amassed an ordinary man's lifetime worth of world travel, much of which was in the service of the poor.

In the past three years alone, Spencer, an attending physician at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, had been to Rwanda to work on an emergency care teaching curriculum, volunteered at a health clinic in Burundi, helped investigate an infectious parasitic disease in the Democratic Republic of Congo and traveled to 32 villages in Indonesia to do a public health survey.

"He was never afraid of getting his hands dirty or his feet dirty," said Dr. Deogratias Niyizonkiza, founder of Village Health Works, the aid group that brought him to Burundi for four months in 2012.

"He went into this environment, a country that is truly off the mark, without knowing the language and he would make everyone feel so comfortable. It's really a daunting task and yet he helped the people immensely," Niyizonkiza said. "He talked to everyone, including the people working in the lab ... Their language was just to hug each other and smile."

Women fight on front lines of battle against Islamic State militants in Syria, Iraq

SURUC, Turkey (AP) — Just over a year ago, Afshin Kobani was a teacher. Now, the Kurdish Syrian woman has traded the classroom for the front lines in the battle for Kobani, a town besieged by fighters

from the Islamic State extremist group.

The 28-year-old Kurdish fighter, who uses a nom de guerre, said she decided to join the fight in her hometown when she saw IS advances in Syria.

"I lost many friends to this, and I decided there was a need to join up," said Kobani, who declined to reveal her birth name. "This is our land — our own — and if we don't do it, who else will?"

Perched on the other side of the Turkish border, the Syrian town of Kobani has been under an intense assault by IS for more than a month. The town — surrounded on the east, south and west by IS — is being defended by Kurdish forces in Syria.

Among those fighters are thousands of women, an unusual phenomenon in the Muslim world in which warfare is often associated with manhood. In April, Kurdish fighters created all-female combat units that have grown to include more than 10,000 women. These female fighters have played a major role in battles against IS, said Nasser Haj Mansour, a defense official in Syria's Kurdish region.

Seattle-area homecoming prince kills 1, wounds 4 before shooting himself

MARYSVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Jaylen Fryberg was well liked and athletic, a football player named to his high school's homecoming court just one week ago.

He was also facing problems, writing of some unspecified troubles on his Twitter feed: "It breaks me... It actually does...."

The popular Marysville-Pilchuck High School freshman opened fire in the school's cafeteria late Friday morning, a government official with direct knowledge of the shooting told The Associated Press.

One girl was killed and four other young people — including two of the gunman's cousins — were badly wounded before Fryberg fatally shot himself, witnesses, police and relatives said.

His motives remained unclear. Some students described Fryberg as happy and social, even though he had recently fought with a boy over a girl.

Suspect in killing of 2 Northern California sheriff's deputies captured after manhunt

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A suspect described as a "one-man crime spree" is accused of shooting three Northern California sheriff's deputies, killing two of them and wounding a civilian, then eluding hundreds of searchers before being hunted down and forced to surrender, authorities said.

Marcelo Marquez of Salt Lake City was examined at a hospital for unknown injuries.

"I think there's those people who would say, 'You know what, I wish you'd killed him,'" Placer County Sheriff Ed Bonner said at a news conference Friday evening. "Now, that's not who we are. We are not him. We did our job."

Marquez, 34, and a woman also taken into custody were questioned by investigators about their motives late Friday night, said Sacramento County sheriff's Sgt. Lisa Bowman said.

It wasn't immediately clear when they would be formally booked.

Democrats again try to recover lost ground outside cities; GOP pushes to maintain advantage

PERRY, Ga. (AP) — In an arena usually reserved for rodeos and livestock shows, Democratic Senate candidate Michelle Nunn told a boisterous crowd she was “glad to be home.”

Her Republican opponent in the Georgia race, David Perdue, stood on the same debate stage and bellowed, “Welcome to Perdue country.”

Neither candidate lives near the fairgrounds, much less among cattle or row crops. Nunn is a nonprofit executive who resides in a liberal neighborhood near downtown Atlanta, while Perdue is a wealthy former corporate CEO who lives behind multiple gates on a coastal island.

But both candidates spent their formative years in middle Georgia, and both have made a concerted play for rural and small-town voters despite the state’s population shift to cities and suburbs. The same dynamic exists in Senate races in several other Southern states — Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky and North Carolina — that will help determine which major party controls the Senate after the Nov. 4 election.

For Republicans, six seats from a Senate majority, it’s a matter of maximizing their edge outside of cities by capitalizing one more time among white voters who dislike President Barack Obama and Democratic standard-bearers like Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. For Democrats, the challenge is making elections about something other than Obama as they again try to reclaim middle-class and poor whites who once anchored President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal coalition.

Tunisians express doubts over politics as they prepare to elect historic new parliament

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — In a raucous cafe in a Tunis slum, men talked in loud voices and paid little attention to the politicians debating on the television mounted on the wall. Qais Jebali swiftly made espressos behind the bar and explained why no one in the gritty neighborhood of Tadamon cared about the upcoming elections.

“We’ve had five governments since 2011 and nothing has changed on the ground,” he said, arranging the cups of strong black coffee on a tray with a bowl of sugar. “The poor people don’t trust the government because they are marginalized, harassed by police and don’t have money to pay bribes.”

Outside, members of the National Guard in bullet-proof vests and carrying assault rifles waved cars through a dilapidated traffic circle. Security was heightened because a standoff with suspected militants was taking place just a few kilometers (miles) away.

On Sunday, Tunisians will vote for their first five-year parliament since they overthrew dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, marking the end of the democratic transition that they alone among the pro-democracy Arab Spring uprisings have managed to achieve. Now, many Tunisians are expressing disillusionment over democracy.

They say it has not brought prosperity and seems largely to involve squabbling politicians and attacks by Islamic militants, raising fears that many may not turn out to vote in a country that has been described as the best chance for democracy in the Arab world.

Number of Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar since violence broke out in 2012 tops 100,000

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — A growing sense of desperation is fueling a mass exodus of Rohingya Muslims from western Myanmar, with the number fleeing by boat since communal violence broke out two years ago now topping 100,000, a leading expert said Saturday.

Chris Lewa, director of the nonprofit advocacy group Arakan Project, said there has been a huge surge since Oct. 15, with an average of 900 people per day piling into cargo ships parked off Rakhine state.

That's nearly 10,000 in less than two weeks, one of the biggest upticks yet.

Myanmar, a predominantly Buddhist nation of 50 million that only recently emerged from half a century of military rule, has an estimated 1.3 million Rohingya. Though many of their families arrived from neighboring Bangladesh generations ago, almost all have been denied citizenship. In the last two years, attacks by Buddhist mobs have left hundreds dead and 140,000 trapped in camps, where they live without access to adequate health care, education or jobs.

Lewa said some Rohingya families have been told new ships have started arriving in neighboring Thailand, where passengers often are brought to jungle camps, facing extortion and beatings until relatives come up with enough money to win their release.

Authorities: Remains found are those of missing University of Virginia student Hannah Graham

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Remains found nearly a week ago in a rural area of Virginia are those of a missing university student, authorities said Friday, as they turned their attention to filing possible additional charges against the suspect accused of abducting her.

University of Virginia sophomore Hannah Graham, 18, disappeared Sept. 13 after a night out with friends. The remains were found Oct. 18 about 12 miles from the Charlottesville campus, in a heavily wooded area of Albemarle County that is home to rolling hills and horse farms.

The state Medical Examiner's office confirmed that the remains were Graham's, the Albemarle County Police Department said in a statement Friday.

The man Graham was last seen with, 32-year-old Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., has been charged with abduction with intent to defile Graham.

Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney Denise Lunsford said in a statement that the focus of the investigation now is to determine "what charges will be brought and the appropriate time to make those charges."

Gunman in Canada attack once complained about mosque being too liberal and inclusive

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The gunman who shot and killed a soldier in plain daylight then stormed Canada's Parliament once complained that a Vancouver mosque he attended was too liberal and inclusive, and was kicked out after he repeatedly spent the night there even though officials told him to stop, Muslim leaders said Friday.

Aasim Rashid, spokesman for the British Columbia Muslim Association, said Michael Zehaf-Bibeau visited the Masjid Al-Salaam mosque for three to four months toward the end of 2011, and possibly early 2012, before he was told not to come back.

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Rashid said that before Zehaf-Bibeau got in trouble for using the mosque for accommodations, he had complained to leaders in the previous administration about the mosque's openness and willingness to let non-Muslims visit.

"The mosque administration sat him down and explained to him that this is how they run the mosque and that they will keep the doors open to all Muslims and non-Muslims who want to visit," he said at a news conference held at the mosque Friday.

Rashid said that Zehaf-Bibeau was told he should go pray at a different mosque if he disagreed. However, he stayed until he was ultimately asked to leave when officials learned he was still sleeping in the mosque while battling legal troubles.

Finnegan passes big test, Royals hold off Giants 3-2 to take a 2-1 edge in World Series

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Summoned in a tough spot, Royals rookie Brandon Finnegan trotted in from the bullpen, threw his warmup pitches and then did something curious.

He walked behind the mound, took off his hat, rubbed his hair and looked at the right-field foul pole. Nervous about being in the World Series? Naw.

"That's just what I do," he said.

With a rollicking crowd at AT&T Park ready to erupt, Finnegan made it all look routine.

Today in History

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Today is Saturday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2014. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1954, a meeting of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Cabinet was broadcast live on radio and television; during the session, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, just returned from Europe, reported on agreements signed in Paris on the future of West Germany. (To date, it's the only presidential Cabinet meeting to be carried on radio and TV.)

On this date:

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men charged the Russian army, suffering heavy losses.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted in Washington, D.C., of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months.)

In 1939, the play "The Time of Your Life," by William Saroyan, opened in New York.

In 1945, Taiwan became independent of Japanese colonial rule.

In 1957, mob boss Albert Anastasia of "Murder Inc." notoriety was shot to death by masked gunmen in a barber shop inside the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York.

In 1962, U.N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba, saying he was prepared to wait "until hell freezes over" for an answer. Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the Security Council.

In 1964, The Rolling Stones made the first of six appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

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In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1989, novelist and critic Mary McCarthy died in New York at age 77.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, claimed that a black carjacker had driven off with her two young sons (Smith later confessed to drowning the children in John D. Long Lake, and was convicted of murder). Three defendants were convicted in South Africa of murdering American exchange student Amy Biehl.

In 1999, golfer Payne Stewart and five others were killed when their Learjet flew uncontrolled for four hours before crashing in South Dakota; Stewart was 42.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court announced that Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist had thyroid cancer (Rehnquist died in Sept. 2005). At least 85 Muslim detainees suffocated or were crushed to death in southern Thailand after the police rounded up 1,300 people and packed them into trucks following a riot.

Five years ago: A pair of suicide car bombings devastated the heart of Iraq's capital, Baghdad, killing 155 people, including 24 children. Philanthropist Jeffry Picower, accused of making more than \$7 billion from the investment schemes of his longtime friend Bernard Madoff, drowned after suffering a heart attack in the swimming pool of his Palm Beach, Florida, mansion; he was 67. The New York Yankees won their first pennant in six years, beating the Los Angeles Angels 5-2 in Game 6 of the AL championship series.

One year ago: Indignant at reports of U.S. electronic espionage overseas, the leaders of France and Germany said they would insist the Obama administration agree by year's end to limits that could put an end to alleged American eavesdropping on foreign leaders, businesses and innocent civilians. Death claimed British actor Nigel Davenport, 85, Hollywood stunt double Hal Needham, 82, and actress-comedian Marcia Wallace, 70.

Today's Birthdays: Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 90. Singer-actress Barbara Cook is 87. Actress Marion Ross is 86. Country singer Jeanne Black is 77. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Knight is 74. Pop singer Helen Reddy is 73. Author Anne Tyler is 73. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 70. Political strategist James Carville is 70. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 70. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 67. Actor Brian Kerwin is 65. Actor Mark L. Taylor is 64. Movie director Julian Schnabel is 63. Rock musician Matthias Jabs is 58. Actress Nancy Cartwright (TV: "The Simpsons") is 57. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 56. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 53. Actress Tracy Nelson is 51. Actor Michael Boatman is 50. Actor Kevin Michael Richardson is 50. Singer Speech is 46. Actor Adam Goldberg is 44. Actor-singer Adam Pascal is 44. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 44. Actress Persia White is 44. Country singer Chely (SHEL'-ee) Wright is 44. Violinist Midori is 43. Actor Craig Robinson is 43. Actor Michael Weston is 41. Actor Zachary Knighton is 36. Actress Mariana Klaveno is 35. Actor Mehdad (muh-KAD') Brooks is 34. Actor Ben Gould is 34. Actor Josh Henderson is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Young Rome is 33. Pop singer Katy Perry is 30. Rock singer Austin Winkler is 30. Singer Ciara is 29. Actress Conchita Campbell ("The 4400") is 19.

Thought for Today: "In the time of your life, live - so that in that good time there shall be no ugliness or death for yourself or for any life your life touches." - From "The Time of Your Life" by William Saroyan (1908-1981).