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9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

9:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

9:30am: First Presbyterian Bible Study Time

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School and Annual Meeting

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10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

11:00am: First Presbyterian Worship

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Carnival of Silver Skates moving to Odde Ice Arena

The 77th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates is on the move and on the go. This year's 2 p.m. event will be held at the Odde Ice Arena next to the Holum Expo Building at the Brown County Fair Grounds.

The condition of the ice rink was extremely poor and got worse as the day progressed with the rain.

There was discussion of having the afternoon event at the Odde Ice Arena, but the Silver Skates committee was turned down, according to Fjeldheim.

Janae Hughes and Susan Fjeldheim examined the ice Saturday morning.

Fjeldheim then talked with Dan Dalchow and also called Julie Milbrandt to see if there would be any options. Both Dalchow and Milbrandt have players on the Aberdeen Cougars Hockey Team. They led Fjeldheim to the right person and the Silver Skates committee was able to use the facility for the 2 p.m. performance.

Dalchow and Milbrandt then went a step further and discussed with Aberdeen officials about the ice at the Odde Ice Arena. They suggested that the rink not be cleaned after the Cougar's game so it would have more of a roughness and it would be easier for the young Silver Skaters to stand on the ice.

There is discussion of still having the 6:30 p.m. performance in Groton, but that would depend on the weather and condition of the ice. That determination will not be made until Sunday afternoon.



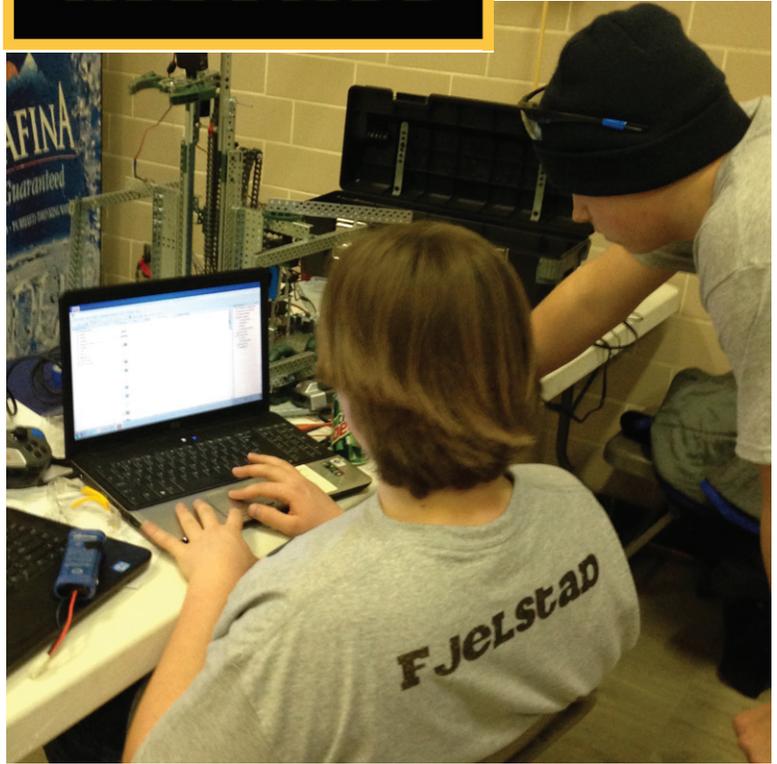
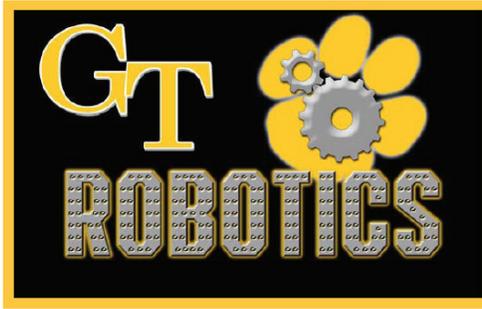
Janae Hughes and Coralie Wolter gather up some stuff that they need to take to Aberdeen for the show.

Groton players on Cougar Team

The Aberdeen Cougars play Sunday before the Carnival of Silver Skates. The junior varsity team plays at 9 a.m. Nick Dalchow may be the JV Goalie. Jacob Milbrandt plays on the varsity squad at 11 a.m.

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Eric Milbrandt and Ray Tracy were the referees for the GT Robotics Event held Saturday in Groton.

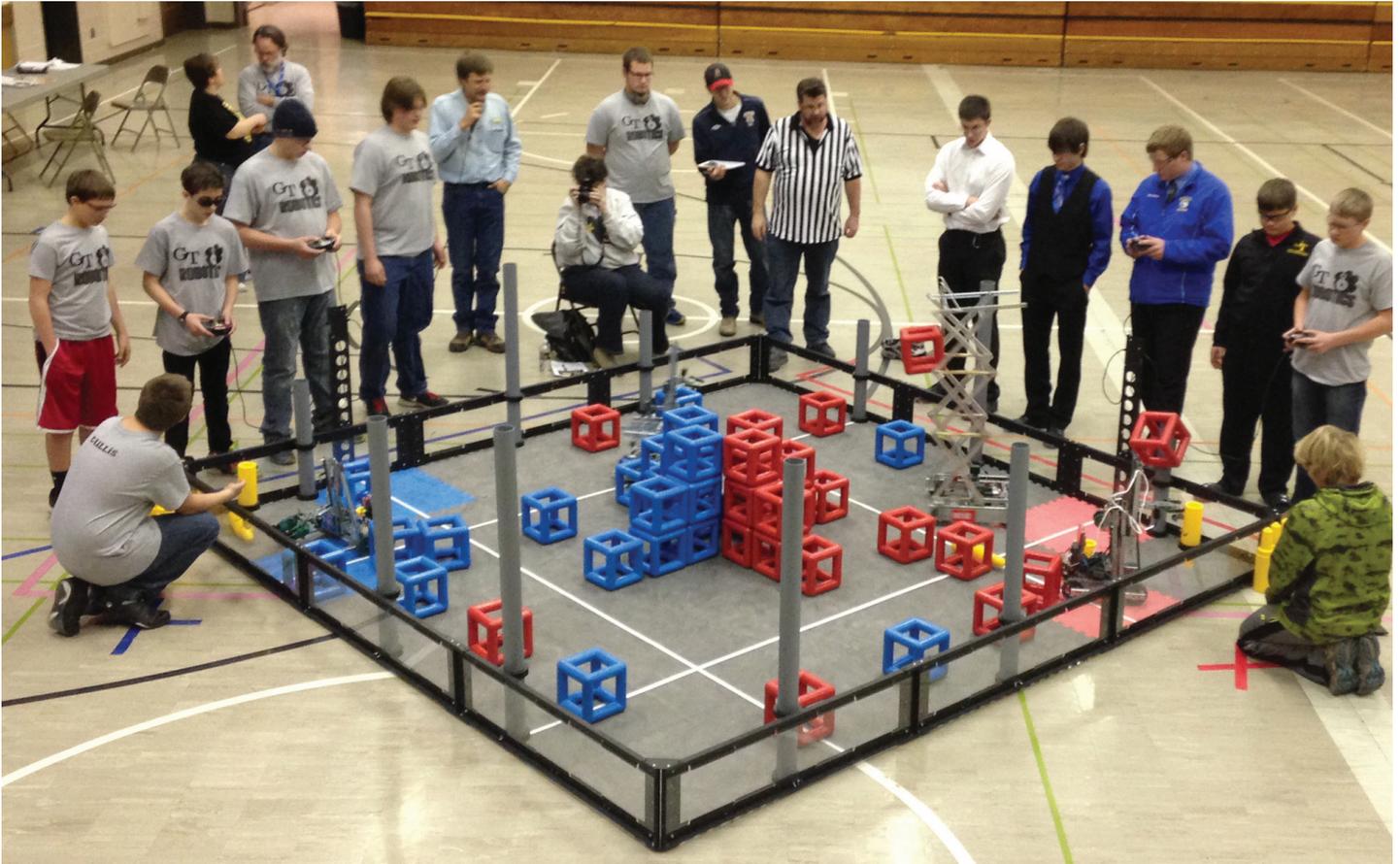
Nathan Fjelstad and Trey Wright do some computer programming for their robot before the finals.



For the finals, the top teams align themselves with another team to try and win the event.

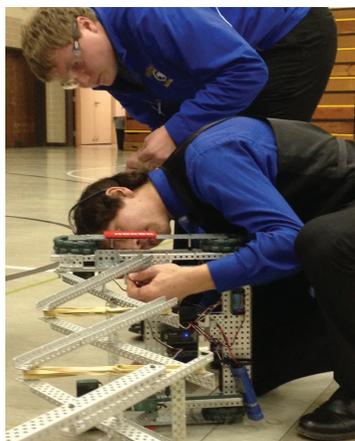
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It was the first time that two Groton teams aligned themselves with another Groton team. On the left, the Gat Wrenches aligned themselves with the Gear Heads. The red team was the Geek Squad and the G-Force. Pictured clockwise starting on the left are Noah Tullis, Hunter Schaller and Thomas Cranford from the Gat Wrenches and Trey Wright and Nathan Fjelstad from the Gear Heads. The team on the right starting with the white shirt are Ethan Braun, Jacob Milbrandt and Nick Dalchow from the Geek Squad and Alex Morris, Landon Marzahn and Hunter Monson from the G-Force team.

The red team on the right won the best of three events by game scores of 34-32 and 51-22.



Jacob Milbrandt was doing an emergency repair to their robot in the final round. Assisting is Nick Dachow in back.

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Pictured left to right are Jacob Milbrandt, Nick Dalchow, Ethan Braun, Landon Marzahn, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson, Chris Zarycki and Alex Morris. The Geek Squad and G-Force were the winners of the GT Robotics Tournament held Saturday in Groton.

GT Robotics Tournament Awards

Several awards were given out at the GT Robotics Tournament held Saturday at the GHS Gym.

The Amaze award is given for consistent high scoring, consistent autonomous and robust construction. The award was presented to the G-Force Team of Landon Marzahn, Chris Zarycki, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson and Alex Morris.

The Build Award is given for professional construction, robust, clean and elegant; effective use of mechanical and electrical components and designed with details to hazards and competition rigors. That was presented to The Battle Wagon team of Britton Vogel from Eureka.

The Create Award team is for highly creative design process and methodology, unique design solution and commitment to ambitious and creative game play. That was awarded to the Darlex team of Drezden Eberhart and Jordan Erickson from Eureka.

The Design Award is given for engineering notebook that is clear, complete document of the team's design process, it demonstrates personnel, time and resource management and the team explains their design and strategy during the season. That was presented to all three Britton-Hecla teams. Members are Blaze Jones, Preston Ochsner, Zack Person, Aimee Allcock, Lyndsey Effling, Steven Wegleitner, Jessie Allcock, AJ Anderson and Nathan Jones.

The Energy Award requirements maintains a high level of energy throughout the event, team demonstrates support for all participants and team's positive energy enriches the event experience. It was presented to the Chopper Team of Ben Batie from Eureka.

The Innovate Award is for design that demonstrates innovative engineering, innovative feature effective solution/soundly crafted, and feature integrated part of an well crafted robot. That was presented to the Geek Squad of Jacob Milbrandt, Ethan Braun and Nick Dalchow of Groton.

The Sportsmanship Award is for courteous, helpful and respectful to all, on and off the field; treats others on field in spirit of friendly competition and demonstrates respect and willingness to help all. That was presented to all four Groton Teams. Team members are Jacob Milbrandt, Ethan Braun, Nick Dalchow, Landon Marzahn, Chris Zarycki, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson, Alex Morris, Nathan Fjelstad, Trey Wright, Noah Tullis, Dragr Monson, Thomas Cranford, Baily Reich and Hunter Schaller.

The Think Award is presented for effective autonomous code, team explains autonomous strategy clearly and consistent autonomous code on the field. It was presented to the G-Force team of Landon Marzahn, Chris Zarycki, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson and Alex Morris of Groton.

Participating teams were four teams from Groton Area, three teams from Britton-Hecla and Eureka, and one team from Leola and Sisseton.

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The second place alliance team was the Geer Heads and Gat Wrenchs. Pictured left to right Thomas Cranford, Baily Reich, Noah Tullis, Dragr Monson, Trey Wright, Hunter Schaller and Nathan Fjelstad.

Measles Case Reported In Sioux Falls

PIERRE, S.D. – An unvaccinated Sioux Falls child under the age of 10 has been reported with measles, the Department of Health said today. The investigation is still underway but the case has no travel history and is not known to be connected with the measles outbreak in Mitchell that totals 13 cases.

Individuals who were at Holy Spirit Elementary School in Sioux Falls on Jan. 22 may have been exposed and are urged to check their immunization records. For those in need of vaccination, the state Department of Health and the Sioux Falls City Health Department have scheduled a free vaccine clinic from noon to 4 p.m. at the City Health Department, 521 N. Main Ave. No appointment is needed.

"I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is for people to check their records and make sure their vaccinations are up to date," said Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the department. "If you are not vaccinated you are at risk for measles as these South Dakota cases and the current Disneyland outbreak so clearly demonstrate."

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease transmitted from one person to another by direct contact or airborne by droplet spread. It is a serious illness that causes permanent brain damage in one in every 1,000 patients and is fatal in three out of every 1,000 patients.

The best protection against the disease is the measles vaccine (MMR). For full protection, two doses of the vaccine are recommended, the first at age 12 months and a second by age four. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are required for students entering schools, child care and colleges in South Dakota. Individuals born before 1957 are considered to have natural immunity because the disease was so widespread then and do not need vaccination.

More information about measles is available on the department's website at <http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/diseasefacts/Measles.aspx>.



State of the Union Address a Missed Opportunity

The State of the Union address fulfills a constitutionally mandated duty that calls on the President to periodically update Congress on the state of our nation. In recent history, the State of Union is an annual event in which the President addresses both chambers of Congress in person at the U.S. Capitol. President Obama's 2015 address was no different. I sat with my colleagues no more than 50 feet from the President, listening in earnest for ways to work together to find areas of agreement or opportunity. As many of you have expressed, I too was disappointed.

Given the challenges we face as a nation, I had hoped the President would have used this opportunity to set a bipartisan, positive tone for 2015 and focus on our shared vision for moving the country forward. Republicans have wasted no time getting to work this year. In the Senate, we're currently considering legislation to authorize construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. We are working on a number of bills that will help our economy grow, providing for private sector jobs and beginning to reduce government red-tape that is slowing down our recovery. We will not forget about the American taxpayers. We are already beginning our work. In the Senate, we've already voted on more amendments this year than all of 2014 under Democrat leadership.

Unfortunately, the President showed no signs of wanting to work with us on these issues. He told us again during the State of the Union that he plans to veto our Keystone pipeline bill, despite widespread support in Congress and among the American people. He also used the State of the Union to propose a tax plan he knows is dead on arrival in Congress because it calls for hundreds of billions of dollars in tax increases. We know this hurts farmers, ranchers and small business owners. Our plan is to get the federal government out of the way so the economy can begin to grow again.

The President also used his speech to double down on his record, touting failed policies such as Obamacare, and took credit for a 'strong' economic recovery. It's hard to take this rhetoric seriously when evidence of these successes is so scarce. We know that health care premiums have skyrocketed for many South Dakota families and many others lost the coverage they enjoyed all together because of the health care law. We also know that the median household income is weak. Since the President has taken office, median household annual income has dropped by \$3,000 and the labor force has continued to shrink. That's why few Americans are actually feeling the economic recovery he claims to have led us through.

The ideas laid out in the President's speech may have excited the left wing of his political base, but it proved he has turned a deaf ear to the majority of Americans. By continuing to put politics first and promote the same old policies that have failed him in the past, he ignores the loud cries of voters who made clear they are tired of the same old ideas and practices in Washington.

Americans want us to work together to make government more efficient and effective. I, along with my Republican colleagues, remain committed to American priorities: jobs, the economy and government efficiency. We're already rolling up our sleeves and getting to work again. Hopefully Congress and the President can find a way to put politics aside to remove the bureaucratic hurdles and unnecessary regulations that hardworking South Dakotans have to deal with every day. It's time the President realizes that more government isn't the right answer to the problems facing our country.

Enjoy Eagles and Bagels at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area

PIERRE, S.D. – Visitors to the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area near Fort Pierre will have the opportunity to learn about the park's winter residents and enjoy a snack on the 13th Annual Eagles and Bagels Walk in the Park on Saturday, Feb. 7.

"This is a good opportunity for participants to get out and enjoy our South Dakota winter and view our nation's bird – the Bald Eagle," said Pat Buscher, Oahe Downstream district supervisor.

Program attendees will learn about eagles from a program presentation and then have the opportunity to view and ask questions about the bald eagles on a guided walk.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. CST at the Oahe Downstream group lodge. Information will be presented highlighting eagles, their habitat, and tips and proper conduct for viewing and photographing these magnificent birds.

The group will travel into the park for a 2-mile guided walk (weather permitting) to observe the birds in their natural setting. The hike will include a number of stops to view the birds and answer questions. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, cameras, comfortable hiking shoes and cold weather clothing.

Following the hike, guests are invited back to the lodge for snacks and refreshments sponsored by Pier 347 and Lynn's Dakotamart.

"Last year's hike attendance was great," said Buscher. "We pack the lodge nearly every year and enjoy seeing more families attend, as this walk is stroller-friendly."

For those who are not sure they can complete the entire distance, a shuttle is available.

The Oahe Downstream campgrounds are currently closed to vehicle traffic to protect the roosting eagles. Walkers and cross-country skiers are allowed into these areas, although they must be careful not to disturb the roosting eagles. If disturbed, the eagles may abandon their roosts and use up valuable food reserves.

There is no charge for the guided walk, but a park entrance license is required. The 2015 park entrance licenses are available at the park. For more information, call 605-223-7722.

The Oahe Downstream Recreation Area is located five miles north of Fort Pierre off SD highway 1806.

For more information on state park programs, visit www.gfp.sd.gov or call 605-773-3391.

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U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Uncle Sam Can't Tax Us into Prosperity

Every State of the Union address includes at least one or two "buzz" words. For the past six years under President Obama, one of the phrases that has stuck out to me in his annual address to Congress is the term "restore prosperity." The president usually follows these words with his laundry list of ways he believes Congress should act, usually by growing the size of government, to "restore prosperity" for millions of Americans. What the president always seems to forget is that Uncle Sam can't tax us into prosperity.

This year, the president called yet again for higher taxes on individuals and families, ranging from South Dakota middle class families saving for their kid's college education, to small businesses and ag producers who are creating jobs and stimulating the economy. This top-down approach to "restoring prosperity" is precisely what the American people rejected in the last election, yet the president continues to promote the same stale, failed policies of big government.

The president is proposing \$320 billion in new taxes on top of the more than \$1.5 trillion in higher taxes already forced upon the American people during his administration. Under his plan, South Dakotans who have their assets invested in a farm operation or small business would get hit with a new capital gains tax when assets that have appreciated in value are passed on to the next generation. This is especially damaging to the family farm, the assets of which are often comprised largely of farmland that can appreciate considerably in value over time. And this new tax is in addition to the federal estate tax, better known as the death tax, which already imposes an unnecessary tax burden on family farms and businesses.

Without question, these tax proposals would make it more difficult for South Dakota families to pass land and other capital assets along to the next generation. We need to move in the opposite direction, by eliminating the death tax and making certain that family farms and business are not targeted with new, punitive tax increases.

South Dakota middle class families planning ahead for their kid's college educations through tax preferred 529 college savings plans would also feel the pinch under the president's plan. Right now the earnings in these accounts are tax-free, but the president would subject them to tax, meaning there would be fewer funds available for education expenses. We're not talking about the ultra-wealthy; we are talking about middle class families trying to do right by their children by saving for an investment in their educations. If anything, we should make it easier for families to save for a college education, not make it more difficult.

These are not the ways in which we will restore prosperity for the American people. It's time for Washington to stop putting forward proposals that would penalize job-creators and middle class families and instead work to make our outdated tax code simpler and fairer, ensuring we reduce Americans' tax burdens while also making U.S. businesses more competitive in the global economy.

I believe in tapping into the potential of the American people, not the government. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to oppose ill-conceived tax hikes and to create a simplified tax system that works better for all Americans.

Charged Particle Cloud from Sun heading towards Earth

When does the Aurora storm watch begin?

The storm watch begins on 1/24/2015 at 6:01:00 PM and continues for 24 hours.

By JIM THOMAS -- Soft Serve News, Posted: January 22, 2015

Although the solar storm watch issued about a week ago turned out to be very much a dud, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Space Weather Prediction Center has issued a new 24 hour magnetic storm watch indicating a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) emanating from the Sun may be heading towards Earth. A CME is a fast moving cloud of charged particles which can cause a Northern Lights display.

The watch begins at the time indicated above. It should be noted that the beginning of the storm watch does not necessarily predict the arrival time of the CME cloud, rather it indicates that, within that 24 hour period, increased activity is expected. Real-time Aurora Borealis forecasts can be obtained at the Aurora Borealis Forecast page at Soft Serve News.

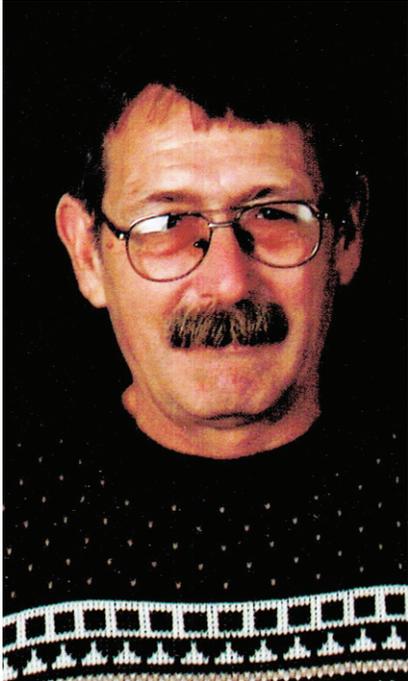
NOAA estimates the CME currently headed towards Earth might produce a Kp number of 5, but that's never fully known until it hits Earth. The Groton area is in the Kp number area of about 5.5. The downfall is that the area will probably be cloudy, so if there are Northern Lights, we may not be able to see them this time.

Stronger CMEs can sometimes cause trouble for satellites and create problems with electrical grids by inducing currents as the CME cloud interacts with the magnetic field that surrounds the earth. It is this disturbance of the Earth's magnetic field that causes the Northern Lights. NOAA indicates that weak power grid fluctuations may occur.

The Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis, can range from a faint green glow on the northern horizon to a multicolored, full-sky display which can be one of the most beautiful and awe-inspiring scenes in nature.

If you like to track the Northern Lights, here is a neat link that will show you the strength of the Northern Lights: <http://services.swpc.noaa.gov/images/aurora-forecast-northern-hemisphere.png>

The Life of Michael J. "Mike" Barton



Michael James "Mike" Barton, age 64, of Watertown, SD, died peacefully on January 22, 2015, in Sioux Falls, after a short illness. A Memorial Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015, at the Crawford Funeral Chapel in Watertown. There will be a time for family sharing at 6 p.m.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mike's grandchildren and great-grandchildren and Scott Anderson, Buck Fjerstad, Joe Benthin and Doug Rislov.

Mike was born on March 9, 1950, at Faulkton, to Milo and Laverne (Lerew) Barton. He attended schools in the Aberdeen area and graduated from Frederick High School in 1968. After high school, he attended Northern State College in Aberdeen and was a member of the SD Army National Guard. Mike worked for many years in the Aberdeen area as a machinist and was also a dairy farmer.

Mike married Jolene Olson and they were blessed with two sons, Chad and Zachary. In later years, he lived and worked in the Watertown area.

He will be remembered as a dedicated and loving son, father, brother and grandfather; and for his passion, humor and intelligence; and as a hard-working man in all his endeavors.

Mike is survived by his two sons: Chad (Tashia) Barton of Watertown and Zachary (Stephanie) Townsend of Conde, SD; five grandchildren: Dustin (Chantal), Gage, CJ, Trey and Madison; two great-grandchildren: Aubrie and Easton; his mother, Laverne, of Ellendale, ND; two brothers: Stuart (Janet) Barton of Aberdeen and Brent (Jo Beth) Barton of Mobridge, SD; three sisters: Denise (Doug) Miller of Nemo, SD, Valerie Barton and her husband, Donald Leach, of Heathsville, VA, and Karman Furman of Ellendale, ND; a very large extended family of uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and grandnieces/nephews; and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Milo; and one brother-in-law, Russell Furman.

Groton's height, quckness too much for Webster



Hunter Lerew towers above the Webster defenders to grab the rebound and put the ball back up and in for Groton Area.

side post player. We've been playing pretty good defense lately and that's a key for us."

Spencer Knecht and Kyler Ell also hit double figures with 15 points apiece, Lucas Sternhagen and Bennett Shabazz each had six points, Wyatt Larson five, Gabe Dohman had three, Sean Schuring two and Seric Shabazz added one point.

Groton made 52 percent of its field goals while Webster made 33 percent. The Tigers were 13 of 21 from the line for 62 percent off of Webster's 15 team fouls. Webster made four of eight free throws for 50 percent off of Groton's 12 team fouls. The Tigers had 13 turnovers with six of them being steals. Webster had 21 turnovers with 12 of them being steals - three by Knecht and Bennett Shabazz. Sternhagen had five of the team's 17 assists and 12 of the team's 38 rebounds. Lerew had two blocks.

Groton, now 7-2, will be at Britton on Tuesday and at

Groton Area used its height and quickness to take care of Webster Area Friday night in the Groton Arena, 74-42.

Hunter Lerew had a season high 21 points to lead the Tigers. "We knew we had a size advantage inside and at times we were real good at getting the ball inside," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "At times we settled for too many perimeter shots."

Webster Area started out with a 3-2 lead and after a tie game at four, Webster jumped ahead, 8-4 Groton Area came back to tie the game eight. The Bearcats had its last lead of 9-8 before Groton Area took over, scoring the next 14 points to take a 22-9 lead. Groton led, 15-9, at the end of the first quarter and took a 33-20 lead at halftime as Lucas Sternhagen made a three-pointer at the buzzer. Groton went up, 49-30, after three quarter of play.

"We had to make some adjustments defensively because they didn't really have an in-



Lucas Sternhagen stole the ball and made the shot.

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Sisseton on Thursday. Kjellsen said, "Britton and Sisseton will be a good test for us. We just need to keep getting better each game."

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 52-32. Brandon Keith led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Adam Herman and Seric Shabazz with 10 each, Sean Schuring had eight, Bennett Shabazz and Stevie Fey each had four, Aaron Severson and Brady Keith each had two and Anthony Sippel added one point.

"Are you kidding me!?"
Coach Greg Kjellsen was not happy about an offensive foul called on Lucas Sternhagen.

Bennett Shabazz grabs the rebound in heavy traffic. Also pictured are Landon Larson (30) and Wyatt Larson (42).



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WEBSTER AREA		TOT-FG						3-PT		REBOUNDS								
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4	Bauer, Jordan	*	1	5	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	2	2	3	0	1	24:00
10	Thurston, Noah	*	2	7	0	2	1	2	2	0	2	0	5	0	5	0	0	0:00
13	Block, Marcus	*	3	6	2	4	2	4	1	1	2	2	10	1	2	2	3	24:00
22	Rithmiller, Braden	*	3	7	3	5	0	0	1	3	4	2	9	2	1	0	1	0:00
14	Fromelt, Ben		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
20	Reetz, Riley		4	10	0	2	0	0	1	3	4	3	8	1	6	0	0	24:00
25	Whitmyre, Caleb		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8:00
31	Day, Chandler		1	4	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	0	24:00
35	Premus, Bryson		1	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	8:00
41	Hortness, Jayden		0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	8:00
42	McCreary, Evan		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	0	0							
Team Totals			16	49	6	17	4	8	9	15	24	15	42	8	21	2	6	160

Total FG%	- 1st:	8/19	0.421	2nd:	8/30	0.267	Game:	0.327	Deadball
3-PT FG%	- 1st:	1/5	0.200	2nd:	5/12	0.417	Game:	0.353	Rebounds
Total FT%	- 1st:	3/6	0.500	2nd:	1/2	0.500	Game:	0.500	(1,2)

GROTON AREA		TOT-FG						3-PT		REBOUNDS								
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
4	Sternhagen, Lucas	*	2	4	0	1	2	2	1	11	12	2	6	5	0	0	2	24:00
10	Knecht, Spencer	*	6	10	0	2	3	3	0	4	4	2	15	4	3	0	3	8:00
12	Ell, Kyler	*	5	10	3	7	2	2	1	1	2	2	15	0	2	0	1	24:00
32	Dohman, Gabe	*	1	2	0	0	1	4	3	0	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	0:00
40	Lerew, Hunter	*	10	16	0	0	1	2	3	2	5	1	21	1	0	2	1	0:00
3	Schuring, Sean		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	8:00
5	Shabazz, Seric		0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	8:00
14	Herman, Adam		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
22	Shabazz, Bennett		2	5	0	2	2	2	2	1	3	0	6	3	2	0	3	24:00
24	Strom, Chance		0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:00
30	Larson, Landon		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	1	2	0	1	24:00
34	Keith, Brady		0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
42	Larson, Wyatt		2	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	24:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	0	0							
Team Totals			29	56	3	15	13	21	13	25	38	12	74	17	13	2	12	160

Total FG%	- 1st:	15/33	0.455	2nd:	14/23	0.609	Game:	0.518	Deadball
3-PT FG%	- 1st:	2/10	0.200	2nd:	1/5	0.200	Game:	0.200	Rebounds
Total FT%	- 1st:	1/4	0.250	2nd:	12/17	0.706	Game:	0.619	(5,2)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Webster V	9	11	10	12	42
Groton	15	18	16	25	74

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WEBSTER AREA JV NO PLAYER	TOT-FG					3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
14 Fromelt, Ben	*	1	5	0	1	2	2	2	2	4	2	4	0	4	0	0	16:00	
15 Dunse, Ty	*	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	4	6	0	0	2	1	0	0	16:00	
25 Whitmyre, Caleb	*	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	24:00	
35 Premus, Bryson	*	4	13	3	10	2	2	0	5	5	0	13	1	4	0	0	24:00	
41 Hortness, Jayden	*	1	6	0	3	1	2	1	0	1	3	3	1	3	0	0	16:00	
3 Amdahl, Chase		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	16:00	
5 Case, Trevor		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8:00	
24 Tratlör, Tristan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
30 Herwander, Jacob		1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0:00	
42 McCreary, Evan		2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	5	0	1	0	1	16:00	
55 Sauer, Jake		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	0	0				0			
Team Totals		11	37	5	17	5	6	6	14	20	10	32	6	13	0	1	152	

Total FG% - 1st: 6/21 0.286 2nd: 5/16 0.313 Game: 0.297 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/10 0.200 2nd: 3/7 0.429 Game: 0.294 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 5/6 0.833 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.833 (3,6)

GROTON AREA JV NO PLAYER	TOT-FG					3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
3 Schuring, Sean	*	3	8	2	4	0	0	2	2	4	2	8	0	1	1	1	16:00	
5 Shabazz, Seric	*	4	10	1	4	1	2	2	3	5	2	10	3	1	0	2	8:00	
14 Herman, Adam	*	4	8	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	10	0	0	0	2	16:01	
22 Shabazz, Bennett	*	2	7	0	2	0	0	2	5	7	2	4	10	0	1	4	16:00	
52 Severson, Aaron	*	0	4	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0:00	
4 Sippel, Anthony		0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	16:00	
10 Lane, Marshall		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	16:00	
12 Wuestewald, Frankie		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
20 Keith, Brandon		4	5	3	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	11	1	0	0	0	24:00	
30 Oliver, Jackson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8:00	
32 Webb, Turner		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
34 Thurston, Mitchell		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
34 l.Keith, Brady		1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	8:00	
40 Rogers, Truitt		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
42 Thorson, Luke		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
44 Fey, Stevie		2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	8:00	
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	0	0				0			
Team Totals		20	48	8	19	4	7	9	15	24	12	52	15	4	2	9	168	

Total FG% - 1st: 6/21 0.286 2nd: 14/27 0.519 Game: 0.417 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/10 0.400 2nd: 4/9 0.444 Game: 0.421 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 4/6 0.667 2nd: 0/1 0.000 Game: 0.571 (2,4)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Webster JV	3	16	5	8	32
Groton JV	17	3	16	16	52

Today in Weather History

1972: Snowfall of a dusting to as much as 8 inches accompanied by 30 to 40 mph winds resulted in widespread blowing and drifting snow across much of South Dakota. Many roads were blocked by the heavy drifting. Visibilities were near zero at times. Many activities were cancelled or postponed.

1985: Blizzard conditions associated with an Arctic front moved into western Minnesota and northeast South Dakota during the afternoon and continued into the evening. The blizzard brought travel to a standstill. Winds increased to 40 to 60 mph. Many roads were closed due to drifts of snow. Temperatures fell rapidly behind the front with wind chills of 30 to 50 below zero overnight. There were a number of accidents and stranded motorists. Many vehicles went into the ditch with many people stranded. The National Guard was called upon to search for stranded motorists. Portions of northeast South Dakota experienced near blizzard conditions as wind speeds gusted to near 60 mph with dangerous travel conditions.

1963 – A great arctic outbreak reached the southern U.S. The cold wave broke many records for duration of cold weather along the Gulf Coast. A reading of 15 degrees below zero at Nashville TN was an all-time record low for that location.

1916 - The temperature at Browning MT plunged 100 degrees in just 24 hours, from 44 degrees above zero to 56 degrees below zero. It was a record 24 hour temperature drop for the U.S. (Weather Channel) (National Severe Storms Forecast Center)

1935 - Snowstorms hit the northeastern U.S. and the Pacific Northwest producing record 24 hour snowfall totals of 23 inches at Portland ME and 52 inches at Winthrop MA. (David Ludlum)

1956 - Thirty-eight inches of rain deluged the Kilauea Sugar Plantation of Hawaii in 24 hours, including twelve inches in just one hour. (David Ludlum)

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1982 - Chinook winds plagued the foothills of southeastern Wyoming and northern and central Colorado for the second straight Sunday. The winds gusted to 140 mph at Wondervu CO, located northeast of Denver. Chinook winds a week earlier produced wind gusts to 137 mph. (Storm Data)

1987 - Temperatures in Minnesota plunged far below the zero mark. International Falls MN reported a morning low of 35 degrees below zero, and Warroad MN was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 45 below zero. A storm developing in northeastern Texas produced severe thunderstorms with large hail in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Camden AR reported golf ball size hail. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A blizzard rapidly developed in the north central U.S. In just one hour weather conditions in eastern North Dakota switched from sunny skies, light winds and temperature readings in the 20s, to rapidly falling temperatures and near zero visibility in snow and blowing snow. High winds in Wyoming, gusting to 72 mph at Gillette, produced snow drifts sixteen feet high. Northwestern Iowa experienced its second blizzard in just 24 hours. High winds in Iowa produced wind chill readings as cold as 65 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the Rockies and the Northern High Plains Region. Hettinger ND received 12 inches of snow. Wolf Creek Pass CO was blanketed with 16 inches of snow in just 24 hours. Severe cold prevailed across Alaska. Between the 24th and the 29th of January, a total of thirty stations in the state report all-time record low temperatures. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A deep low pressure system brought high winds and heavy snow to the western Aleutian Islands of Alaska. Winds gusting to 82 mph at Shemya reduced the visibility to near zero in blowing snow. Rain and gale force winds lashed the northern Pacific coast. Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains over the central Gulf coast states. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

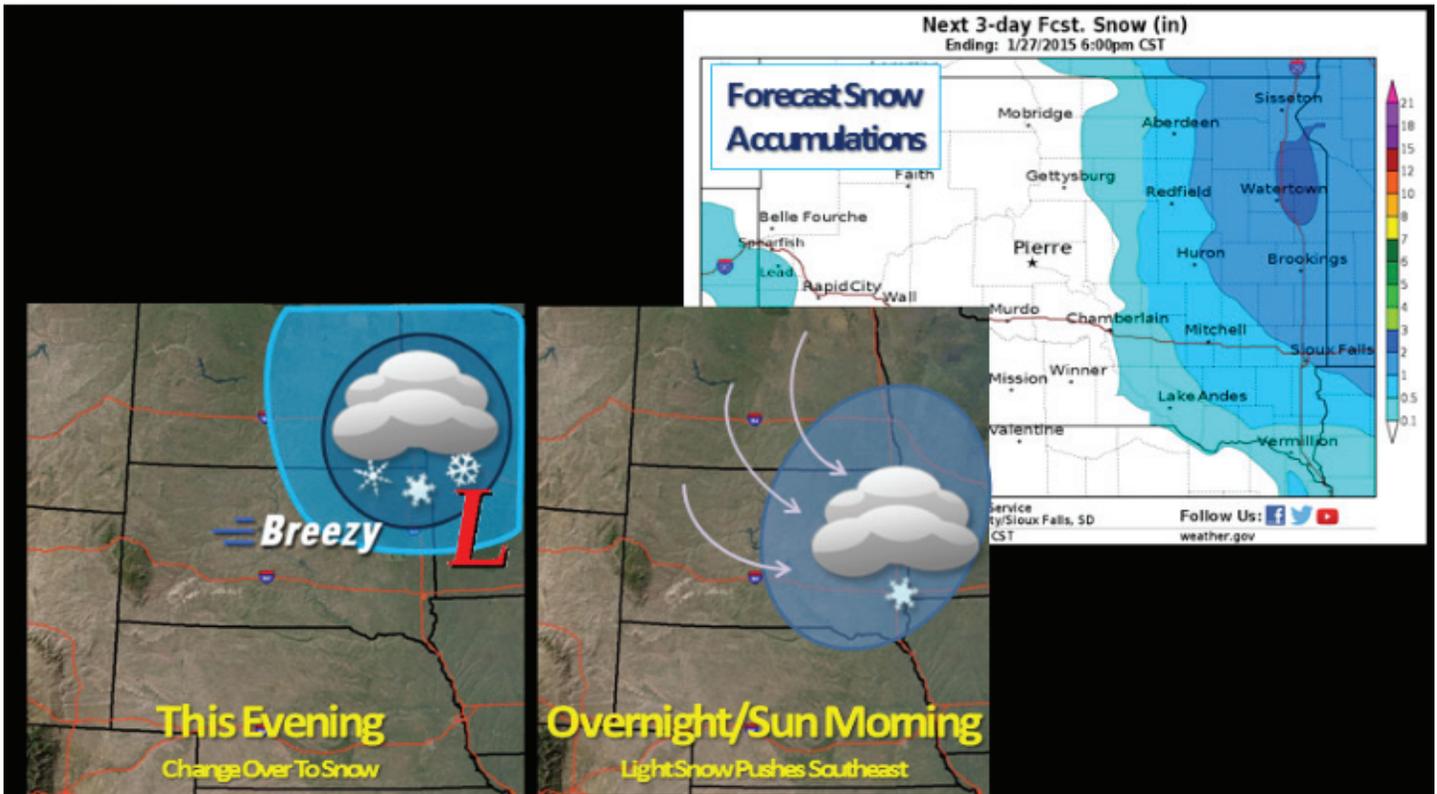
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TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT
Rain/Snow Likely Low: 27 °F	Chance Snow High: 35 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 31 °F↑	Mostly Sunny High: 49 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 25 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 42 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 26 °F



Rain Changing Over To Snow 1 to 2" Accumulation Overnight



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen National Weather Service Aberdeen @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 1/24/2015 3:29 PM Central

A weak system is moving through the region. Already much of the area is seeing clouds and light rain. This will change over to snow this evening with some light accumulation overnight. Totals will run between 1 and 2 inches with upwards of 3 for the Sisseton hills. Temperatures will be cooler but still above average for Sunday with a significant warm up for Monday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 43.6 at 4:02 PM

Low: 20.7 at 8:26 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 18 at 12:05 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 54° in 1942

Record Low: -33° in 1904

Average High: 23°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.38

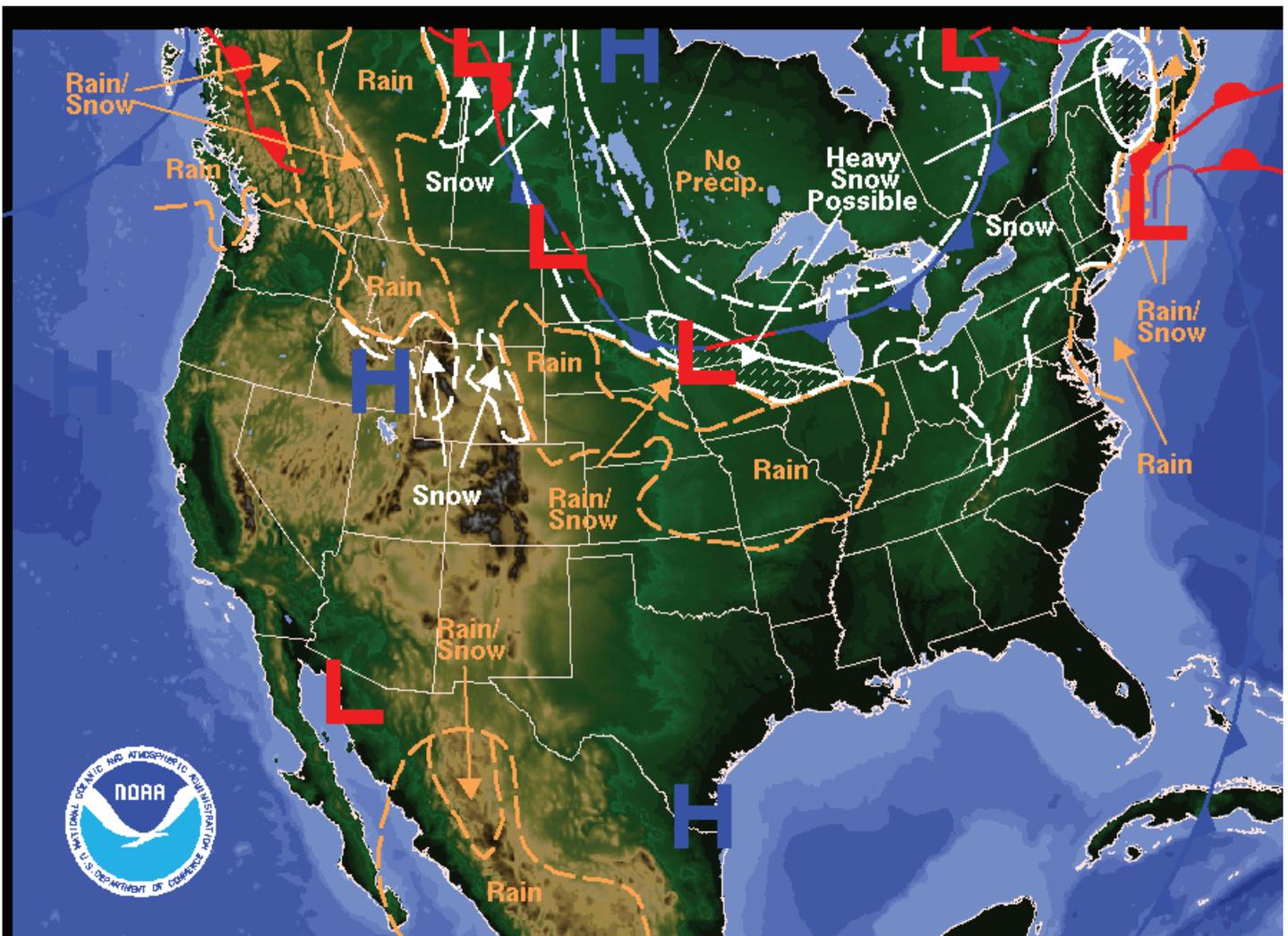
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40

Average Precip to date: 0.38

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:29 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:02 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jan 24, 2015, issued 3:51 PM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Ryan based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



HEART HEALTH – LIFE HEALTH

While waiting for my appointment with a surgeon, I decided to take my pulse. It was beating slowly, well within the normal limits. Suddenly the nurse called my name and directed me to a consultation room. After being seated she took my blood pressure – which was well above normal – which is unusual for me. Then she placed two fingers on my wrist to take my pulse. From the waiting room to the consultation room my heart rate increased twenty beats per minute. Fear got the best of my peaceful heart.

There is a direct connection with our emotional well-being and our physical well-being. When what was a fear of the unknown – the possibility of surgery – was about to become known, when faced with that reality, my fear could actually be measured!

The “heart” is much more than a muscle in the Bible. It is the center of our being: the source of our thoughts, our emotions, where decisions are made, problems are solved and choices sorted out. According to Scripture, the heart affects every part of our life – positively or negatively.

Solomon understood that and wisely wrote, “A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the body.” It is obvious from what Solomon wrote and what science has confirmed that our emotional – or inner – state greatly impacts body.

Notice the impact of “envy.” It’s an emotion we all deal with. For some, the desire to want something that God has not given us can become so intense that it has the same results as cancer – it eats away life. Beware of envy.

Prayer: Grant us peace, Lord, to be content with what You give us and accept all things with grateful hearts. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 14:30 A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

An advertisement for "Fried Chicken Day" at Andover Bar & Grill. The ad features a large, stylized chicken drumstick in the center. The text "FRIDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DAY" is prominently displayed in a bold, brown, blocky font. Below this, it says "Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy". A red starburst graphic contains the text "Serving 5-9 p.m.". At the bottom left, there's a graphic of wings with the text "WE'VE GOT WINGS! Every Wednesday!". On the right, the "ANDOVER BAR & GRILL" logo is shown, featuring a beer glass and a grill. The address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is at the bottom right.

IUPUI never trails on way to defeating South Dakota 65-50

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — DavRon Williams and Mason Archie II combined to score 21 points off the bench as IUPUI, picked to finish last in Summit League, defeated South Dakota 65-50 to remain in the thick of things Saturday.

Williams was perfect from the field (4 of 4) and from the line, sinking 3 of 3 foul shots with seven rebounds and two assists to lead the Jaguars (8-13, 4-3 Summit). Archie hit 4 of 5 field goals, including a pair of 3-pointers with two assists and two steals for IUPUI, which shot nearly 59 percent from the floor (27-46).

Archie hit a 3-pointer early, staking the Jaguars to a 12-2 lead, and scored on a layup to make it 20-5 midway through the first half. Williams scored four straight points including a dunk, pushing the lead to 61-41.

Tyler Larson scored 10 to lead the Coyotes (10-11, 4-3), who shot 35 percent.

Measles case reported in Sioux Falls; officials host clinic

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An unvaccinated child has been diagnosed with the measles in Sioux Falls, state and local health officials said Saturday, meaning 14 people have now been diagnosed in the last month with the highly contagious disease in South Dakota.

The child is under age 10 and lives in Sioux Falls, but no other personal information was released. Health officials did say the child was at Holy Spirit Elementary School in Sioux Falls on Thursday, and they urged any unvaccinated individuals who also were at the school that day to get vaccinated by Sunday.

Health officials said the latest case appears to be unrelated to the outbreak that involved 13 people so far in the Mitchell area, about 70 miles west of Sioux Falls. The child has not traveled to Mitchell since the outbreak began there in late December, but it's unclear if any individuals infected with the virus in Mitchell have traveled to Sioux Falls, authorities said.

Measles is a viral disease that can cause permanent brain damage or even death. It is spread by direct contact with nasal or throat secretions of infected people, or by airborne transmission. Before the Mitchell outbreak, the state had not seen measles cases since 1997.

"The viral particles can persist in the air two hours after the contagious person has left the room or the airspace," said state epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger. "It's a very serious disease."

In response to the latest case, officials urged anyone who isn't vaccinated against the virus to attend a free measles vaccination clinic that was scheduled for Saturday. Kightlinger said any unvaccinated individuals who attended the school Thursday have a 72-hour window, which ends Sunday, to receive the vaccine to prevent becoming ill.

All people involved in South Dakota's outbreak had not gotten the measles-mumps-rubella, or MMR, vaccine. The U.S. government in 2000 declared that measles had been eliminated, but the country experienced a record number of cases in 2014. The virus can still enter the country from abroad where it's still a problem.

An outbreak of measles that originated at Disneyland last month reportedly has sickened at least six dozen people — most of them unvaccinated — in several states and Mexico. Kightlinger said the latest

South Dakota case is not related to the theme-park outbreak.

South Dakota's vaccination rates are higher than the national average. Kightlinger said 93 percent of children in the 2-year-old range are vaccinated against measles. That statistic goes up to 97 percent for kindergarteners and 94 percent for teenagers, as the vaccine is required for school admission.

Woman sentenced in connection with Rosebud double homicide

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman has been sentenced to 25 years in prison in connection with a double homicide on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has sentenced 37-year-old Crystal Red Hawk months after she pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder. Two St. Francis brothers, 24-year-old BillyRay McCloskey and 21-year-old Riley McCloskey, previously were sentenced in the case.

Authorities say BillyRay McCloskey in December 2013 strangled, beat and stabbed two men with a screwdriver. The victims died on either Dec. 23 or Dec. 24, and their bodies were found days later.

Authorities say Red Hawk witnessed the assaults and later drove the vehicle used to take the bodies into a field.

The Rosebud woman is under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Questions and answers on Health Department disease plan

BY KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

The South Dakota Department of Health is in the process of reworking a legislative proposal that would more easily allow the state to react to the outbreak of deadly diseases, following concerns from some lawmakers about the potential for government overreach. Here are some common questions about how the state can respond to deadly communicable diseases and how it might be able to in the future:

Q: What is the existing law about how the state can respond to communicable disease outbreaks?

A: Currently, the state Department of Health has the authority under state law to monitor, quarantine or isolate people suspected or confirmed to have Tuberculosis. The current communicable disease laws were last written in the late 1950s and early 1960s when Tuberculosis was more of a threat.

Q: What additional measures are being proposed?

A: The Health Department will propose expanding its authority to include four more diseases: Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Smallpox, Ebola and Tuberculosis, the only illness currently included in the law.

Q: What is the difference between monitoring, quarantine and isolation?

A: Monitoring involves health officials periodically checking-in on well individuals to determine if they are developing symptoms of the diseases, which the state has done with eight people since last fall who came to South Dakota from West African countries plagued by the Ebola virus. Quarantine involves separating and restricting the movement of a well individual who was potentially exposed to a serious communicable disease to see if they become sick. The length of time involved with either monitoring or quarantine would largely depend on the incubation period of the disease. Isolation involves separating and restricting the movement of a sick individual in order to minimize the potential for the spread of the disease.

Q: What happens if a deadly communicable disease enters the state that's not covered by the law?

A: Under current state law, the Secretary of Health, with the consent of the governor, can declare a public health emergency in response to "an occurrence or imminent threat of an illness, health condition, or widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of substantial

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harm to the affected population," said Tom Martinec, deputy secretary of the Department of Health. Such a situation would have to be a very serious, potentially catastrophic, event that then could prompt further measures, he said.

Q: What about serious diseases that we haven't learned of yet?

A: If new serious diseases arise that present a public health threat to South Dakotans, the state would have to expand the statutory authority of the Department of Health through the legislative process, Martinec said. In the event that an emerging disease presents an immediate "significant risk of substantial harm" to people, then declaring a public health emergency could be another option, depending on the situation.

Yankton effort seeks \$7 million for Boys & Girls Club

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Yankton residents are trying to raise \$7 million toward a new Boys & Girls Club and an endowment to cover at least half of its operating expenses.

The Press & Dakotan reported (<http://bit.ly/1uEIZPD>) the goal is to break ground this fall on the 25,000 square foot building just north of the city's middle school.

Plans include a gymnasium, snack area and places for kids to gather for social time and to study. It will be able to handle up to 350 children from grades 1-12.

Organizers say the endowment would help keep the annual membership at just \$25.

The fundraising effort has brought in \$4.9 million already, including \$2 million from Larry and Diane Ness and \$1 million from First Dakota National Bank.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 58, Brandon Valley 50

Bison 74, Takini 45

Canton 63, Beresford 50

Centerville 68, Freeman Academy 49

Chamberlain 54, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 50

DeSmet JV 50, Iroquois 26

Edmunds Central 63, Wakpala 38

Eureka/Bowdle 55, Herreid/Selby Area 53

Flandreau 68, McCook Central/Montrose 51

Florence/Henry 52, Great Plains Lutheran 36

Garretson 74, Tea Area 63, OT

Groton Area 74, Webster 42

Hamlin 60, Milbank Area 31

Harrisburg 68, Huron 57, OT

Hitchcock-Tulare 53, Sully Buttes 46

Hot Springs 57, Belle Fourche 55

Langford 58, Castlewood 39

Leola/Frederick 84, Northwestern 37

Little Wound 74, Douglas 69, OT

McLaughlin 74, Lemmon 69

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Pine Ridge 50, Custer 43
Platte-Geddes 55, Lennox 40
Redfield/Doland 41, Britton-Hecla 34
Sioux Falls Christian 59, Madison 53
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 58, Rapid City Central 57
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 44, Rapid City Stevens 43, OT
Spearfish 68, Sturgis 52
Sunshine Bible Academy 69, Wessington Springs 53
Viborg-Hurley 70, Baltic 29
Yankton 54, Watertown 40
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Colman-Egan 37, Dell Rapids St. Mary 34
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 57, Lake Preston 38
Semifinal
Arlington 64, Deubrook 58
Elkton-Lake Benton 72, Estelline 30

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 52, Brandon Valley 41
Aberdeen Roncalli 44, Sisseton 22
Belle Fourche 58, Hot Springs 30
Centerville 53, Freeman Academy 33
Clark/Willow Lake 52, Deuel 13
Colome 50, Gregory 48
DeSmet JV 48, Iroquois 23
Douglas 48, Little Wound 41
Edmunds Central 48, Wakpala 43
Ethan 56, Corsica/Stickney 26
Hanson 64, Canistota 21
Harrisburg 60, Huron 41
Ipswich 61, Faulkton 28
Lennox 38, Vermillion 30
McCook Central/Montrose 75, Flandreau 61
Newell 58, Hulett, Wyo. 42
Northwestern 62, Leola/Frederick 47
Platte-Geddes 36, Scotland 31
Rapid City Stevens 40, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 33
Red Cloud 84, Bennett County 71
Redfield/Doland 55, Britton-Hecla 27
Sioux Falls Christian 47, Madison 34
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 61, Rapid City Central 43
Sioux Valley 43, Dell Rapids 33
Spearfish 53, Sturgis 41
Sully Buttes 78, Hitchcock-Tulare 37
Viborg-Hurley 60, Baltic 33

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Warner 53, Milbank 44
Wessington Springs 52, Sunshine Bible Academy 36
Wilmot 83, Grant-Deuel 16
Yankton 54, Watertown 50, OT
Little Moreau Tournament
Timber Lake 46, McIntosh 35
Southern Plains Conference Tournament
Burke/South Central 50, Lyman 27
Jones County 60, Stanley County 26
White River 57, Kadoka Area 33

Lawmakers gather to remember 8 fallen former colleagues

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota legislators paused briefly to remember eight former colleagues who died in 2014.

Lawmakers met on Thursday in the state House of Representatives chamber for the annual legislative memorial service.

Speaking during the proceedings, Sen. Mike Vehle praised his fallen colleagues for serving to make a difference in the lives of South Dakotans.

The eight were all state representatives: Robert Johnson, of Groton; James Jones, of Miller; Charles Mickel, of Rapid City; Ralph Nachtigal, of Platte; Ben Radcliffe, of Huron; and Rodney Gutzler, Wallace Myers and Greg Peterson, of Sioux Falls.

Sen. John Thune sets railroad hearing before his committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John Thune has scheduled a hearing over rail transportation problems for the committee he now chairs.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will discuss challenges in the nation's freight rail network blamed on higher demand, pending and proposed rules and regulations, and infrastructure needs.

It's scheduled for Wednesday morning in Washington.

The South Dakota Republican became chairman of the committee with the GOP now in the majority.

Former school custodian pleads guilty to enticement of minor

Former elementary school custodian pleads guilty to enticement of minor using the Internet

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A former elementary school custodian accused of soliciting sex with minors over the Internet has changed his plea.

Twenty-nine-year-old Casey Godfrey appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge John Simko recently and pleaded guilty to enticement of a minor using the Internet.

The Rapid City man faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison. He could receive up to life imprisonment.

Authorities say that between July 2013 and January 2014, Godfrey used the Internet to entice two girls under the age of 18 to engage in sexual activity.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says Simko is expected to recommend Godfrey's plea to be accepted by the District Court.

State reworking outbreak proposal to calm lawmaker concerns

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Health is reworking a legislative proposal that would more easily allow the state to react to deadly disease outbreaks following concerns from some lawmakers about the potential for government overreach.

The proposal that would modernize the state's authority to respond to serious communicable diseases is scheduled to make it to the House floor Tuesday. Health officials say the state's laws are antiquated and need to be updated to protect South Dakotans from modern diseases that are easily spread, like the Ebola virus.

Tom Martinec, the deputy secretary of the Health Department, presented the proposed measure this week to the Health and Human Services Committee in the House, where it passed 8-5 but not before some lawmakers voiced their concerns that the proposed language was too broad and could restrict people's freedoms.

Currently, the measure would update the authority of the state to respond to disease outbreaks, giving the Department of Health the authority to monitor, quarantine or isolate people suspected or confirmed to have one of the most serious types of a diseases. It would also create a process by which the department could work with the court system to obtain judicial orders more quickly.

Rep. Scott Munsterman, a Brookings Republican who chairs the health committee and voted for the bill, said some committee lawmakers have concerns about the broad language in the original proposal. The bill would give the Health Department authority to respond to all Category 1 reportable diseases, which are the most serious illnesses.

To alleviate fears, Martinec said the department is proposing to narrow it down to five diseases: Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MURS), Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Smallpox, Ebola and Tuberculosis, the only illness currently included in the law that hasn't been updated in 50 years.

Under the proposed changes, Martinec said the five diseases would be those in which monitoring, isolation and quarantine would most likely come into play, adding that he believed they would still give the department "adequate statutory authority" to protect the public health.

Rep. Lana Greenfield, a retired teacher and Republican from Doland, voiced her concerns with the bill in committee. Greenfield said she thought there could be complications that arose from the state monitoring, quarantining or isolating anyone suspected having one of the ailments.

"Use a little mete of common sense. I don't think that it's necessary to haul people into a holding tank," Greenfield said in an interview. "I think that this is ... overkill. I think it's an overreaction. Who knows where it will go from there."

Greenfield and Rep. Steve Hickey, a Sioux Falls Republican, both said they've received a significant number of emails from constituents who are concerned about the potential for government overreach.

Under the existing law, it's a misdemeanor for anyone who has Tuberculosis to refuse to accept the diagnosis or treatment of their illness or refuse to comply with health department orders. The proposed measure would also make it a misdemeanor for the other four diseases the department is proposing.

The department originally began exploring updating its authority following the Ebola scare that began last fall. So far, the state has had to briefly monitor eight people who have come to the state from Ebola-ridden countries in West Africa.

"We knew that our statutes were antiquated and they needed to be updated, but through these Ebola preparation efforts and the work we're doing in monitoring travelers, it became crystal clear to us that we need to update our statutes and that we need to update them really for the protection of South Dakotans," Martinec said.

AP News in Brief

Leftist party Syriza widens lead slightly in last Greek polls ahead of Sunday's election

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Syriza, the radical left-wing party that has vowed to rewrite the terms of the country's international bailout and end harsh austerity measures, held the lead in the last polls released ahead of Sunday's national election.

The last nine polls published on Friday — the last day of campaigning — showed Syriza's lead over the ruling New Democracy conservatives trending upward. Syriza led by anywhere from 2.8 to 6.7 percentage points. Syriza has taken advantage of widespread discontent over an economy that has shrunk by nearly a quarter and record-high unemployment.

The centrist party, To Potami, and the extreme right-wing Golden Dawn party were locked in a tight race for third place, according to the polls.

But the polls also indicated that around 10 percent of the nearly 10 million voters remain undecided. There was no campaigning Saturday, a traditional "day of reflection" ahead of every election.

Rockets kill 30 in Ukrainian city of Mariupol; President calls the shelling a terrorist act

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Indiscriminate rocket fire slammed into a market, schools, homes and shops Saturday in Ukraine's southeastern city of Mariupol, killing at least 30 people, authorities said. The Ukrainian president called the blitz a terrorist attack and NATO and the U.S. demanded that Russia stop supporting the rebels.

Ukrainian officials rushed to defend the strategically important port on the Sea of Azov, beefing up military positions with more equipment and sending in more forces.

The separatists' top leader declared that an offensive against Mariupol had begun — then later toned down his threats as the scale of the civilian casualties became clear.

President Petro Poroshenko held an emergency meeting of his military officials and cut short a trip to Saudi Arabia to coordinate the government's response.

"The time has come to name their sponsors. The help given to militants, weapons deliveries, equipment and the training of manpower — is this not aiding terrorism?" Poroshenko said in a recorded statement.

Japan, US condemn unverified video claiming IS captive dead, demand release of other hostage

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe angrily demanded Sunday that the extremist Islamic State group release a Japanese journalist it is holding hostage after a new online video purported to show that another hostage had been killed.

While the Japanese government and others cast doubt on the authenticity of the video, President Barack Obama issued a statement condemning what he called "the brutal murder" of one of the hostages. His statement did not say how the United States knows that Haruna Yukawa, a 42-year-old adventurer, is dead, and the Japanese government still was trying to verify the video.

Obama said in his statement that the United States will stand "shoulder to shoulder" with Japan and called for the immediate release of the second Japanese hostage, journalist Kenji Goto. Obama's statement was issued at Ramstein Air Base in Germany as the president was en route to India for a visit.

The Japanese government had no immediate comment on Obama's statement. However, a statement issued by Abe in English and Arabic demanded the safe release only of Goto.

The message in the video seen Saturday demanded a prisoner exchange for the 47-year-old Goto. But the post was deleted quickly Saturday, and militants on a website affiliated with the Islamic State group questioned its veracity.

Not Mayberry anymore': Oil patch towns add cops, jail cells, still scramble to fight crime

WATFORD CITY, N.D. (AP) — Police chief Art Walgren knew how much the oil boom had changed this once-sleepy town when he spotted something that would have been unheard of not long ago: license plates from Sinaloa, Mexico, home to one of the world's most violent drug cartels.

Before, there was little chance police would see cars here from nearly 2,000 miles away. And little reason to worry about out-of-state plates. Now, though, police are scrambling to deal with new kinds of suspicious activity and threats that have cropped up along this frozen prairie.

The gusher of oil and money flowing from the Bakken fields has made policing more demanding and dangerous, forcing small-town officers, county sheriffs and federal agents to confront everything from bar fights to far-reaching methamphetamine and heroin networks and prostitution rings operating out of motels.

"It's not Mayberry anymore," says U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon. "Our police and prosecutors are going to have to adapt to keep pace. We have organized criminal gangs selling drugs, sex trafficking and out-of-state flim-flam men coming in. And the cases have become more and more complicated."

Most newcomers to the Bakken — which spans western North Dakota, eastern Montana and part of Canada — move here honestly in search of a new job or, in some cases, a new life. But more people also means more crime, overcrowded jails and overwhelmed police departments, often with relatively inexperienced officers racing from call to call.

Advocates cheer ruling overturning Alabama gay marriage ban, state seeks to put order on hold

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Alabama attorney general is asking a federal judge to stay a ruling that overturned Alabama's ban on gay marriage, as advocates cheer what once seemed an improbable victory in the deeply conservative state.

Attorney General Luther Strange's office asked a federal judge on Friday to put the ruling on hold since the U.S. Supreme Court plans to take up the issue of gay marriage this term, "resolving the issues on a nation-wide basis."

U.S. District Judge Callie V.S. Granade on Friday said Alabama's ban was unconstitutional, ruling in favor of two Mobile women who sued to challenge Alabama's refusal to recognize their 2008 marriage performed in California. The ruling is the latest in a string of wins in the South for advocates of gay marriage rights after judges struck down bans in the Carolinas, Florida, Mississippi and Virginia. The U.S. Supreme Court announced this month that it will take up the issue of whether gay couples have a fundamental right to marry and if states can ban such unions.

Alabama plaintiffs Cari Searcy and Kimberly McKeand have been a couple for more than 15 years and have a son together who was conceived with the help of a sperm donor. They filed a federal lawsuit after courts refused to let Searcy be recognized as the adoptive parent of the boy because they were not spouses under Alabama law.

"We just want our son to have the same protections that every child in Alabama enjoys and now he can!" the couple said in a statement issued Saturday morning.

GOP pursues state legislation limiting gay rights before Supreme Court rules on gay marriage

ATLANTA (AP) — A Texas lawmaker would strip the salaries from government officials who honor same-sex marriage licenses.

Other states would protect government officials who opt out of performing gay nuptials.

In Georgia, where lawmakers are considering a bill that critics fear could allow businesses to discriminate against gay customers, the former head of the country's largest Protestant denomination recently urged lawmakers to rein in "erotic liberty."

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in April and could decide by June whether gay couples can marry, and national opinion polls show U.S. voters increasingly unopposed to gay rights. Yet lawmakers in a handful of states are backing longshot legislation targeting gay rights, doubling down on the culture wars. Most, if not all, of the efforts are led by Republicans.

The bills are more political theatre than serious policy. Few seem to have widespread support among lawmakers, and senior Republicans are not adopting these efforts as their own. In Georgia, well-funded business groups oppose them.

In early pitch for Iowa caucus support, possible GOP candidates compete for attention at forum

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The robust Christian right in early-voting Iowa plays an outsize role in helping determine the Republican presidential nominee, a political reality not lost on the parade of would-be 2016 candidates trying to draw attention at a Saturday gathering of social conservatives.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and many others turned the Iowa Freedom Forum into the unofficial launch of the next campaign for the Iowa caucuses. More than 1,000 religious conservatives met at a refurbished theater to hear their pitches.

In his remarks, Walker promoted his administration's enactment of voter identification, concealed carry handgun and abortion restriction legislation — all red-meat issues to the conservative audience.

For many Republicans, Walker is best known for beating back a recall effort and then winning reelection. Referring to the support he received during his political trials, he said: "Most of all I wanted to say thank you because most of you here, and across the state and across the country prayed for us."

Cruz challenged caucus participants to back only presidential candidates with a proven conservative track record, saying the standard should be, "Don't talk, show me." He also used his appearance to gather details on activists, asking them to text message the word 'constitution' to a number he provided.

1st attempt to lift fuselage of crashed AirAsia plane fails due to deflating balloons

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian rescuers lifted the fuselage of the crashed AirAsia jetliner nearly to the water's surface before it sank to the ocean floor again when the lifting balloons deflated Saturday, a setback in the effort to recover more of the victims' remains.

Four bodies were discovered though around the area where dozens of divers were struggling with strong current and poor visibility to prepare to retrieve the 30-meter-long wreckage, said Suryadi Bambang Supriyadi, the operations chief at the National Search and Rescue Agency.

Divers reached the fuselage section for the first time on Friday and retrieved six bodies. A total of 69 bodies have now been recovered from AirAsia Flight 8501, which crashed Dec. 28 with 162 people on board while flying from Surabaya, Indonesia's second largest city, to Singapore.

Authorities believe many of the other bodies are still inside the fuselage.

"We now need additional balloons," Supriyadi said after Saturday's setback.

Obama to cut short India trip to visit Saudi Arabia to pay respects after king's death

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) — President Barack Obama will shorten his trip to India and divert to Saudi Arabia, paying respects after the death of King Abdullah and meeting with the oil-rich nation's new monarch, the White House said Saturday.

The scheduling shift, announced just before Obama left Washington, underscores the desert kingdom's pivotal role in U.S. policy in the Middle East, including the military campaign against the Islamic State group.

Saudi Arabia's status as one of Washington's most important Arab allies has at times appeared to trump U.S. concerns about the terrorist funding that flows from the kingdom and about human rights abuses.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama would meet on Tuesday with King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud and other officials to "offer his condolences on behalf of the American people."

The president called Salman from Air Force One to express his sympathies on the passing of his older brother. The White House said the king welcomed the news that Obama would be traveling to Riyadh.

Messy mix of sleet, snow and rain coats Northeast as season's first big storm moves up coast

BOSTON (AP) — Parts of the Northeast got their first real taste of winter Saturday as a storm crawling up the coast left a slushy, snowy coating from Pennsylvania to New England, but forecasters are watching a possible second shot of snow that could affect the region early in the work week.

By midday, the storm had dropped 9 inches in parts of Pennsylvania and 8 inches in parts of New York, northern New Jersey and northwestern Connecticut, with widespread reports over 4 inches in inland areas across the southern New England region.

Lighter amounts were reported in Philadelphia, New York City and Boston.

The storm was expected to drop up to 8 inches in far eastern Maine before moving out late Saturday night.

Numerous accidents were reported on the slick roads but no major highway backups in the lighter

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weekend traffic. Speed limits were reduced on some highways for a time Saturday morning.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2015. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 24, 1965, British statesman Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

On this date:

In 1742, Charles VII was elected Holy Roman Emperor during the War of the Austrian Succession.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg) was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (However, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg.)

In 1935, beer was first sold in cans in Richmond, Virginia, by the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Co.

In 1942, the Roberts Commission placed much of the blame for America's lack of preparedness for Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders.

In 1945, Associated Press war correspondent Joseph Morton was among a group of captives executed by the Germans at the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in Austria.

In 1961, a U.S. Air Force B-52 crashed near Goldsboro, North Carolina, dropping its payload of two nuclear bombs, neither of which went off; three crew members were killed.

In 1963, a U.S. Air Force B-52 on a training mission crashed into Elephant Mountain in Maine after encountering turbulence and losing its vertical stabilizer; seven of the nine crew members were killed.

In 1975, the extremist group FALN bombed Fraunces Tavern in New York City, killing four people. Pianist Keith Jarrett performed The Koeln Concert in Germany. Comedian Larry Fine, of "Three Stooges" fame, died in Los Angeles at age 72.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

Ten years ago: Authorities in Iraq said Sami Mohammed Ali Said al-Jaaf, an al-Qaida lieutenant in custody, had confessed to masterminding most of the car bombings in Baghdad. The United Nations broke with years of protocol and commemorated the 60-year anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, directly linking its own founding with the end of the Holocaust in some of the strongest language ever.

Five years ago: In an audio message, Osama bin Laden endorsed the failed attempt to blow up a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day and threatened new attacks against the United States. Afghanistan postponed parliamentary elections. The Indianapolis Colts beat the New York Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game. The New Orleans Saints of the NFC made it to their first Super Bowl after battering the Minnesota Vikings 31-28 in overtime. Bowler Kelly Kulick became the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, beating Chris Barnes in the final of the 45th Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. Actor Pernell Roberts, 81, died in Malibu, California.

One year ago: A truck bombing struck the main security headquarters in Cairo, one of a string of bombings targeting police in a 10-hour period, killing 6 people on the eve of the third anniversary of

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the revolt that overthrew President Hosni Mubarak and left the Arab nation deeply divided.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Maren (Film: "The Wizard of Oz") is 96. Actor Marvin Kaplan (TV: "Top Cat") is 88. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 79. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 76. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 74. Singer Aaron Neville is 74. Actor Michael Ontkean is 69. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 65. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 65. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 64. Actor William Allen Young is 61. Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 57. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Theo Peoples is 54. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 52. White House budget director Shaun Donovan is 49. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 48. Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sleepy Brown (Society of Soul) is 45. Actor Matthew Lillard is 45. Actress Merrilee McCommas is 44. Blues/rock singer Beth Hart is 43. Actor Ed Helms is 41. Actor Mark Hildreth (TV: "Resurrection") is 37. Actress Tatyana Ali is 36. Rock musician Mitchell Marlow (Filter) is 36. Actor Justin Baldoni (TV: "Jane the Virgin") is 31. Actress Mischa Barton is 29.

Thought for Today: "To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often." - Winston Churchill (1874-1965).

Hawkins takes first at Kingsbury County Tourney

Groton Area placed eighth in field of 16 teams at the Kingsbury County Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in Arlington.

Brookings won the team title with 250 points. Groton had 76 points.

Trevor Pray placed third at 113 pounds. He scored a 3-0 win over Trevor Stene of Alcester/Hudson to place third. In his first round match, he pinned Cameron Squirres, 2:36; then he scored a major decision over Jason Peters, Madison, 13-2, then he was pinned by Chase Anderson, Parker, 2:28.

Kelby Hawkins placed first at 132 pounds. He scored a major decision over Kayde Bartels, Brookings, in the championship match, 12-1. In his first round match, he had a bye, then he won by forfeit and then pinned Nic Watson, Marion/Freeman, 1:20.

Tyler Scott placed fourth at 170 pounds, losing to Hayden Hall, Sioux Valley in the third place match by fall, 2:39. Scott had a first round bye, then he pinned Donny Price, 1:35; before being pinned by Cole Schelske, Lyman County, 5:18.

Brandyn Anderson placed second at 220 pounds, losing to Eddie Miller, Brookings, by fall, 0:40, in the championship match. Anderson had two byes before he pinned Trey Noess, Marion/Freeman, 0:15.