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Birthdays: Carol Anderson, Larry Wheeting, Marian Raines, Sarah Flihs, Scott Freeman

Monday, February 9

Birthdays: Dale Ringgenberg, Kathy Kundsén, Lorin Flihs, Renee Marzahn

Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, veg cups, fruit.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:15pm: GBB at Roncalli (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10

Anniv: Alan and Jolene Townsend

Birthdays: Brenda Madsen, Dallas Sombke, Dick Flihs, Dion Bahr, Gabe Smith, Jay Waage, June Thompson, Katelyn Koehler.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

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Groton hoop teams win three of four games over Warner

Groton Area won three of four games on Saturday as the basketball teams hosted the Warner Monarchs.

The boys varsity team outscored Warner in all four quarters to post a 59-49 win.

Groton Area made 44 percent of its field goals compare to 41 percent for Warner. The Tigers were 11 of 18 from the charity stripe for 61 percent off of Warner's 18 team fouls. Groton's 17 team fouls netted seven of 16 free throws for Warner for 44 percent.

Groton Area controlled the boards, 34-24, with Gabe Dohman having eight rebounds for Groton and Derrek Tuszka having 10 for Warner. Both teams had 16 turnovers with Lucas Sternhagen having three of Groton's 11 steals and Tuszka having three of Warner's 11 steals. Hunter Lerew had the only block in the game. Sternhagen had five of Groton's 11 assists and Tyler Rozell had four of Warner's 10 assists.

Kyler Ell had one three-pointer and five free throws to propell Groton Area with 22 points while Hunter Lerew and Lucas Sternhagen each adding 10, Chance Strom had five, Spencer Knecht four, Gabe Dohman and Bennett Shabazz each had three and Wyatt Larson added two points.

Groton Area's boys junior varsity team had a 33-21 lead going into the fourth quarter and had to hold on for a 40-37 win.

Serec Shabazz led Groton with 16 points followed by Sean Schuring with seven, Brandon Keith had six, Bennett Shabazz five, Aaron Severson four and Brady Keith added two points.

Seric Shabazz had seven of the team's 29 rebounds, Schuring had three of the team's eight assists, Bennett Shabazz had four of the team's nine steals and Seric Shabazz had one block.

The Groton varsity girls had the lead for the first half, but Warner rallied in the second half and pulled away for a 47-35 win.

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.

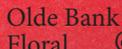


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Courtney Kurtz led Groton Area with 12 points followed by Katie Koehler with eight, Audrey Wanner seven, Gia Gengerke four, Ashley Gibbs three and Carly Wheeting added a free throw.

Jaici Schlosser led Warner with 17 points while Ashley Rozell had 10 of her 12 points in the second half, Kaitlyn Boesl and Peyton Ellingson each had five, Alexis Boesl and Reily Fuhrman each had three and Makala Haule added two points.

Groton made 11 of 40 field goals for 28 percent, made seven of 12 free throws for 58 percent off of Warner's 12 team fouls, had 24 rebounds with Kurtz having six and Koehler five, six assists with Kurtz having two, and Warner had 13 turnovers, 10 of which were steals with Kurtz having three. Wheeting had one block.

Warner was 12 of 30 from the field for 40 percent, was nine of 15 from the line off of Groton's 18 team fouls with Wheeting fouling out, Groton had 15 turnovers with seven being steals, and 26 rebounds with Schlosser having 11.

The Groton girls won the junior varsity game, 31-28. Harleigh Stange led Groton with 12 points followed by Gia Gengerke with nine, Alexis Stange had four and adding two points each were Marlee Jones, Jessica Bjerke and Madison Sippel.

Earlier in the week, the Groton Area C team defeated Warner, 23-16. Gia Gengerke led Groton with seven points followed by Harleigh Stange and Jessica Bjerke with six each and Hannah Lewandowski and Jasmine Schinkel each had two points.

In game Friday night, the Groton Area girls lost to Hamlin, 51-49. Courtney Kurtz led Groton Area with 20 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 13, Audrey Wanner had six and Ashley Gibbs and Jessica Bjerke each had five.

Kennedy Noem led Hamlin with 14 points while Brooke Opdahl had 11 and Molly Koisti 10.

Wheeting had seven of the team's 27 rebounds, Kurtz had five of the team's 10 assists, Wanner and Bjerke each had one block, and Wanner had four of the team's nine steals.

Groton made 45 percent of its field goals while Hamlin made 48 percent. The Chargers had 32 rebounds with Roe and Noem each having six, 14 turnovers, 10 steals and 10 assists.

Hamlin won the junior varsity game, 34-26. Emily Locke had 10 points followed by Marlee Jones and Jessica Bjerke with five each, Harleigh Stange had four and Madison Sippel added two points.

Hamlin won the C game, 30-23. Hannah Lewandowski led Groton with 10 points followed by Lexi Gustafson with five, Madison Sippel four and Miranda Hanson and Jenny Doeden each added two points.

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WARNER	TOT-FG 3-PT							REBOUNDS									
NO PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
30 Heilman, Ryan	*	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	16:00
31 Hoellein, Micah	*	1	9	1	7	1	2	0	0	0	3	4	3	4	0	1	23:59
33 Rozell, Tyler	*	4	9	3	7	2	2	1	2	3	3	13	4	4	0	3	32:00
40 Rogers, Michael	*	3	7	0	0	4	8	5	3	8	3	10	0	1	0	0	32:00
44 Tuszka, Derrek	*	5	13	0	2	0	4	1	9	10	3	10	1	4	0	3	32:00
14 Jark, Derek		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
32 McNeil, Dawson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
34 Fuhrman, Ryder		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0:00
50 Westby, Ethan		4	5	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	4	9	0	2	0	0	24:01
Team Totals		18	44	6	19	7	16	9	15	24	18	49	10	16	0	9	168

Total FG% - 1st: 11/24 0.458 2nd: 7/20 0.350 Game: 0.409 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/8 0.500 2nd: 2/11 0.182 Game: 0.316 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/2 0.000 2nd: 7/14 0.500 Game: 0.438 (5,3)

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	*	4	8	1	4	1	2	2	0	2	3	10	5	6	0	3	32:00
10 Knecht, Spencer	*	1	3	0	1	2	2	0	4	4	2	4	2	3	0	2	24:00
12 Ell, Kyler	*	8	14	1	3	5	7	1	1	2	3	22	2	5	0	2	8:00
32 Dohman, Gabe	*	1	3	0	0	1	2	4	4	8	2	3	1	1	0	0	16:00
40 Lerew, Hunter	*	4	13	1	1	1	3	1	6	7	5	10	0	0	1	0	0:00
3 Schuring, Sean		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
22 Shabazz, Bennett		1	2	0	1	1	2	3	2	5	2	3	0	0	0	3	32:00
24 Strom, Chance		2	6	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	1	0	1	16:00
30 Larson, Landon		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
42 Larson, Wyatt		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	16:00
Team Totals		22	50	4	13	11	18	14	20	34	17	59	11	16	1	11	160

Total FG% - 1st: 13/29 0.448 2nd: 9/21 0.429 Game: 0.440 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/7 0.286 2nd: 2/6 0.333 Game: 0.308 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/7 0.429 2nd: 8/11 0.727 Game: 0.611 (3,1)

Technical Fouls: WAR (0)
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SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Warner	14	12	11	12	49
Groton	15	16	13	15	59

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WARNER 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 Jark, Derek	*	2	4	0	1	2	2	1	4	5	2	6	1	1	0	0	24:00
21 Fisher, Bryce	*	3	6	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	7	0	1	0	1	8:00
34 Fuhrman, Ryder	*	1	10	0	5	8	5	3	2	5	3	10	1	3	0	4	24:00
41 Henson, J.P.	*	1	4	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	16:00
45 Braun, Jack	*	1	6	0	0	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	16:00
15 Bohle, Alex		1	8	1	7	2	4	0	2	2	0	5	0	2	0	1	32:00
20 Hansen, Niklas		1	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	32:00
32 McNeil, Dawson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
Team Totals		10	40	2	16	15	16	8	14	22	13	37	3	10	0	8	160

Total FG% - 1st: 3/22 0.136 2nd: 7/18 0.389 Game: 0.250 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/9 0.111 2nd: 1/7 0.143 Game: 0.125 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 8/5 1.600 2nd: 7/11 0.636 Game: 0.938 (1,1)

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	7	1	3	0	1	1	4	5	3	7	3	3	0	2	16:00
5 Shabazz, Seric	*	5	11	3	4	3	3	3	4	7	2	16	0	4	1	1	16:00
20 Keith, Brandon	*	2	5	2	3	0	0	2	1	3	2	6	1	0	0	1	8:00
22 Shabazz, Bennett	*	2	6	1	4	0	0	0	4	4	4	5	2	3	0	4	24:00
52 Severson, Aaron	*	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	8:00
4 Sippel, Anthony		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	16:00
10 Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	24:00
12 Wuestewald, Frankie		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
14 Herman, Adam		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
30 Oliver, Jackson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
34 l.Keith, Brady		1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	0	0	0:00
40 Rogers, Truitt		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
42 Thorson, Luke		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	24:00
44 Fey, Stevie		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
Team Totals		15	37	7	15	3	5	9	20	29	18	40	8	17	1	9	160

Total FG% - 1st: 8/17 0.471 2nd: 7/20 0.350 Game: 0.405 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 5/8 0.625 2nd: 2/7 0.286 Game: 0.467 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 1/2 0.500 2nd: 2/3 0.667 Game: 0.600 (0,3)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Warner JV	7	8	6	16	37
Groton JV	11	11	11	7	40

Last FG: Warner JV 4th-08:00, Groton JV 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Warner JV by 3 1st-08:00, Groton JV by 15 4th-08:00
 Score tied: 1 times, Lead changed: 1 times

Four grapplers place at Stanley County tourney



Trevor Pray had a tough match with Stanley County's Luke Heninger in the championship match. Heninger won in overtime, 5-3.



Kelby Hawkins won the championship match with a 9-2 decision over Brady Schatz.



Kelby Hawkins took first, Trevor Pray took second and Brandyn Anderson took third at the Stanley County wrestling tournament held Saturday. Groton Area placed ninth in a field of 19 teams at the tournament.

At 113 pounds, Trevor Pray had a first round forfeit win over a wrestler from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte. To took the mat in the second round where he pinned Colton Borah of Wolsey-Wessington in 48 seconds. In the third round, Pray scored three points in the first quarter to decision Colby Curtis of Winner, 3-0. It was a battle in the championship match as Pray faced Luke Heninger of Stanley County. Pray took a 2-0 first period lead and led, 3-0, after two periods. In the third period, Heninger got one escape point and two penalty points to tie the match at three, sending it into overtime, Heninger scored a take-down in the overtime to win, 5-3.

Wyatt Locke saw four matches at 126 points. He was pinned by Luke Smith of Potter County in 30 seconds. Then Locke came back to pin Tommy Redig of Chamberlain, 1:53, and he won the next match with a 5-2 decision over John Valdez of Todd County. In Locke's final match of the day, he was pinned by Alex Daum of Kimball/White Lake in 1:01.

Kelby Hawkins pinned his first two opponents in 59 seconds before advancing to the championship match at 132 pounds. Hawkins pinned Jaylon Graff of Wolsey/Wessington and Adam Hann of Bennett County. In the championship match, Hawkins went the distance to score a 9-2 decision win over Brady Schatz of Potter County.

Tyler Scott was just four points short of making it to the third place match at 160 pounds. He pinned Jason Gerry of Mobridge-Pollock in 2:44. Then he was decided by Kayleb Brozik of Winner, 12-5. In the wrestlebacks, Scott scored a major decision over Trig Olson of Harding County,

Brandyn Anderson went on to pin Jakob Sorbell in 3:12.

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11-3. He then pinned Cameron McManingal of Lyman County, 2:39; and in the final match, he was decided by Paul Waring of Miller-Highmore/Harrold, 8-4.

Brandyn Anderson had a first round forfeit win over a wrestler from Bennett County at 220 pounds. Anderson then pinned Jakob Sorbell (PR) in 3:12. Anderson lost by a major decision to Dylan Hines of Wolsey/Wessington, 9-0. He came back to pin Hunter Curtis (PR) in 2:10. In the third place match, Anderson was pinned by Marshall Johnson of Marion/Howard in 2:51.

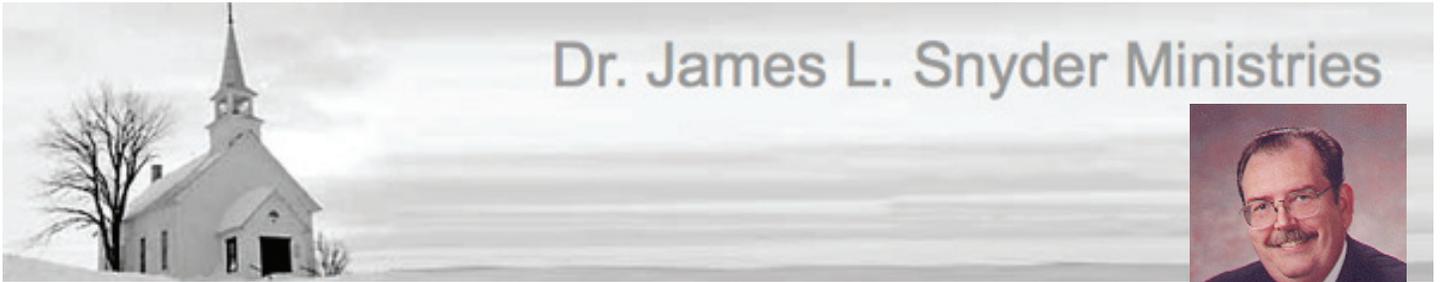
Groton will travel to Howard this Saturday before beginning post-season action with the regions in Groton on February 21.



Tyler Scott scored three near-fall points, but ended up losing to Kayleb Brozik of Winner, 12-5.



Wyatt Locke got the escape, a two-point take-down and a two-point near-fall to decision John Valdez of Todd County, 5-2.



Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



A Box of Valentine Chocolates Never Misses Its Target

I spent a few very profitable hours searching for a special box of Valentine chocolates. After all, that special person in my life deserves all the time I can spare in choosing the right box of chocolate.

I'm not sure who came up with the idea of giving your "Sweetheart" a box of chocolates on Valentine's Day, but I would like to shake his hand sometime. Of all the gizmos, doodads and gimmicks in the wide world, this one tops them all.

It took me a long time to uncover this mystery of romance. As a young husband, I thought chocolate was simply a piece of candy. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine that one piece of chocolate could solve so many problems in life.

I do not claim to understand it myself. I do not need to know how, in order to use it to my advantage. Therefore, when it comes to a box of Valentine chocolates I do not need to know why it works or how it works, only that it works.

Buying a box of chocolate on Valentine's Day can cover a multitude of sins and trespasses committed during the past year. Thus, my investment in a box of chocolate once a year pays rich and creamy dividends. It is a small price to pay for a year's worth of faux pas, mistakes and rolled up socks under the bed.

That infamous day when I met, what later became the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, at a church altar reciting those words "I do," was the beginning of my life. Whoever thought that two words, just three letters, could make such an impact upon a person's life?

Of course, at the time I was too naïve and inexperienced in women-lore to understand that attached to those two little words, "I do," came the dreaded "honey-do-list." Only a bride, coached by her mother, understands the import of the whole scenario.

Like every husband to be before me, I stood at the altar looking goofy, wearing an insufferable smile thinking all was well with the world. Little did I know that when I said, "I do," it was done. I have learned all the phases; do, did, done. And when I said, "I do," I was done.

I must admit that the first years were quite a learning experience, especially for me. I do not think being a husband is natural. It is something you have learned all by yourself. And, it is nothing that fathers and sons talk about. Father passes on to their sons an appreciation for sports, knowing what team to root for and an appreciation for good hard work and doing your best.

The only thing a father can pass on to his son concerning understanding women is this little bit of wisdom; "Son, nobody has ever figured out women." This may be why God created Adam before he created Eve.

In the first few years of our marriage, I made a dreadfully wrong assumption. I assumed that being married to me was enough. After all, at the wedding altar we took each other for "better or worse."

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She fulfilled the "better," and I, of course, brought up the "worse." In a marriage, everybody has his or her responsibility and that was mine.

But in that first year of marriage I did something wrong. I cannot remember what it was now; I probably did not know what it was then. That is the way it is with men. They have no idea what is going on around them. But something I did, or maybe it was something I did not do, had created a little bit of tension.

It was close to Valentine's Day and I happened to be shopping at the supermarket when I spied a very large red heart shaped box of chocolates. Normally, I would not have given it a second thought because it was quite expensive. It certainly was beyond our modest budget at the time. However, something came over me that I could not quite explain. In a flash of impulse, I put the box of chocolate in my basket, and purchased it.

It was not quite Valentine's Day so I hid it and waited for the day to approach.

Finally, the anticipated moment had come and I presented my wife with the biggest box of chocolate she had ever seen up to that time. I do not know what happened, even to this day, but that box of chocolate canceled out everything I had done wrong up to that point.

In fact, she still has that Valentine box that she uses to hold her jewelry. It is a constant reminder to me that chocolate has a magical quality to it when it comes to women.

I have no idea how chocolate solves problems; I just know that it works. Possibly, one bite of that chocolate immediately goes to the brain erasing forever, whatever her husband did the preceding twelve months. No husband knows how it works, but why fool around with something that does work?

This is precisely the way forgiveness works. I do not know how it works I just know it works.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9).

God's forgiveness never misses its mark, either.

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Today in Weather History

2000: Very warm air was over central and northeast South Dakota where record highs were set in Aberdeen, Pierre, and Sisseton. Aberdeen rose to 62 degrees, Sisseton rose to 53 degrees, and Pierre rose to a warm 69 degrees.

1835 – Deep freeze in the deep-south. Mercury plunged to zero at Savannah, South Carolina and 8 degrees at Jacksonville, Florida. Severe damage to the citrus industry with orange trees killed to the roots.

1968 – The greatest 1-day snow at the Savannah Airport in South Carolina occurs on this date, when 3.6 inches of snow fell.

1989 – Mammoth traffic jams in Los Angeles area as a freak snow struck California. Snow was reported from the beaches of Malibu to the desert around Palm Springs.

1835 - A severe cold wave gripped the southeastern U.S. The mercury dipped to 8 above at Jacksonville FL, and to zero at Savannah GA. Orange trees were killed to the roots. (David Ludlum)

1936 - The temperature at Denver CO plunged to a record 30 degrees below zero. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1985 - Blue Canyon, CA, set a 24-hour February snowfall record by receiving 42 inches of snow from February 7th-8th.

1987 - A powerful storm produced blizzard conditions in the Great Lakes Region. Winds gusted to 86 mph at Janesville WI and Cleveland OH received 12 inches of snow. North winds of 50 to 70 mph raised the water level of southern Lake Michigan two feet, and produced waves 12 to 18 feet high, causing seven million dollars damage along the Chicago area shoreline. It was the most damage caused by shoreline flooding and erosion in the history of the city of Chicago. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Arctic air invaded the north central U.S. Hibbing MN reported a morning low of 30 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A winter storm over California produced snow from the beaches of Malibu to the desert canyons around Palm Springs, and the snow created mammoth traffic jams in the Los Angeles Basin. Sixteen cities in the western U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Marysville CA reported an all-time record low reading of 21 degrees above zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Unseasonably mild weather prevailed across the south central and eastern U.S. Twenty-two cities, including five in Michigan, reported record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 53 degrees at Flint MI surpassed their previous record by ten degrees, and the high of 66 degrees at Burlington IA exceeded their old record by eight degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

2009 - Snow falls at levels above elevations of 11,000 feet on the Big Island's Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea in Hawaii. The Weather Doctor

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TONIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 20%		 60%	 40%	 20%		
Wintry Mix Low: 20 °F	Areas Fog High: 29 °F	Freezing Rain Likely Low: 29 °F	Wintry Mix High: 35 °F	Slight Chc Snow Low: 14 °F	Blustery High: 19 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: -6 °F



Relatively Quiet Tonight, However...

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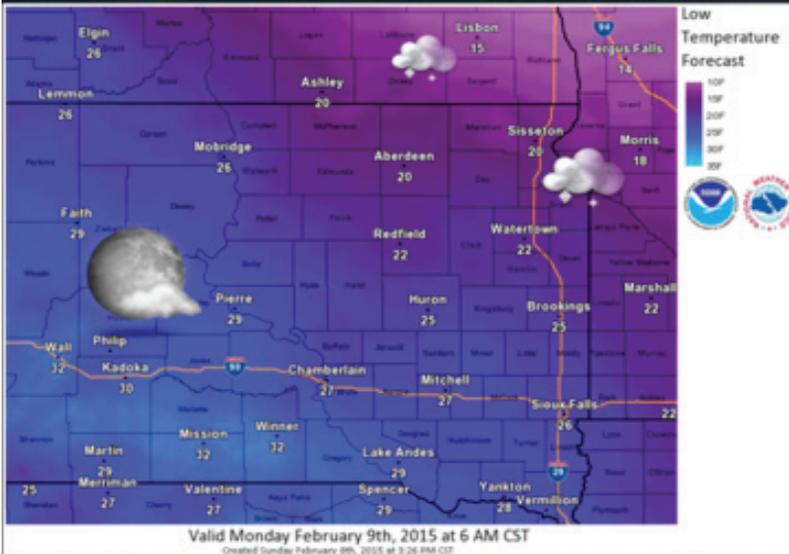


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Tonight's Low Temperatures



Weather Headlines



Tonight: Chance of **very** light freezing drizzle and/or flurries across far northeast SD + far west central MN



Monday night into Tuesday: Another round of freezing rain for much of the area possible



Cold blast by Thursday: Temperatures to fall below normal

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Cloudy skies will continue into the evening for those across the northeast part of the state, and there may be a bit of very light, pesky wintry precipitation to go along with that. However, those in central SD can expect a fairly mild overnight with mostly clear skies. As we push further into the week then, we're paying particular attention to the weather for Monday night through Tuesday. The chance for another round of freezing rain exists which could impact many in the area. We'll keep you updated. Beyond that, some seasonably cold air looks to overtake the state as we head into Wednesday evening. Stay tuned!

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 42.7 at 4:52 PM

Low: 20.0 at 7:57 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 18 at 12:12 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 53° in 1987, 1977

Record Low: -45° in 1994

Average High: 26°F

Average Low: 5°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.12

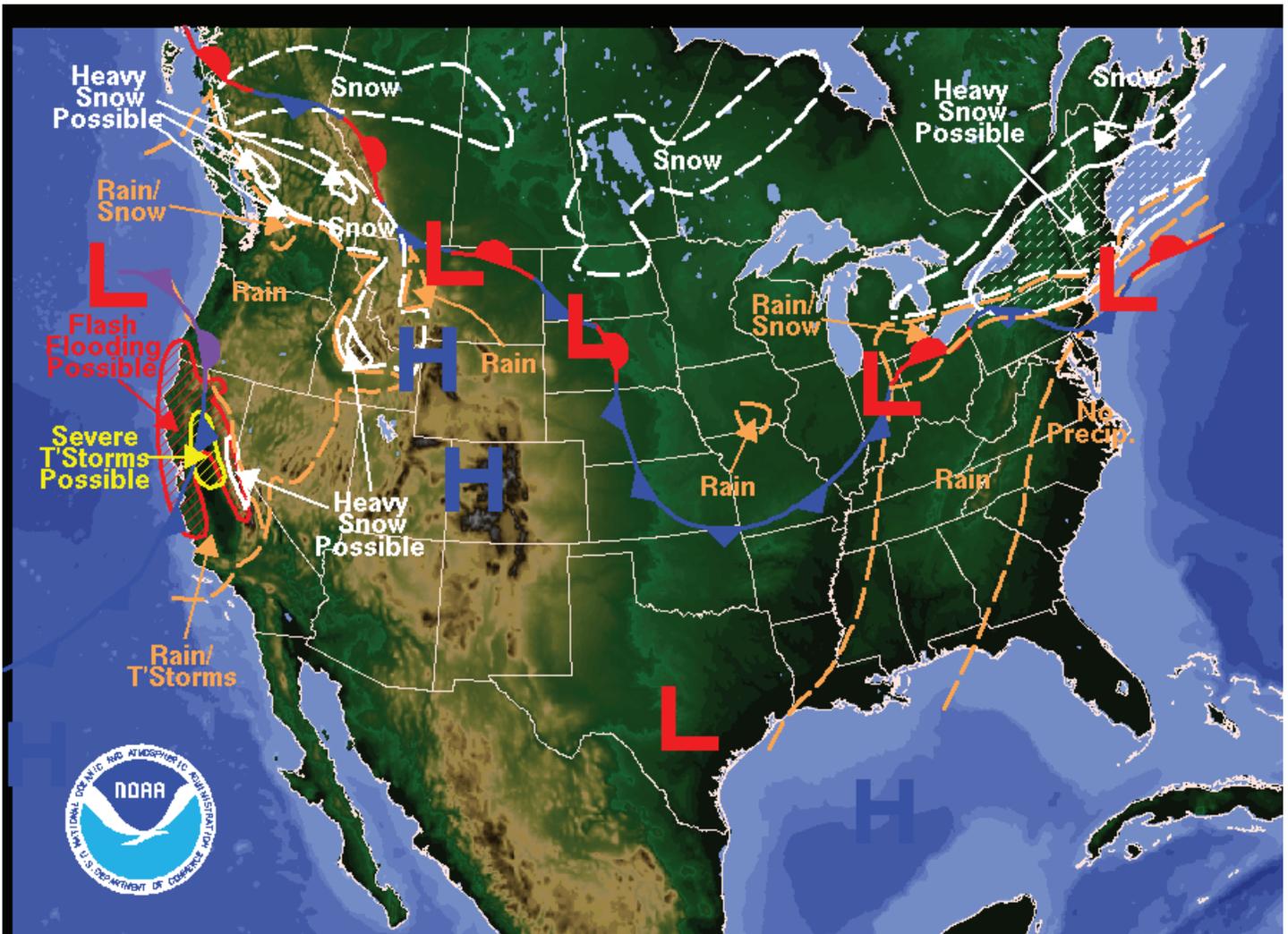
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.59

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:50 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:44 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Feb 08, 2015, issued 3:19 PM EST
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Our Source Of Security

Life is unpredictable. Rarely does a day pass without someone or something interrupting our best laid plans. We look forward to days without worry and nights that are peaceful. Then, suddenly and without our permission, we are jolted into the realm of the unknown and the unexpected. We strive to be safe and secure but we have no assurance that tragedy will not strike without warning.

Psalm 23 is no doubt the world's most loved psalm. The helpless image of sheep who want to stray from the flock and their need for protection by an ever present and always watchful shepherd gives us comfort and calmness. We all need and want that kind of Shepherd. It gives hope and assurance that we will never be left alone during the dark hours of life and that we will never have to face dangerous valleys or dimly lit pathways by ourselves.

In this psalm David presents a picture of God that reveals His love, His loyalty and His presence. As long as we live we can say He is "my" shepherd – not "a" shepherd or "someone else's shepherd" but "my" very own shepherd who watches over every step we take.

And finally, when we are face to face with the certainty of death after the uncertainties of life, we know that He is – not might be – but actually is with us as we "pass through" the dark valley of death and enter into eternity where we will enjoy His presence forever!

Prayer: We are grateful to You, Lord, for giving us Your peace, presence and protection, today and every day and that You, our Creator, are also our Shepherd. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Denny Sanford No. 15 on philanthropy list of top 50 givers

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Banker T. Denny Sanford, who already has given millions away for health, welfare and children's causes in California and the Upper Midwest, was the 15th largest donor to non-profit organizations in 2014, according a newspaper that tracks such contributions.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy on Sunday released its annual list of top 50 givers of the previous year. Bill and Melinda Gates donated \$1.5 billion in Microsoft stock to their own foundation and topped the list, which included more young entrepreneurs from the technology industry, three of whom gave more than \$500 million.

Sanford, who gave another \$125 million to the health system bearing his name, also donated \$25 million toward a partnership with the state of South Dakota that will offer scholarships to students entering high-need workforce programs at in-state technical institutes.

"We don't see that a lot," Maria Di Mento, a staff writer for the Washington newspaper, said of the agreement that included \$25 million in matching money from the state.

Sanford's estimated \$1 billion in donations to what is now Dakotas-based Sanford Health have helped it grow into a network of hospitals and clinics that employs 26,000 people. It has operations in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, California and Oregon, and children's clinics open or planned in Ghana, China and Mexico.

"He does these really big health projects, which is not completely unusual. But I think it's interesting he's so committed to that," Di Mento said.

Health is a major issue for the 79-year-old Sanford, largely because he lost his mother to breast cancer when he was 4 years old and his father to heart disease when he was 21.

"If I were to depict myself, I would call myself someone who lives for purposes and thrives on trying to spread solutions to problems, if you will," Sanford said last fall in a telephone interview from his San Diego home.

He alone decides which of those problems receive his philanthropy, most of which focuses on health, welfare and children's causes.

"I shave my foundation every morning. I am the foundation. I don't need a staff of people," he said.

Sanford, who owns First Premier Bank and Premier Bankcard in Sioux Falls, could not be reached for comment about his place on the philanthropy list.

The \$125 million he gave last year went toward establishing Sanford Imagenetics, a program that aims to provide patients with genetic testing and counseling and to give internal-medicine doctors genetic information on their patients to improve care.

His other 2014 donations included \$500,000 to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and \$10,000 each to Fresh Start Surgical Gifts and Ronald McDonald House Charities-San Diego, according to the Chronicle.

"Mr. Sanford's iconic image (not unlike John Hopkins, the Mayo Brothers, and others) has a life of its own now," Kelby Krabbenhoft, president and CEO of Sanford Health, said in an email. "History will include him as the catalyst for great accomplishments in health and I don't think anyone who pauses to consider his impact today and place it on the timeline of the next century would argue his place in history."

Things to know about Chronicle of Philanthropy's top donors

The Associated Press

The Chronicle of Philanthropy in Washington released its annual list Sunday of the top 50 American donors to nonprofit organizations in 2014. Here are five things to know about their contributions:

WIDER WALLETS

Donations from the top 50 were up 27.5 percent over 2013, to \$9.8 billion. Some donors told the Chronicle that the economic recovery prompted them to give more than what they might have five or six years ago, said Maria Di Mento, staff writer for the newspaper. "That group is feeling more confident in the economy," she said.

GENEROUS GENERATION

More technology entrepreneurs younger than 40 made the list. Three of them gave more than \$500 million each: Jan Koum, the 38-year-old founder of the messaging company WhatsApp; Sean Parker, the 35-year-old former Facebook president and founder of Napster; and Nicholas Woodman, 39, and his wife, Jill, 38, founders of the high-tech camera company GoPro. Nine other donors on the list came from the technology industry, making the total 12, up from six in 2013 when Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, became the first donors under 30 to top the list.

FOUNDATIONS GETTING MORE

More gifts, \$6.9 billion, went to foundations last year. Di Mento said some people suggest that's so the wealthy can take the tax break. While that might be part of it, many donors said it's easier than making individual donations because the foundation board makes the money grow and gives it out year after year, she said. "Big donors have told me they don't want to deal with it. They just want to write the check."

SCIENCE GIVING

Big donors are put more money toward scientific research, especially projects that don't draw some of the dwindling federal funding, Di Mento said. In 2014, those gifts totaled \$1.6 billion. "We are seeing wealthy philanthropists step into that space," she said.

NO DOUBLE DIPPING

Some of the biggest philanthropists in the U.S. don't appear on the current Philanthropy 50, even though gave a lot in 2014. That's because the Chronicle doesn't count payments made toward past pledges that were previously included on the list. Two such givers: media mogul Ted Turner gave \$33.9 million and investor Warren Buffett donated \$30 billion in Berkshire Hathaway stock.

Skeletal remains found in North Sioux City still not ID'd

NORTH SIOUX CITY, S.D. (AP) — Officials have still not identified skeletal remains of several people dug up last summer from a burial site discovered by a utility crew off Interstate 29 in North Sioux City.

A state official said a preliminary investigation showed the bones belonged to about nine people, including an infant. Officials originally thought the remains to be those of three or four people, the Sioux City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1Fj1WXd>) reported.

Officials spent five weeks unearthing the bones, which were discovered July 31. The remains are now stored awaiting further study, said Katie Lamie, burial program coordinator with the Archaeological Research Center of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

While their identities are a mystery, Lamie says it's been determined the remains are not Native American. The burial site is not marked on any historical maps, and no local historians have any information about the site.

But Civil War-era buttons and coffin designs discovered during the dig suggest a date from 1865 through 1880.

"Coffin hardware styles match coffin hardware from a catalog in 1865," Lamie said. "These were decorative pieces that would have covered screws."

Other items found at the burial site included religious jewelry, toys, shoe fragments and a red, Native American pipestone button.

The gender, age, identities and causes of death remain unknown and will be investigated next, Assistant State Archaeologist Mike Fosha said.

"I think we'll be able to do most of this on our own," Fosha said. "If we have questions we'll bring in a physical anthropologist."

Identifying dusty, fragmented human remains is a long process, Fosha said. He hopes to return to the investigation in the spring, but Lamie said it could be one or two years before an anthropologist can be brought in to conduct an examination.

The Archaeological Research Center is responsible for uncovered burial sites on state and private lands. Remains that can't be identified can be buried in a state plot at Piedmont Cemetery in western South Dakota.

Agencies say Black Hills pine beetles growing at slower pace

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A new aerial analysis of the Black Hills National Forest shows the pine beetle epidemic is still growing but slower than before.

The Rapid City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1ADkbZ8>) the survey filed by state and federal agencies found that about 16,500 acres were newly identified last year as affected by mountain pine beetles.

The U.S. Forest Service says that's a sign the epidemic is slowing, after 34,000 acres were newly affected in 2013.

Since the outbreak began in 1996, about 438,000 acres have been impacted by pine beetle infestations.

Since 2012, South Dakota has dedicated \$10 million to fight the beetle on private, state and federal lands. Wyoming has invested \$5 million over the past four years.

Mines professors, students hosting public myth busters event

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Professors and students from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology will be hosting an event in which they'll attempt to bust science myths.

The school's physics, chemistry and civil engineering departments will present myths and try to prove or disprove them during a presentation scheduled for Feb. 17. The free event is open to the public and is part of the school's 2015 Engineers Week.

As part of the week-long celebration, dozens of middle and high schools students are expected to converge on the Rapid City campus for tours and demonstrations by academic departments, a visit to the Museum of Geology and a NASA-related presentation.

Parks to begin accepting Memorial Day weekend reservations

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State parks this month will begin accepting camping reservations for Memorial Day weekend.

Reservations for the weekend of May 22 can be made starting at 7 a.m. Feb. 21. A three-night stay is required during holiday weekends at all parks except Custer State Park.

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State Division of Parks and Recreation Director Doug Hofer says campers should plan ahead and reserve their favorite camping spots as Memorial Day weekend is very busy in all the parks.

Arrangements for campsites can be made as many as 90 days before arrival, except at Custer State Park, which accepts reservations one year out. More than 40 parks offer camping reservations on the 90-day schedule.

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day online and by phone.

Historical Society hosts webcast on history of stewardesses

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is hosting a webcast that addresses the history of 1960s airline stewardesses.

The program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution will be broadcast Sunday at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

"I was a Jet Set Stewardess" explains the evolution of the flight attendant through interviews and anecdotes. The webcast also explains how female flight attendants became icons for a generation and why the jet-set era opened new career opportunities for many women.

There is no fee to view the program, but visitors wanting to go into the museum's galleries must pay standard admission.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

Boys Basketball

Aberdeen Christian 61, Faulkton 45
Bison 46, Dupree 40
Bon Homme 70, Viborg-Hurley 66
Brandon Valley 66, Harrisburg 46
Canistota 71, Bridgewater-Emery 48
Clark/Willow Lake 59, Castlewood 40
DeSmet 67, James Valley Christian 52
Edgemont 42, Hay Springs, Neb. 40
Edmunds Central 60, Waubay 50
Faith 63, Lemmon/McIntosh 25
Groton Area 59, Warner 49
Hamlin 63, Flandreau 51
Harding County 72, Timber Lake 44
Hitchcock-Tulare 57, Redfield/Doland 51
Langford 88, Wilmot 36
Lemmon 68, Tiospaye Topa 47
Leola/Frederick 59, Webster 56
McCook Central/Montrose 69, Wagner 52
Menno 69, Howard 36
Mobridge-Pollock 52, Todd County 51
New Underwood 69, Lyman 48
Platte-Geddes 51, Miller 34
Sioux Falls Lincoln 80, Sioux City, West, Iowa 51

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Sturgis 48, Huron 47
Summit 67, Northwestern 36
Tiospa Zina Tribal 71, Flandreau Indian 40
Valentine, Neb. 64, Bennett County 36
Wolsey-Wessington 76, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 44
Dakota Classic
Canton 59, Beresford 57
Dell Rapids 56, Sioux Falls Christian 50
Elk Point-Jefferson 64, Dakota Valley 59
Lennox 64, West Central 59
Madison 50, Tri-Valley 42
Tea Area 55, Vermillion 39
Highmore Classic
Chamberlain 56, Herreid/Selby Area 40
Eureka/Bowdle 58, Jones County 40
Highmore-Harrold 69, Colome 65
Wessington Springs 59, Lower Brule 53
Girls Basketball
Arlington 57, Great Plains Lutheran 55
Castlewood 50, Clark/Willow Lake 44
DeSmet 60, James Valley Christian 49
Faulkton 47, Aberdeen Christian 12
Hamlin 63, Flandreau 38
Hanson 42, Madison 41
Hay Springs, Neb. 49, Edgemont 44
McCook Central/Montrose 71, Wagner 59
New Underwood 33, Lyman 32, 2OT
Pierre 54, Watertown 46
Platte-Geddes 48, Miller 36
Red Cloud 59, Chadron, Neb. 47
Redfield/Doland 43, Hitchcock-Tulare 30
Roseville, Minn. 45, Sioux Falls Washington 44
Sioux City, North, Iowa 59, Vermillion 42
Sioux Falls Lincoln 75, Sioux City, West, Iowa 62
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 53, Brookings 37
Spearfish 54, Huron 43
Summit 60, Northwestern 36
Tiospa Zina Tribal 65, Flandreau Indian 22
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 40, Andes Central 14
Valentine, Neb. 49, Bennett County 46
Warner 47, Groton Area 35
Waubay 57, Edmunds Central 13
Webster 68, Leola/Frederick 46
Wilmot 83, Langford 35
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Lawmakers to mull death penalty, concealed weapons in Pierre

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers are expected to debate proposals limiting or repealing the death penalty, requiring certain insurance to cover autism therapy and allowing people to carry a concealed pistol without a permit this week in Pierre.

Here's a look at some of the proposals they'll take up:

DEATH PENALTY

Four measures that would limit or repeal the death penalty are expected to be taken up in the House and Senate State Affairs committees on Wednesday. House Majority Leader Brian Gosch said he anticipates his committee will take up a measure that would provide evidence of a victim's opposition to the death penalty and testimony from a victim's family asking for clemency for a defendant before sentencing.

The committee is also expected to hear a measure that would allow for a South Dakota resident getting a driver's license to have register an objection to the death penalty if they are killed in a violent crime. The objections would be included in a database and would be used to argue against the death penalty in the sentencing of their killer.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave said his committee is scheduled to take up measures to repeal the death penalty and to add a requirement that an offender can only receive the death penalty if they are considered too dangerous to be incarcerated.

"I would venture to guess that it would be one or two votes either way if I had to be a betting guy," Rave said.

AUTISM

The Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday is expected to take up a measure that would help ensure insurance coverage for a type of Autism Spectrum Disorder therapy called applied behavior analysis. A similar measure failed last session, and legislators instead opted to commission a study on the issue.

Rep. Scott Munsterman, who is pushing the plan in the House, said the proposal is facing "a whole different climate this year."

CONCEALED CARRY

Two measures that would allow people to carry a concealed pistol without a permit are expected to be taken up in the House State Affairs Committee on Monday. Gosch said he expects resistance from police groups, and that he anticipates a close vote.

ATHLETICS POLICY ON TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

A proposal that would void a High School Activities Association policy on transgender students is set to be considered in the House State Affairs Committee on Monday. The policy requires the association to review requests by transgender students or their guardians to decide on which team the student can participate.

Republican Rep. Jim Bolin of Canton is sponsoring the measure and says it changes "the nature and character of high school athletics."

"High school athletics over the last 40 years has built up a very extensive sports program for those

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who are anatomically female and those who are anatomically male, and there are different standards,” Bolin said.

North Dakota State routs South Dakota 71-47

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Lawrence Alexander tied his career-high with 31 points and North Dakota State cruised to a 71-47 victory over South Dakota on Saturday afternoon.

Alexander finished with eight 3-pointers, setting a new single-game Bison record for long-range shots. He had 18 of his points in the first half as he and Paul Miller combined for 29 of NDSU's 35 points — and a 15-point lead — at the break. The Coyotes scored just nine points midway through the second half, allowing the Bison a 24-point lead.

NDSU (17-7, 9-2 Summit) was hot from distance, shooting 14 of 22 for almost 64 percent. The Bison continue to hold first-place in Summit League play.

Tre Burnette scored 10 points, the only South Dakota player to finish in double figures. The Coyotes (11-14, 5-6) were 1 of 7 on 3-pointers in the first half and 2 of 11 by games end.

SDSU holds off late run, beats IUPUI 63-56

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Cody Larson scored 16 points, George Marshall added 15 and South Dakota State held off a late IUPUI run to win 63-56 on Saturday afternoon.

Marcellus Barksdale scored from distance and Khufu Najee converted two at the line to edge the Jaguars within two points, 57-55, with 2:42 left to play. South Dakota State (18-8, 9-3 Summit) had led by eight just under two minutes earlier, but went 3:30 without a field goal.

Barksdale scored IUPUI's only point the rest of the way, while Jake Bittle went 4 of 4 at the line and assisted a Reed Tellinghuisen layup for the Jackrabbits.

Bittle finished with 13 points, four assists and four steals. Marshall had eight of the Jackrabbits' 22 rebounds.

IUPUI (8-16, 4-6) committed 20 turnovers by games end, which led to 21 SDSU points. Barksdale scored 10 points — all in the second half — and grabbed 10 boards.

Pilot, wife use iPad to crash-land plane at regional airport

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A pilot and his wife used their iPads to fly about 80 miles in the dark and land safely without landing gear at the Rapid City Regional Airport after the electrical systems failed, compromising their single-engine plane.

The couple, whose names have not been released, were flying to Wisconsin from Wyoming Friday night when their single-engine propeller plane had a full electrical-system failure about 80 miles from Rapid City, said Oliver White, a spokesman with the Rapid City Fire Department. Neither passenger was hurt, but the plane was damaged on landing.

After their electrical systems went out, the husband and wife used their iPads to navigate to the regional airport, White said. The only instruments they had available were airspeed and altitude indicators.

“He had to be a super good pilot,” said Department Battalion Chief Tim Daly.

The couple was not able to alert traffic controllers that they were entering Rapid City airspace and, without landing gear, the pilot landed the plane on its belly on a less-used runway. The plane skidded to a stop and officials say sparks were shooting from the bottom of the fuselage.

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Officials have to investigate the impromptu landing, and it will likely be awhile before the plane is flying again, White said.

Official: Fire south of Rapid City has consumed 9 acres

Rockerville, S.D. (AP) — A wildfire east of Black Hills National Forest that had consumed an estimated nine acres by Saturday afternoon was expected to be fully contained by nightfall, state emergency officials said.

About 95 firefighters and 27 fire engines were at the scene of the fire, which was located between Highway 16 and Neck Yoke Road south of Rapid City, said Chief Fire Management Officer Jim Strain. He said crews had stopped the fire from spreading by Saturday morning.

No evacuations were ordered, but local officials earlier feared that 20 homes could be in the fire's path. No one was injured, but that there was some property damage to ornamental trees and lawns, said Oliver White, a spokesman with the Rapid City Fire Department.

Crews were expected to be able to contain the fire by Saturday night if weather conditions and resources persisted, Strain said. There were still some unchecked areas burning as of Saturday afternoon.

Ray Bubb, with the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, ruled out lightning as the cause of the fire. Bubb, who serves as chief of the Rapid City office of the division, also told the Rapid City Journal that officials do not believe the fire was intentionally set.

Firefighters had a difficult time battling the fire early Saturday morning, due to steep terrain, darkness, smoky conditions and high winds up to 30 mph, said Dustin Willett, the director of Penning County Emergency Management.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections brought in several crews of inmates to help firefighters.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2015. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 8, 1915, D.W. Griffith's groundbreaking as well as controversial silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.

On this date:

In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina, ended in victory for Union forces led by Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1925, Academy Award-winning actor Jack Lemmon was born in Newton, Massachusetts.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began invading Singapore, which fell a week later.

In 1952, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her accession to the British throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1965, Eastern Air Lines Flight 663, a DC-7, crashed shortly after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport; all 84 people on board were killed. The Supremes' record "Stop! In the Name of Love!" was released by Motown.

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In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, South Carolina, during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1974, the last three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space. (Skylab remained in orbit another five years before plunging to its destruction in 1979.)

In 1985, the crime drama "Witness," starring Harrison Ford, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (ah-ree-EL' shah-ROHN') and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas (mahk-MOOD' ah-BAHS') announced a cease-fire at a summit in Egypt. An earlier-than-usual Mardi Gras festival opened in New Orleans with sparse crowds. Longtime CBS newsman George Herman died in Washington, D.C. at age 85. Doobie Brothers drummer Keith Knudsen died in Kentfield, California, at age 56.

Five years ago: Endeavour and six astronauts rocketed into orbit, hauling a new room and observation deck for the International Space Station. Michael Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of the pop superstar in Los Angeles Superior Court. (Murray was convicted in 2011 and served two years in jail.) The Nielsen Co. estimated that 106.5 million people watched the New Orleans Saints upset the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl, beating the 1983 "M-A-S-H" finale, which had 105.97 million viewers. U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., died at a hospital in Arlington, Virginia, at age 77.

One year ago: In an assertion of same-sex marriage rights, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that same-sex spouses could not be compelled to testify against each other, should be eligible to file for bankruptcy jointly and were entitled to the same rights and privileges as federal prison inmates in opposite-sex marriages. On the first day of medal competition at the Sochi Winter Olympics, Sven Kramer of the Netherlands led a clean sweep by the Dutch in the men's 5,000-meter speed skating while in slopestyle's Olympic debut, U.S. snowboarder Sage Kotsenburg won the first gold medal of the games.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Larson (TV: "Adventures of Superman") is 87. Composer-conductor John Williams is 83. Newscaster Ted Koppel is 75. Actor Nick Nolte is 74. Comedian Robert Klein is 73. Actor-rock musician Creed Bratton is 72. Singer Ron Tyson is 67. Actress Brooke Adams is 66. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 62. Author John Grisham is 60. Retired NBA All-Star and College Basketball Hall of Famer Marques Johnson is 59. Actor Henry Czerny is 56. The president of the Philippines, Benigno Aquino III, is 55. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 54. Rock singer-musician Sammy Llanas (YAH'-nus) (The BoDeans) is 54. Former Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lisa P. Jackson is 53. Movie producer Toby Emmerich is 52. Actress Mary McCormack is 46. Rock musician Keith Nelson (Buckcherry) is 46. Retired NBA All-Star Alonzo Mourning is 45. Dance musician Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo (Daft Punk) is 41. Actor Seth Green is 41. Actor Josh Morrow is 41. Rock musician Phoenix (Linkin Park) is 38. Actor Jim Parrack is 34. Folk singer-musician Joey Ryan (Milk Carton Kids) is 33. Actress-comedian Cecily Strong is 31. Rock musician Jeremy Davis (Paramore) is 30. Rock musician Max Grahn (Carolina Liar) is 27. Actor Ryan Pinkston is 27. Professional surfer Bethany Hamilton is 25. Actress Karle Warren is 23.

Thought for Today: "If each man or woman could understand that every other human life is as full of sorrows, or joys, or base temptations, of heartaches and of remorse as his own... how much kinder, how much gentler he would be." — William Allen White, American journalist (1868-1944).