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Today

Birthdays: Jacob Tewksbury, Jake Unzen, Shawna Tunby

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, frosted brownie.

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Soft shell taco, sweet tots, fruit.
Double header at Hamlin (4 p.m. Girls JV and C games, 5 p.m. Boys JV and C games, Girls Varsity at 6:30, Boys Varsity at 8:00)

Saturday

Birthdays: Bailey Ronning, Cassie Ackman, Gary Voss

Robotics at Mitchell

Double Header hosts Warner (Girls JV at 2 p.m., Boys JV at 3 p.m., Girls Varsity at 4:30 p.m., Boys Varsity at 6:00 p.m.)

The cardboard/paper

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

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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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State Park Memorial Day Weekend Camping Reservations Open Feb. 21

PIERRE, S.D. – People wanting to camp in South Dakota state parks on Memorial Day weekend may begin making reservations for that holiday period at 7 a.m. CST on Feb. 21, for Friday, May 22, arrivals.

“Memorial Day weekend is very busy in all the parks,” said state Division of Parks and Recreation Director Doug Hofer. “Campers should plan ahead to reserve their favorite camping spots.”

A three-night stay is required during holiday weekends at all parks except Custer State Park. Reservations for campsites in Custer State Park and for lodges in all state parks and recreation areas can be made one year in advance.

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day both online at www.campsd.com or by calling 1-800-710-2267. Campsites become available at 7 a.m. Central Time on the first day of the 90-day window. Taxes and reservation fees may apply.

The full 90-day window calendar can be found online at www.gfp.sd.gov.

Get information about South Dakota State Parks on Facebook and Twitter @SDGameFishParks.

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

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

Concessions Manager Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified applicants for a concessions manager for the 2015-2016 school year. Salary is \$50/event plus commission. Information and applications are available at www.grotonarea.com.



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Groton Area School District #06-6 School Board Meeting

February 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

Reminder: Track Resurfacing Bid Opening 2/9/15 at 2:00 PM.

AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of January 12, 2015 and January 26, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.

2. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.

3. Approval of January District bills for payment.

4. Approval of January Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.

2. Quarterly Internal Control Assessment (Qtr. Ending 12/31/14)...Bank Reconciliations, OST Program.

3. Second review with possible approval of 2015-2016 school calendar.

4. 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

5. Second reading and approval of recommended policy changes: AA School District Legal Status (Amend), BB School Board Legal Status (Amend), BBF School Board Member Ethics (Amend), BCA Board Organizational Meeting (Amend), BCD-E Board-Superintendent Relationship/Functions (Amend), BDDA Agenda Format (Amend), HB Negotiations Legal Status (Amend), LI Relations with Education Accreditation Agencies (Amend), KMB Title I Parent Involvement (Amend), KMI Relations with Political Organizations (Amend), JECB/JECC Open Enrollment (Amend), IGCA Summer School & Credit Recovery (Amend), IGCD Advanced College Placement (Amend), AFA Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures (Delete), AFD Evaluation of Support Staff (Delete), AFE Evaluation of Instructional Programs (Delete), AFB-E Evaluation of the Superintendent (Delete), AFC Evaluation of Professional Staff (Delete), AFC-E(1) Evaluation of the Principal (Delete), AFC-E(2) Evaluation of Teaching Staff (Delete), AFC-E(3) Evaluation of K-12 Librarian (Delete), AFD Evaluation of Support Staff (Delete), AFE Evaluation of Instructional Programs (Delete)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve or reject bids for track resurfacing project – Bid Opening 2/9/15 at 2:00 PM.

2. Set fee for summer 2015 Driver's Education. [2014 Rate: \$250; Recommended 2015 Rate: \$250]

3. Approve summer 2015 Driver's Education employment agreement for Shaun Wanner at rate of \$20.00/hour for student driving plus the stipend for classroom instruction based upon enrollment figures not to exceed \$600.

4. Approve Open Enrollment Applications #15-19 (Grade 9), #15-20 (Grade 8), #15-21 (Grade 5), #15-22 (Grade 7), #15-23 (Grade 4) from Aberdeen School District.

5. Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel issues (Superintendent Evaluation) and SDCL 1-24-2(4) negotiations.

ADJOURN

Reminder: Nominating petitions for School Board are due at 5:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2015.

S.D. Farmers Union says EPA's Renewable Fuels Standard Reform Act Will Negatively Impact South Dakota's Farmers, Rural Communities & Ethanol Industry

HURON, S.D. - The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renewable Fuels Standard Reform Act released yesterday could have a negative impact on South Dakota's farmers, rural communities and ethanol industry if the recommendations become law, said Doug Sombke, President of South Dakota Farmers Union.

In the report, the EPA recommended an end to ethanol subsidies, which are included as part of the current Renewable Fuels Standard.

"Our South Dakota's farmers and rural communities have benefited greatly from what has been a thriving ethanol industry in our state," Sombke explained. "Especially today, with commodity prices as low as they are, the ability to market corn to local ethanol plants has increased our price per bushel by at least 10 cents. Not to mention the economic impact the ethanol industry has throughout our state."

Sombke refers to the approximately 1,900 South Dakotans employed by the industry who earn, on average, about \$60,000 each year. A 2012 study conducted by the South Dakota Ethanol Producers Association, noted an annual economic impact of about \$3.8 billion statewide. Nationally, South Dakota ranks sixth in ethanol production.

"Ethanol has become a part of the fabric of many rural communities; if they take ethanol subsidies away, it will hurt schools, jobs and not to mention the price of corn. For the EPA to suggest removing subsidies from a clean burning fuel baffles me. Why aren't they also suggesting that Big Oil lose its subsidies?" Sombke asked.

Sombke's comments echo that of Roger Johnson, President of National Farmers Union.

Following the EPA's Feb. 4, 2015 recommendations to eliminate the corn-based ethanol mandate for biofuel production and restrict overall volume targets; Johnson said, "The elimination of the corn-based ethanol mandate and blend cap will gut the nation's biofuel production, strand existing investment in second generation biofuel production and hurt family farmers, ranchers and rural communities that have experienced much-needed reinvestment from this policy. This is not only a bad step for agriculture, but also is a major setback to the environment and our nation's attempts to manage its carbon emissions. We urge Congress to reject this policy and continue to embrace the vision of a robust renewable fuels industry as a component of this nation's overall energy portfolio."



**Doug Sombke
President, South
Dakota Farmers
Union.**

Today in Weather History

1959: A man from Gary in Deuel County was in critical condition with frozen hands, feet, and arms after spending the night in his car in subzero weather.

1987: Record warmth occurred across all of central, north central, and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota with highs in the mid-50s to the lower 60s. Aberdeen, Kennebec, Mobridge, Pierre, Sisseton, Timber Lake, Watertown, and Wheaton all set record highs on this date in the 1987. Pierre recorded the warmest temperature for the day with 62 degrees.

1807 - It was the famous "Cold Friday" in the Midwest and South. The temperature did not rise above zero in Ohio and Kentucky. (David Ludlum)

1978 - A massive nor'easter buried the cities of the northeastern U.S. Storm totals included 18 inches at New York City, 16 inches at Philadelphia, and 14 inches at Baltimore. The Boston MA area received 25 to 30 inches in "The Great New England Blizzard" and the mayor outlawed travel in the city for an entire week. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Brownsville, TX, was deluged with seven inches of rain in just two hours, and flooding in some parts of the city was worse than that caused by Hurricane Beulah in 1967. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


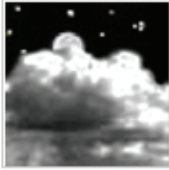





1988 - Arctic cold invaded the south central and eastern U.S. Sixteen cities reported new record low temperatures for the date. Squalls in the Great Lakes Region produced a foot of snow at Arcade NY in three hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Forty-one cities in the western U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date. Lows of -30 degrees at Ely NV and -33 degrees at Richfield UT were all-time records. Morning lows of 31 degrees at San Francisco CA and -15 degrees at Reno NV were records for February. Logan Canyon UT was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 54 degrees below zero, and Craig CO hit 51 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - A second cold front brought more heavy snow to the high elevations of Oregon, with 12 inches reported at Sunset Summit. Ten inches of snow blanketed Crater Lake and Mount Bachelor. Heavy snow also blanketed northeastern Nevada and parts of Washington State. In Nevada, up to a foot of snow was reported between Spring Creek and Lamoille. Stevens Pass WA received 14 inches of snow in 24 hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Partly Sunny High: 33 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 17 °F	Mostly Cloudy High: 42 °F	Chance Freezing Rain Low: 26 °F	Mostly Cloudy High: 37 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 18 °F	Partly Sunny High: 29 °F



Warming Trend Continues

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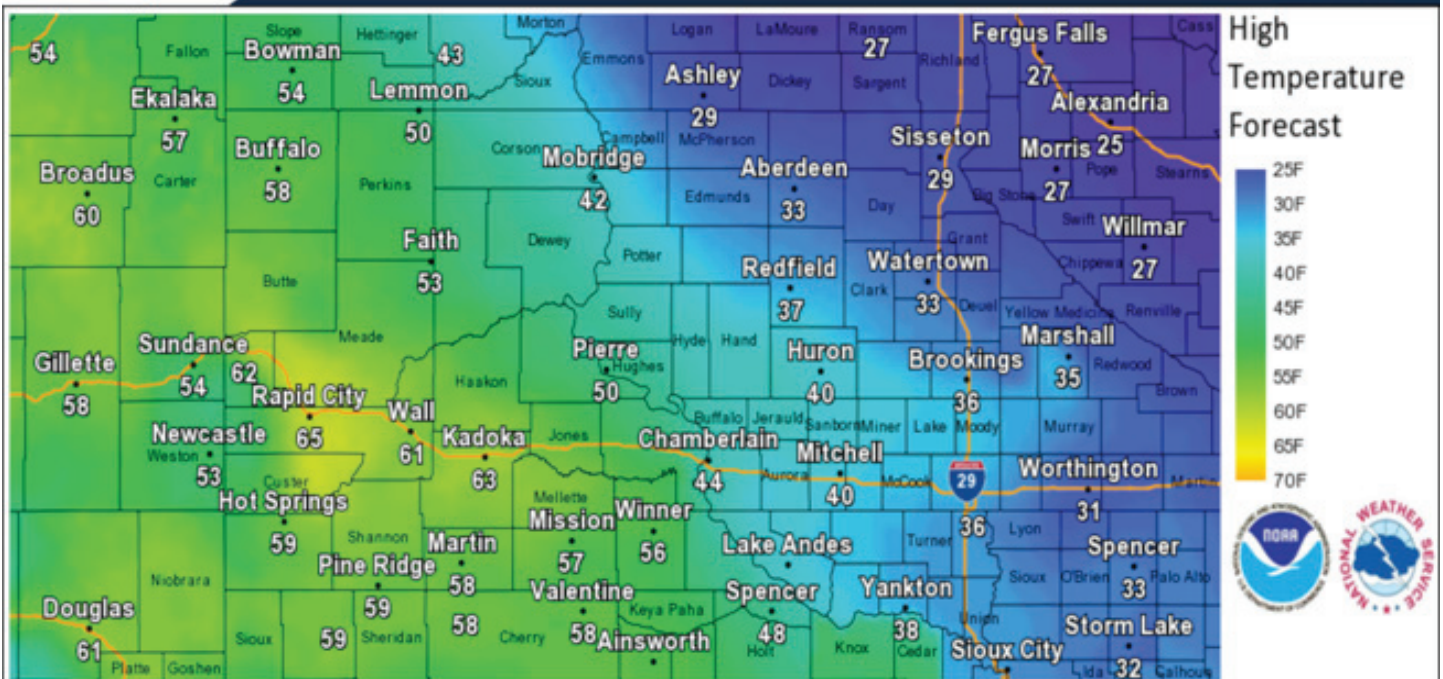
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Valid ending Friday February 6th, 2015 at 6 PM CST

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A stationary front will be draped from northwest to southeast across the region today, with mild air to its west, and cooler air to its east. Over central and western South Dakota, highs will rise into the 50s and 60s today. Further east though, on the east side of the front, highs will only rise into the 20s and 30s. Even warmer temperatures are expected on Saturday as this front begins to push east as a warm front.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 28.5 at 4:06 PM

Low: -0.4 at 1:09 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 30 at 5:01 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 58° in 1987

Record Low: -33° in 1907

Average High: 25°F

Average Low: 4°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.08

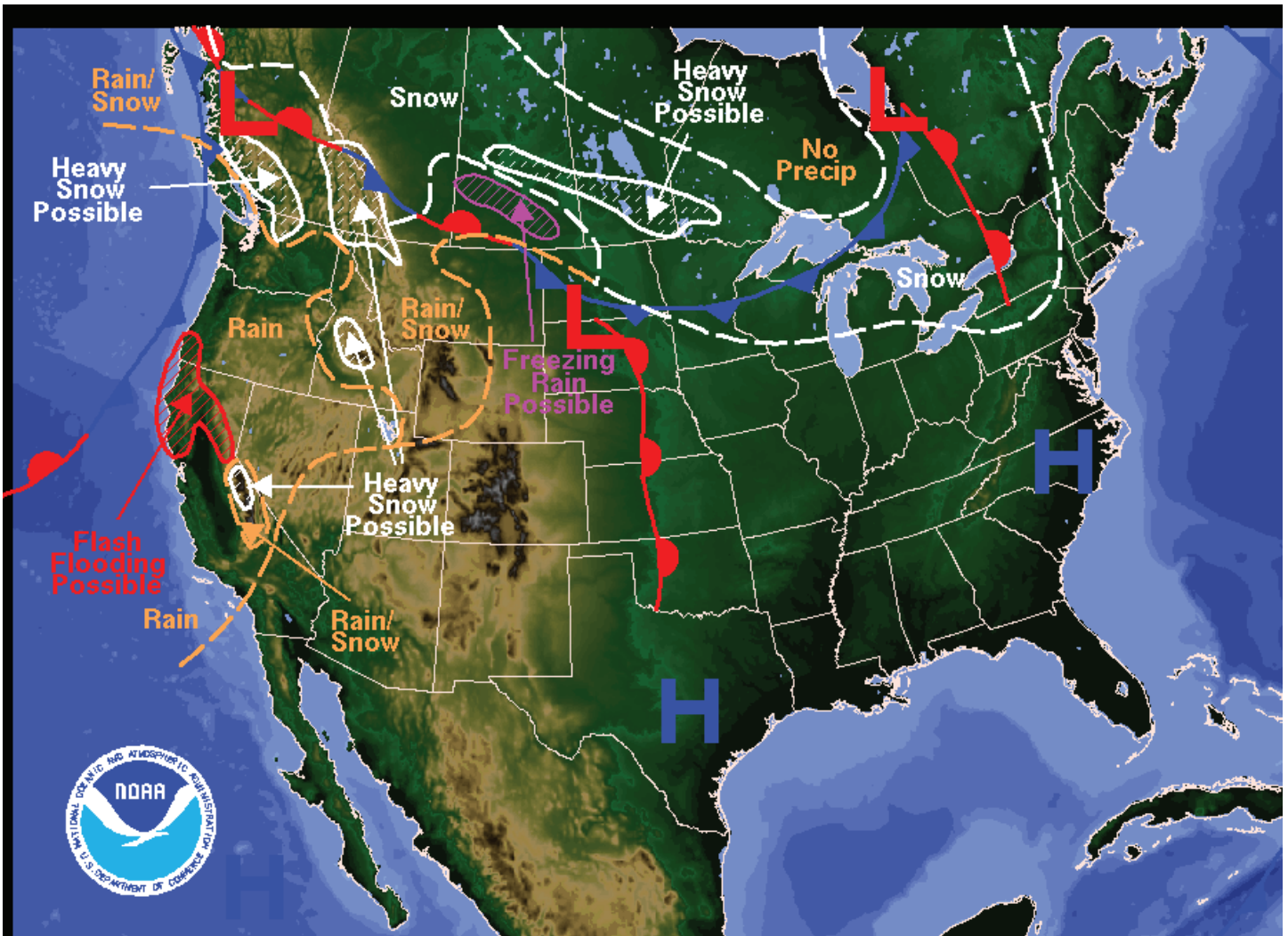
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.55

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:48 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Feb 06, 2015, issued 3:24 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Choices And Consequences

Failure is never a welcome guest. Nor does one choose failure to be an associate or companion. Yet it is something that often invades our lives even though it is unwanted. Yet, from it we learn some of life's most valuable lessons.

In Psalm 21 David begins with shouts of praise: "How the king rejoices in Your strength, O Lord... how he shouts with joy because You gave him victory...how You gave him a crown...how You preserved his life." Here we find David rejoicing and praising His Lord for the gracious gifts that He gave him. He praised God for granting him the desires of his heart and giving him victory over his enemies.

But notice carefully: he realized that the source of his strength, the joy of his victories, his golden crown and the preservation of his life all came from his Lord. He recognized God as his source of strength, survival and success. And in doing so, he gave thanks!

David learned from his mistakes. And wisely, when he came confident from his victories, he knew whom to thank. His victories came from the Lord.

God often allows us to experience the agony of defeat and the sorrow of disappointment to learn that we must rely on Him for everything, every day. In this Psalm David reminds us that his strength, joy, victory, rewards and protection all come from God. He learned from experience to trust God. What a great lesson for us.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to realize that we can only expect victory if we look to You for our needs. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 21:1 The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Wilder autobiography a blockbuster for SD publishing house

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The autobiography of prairie author Laura Ingalls Wilder is proving to be a blockbuster for the South Dakota Historical Society Press.

The small state-owned publishing house released "Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography" in November. Wilder penned the popular children's series of "Little House" books, but her autobiography was written for an adult audience and gives a more realistic, grittier view of frontier living.

The book was the No. 1 best-seller on Amazon late last week. It was still in the Top 10 on Friday. Publishing house Director Nancy Tystad Koupal calls it "a definite blockbuster."

The initial print run was 15,000 copies. A second run of 15,000 copies was made, and a third run of 45,000 copies is on the press. Koupal says a fourth run is now being considered.

A look at some vaccine-related legislation in several states

The Associated Press

Several state legislatures are debating vaccine-related measures as dozens of people have fallen ill from a measles outbreak that started at Disneyland in December and spread beyond the theme park. Here is a look at some of the legislation around the country:

CALIFORNIA

Three California lawmakers, all Democrats, introduced legislation this week that would require parents to vaccinate their children before they enter school unless the child cannot be immunized because of a medical condition.

Parents would no longer be able to cite personal beliefs or religious reasons to send unvaccinated children to private and public schools. Mississippi and West Virginia are the only other states with such strict vaccine rules, although the California bill's lead author said he would consider including a religious exemption.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, California is among 20 states that allow for personal belief exemptions and 48 that allow for religious exemptions.

MAINE

A bill introduced by a Democratic lawmaker would eliminate the philosophical exemption that allows parents to skip vaccinations for their children. A separate proposal backed by Democrats aims to make getting exemptions more difficult.

That bill would require parents to consult with a medical professional about the risks and benefits of vaccines and obtain a signed form if they wish to opt out for non-medical reasons.

Another measure, introduced by Republicans, would create a vaccine safety office in Maine's Center for Disease Control and Prevention that would offer parents guidance on the risks of vaccines. Committee hearings have not yet been held on the bills.

MICHIGAN

A statewide rule change that took effect Jan. 1 requires parents wanting a philosophical or religious waiver for childhood vaccinations to first be educated by a local health department about the risks. Pre-

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viously, parents could submit a vaccination waiver to a daycare center or school without being briefed by a health expert. Michigan has one of the highest vaccination waiver rates in the U.S.

The rule change was pushed by the administration of Gov. Rick Snyder, a Republican, and approved by lawmakers.

MINNESOTA

A bill before Minnesota lawmakers would retain existing vaccine exemptions for medical reasons or in cases of personal belief. But parents or guardians of children claiming the personal belief exemption would have to consult with a doctor about the risks associated with remaining unvaccinated. They also would have to acknowledge that their children could be barred from school or a child-care facility in the event of an outbreak. The bill has yet to be scheduled for a hearing.

MISSISSIPPI

Under a bill that awaits a full legislative debate, the Mississippi State Department of Health would lose its role in deciding whether a child can skip or delay a vaccination that is otherwise mandatory in the state. Instead, it would allow a physician to grant a patient's vaccine exemption for medical reasons, without seeking the department's approval.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Mississippi had the largest percentage of kindergartners in public and private schools who have been vaccinated against diseases for the 2013-14 school year, a rate of 99.7 percent.

MONTANA

A Republican lawmaker has added an amendment to an immunization bill that would allow for a greater number of parents to opt out of vaccinations altogether.

The amended version would allow parents to forgo vaccinations for their children based on "personal beliefs." Montana law already allows exemptions for medical reasons and religious beliefs. It passed the House on a 95-4 vote this week.

Republican Rep. Greg Hertz, who added the amendment, said he did so to extend rights to parents who are not religious, giving them a route to opt out of vaccinations.

The Democratic sponsor of the bill, Rep. Margie MacDonald, said she plans to ask a Senate committee to remove the amendment. Her original bill sought to add chicken pox and whooping cough to the list of required childhood vaccines.

NEW YORK

Legislation introduced in New York's state Senate and Assembly would widen existing exemptions to vaccine mandates by creating a "philosophical" exemption for those whose opposition to immunizations is not based on religious reasons.

Currently, children must be vaccinated before attending school unless they obtain a waiver stating that they cannot receive immunizations for medical or religious reasons. But the bill's supporters say many parents might have general concerns about vaccines that are not tied to religious doctrine.

Similar bills have been introduced in past years and have not received a vote.

SOUTH DAKOTA

A bill scheduled for a vote in the state Senate would re-authorize schools and day care providers to be able to access records in the state's immunization registry without parental consent, unless there is

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a signed refusal for the release of the information in the patient's medical record.

Federal rule changes forced the state in August to allow schools and day care services to access the registry only if they received parental consent, so the state Department of Health brought the proposal forward to restore access.

Privacy advocates in the state Legislature won a victory by securing an amendment to the health department's proposal. It requires providers to tell parents they have the right to stop the immunization information from being shared.

OREGON

Oregon made it harder for parents to opt out of vaccinations for nonmedical reasons in 2013. That law requires parents to meet with a doctor or watch an informational video before they can reject vaccines for a child entering kindergarten. A bill proposed this year would expand the requirement to all children, including those already in school. A hearing on the bill has yet to be scheduled.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that Oregon had the nation's highest rate of nonmedical vaccine exemptions during the 2012-13 school year.

WEST VIRGINIA

A state Senate committee this week stripped language from a bill that would have allowed parents to claim religious exemptions from childhood vaccinations.

The bill by Republican Sen. Ryan Ferns would have changed that. Parents would have been able to sign affidavits saying certain vaccinations for their children were against their religious beliefs. That language was removed this week.

SD blood bank donates bloodmobile to children's nonprofit

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A southeast South Dakota blood bank has donated a mobile blood donation center to a nonprofit helping children in Mexico.

The Community Blood Bank of Sioux Falls has given its former bloodmobile to the Los Cabos Children's Foundation. The organization provides cardiac and oncology care for children of the Los Cabos area.

Tom Walsh is the owner of local Burger King restaurants and founder of the organization. Walsh says children's lives have been saved and improved thanks to the "genuine caring and exceptional generosity of our partners and supporting organizations."

This is the second bloodmobile the Community Blood Bank has donated to the organization. It'll be used to ensure that the local blood bank is well supplied with blood, collected from donors at universities, schools and resorts.

Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Arlington 72, Colman-Egan 52

Burke/South Central 60, Marty Indian 53

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 106, Standing Rock, N.D. 86

Clark/Willow Lake 49, Redfield/Doland 44

Corsica/Stickney 61, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 52

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Custer 55, Newcastle, Wyo. 51
DeSmet 54, Deubrook 48
Elkton-Lake Benton 54, Dell Rapids St. Mary 30
Ethan 61, Scotland 50
Eureka/Bowdle 68, Wakpala 39
Gayville-Volin 67, Freeman Academy 37
Hanson 73, Centerville 52
Hill City 40, Newell 34
James Valley Christian 68, Iroquois 38
Lake Preston 56, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 48
Lead-Deadwood 52, Philip 50
Little Wound 75, Hay Springs, Neb. 24
Menno 72, Mitchell Christian 47
Miller 73, Ipswich 58
Minatare, Neb. 55, Oelrichs 44
Parker 59, Canistota 44
Potter County 54, Sully Buttes 37
Rapid City Christian 69, Kadoka Area 29
Sioux Valley 68, Flandreau 56
Vermillion 53, West Central 49, OT
Wagner 84, Andes Central 41
Warner 69, Leola/Frederick 47
White River 88, Wall 48
Yankton 67, Harrisburg 61
Little Moreau Conference Tournament
First Round
Faith 84, Bison 39
Harding County 80, Lemmon 39
McIntosh 64, Tiospaye Topa 47
Timber Lake 57, Dupree 44

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Avon 57, Bon Homme 26
Burke/South Central 42, Dakota Christian 38
Elk Point-Jefferson 51, Lennox 36
Eureka/Bowdle 65, Wakpala 26
Freeman 45, Irene-Wakonda 42
Gayville-Volin 59, Freeman Academy 45
Great Plains Lutheran 60, Langford 32
Harrisburg 71, Yankton 41
Highmore-Harrold 84, Faulkton 29
Hill City 69, Newell 24
Ipswich 56, Miller 43
Jones County 33, New Underwood 24
Lead-Deadwood 47, Philip 28
Little Wound 61, Hay Springs, Neb. 34

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McCook Central/Montrose 73, Garretson 22
Menno 56, Mitchell Christian 22
Oelrichs 59, Minatare, Neb. 16
Pine Ridge 86, Bennett County 41
Rapid City Central 43, Rapid City Stevens 35
Rapid City Christian 58, Kadoka Area 18
Red Cloud 62, St. Francis Indian 56
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 63, Corsica/Stickney 37
Scotland 50, Marion 38
St. Thomas More 58, Douglas 13
Sully Buttes 69, Potter County 21
Todd County 72, Chamberlain 34
Wagner 70, Andes Central 16
Wall 65, White River 51
Warner 65, Leola/Frederick 35
Webster 57, Aberdeen Roncalli 28
Wessington Springs 60, Wolsey-Wessington 20
Winner 86, Crow Creek 30

Larson leads South Dakota past Western Illinois 75-61

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Tyler Larson scored 16 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out a career-high seven assists to help South Dakota roll to a 75-61 victory over Western Illinois on Thursday night.

South Dakota had a one-point lead at the break, opened the second on a 14-0 run to take a 49-34 lead with 16:02 remaining, and coasted from there.

Tre Burnette scored 19 points on 8-of-14 shooting, and Brandon Bos added 18 points with five assists and two steals for South Dakota (11-13, 5-5 Summit League) to snap a three-game losing skid.

Jamie Batish hit a 3 to pull the Leathernecks within 54-45, but they would not get closer.

J.C. Fuller had 18 points, Garret Covington had 14 and Batish chipped in 13 points for Western Illinois (8-13, 3-7), which has lost seven of its past eight games.

IPFW beats South Dakota State 84-74

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — Steve Forbes scored 23 points and IPFW beat South Dakota State 84-74 on Thursday.

IPFW (12-11, 5-5 Summit) was down two with 4:02 left in the first when the Mastodons went on a 9-3 run to close the half and led 32-28 at the break.

The Jackrabbits tied it back up at 42 on George Marshall's 3-pointer 6 ½ minutes into the second, but Michael Calder replied with a pair of 3-pointers to put IPFW up seven. Back-to-back-to-back treys by Isaiah McCray, Joe Edwards and Max Landis made it an 11-point game with 4:31 left and IPFW made 10 straight free throws at the end to seal it.

Landis finished with 19 points, McCray had 14 — with four 3-pointers — and Edwards added 12.

South Dakota State (17-8, 8-3 Summit) was led by Deondra Parks with 24 points and seven rebounds. Jake Bittle added 18.

Lawmaker's transportation debate starts with governor's plan

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers appear to be backing a road and bridge funding package close to Gov. Dennis Daugaard's roughly \$50 million proposal, about half of a \$100 million plan that a key legislative panel had suggested.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave said he will replace the Senate proposal on Friday with provisions that "mirror" the governor's package as a starting point in his chamber's deliberations of what is likely to be the most significant debate lawmakers have during the 2015 legislative session.

"There seems to be general support more toward the governor's plan," Rave said. "It's getting time to start the process."

Daugaard's original plan would raise about \$41 million in state revenue through fuel tax increases and a motor vehicle excise tax hike. The plan would raise nearly \$10 million for local projects through vehicle registration fee increases.

Republican Sen. Mike Vehle chaired a committee that met before the session and recommended the roughly \$100 million plan, which became the initial Senate bill.

Daugaard has said he pitched a funding hike that he believes can help meet South Dakota's transportation funding needs while remaining palatable to tax-averse lawmakers. Raising taxes requires two-thirds legislative support to pass.

The House Transportation Committee on Tuesday approved changes to the governor's plan, which grew by nearly \$2 million during its first legislative review.

Members also voted to make the 2-cent annual fuel tax increases the governor proposed expire in 2030. Rave said the Senate proposal would also include an end date for the tax increases, though the timeframe is still unclear.

Vehle has criticized Daugaard's plan for not adequately funding rural bridges. But much of the resistance to Vehle's proposal came from local revenue increases such as a tax on fuel used in farm equipment and higher registration fees on heavy farm trucks.

Vehle said he's pleased that Daugaard recognizes the need to fund transportation infrastructure in South Dakota.

"I would be extremely disappointed if we weren't doing something," he said. "We cannot be like our federal cousins, who look and say, 'Here's a problem, here's where we're going,' and do nothing. They get mad and take their marbles and go home. We can't do that."

Rounds joins other senators in urging Obama to arm Ukraine

WASHINGTON (AP) — South Dakota's junior U.S. Senator is joining other lawmakers in urging the president to arm Ukrainians in the fight against Russia-backed separatists.

U.S. Senator Mike Rounds sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Rounds and other senators held a press conference Thursday to call on President Barack Obama to supply Ukraine with "lethal arms."

Fighting between Russia-backed separatists and government forces picked up in January after a month of relative calm. The rebels pledge to carry on with their offensive on the government positions until Kiev stops shelling cities like Donetsk.

Rounds says allowing Ukrainians to "punch the bully in the nose" could make Russian President Vladimir Putin "think twice" about aggression.

Former head of Oglala Sioux forms group to combat racism

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The former president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe has formed a group to confront racism in Rapid City in response to reports that some Native American children were subjected to racial slurs and sprayed with beer at a local hockey game.

Former President Bryan Brewer tells KCSR-AM his yet-to-named group met for the first time Wednesday.

The group formed after reports that patrons at a Rapid City Rush hockey game harassed children from the American Horse school in Allen.

Brewer says he knows that they can't change everyone, but that his ultimate goal is to encourage all children to get to know all races.

The group is made of tribal members, Rapid City residents and others and will meet again toward the end of the month.

Committee rejects bill to require paid employee sick leave

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A proposal to require South Dakota employers to offer paid sick leave was defeated Thursday, falling victim to business opposition during a legislative hearing.

The Senate Commerce and Energy Committee voted to kill the proposal after significant pushback from business groups that argued the state shouldn't add more mandates to burden employers in South Dakota.

The proposal would have allowed employees to accrue an hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work once they've been at the company for three months.

Sen. Angie Buhl O'Donnell, a Democrat from Sioux Falls, said paid sick leave is an important public health issue. She said allowing employees to stay home when they're sick is an especially critical issue now given this year's flu and measles outbreaks.

"This is not just a matter of someone might come to work with the sniffles," she said. "These are illnesses people could die from."

But new government mandates come with a cost for employers, said South Dakota Retailers Association executive director Shawn Lyons. He told the committee that the proposal would have a "chilling effect" on small employers' ability to stay in business.

Opponents also said the bill was too broad because it didn't cap the amount of sick days employees could earn. They also noted the bill would have applied to all employers, regardless of the business' size.

The bill also was met with concerns about how it might compound the effects of the minimum wage increase that South Dakota voters approved in November.

"Now is not the time to add an additional burden like mandatory paid leave," Lyons said.

Buhl O'Donnell's proposal came as President Barack Obama pushed last month for federal earned sick leave legislation and urged states and cities to support similar laws in the meantime. Three states — California, Connecticut and Massachusetts — require paid employee sick leave, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"South Dakota doesn't have to be last in everything," Buhl O'Donnell told the committee. "When my server doesn't hand me the flu with my steak ... we're all going to be a little bit better off."

But the panel, which included Democrats, voted unanimously to scrap the proposal.

Buhl O'Donnell said she hopes lawmakers will start thinking about workers as well as employers.

Republican Sen. Brock Greenfield said he had heard from a significant number of people opposing the measure.

"This issue has garnered the attention of so many people in the private sector," Greenfield said. "I received a lot of concerns."

State Senate approves new games for Deadwood

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Senate has passed a measure that would authorize three new voter-approved games in Deadwood.

The chamber on Thursday voted 27-7 to approve the proposal to allow keno, craps and roulette in the historic mining town. It is now expected to be heard in a House committee.

Supporters have pushed the measure as a way to keep Deadwood competitive with other gambling hotspots such as Colorado and Iowa. In November, 57 percent of voters approved constitutional Amendment Q, which gave the Legislature the authority to implement the new games.

Senate backers said their colleagues should follow the lead that voters set when they approved the plan. Opponents argue gambling provokes addictions and causes social and financial problems for families in South Dakota.

Carbon monoxide leak prompts evacuation of apartments

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A carbon monoxide leak has prompted the evacuation of a Sioux Falls apartment building.

Firefighters found dangerously high levels of the potentially deadly gas Thursday morning after an alarm went off at Meadowbrook apartments.

KELO-TV reports that firefighters traced the leak to a furnace, and shut it down. Residents will be displaced until the furnace is repaired.

Man convicted in deaths of researchers in South Dakota

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

A man accused of driving drunk and killing two federal wildlife researchers while they talked in a South Dakota motel parking lot was convicted Thursday of vehicular homicide, but not the more serious charge of manslaughter.

Ronald Fischer Jr., 30, of Lake Andes, could face more than 30 years in prison when sentenced March 23. He might have faced life behind bars had he been convicted of manslaughter.

Defense attorney Tim Whalen did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Fischer was accused of driving under the influence of alcohol and marijuana on July 8, 2013, in the Pickstown area and failing to stop at a stop sign at a highway intersection. Authorities said his vehicle went into a parking lot at more than 50 mph, striking and killing Maegan Spindler, 25, of Cazenovia, New York, and Robert Klumb, 46, of Pierre. The two U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service employees were in the area conducting tests on the Missouri River.

Judge Bruce Anderson oversaw a trial last fall released his verdict Thursday. He found Fischer guilty of two counts of vehicular homicide, one count of driving under the influence and two drug-related counts.

Anderson indicated in his ruling that he struggled when deciding whether Fischer's conduct rose to the level of manslaughter. The judge ultimately concluded a vehicular homicide charge was a better fit

for the offense.

"This court does not believe that the state has proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, a sufficient standard of conduct on behalf of the defendant, to show that he used his automobile in a manner that is likely or probable to inflict death or serious bodily harm," Anderson wrote.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said in a statement that he was pleased with the ruling.

"Ronald Fischer's decision to drive while under the influence of alcohol was a senseless act that has caused a tremendous loss for two families," he said.

Jackley's statement did not address Fischer's acquittal on the manslaughter counts, and a spokeswoman said he would have no further comment.

Gregg and Susan Spindler, Maegan's parents, issued a statement saying they welcomed Fischer's conviction but that "we are very disappointed that he was not convicted of the most serious charge of first-degree manslaughter."

"These two talented scientists would have worked another combined 60 years in their careers, helping to make the world a better place for all," the statement said. "Fischer took that away from all of us."

Powerball lottery ticket sold in Clear Lake worth \$10,000

CLEAR LAKE, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Clear Lake is worth \$10,000 in the latest drawing. South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball in Wednesday's drawing to win the game's third prize. The odds of winning it are 1 in about 649,000. Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$360 million for Saturday's drawing.

Committee approves plan to bar female genital mutilation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state House committee has approved a proposal that would ban female genital mutilation in South Dakota.

The House Health and Human Services Committee on Thursday unanimously passed the measure to make it a felony to perform such procedures in the state.

Republican Rep. Lynne DiSanto says she's offering the proposal because a group that works with women informed her there's no state law prohibiting genital mutilation.

She says making a specific state law adds a greater level of protection. Her bill would also make it a felony for a parent to consent for an underage girl to undergo such procedures even if they occur outside the state.

A state analysis has found no prosecutions of genital mutilation under federal law and one in the states that ban the practice.

Mission man convicted in shooting sentenced to prison

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Mission man has been sentenced to nearly four years in federal prison for a shooting that wounded another person.

Authorities say 29-year-old Vernon Schmidt Jr. pointed a handgun at a person and waved it around during an argument in May 2014. The gun went off, hitting the other person in the chest and neck area, causing a serious injury.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says Schmidt was convicted of assault resulting in serious bodily injury

and was sentenced this week to three years and 10 months in custody to be followed by two years of supervised release. He also was ordered to pay \$900 in restitution.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. LAWMAKERS EXPECT PUSH BACK ON GRANTING OBAMA WAR POWERS

Congressional leaders will face resistance in a vote to authorize Obama's war against Islamic State militants despite outrage over the gruesome killings of captives.

2. WHAT REBELS, UKRAINIAN FORCES HAVE AGREED UPON

Pro-Russia rebels and government forces in the conflict-ravaged east will allow a humanitarian corridor to evacuate civilians from the fighting.

3. WHO IS AN ALLY IN MEASLES QUANDARY

As vaccine skeptics fight laws that would force more parents to inoculate their kids, conservative Republicans are coming to their defense.

4. HOW JAPAN IS ADDRESSING WORKAHOLICS

Many Japanese forgo up to three weeks of paid-vacation they're entitled to, but the government is making changes to ease the stigma of taking time off.

5. MOURNERS TO SAY GOODBYE TO TRAIN ACCIDENT VICTIM

A service will held in Dobbs Ferry, New York, for Ellen Brody, a 49-year-old mother of three, who was killed along with five rail passengers when a commuter train crashed into her SUV at a crossing.

6. OFFICIALS DETAIL FINAL MOMENTS OF FLIGHT 235 CRASH

TransAsia Airways pilots may have shut off the propjet's remaining engine before attempting to restart it, but the plane crashed before that could happen.

7. OBAMA TO TOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLAN IN INDIANA

The president's proposal to make two years of college free would get a key test in a state where education issues are squarely in the spotlight.

8. ANOTHER MONTH OF SOLID JOB GROWTH EXPECTED

Steady economic growth and consumer spending likely led U.S. employers to hire at a healthy pace in January and extend last year's solid job gains.

9. 'SACRED SPERM' FILM EXPLORES ULTRA-ORTHODOX JEWISH TABOOS

A documentary presents an intimate, informative and at times awkward look at the insular religious community's approach to sexuality.

10. FALLOUT FOR NBC ANCHOR CONTINUES

"Nightly News" anchor Brian Williams is fighting for his credibility after falsely claiming the helicopter he was riding in was struck during the Iraq War.

AP News in Brief

Despite outrage over IS slayings, lawmakers expect opposition to granting Obama war powers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress will face some resistance in a vote to authorize President Barack Obama's war against Islamic State militants despite international

outrage over video of militants beheading their captives and burning one alive.

War authorizations are among the most difficult issues confronting members of Congress. Several Democrats will be reluctant to approve new war powers unless there is a clear deadline or some way to pay for the military operation. Some Republicans, strong foes of the president, will object to giving Obama the authority.

Obama is poised in coming days to ask Congress for new authority to use U.S. military force against IS, the White House said Thursday. But the top House Republican warned it won't be easy to pass the measure. Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said it will be up to the president to rally support from lawmakers and the public.

"His actions are going to be an important part of trying for us to get the votes to actually pass an authorization," Boehner said Thursday. "This is not going to be an easy lift."

In the U.S. battle against IS, Obama has been relying on congressional authorizations that President George W. Bush used to justify military action after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Critics say the White House's use of post-9/11 congressional authorizations is a legal stretch, at best.

Experts say pilot video shows Islamic State group is raising the stakes in its propaganda

BEIRUT (AP) — A video of a Jordanian pilot being burned to death was exceptional in its brutality, even for the Islamic State group, and also was a sign that the militants intend to raise the stakes in their propaganda efforts, experts say.

It also offered confirmation to the belief that the airman was killed days or weeks before its release.

The 22-minute clip that appeared on websites Tuesday was a complex, extravagant work that would have taken a significant amount of time and organization to script, stage, produce and distribute, they said.

It also suggested that the demands last week for a prisoner swap for the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kasaesbeh, were a cynical charade to increase the drama around his killing, because he most likely was already dead.

Jordanian state TV had said al-Kasaesbeh, who was flying missions for the U.S.-led campaign of airstrikes, was killed as long ago as Jan. 3, shortly after his F-16 came down in Islamic State-controlled territory in December.

In fight against vaccine mandates, skeptics find unexpected allies in conservative Republicans

DENVER (AP) — As vaccine skeptics fight laws that would force more parents to inoculate their kids, they are finding unexpected allies in conservative Republicans.

Though the stereotype of a vaccine skeptic is a coastal, back-to-the-land type, it's generally been Democratic-controlled states that have tightened vaccination laws. This week, Democrats in two of those states — California, where a measles outbreak was traced to Disneyland, and Washington state — proposed eliminating laws that allow parents to opt out of vaccination for personal reasons.

Meanwhile, in Maine, Republicans are objecting to a similar effort. In Minnesota, only Democrats have signed onto sponsor a bill to make it harder to avoid vaccinating children. And last year in Colorado, it was largely Republicans who squashed an effort to force parents to get a physician's approval if they chose not to inoculate their kids.

"This boils down to, does the government force everyone to conform or do we empower everyone to make decisions on their own?" said Colorado state Sen. Kevin Lundberg, a Republican who did not fully vaccinate his children and led the fight against last year's bill.

This year, Colorado Republicans introduced a bill stating that parents have the right to make all medical decisions for their children, legislation that was cheered by vaccination opponents Thursday at a hearing.

Rebels and Ukrainian authorities agree on humanitarian corridor to evacuate civilians

DEBALTSEVE, Ukraine (AP) — Pro-Russia rebels and the Ukrainian authorities agreed Friday on a humanitarian corridor to evacuate civilians from the epicenter of fighting in eastern Ukraine as German and French leaders prepared to bring their peace plan to Moscow.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande are set to hold talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin a day after discussing their proposals with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

The diplomatic blitz comes amid fierce fighting that prompted Washington to consider providing the beleaguered Ukrainian military with lethal weapons, in turn sparking European fears of even wider hostilities.

Rebel leaders said they reached agreement with Ukrainian authorities to allow the evacuation of civilians from Debaltseve, a key railway hub on a link between the two main rebel-controlled cities that has become the main target of a rebel offensive. It wasn't immediately clear where the evacuees would go.

The cease-fire around Debaltseve held Friday as a convoy of several dozen buses drove from nearby Vuhelhirsk toward Debaltseve, where a shrinking population has been trapped in cross-fire and left without power, heating and running water for almost two weeks.

New law to require workaholic Japanese to take days off without worrying about resentment

TOKYO (AP) — College-educated and gainfully employed 36-year-old Eriko Sekiguchi should be a sought after friend or date, planning nights on the town and faraway resort vacations. But she works in Japan, a nation where workaholic habits die hard.

Often toiling 14 hours a day for a major trading company, including early morning meetings and after-hours "settai," or networking with clients, she used just eight of her 20 paid vacation days last year. Six of those days were for being sick.

"Nobody else uses their vacation days," said Sekiguchi, who was so busy her interview with The Associated Press had to be rescheduled several times before she could pop out of the office.

The government wants to change all that.

Legislation that will be submitted during the parliamentary session that began Jan. 26 aims to ensure workers get the rest they need. In a break with past practice, it will become the legal responsibility of employers to ensure workers take their holidays.

Funeral for woman driving SUV in New York commuter train collision in which 5 others also died

VALHALLA, N.Y. (AP) — Mourners of a woman who was driving the SUV that was hit by a suburban commuter train are making their final goodbyes.

Ellen Brody's service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday in Dobbs Ferry. The 49-year-old mother of three was killed along with five rail passengers on Tuesday night, when a commuter train crashed into her vehicle on the tracks at a railroad crossing in the Westchester County town of Valhalla.

Her family issued a statement Thursday saying they are devastated over losing Brody. "She was a warm, vivacious and dynamic presence in our lives, and the most loving and nurturing mother, wife, daughter and sister," the statement said.

According to investigators' preliminary findings, Brody's car was in the danger zone inside railroad crossing gates for about half a minute before the train hit.

Brody got ahead of the crossing gate in inching traffic, then got out of her car to examine it after the gate came down and hit the back of it, a witness has said. But then she got back in, seeming unhurried, and advanced onto the track, the witness told news outlets and investigators.

Obama to tout plan to offer 2 years of free community college during Indiana town hall

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — President Barack Obama's proposal to make two years of college free will get a key test Friday as he travels to Indiana, a red state where making college more affordable and increasing graduation rates are squarely in the spotlight.

Obama's plan is part of a proposed budget that increases taxes on the wealthy and aims to boost the middle class. It has gotten a cool reception among Republicans who control Congress, but it has support from education leaders who are concerned about making college affordable, closing the nation's skills gap and ensuring that more students who walk in the door leave with a degree.

"We think that it's a false promise to provide an opportunity for college without a reasonable chance for success," said Stan Jones, president of Indianapolis-based Complete College America, which helps states streamline remedial-education programs and motivate students to attend college full time.

About 40 percent of U.S. college students attend community colleges, but just 25 percent to 30 percent of those students graduate after three years, Jones said. Indiana has one of the nation's lowest college attainment rates, with only about a third of the state's adults holding a degree, and Republican leaders have looked for ways to boost education without increasing taxes.

Indiana has one of the nation's largest community college systems in Ivy Tech Community College, where Obama is scheduled to speak Friday afternoon. The statewide system enrolls almost 180,000 students, nearly half of whom fail to finish a degree within six years. In 2014, Obama named Ivy Tech one of 24 Youth CareerConnect grant recipients selected to partner with schools to integrate higher education and training into their curriculum to boost college enrollment and graduation rates.

Taiwan aviation official: Both engines on TransAsia plane lost power before deadly crash

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — One of the engines on TransAsia Airways Flight 235 went idle 37 seconds after takeoff, and the pilots may have shut off the remaining engine before attempting to restart them, but

the plane crashed before that could happen, Taiwan's top aviation safety official said Friday.

The details were presented at a news conference in Taipei by Aviation Safety Council Executive Director Thomas Wang as preliminary findings from the flight data recorder.

Wednesday's crash into a river in Taipei minutes after takeoff killed at least 35 people and left eight missing. Fifteen people were rescued with injuries after the accident, which was captured in a dramatic dashboard camera video that showed the ATR 72 propjet banking steeply and scraping a highway overpass before it hurtled into the Keelung River.

Wang said the plane's right engine triggered an alarm 37 seconds after takeoff. However, he said the data showed it had not shut down, or "flamed out" as the pilot told the control tower, but rather moved into idle mode, with no change in the oil pressure.

Then, 46 seconds later, the left engine was shut down, apparently by one of the pilots, so that neither engine was producing any power. A restart was attempted, but the plane crashed just 72 seconds later.

'Sacred Sperm' explores ultra-Orthodox sex taboos, takes intimate peek at insular Jewish mores

JERUSALEM (AP) — Like so many parents, Ori Gruder was grappling with how to talk to his 10-year-old son about sex. Being a member of Israel's ultra-Orthodox religious community, which tends to keep discussions of sexuality to a whisper, made the task even more difficult.

So Gruder created "Sacred Sperm," an hour-long documentary in which he tries to tackle the hard questions he can expect from his son. The film presents an intimate, informative and at times awkward look at the insular religious community and its approach to sexuality, fleshing out deeply entrenched taboos in the conservative society.

"What is it about that little sperm that looks like a tadpole and has everyone so hot and bothered?" Gruder ponders in his narration of the film.

Gruder, a 44-year-old father of six who once worked for MTV Europe and didn't become religious until age 30, gives the viewer a rare peek into private ultra-Orthodox lives, taking the camera into his own home, into ritual baths and circumcision ceremonies, to the religious school system and more.

The film already has been shown in Jerusalem, London and California and is touring the U.S. festival circuit, including Atlanta on Feb. 15.

Amy Pascal steps down as head of Sony studio 3 months after hack revealed embarrassing emails

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Amy Pascal will step down as co-chairman of Sony Pictures Entertainment and head of the film studio, nearly three months after a massive hack hit the company and revealed embarrassing emails.

Pascal, one of the most powerful women in Hollywood and the force behind such critical and commercial hits as "The Social Network" and "American Hustle," will launch a major new production venture at the studio focused on movies, television and theater, Sony Pictures said Thursday. Her career with Sony has spanned nearly 20 years.

During the hack, Pascal came under fire for racist remarks about President Obama's presumed choice in movies that surfaced in leaked emails. She apologized for "insensitive and inappropriate" comments in her emails that she called "not an accurate reflection of who I am." Pascal also faced criticism for green-lighting the film that may have inspired the hacking to begin with: "The Interview," which starred

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Seth Rogen and James Franco as bumbling journalists on a mission to kill North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

The outcome was not surprising, and will benefit both sides, said Damian Thong, an analyst at Macquarie Capital Securities in Tokyo where Sony Corp. , the parent company of Sony Pictures, is based.

"She's a woman of many talents. She has great relationships that are valuable to Sony in the future, and she will still have Sony funding and the freedom to make films and to build on her many years of experience," he said.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2015. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died at Sandringham House in Norfolk, England; he was succeeded as monarch by his elder daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth II.

On this date:

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1815, the state of New Jersey issued the first American railroad charter to John Stevens, who proposed a rail link between Trenton and New Brunswick. (The line, however, was never built.)

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

In 1922, Cardinal Archille Ratti was elected pope; he took the name Pius XI.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1943, a Los Angeles jury acquitted actor Errol Flynn of three counts of statutory rape.

In 1958, British European Airways Flight 609 crashed on takeoff from Munich, West Germany, killing 23 of the 44 people on board.

In 1973, Dixy Lee Ray was appointed by President Richard Nixon to be the first woman to head the Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1987, Wall Street Journal reporter Gerald Seib (syb) was released after being detained six days by Iran, accused of being a spy for Israel; Iran said the detention was a result of misunderstandings.

In 1995, the space shuttle Discovery flew to within 37 feet of the Russian space station Mir in the first rendezvous of its kind in two decades.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Pop music star Falco, who'd had a 1986 hit with "Rock Me Amadeus," died in a traffic accident in the Dominican Republic; he was 40.

Ten years ago: The New England Patriots won their third NFL championship in four years, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX (39) by a score of 24-21. Fans of the late reggae singer Bob Marley celebrated his 60th birthday in his birthplace of Jamaica as well as the Rastafarian holy land of Ethiopia. Eighteen people were found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in a mountain hostel in eastern Spain. Acclaimed Russian pianist Lazar Berman died in Florence, Italy, at age 74. The animated series "American Dad!" premiered on the Fox Network.

Five years ago: Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, delivering the keynote address at the first national convention of the tea party coalition in Nashville, declared, "America is ready for another revolution."

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American missionary Robert Park headed home after North Korea released him from six weeks' detention for crossing its border on Christmas Day to protest religious suppression in the totalitarian regime. Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith led a class of seven new members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

One year ago: House Speaker John Boehner all but ruled out passage of immigration legislation before the fall elections. A suicide bomber blew himself up at the gates of a Syrian prison and rebels stormed in behind him, freeing hundreds of inmates. Baseball Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner, 91, died in Rancho Mirage, California. Former U.S. poet laureate Maxine Kumin died in Warner, New Hampshire, at age 88. Jay Leno said goodbye to NBC's "The Tonight Show" for the second time, making way for Jimmy Fallon to take over as host.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 98. Actor Patrick Macnee is 93. Cinematographer and filmmaker Haskell Wexler (Film: "Medium Cool") is 93. Actor Rip Torn is 84. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 84. Actor Mike Farrell is 76. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 75. Singer Fabian is 72. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 72. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 66. Singer Natalie Cole is 65. Actor Jon Walmsley is 59. Actress Kathy Najimy is 58. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 58. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 58. Actor Barry Miller is 57. Actress Megan Gallagher is 55. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 53. Country singer Richie McDonald is 53. Singer Rick Astley is 49. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 46. "Good Morning America" co-host Amy Robach is 42. Actor Brandon Hammond is 31. Actress Alice Greczyn (GREH'-chihn) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Cherish your wilderness." — Maxine Kumin (1925-2014).

Driver's Exam Stations

Important: Application must be submitted at least 1 hour in advance of scheduled closing time. No drive tests will be given from 11:30 to 1:30. For more information see our website at www.dps.sd.gov call 1-800-952-3696.

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

Open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Webster: Courthouse Basement (711 W 1st St. - Ste. 107

Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD (photo copies cannot be accepted)

Federal requirements have changed the documents required to obtain or renew your South Dakota driver license or identification card. We want to make the process as quick and easy as possible for you.

Look over the documents on the list below, and if you have any questions at all, anything you don't understand or any documents you aren't sure you can find, please contact the Driver Licensing Program. You may email DPSLicensingInfo@state.sd.us (please include your first and last name) or call toll-free at 1-800-952-3696 or directly at 605-773-6883.

If you think you will have difficulty obtaining any of the documents please contact us. We may be able to arrange for an extension or a temporary permit while you gather the documents needed to obtain your federally compliant South Dakota driver license or identification card. If you find that you simply

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can't produce one of the required documents, we can work with you in those situations. Again, please use the contact information for the Driver Licensing Program if you have any questions or concerns.

The need to show the additional documents is a one-time requirement. That means once you have your federally compliant driver license or identification card in hand, you will only need that card and two documents to show your current address the next time you renew your driver license or identification card. If your driver license or identification card has a gold star in the upper right corner, then it is federally compliant.

Our staff is committed to providing the best service possible, so don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or email. We will help you in any way we can.

Federal regulations require anyone applying for a new, renewal, or duplicate driver license or identification card to provide the documents listed below and on page 2 (photo copies are not acceptable):

I. You will need one Identity Document. NOTE: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name. Acceptable documents for proof of a legal name change are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adoption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree). If you have had multiple marriages, you will need to bring similar documents providing legal proof of each name change (presenting a valid passport with your current name eliminates this requirement).

An Identity Document to prove identity, date of birth, and lawful status is considered to be one of the following:

- ◆ Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by state or county (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable)
 - ◆ Valid unexpired U.S. passport
 - ◆ Certificate of Naturalization
 - ◆ Certificate of Citizenship
- Non-Citizens may bring:
- ◆ Valid unexpired permanent resident card
 - ◆ Valid unexpired employment authorization document
 - ◆ Foreign passport with valid unexpired U.S. Visa with I-94

South Dakota birth and marriage certificate information is available on the state of South Dakota web site at <http://www.doh.sd.gov/vitalrecords/order.aspx> and through your local County Register of Deeds office. Marriage certificates before 1950 may not be available for same day issuance. For telephone numbers and addresses to write for out-of-state vital records, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>.

II. You will need one document to prove Social Security number. Only the documents listed below can serve as proof of Social Security number (the document must include your name and full social security number):

- ◆ Social Security card
- ◆ W-2 Form
- ◆ SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Non-SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Pay stub

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(For information on how to apply for a social security number or replacement card, please visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>.)

III. You will need two documents to prove your residential address. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Proof of address documents may **not be more than one year old**. Please bring two of the documents listed below (each must contain your current physical address):

- ◆ Utility bill
- ◆ Pay stub or earnings statement
- ◆ Rent receipt
- ◆ Phone bill
- ◆ Transcript or report card from an accredited school
- ◆ Bank statement
- ◆ Mortgage document
- ◆ Tax document
- ◆ Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- ◆ Other items with your address can be reviewed by Driver Licensing personnel
- ◆ If you are unable to provide proof of residency, please call 1-800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 for exceptions.
- ◆ Post Office Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned a street or 911 address

Address Exceptions:

Minors - If a minor does not have two documents proving residency, the parent may provide two forms for them.

Living with someone else - An individual residing with another person may have the other person sign a "Consent for Use of South Dakota Address" form and present two residency documents belonging to the person with whom they reside. The Consent for Use of Address form may be obtained at the exam station or printed off our website.

Living within an organization or at a facility - Applicants may provide a letter from the organization or facility (on their letterhead) stating the individual resides there.

People who travel full-time - If you are using a mail forwarding address, you must complete the Residency Affidavit. You will also need to provide one document no more than one year old proving your temporary South Dakota address (campground or RV park receipt) and one document no more than one year old proving your personal mailbox (PMB) service address (receipt from the PMB business or a piece of mail with your PMB address on it). If you have friends or family in South Dakota and plan to use their address, you can complete and follow the instructions on the Consent for Use of Address form.

Military and Military Dependents - Applicants can use an out-of-state address on their license and provide two documents proving residency showing the out-of-state address.

Before your license or ID card is issued, our examiners will review your documents to make sure they comply with the federal requirements. We will work with you to resolve any problems with your documents and to identify any additional documents or other information that may be necessary to complete the process. The additional requirements are designed to establish a more secure driver license, which will address our shared concern about national security, identity theft and highway safety.

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Veterans

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military have the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license or identification card. In addition to the documents listed above, they will need to present:

- ◆ DD-214 form which shows their honorable discharge status from active duty or
- ◆ Present a certificate signed by a county or tribal veteran's service officer verifying their status.
- ◆ DD Form 2 (Retired)
- ◆ DD Form 2A (Reserve Retired)

Note to CDL holders: If you are required to carry a medical examiners certificate (aka DOT medical card) you must show a valid card at the driver exam station.