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Friday, May 8

Birthdays: Austin Jones • Dale Kramer • John Lowary • Shonna Harry • Jodie Harry

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dog/brat, potato chips, baked beans, brownie.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Elementary Health Fair and Track and Field Day
10:00 a.m.: Girls golf at Britton

Saturday, May 9

Birthday: April Abeln

11:00 a.m.: NEC Track meet in Milbank

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

Birthday: Lee Hjermsstad

Anniv: John & Anita Lowary

9:00 a.m.: St. John's Luthern worship.

9:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran closing day of Sunday School.

9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship.

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Sunday School singing.

2:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bethesda for worship.

Monday, May 11

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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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Classifieds

BRIDAL SHOWER

Open House Bridal Shower for Jessica Hoscheid, future wife of Zachary Harry and daughter of Pete and Janet Hoscheid, will be held Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Help us celebrate Jessica's upcoming wedding. The couple is registered at Target, Menards & Inspire

FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/380-0571 or Arlys Kluess at 605-216-8399.

Groton Area School District #06-6

School Board Meeting May 11, 2015 – 5:30 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of April 13, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of minutes of April 27, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
3. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
4. Approval of April Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.
5. Approval of April District bills for payment.
6. Approve Open Enrollment Applications:
 - a. #16-01 from Aberdeen School District (Grade JK)
 - b. #16-02 from Aberdeen School District (Grade K)
 - c. #16-03 from Aberdeen School District (Grade JK)
 - d. #16-04 from Aberdeen School District (Grade JK)
 - e. #16-05 from Langford Area School District (Grade K)
 - f. #16-06 from Aberdeen School District (Grade K)
 - g. #16-07 from Langford Area School District (Grade K)

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. 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
3. Approve service agreement with Johnson Controls for District's Preventative Maintenance Services [Tom Hunstad of Johnson Controls will be present to discuss the service plan terms].
4. Review District FY16 Preliminary Budget in accordance with SDCL 13-11-12.
5. Consider funding for co-curricular programs: Golf, DI, Debate, Cheer, Soccer.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve 2015-2017 GTA Negotiated Agreement.
2. Issue certified teaching contracts for 2015-2016 with return date of May 20, 2015.
3. Approve NCSEC Agreement for 2015-2016.
4. Cast ballot for East-River At-Large Representative to the SDHSAA Board of Directors.
5. Cast ballot for Small School Group Board of Education Representative to the SDHSAA Board of Directors.
6. Cast ballot for Division II Representative to the SDHSAA Board of Directors.
7. Cast ballot for SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment #1.
8. Approve ASBSD Protective Trust Agreement for Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2015-2016.
9. Authorize Eide Bailly to conduct FY15 School District Audit.
10. Approve work agreements for off-staff coaches with salaries to be published in July:
 - a. Chelsea Hanson, Head Volleyball Coach
 - b. Dana Dargatz, Head Wrestling Coach
 - c. Mike Becker, Head Boys Soccer Coach
 - d. Cory Harder, Head Girls Soccer Coach
 - e. Tammy Weiszhaar, Co-Football Cheer Advisor
 - f. Kelli Hanson, Co-Football Cheer Advisor
 - g. Sandi Sippel, Wrestling Cheer Advisor
 - h. Joann Donley, Co-DI Coach
11. Approve work agreements for Special Education Extended School Year Services.
 - a. Deb Winburn, 6 hours at \$15.00/hour
 - b. Ann Gibbs, 56 hours at \$15.00/hour
 - c. Katie Miller, 56 hours at \$15.00/hour
 - d. Becky Erickson, 31.5 hours at \$15.00/hour
12. Approve work agreements for Summer Librarians.
 - a. Becky Erickson, 21 hours @ \$12.00/hour
 - b. Becky Lewandowski, 54 hours @ \$10.90/hour
13. Approve work agreements for Summer School Services.
 - a. Alyssa Brown, 88 hours at \$15.00/hour
 - b. Julie Milbrandt, 88 hours at \$15.00/hour
14. Approve signed auxiliary work agreements.
15. Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) for administrative negotiations.
16. Other items as deemed appropriate or necessary.

ADJOURN



Pictured left to right are Kasey Waage, Rachel Blackmun, Coach Greg Kjellsen, Maddie Colestock, Payton Colestock and Ashley Flihs. (Photo by Michelle Muilenburg)

Girls are back-to-back NEC Champions

The Groton Area girls golf team defended its Northeast Conference title Thursday at Lee Park in Aberdeen with a second straight title. Groton easily won the title with 419 points followed by Aberdeen Roncalli with 443, Sisseton had 449, Milbank 464 and Redfield-Doland 495.

Kasey Waage placed first with a 95, Maddie Colestock was second with a 97, Rachel Blackmun was 10th with 113 and Payton Colestock was 11th with 114. Ashley Flihs shot a 123 for the day.



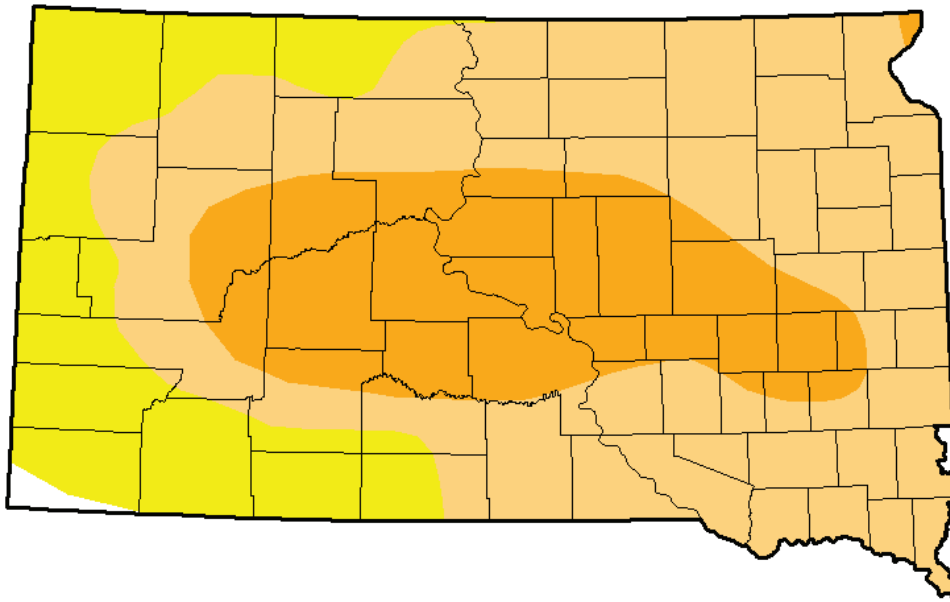
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Drought Monitor



May 5, 2015
 (Released Thursday May 7, 2015)
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

All but portions of Iowa, Illinois and northwestern Missouri saw a dry week and all but Indiana and portions of southern Missouri and Illinois recorded above-normal temperatures. As a result, D0 receded in eastern Iowa and expanded in northwestern Iowa. Expansion of D0 spilled out into central Missouri as well this week, where year-to-date rainfall is sitting at only 50-70 percent of normal.

Minnesota continues to bear the brunt of the early-year dryness. D1-D2 expanded this week to cover all of the northern counties and pushed eastward to cover more of the central part of the state, where deficits are running anywhere from 4 to 7 inches, dating back to October 1, 2014. As the dry spring persists, concerns continue with regards to the lack of soil moisture recharge, along with already-low streamflow and lower lake levels being reported virtually statewide.

Statistics type: Traditional (D0-D4, D1-D4, etc.) Categorical (D0, D1, etc.)

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2015-05-05	0.54	99.46	78.02	26.23	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2015-04-28	0.54	99.46	77.10	15.98	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2015-02-03	48.53	51.47	4.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	2014-12-30	48.53	51.47	4.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	2014-09-30	97.46	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	2014-05-06	75.44	24.56	9.85	0.00	0.00	0.00

Population Affected by Drought: **688,606**

[View More Statistics](#)

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.

Author(s):

Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center

Today in Weather History

May 8, 1934: Pierre recorded a high temperature of 103 degrees. This is the earliest, yearly date the city of Pierre reached 100 degrees. Mobridge also reached 103 degrees, which is the earliest yearly date for the city Mobridge.

May 8, 1986: Thunderstorms produced very heavy rainfall of two to four inches over much of central and eastern South Dakota. The very heavy rainfall caused extensive flooding with Walworth and Potter Counties reporting the most damage. In those counties, most roads were under water. Several bridges and roads were also washed out in that area. The heavy rain washed out the dam at Lake Byre in Lyman County which produced water waist deep in Kennebec. The city of Kennebec lost their sole source of water when the dam broke. Cow Creek in Lyman County also flooded and broke a part of a dam, causing minor property damage. Rain continued to fall into the morning hours on the 9th. Some two day rainfall totals include; 4.33 inches in Kennebec; 4.21 in Shelby; 3.91 at 4 miles west of Mellette; 3.30 in Gettysburg; 3.06 in Blunt; 2.99 in Eureka; 2.75 at 2 NNW of Mobridge; 2.70 inches 2 miles south of Ashton and in Britton.


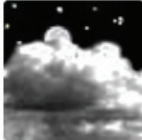

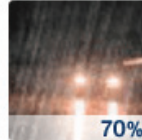
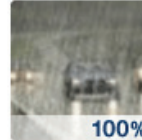


May 8, 1995: Flooding caused by snowmelt from two significant snowstorms in April continued throughout May. The flooding was aggravated by widespread heavy rains, especially from the early morning of the 8th through the early morning of the 9th. Rainfall amounts generally ranged from one to four inches. Some higher rainfall amounts include; 5.50 inches at Wakpala, 4.50 at Chelsea and Leola, 4.20 at Ipswich, 4.10 inches 12 north of McLaughlin, and 3.91 inches at Aberdeen. A worker was injured near Claremont when the train derailed due to the weakening of the rail-bed caused by high water. The extensive flooding continued to cause road damage and many road closures.

1979: Widespread damage occurred in the Tampa Bay area. The 19 tornadoes reported are the most in one day in Florida history. Three people drowned in Pinellas County where flooding was most severe. Rainfall amounts of 18 inches in 24 hours were reported with 12.73 inches falling at Tampa, FL; with 7.84 inches of that in just six hours. Worst hit was the Polk County community of Auburndale where a tornado made a direct hit on the Auburndale School. Only eight students were hurt by flying debris. An 83 year old woman was killed as she hid in an unreinforced concrete block storage shed. 98 trailers were damaged or destroyed and 40 people were injured.

2009: A deadly derecho squall line rakes far southern Illinois at midday devastating the Carbondale area on its way across a 1,200-mile swath of terrain covering sections of nine states. Hundreds of homes and businesses are damaged or destroyed in Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. The wind gusts to 106 mph (170 km/h) in the Carbondale area with sustained winds measured at up to 90 mph. In southern Illinois, the storm system peels siding and roofs off homes and other buildings, blowing out car windows and tearing up trailer parks.

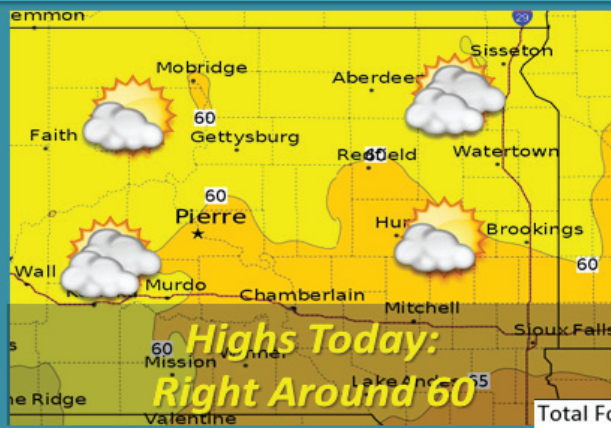
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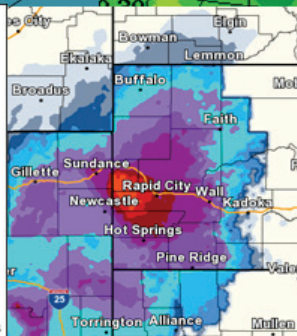
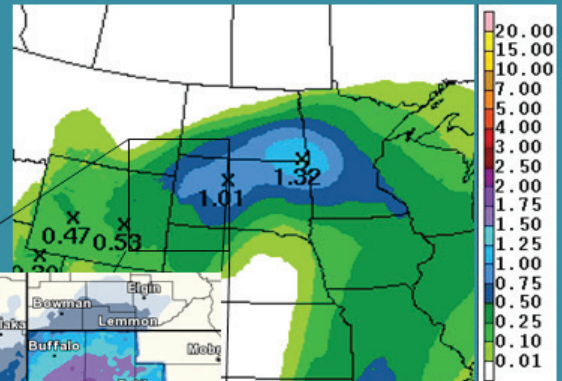
Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Breezy	Rain Likely	Rain	Rain	Chance Showers
High: 59 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 59 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 50 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 50 °F



Cool and Dry Today Another Shot At Rain This Weekend





Rain Forecast Over 1" Possible Sunday & Sunday Night



Heavy Snow West River Too!!!

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD


weather.gov/Aberdeen

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Updated: 5/8/2015 5:27 AM Central

Published on: 05/08/2015 at 5:30AM

The next low pressure system to impact the region moves in late Saturday and produces meaningful rain chances through Monday. Another half inch to an inch or more of rain is possible with this system, with heavy snow expected for much of West River.

Yesterday's Weather

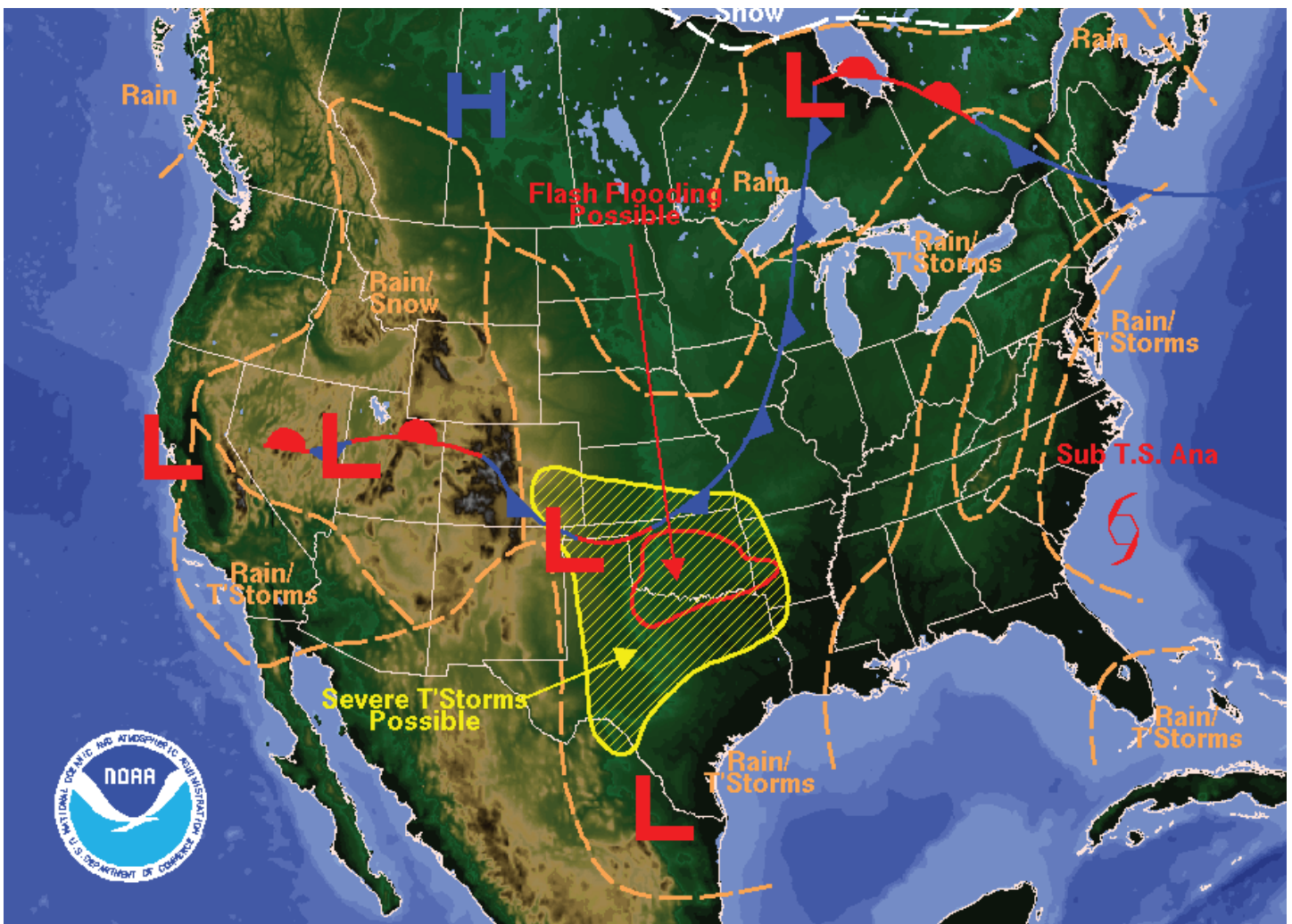
High: 64.2 at 11:21 AM

Low: 47.9 at 9:15 PM

High Gust: 26 at 4:33 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00



Weather Forecast for Fri, May 08, 2015, issued 7:23 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



DO YOU CARE?

An elderly lady asked a young child, "How do you do, my dear?"

"Fine, thank you," came the reply.

There was a pause, and finally the lady asked, "Why don't you ask me how I am doing?"

After thinking for a moment, the child replied, "You know, I don't really care how you are doing!"

Demonstrating care for others is an important responsibility of the Christian. In fact, first century Christians were recognized by the saying, "My how they love one another!" Sadly, that is not always true today.

In His wisdom, God has connected all of us together, believers and nonbelievers. No one is self-sufficient or able to act independently of others and never require help from anyone. We must never think that we are ever excused from the responsibility of giving help to those in need.

We read in God's Word that "we will reap whatever we sow." As someone once said, "You can't plant corn and expect to get a crop of watermelons." Although we may not want to believe it, we will only get what we have planted. We see it in the laws of nature and we find it in the laws of God as well. Everything we do has predictable results. If we sow care, we can be assured of receiving care. Christians must always live God's love.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to be alert to the needs of others. May we always show Your care to everyone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Galatians 6:1-10 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

News from the Associated Press

North Dakota farm boy who lost arms graduating high school

MILNOR, N.D. (AP) — An 18-year-old North Dakota boy who lost both arms in a farm accident 15 years ago is graduating high school and preparing for college in Minnesota.

Parker Sebens fell into a running grain auger on the family farm near Milnor, in far southeastern North Dakota, in September 2000, when he was 3 years old. He spent 54 days in a medical center near Minneapolis, where he went through more than 50 hours of surgery before an infection forced doctors to amputate his arms.

Even without prosthetic arms, Sebens can still do things like driving and texting, using the remaining stumps of his arms.

"People can feel sorry for me, but I think that goes away after they see how much I can do," he told KSTP-TV (<http://bit.ly/1zJh7et>).

He even shoots pool with his dad, Mitch Sebens.

"He kept impressing us all the way through; he just learned one thing after another," his father said. "When I think about it, it's hard to think about what he's had to go through growing up when the other kids had it so easy, but he did it."

Parker Sebens soon will be getting two prosthetic arms, then heading off to college at Minnesota State University Moorhead. After college, he'd like to become a motivational speaker.

Mother Rene Sebens is finishing a scrapbook for her son as his graduation day nears.

"I thought for a long time he was going to die there, I really did," she said. "I guess I just wanted everyone to know he's living it and accomplishing everything that we want him to."

Family, friends and even strangers have helped him immensely as he's grown up, Parker Sebens said. He's gotten thousands of cards and letters over the years and they keep coming.

"They really just push me to get everything done," he said. "I just wish there was just a way to give back to everyone."

Parker Sebens said he has been determined throughout his life to find ways to do the things he wants to do. Aside from cooking and laundry, there is very little he can't do.

"Every day he amazes me," Mitch Sebens said.

Buffalo Chip Campground at Sturgis to be state's newest city

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Voters in the Buffalo Chip Campground area near Sturgis have voted unanimously to make their community South Dakota's newest city.

Thursday's vote was 43-0 in favor of incorporation.

The city of Sturgis unsuccessfully tried several ways to block the election, including an appeal to the South Dakota Supreme Court. City officials and adjacent landowners are concerned about Buffalo Chip's ability to annex areas around it.

Buffalo Chip owner Rod Woodruff wants to turn the campground into a city that can attract businesses friendly to the motorcycle industry. The annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally draws hundreds of thousands of people to the area. The campground hosts hordes of visitors.

Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie tells the Rapid City Journal that the dispute isn't over in the courts.

White House tweets letter from 11-year-old South Dakota girl

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — An 11-year-old girl in Vermillion who was disappointed that President Barack Obama had waited so long to visit South Dakota sent him a letter telling him so — and the White House tweeted it.

The letter from the girl named Rebecca listed attributes of the state and included a drawing of a broken heart, with the caption “This is my heart because you haven’t visited South Dakota!”

The White House tweeted the letter Thursday with the comment, “Rebecca’s heart can officially mend when President Obama visits South Dakota tomorrow.”

Obama is giving the commencement address at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown. It’s his first trip to South Dakota — the only state he hasn’t yet visited.

Standoff in Sioux Falls ends peacefully with man’s surrender

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have a man in custody after a three-hour standoff at an apartment building.

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance incident about 9 p.m. Thursday in which a man had allegedly pointed a rifle at his wife and threatened to kill her.

Officers got the woman safely out of the apartment and evacuated surrounding residences and businesses. A hotel, restaurant and gas station were nearby.

As a SWAT team was getting into place, the man came out of the apartment unarmed and surrendered. The 43-year-old man was arrested on a charge of aggravated domestic assault.

Western South Dakota could see up to a foot of weekend snow

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A late-spring storm could dump up to a foot of snow on parts of western South Dakota this weekend.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm watch for the west Saturday afternoon through Sunday.

Forecasters say rain is expected to turn to snow late Saturday, with moderate to heavy accumulations possible. They say 6-12 inches of heavy, wet snow combined with falling temperatures could make calves and lambs vulnerable to hypothermia. Travel also could become hazardous.

Obama hits a milestone: S. Dakota visit makes it 50 states

JIM KUHNHENN, Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — South Dakota is losing a special distinction.

Until Friday it was the only state still awaiting a visit from President Barack Obama.

But there is no Mount Rushmore on the schedule. The president is delivering the commencement address on the eastern end of the state at a two-year technical institute, a chance to promote his proposal for free community college and to become the fourth president to set foot on all 50 states.

It was a milestone the White House was observing by posting an online exhibit of photographs from each state taken by White House photographer Pete Souza. In at least one case, a visit is a liberal description. Obama flew into Nebraska in August 2012 to make a drive to Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was in the Cornhusker state less than a half hour.

“I can’t let my South Dakota friends feel neglected,” Obama told KSFY-TV last month when he announced the last stop.

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At the start of the year, Obama had visited 46 states. The White House promptly set up appearances in two of the four remaining states — Idaho and South Carolina — followed by Utah in April. It's no coincidence that the four are reliably Republican states.

Still, Obama did visit South Dakota as a candidate in 2008 while campaigning for the party's nomination. Last year he spoke in North Dakota on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation that straddles South Dakota.

The only other presidents to hit the 50-state mark were Richard Nixon, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

Obama will deliver the commencement address at the Lake Area Technical Institute graduation ceremony in Watertown.

The school is among the nation's top community colleges, recognized for rigorously preparing its students and for having a two-year graduation rate that's higher than the national average.

SD Public Broadcasting to air and stream Obama's speech

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — People who aren't among the graduates, family and friends attending Friday's speech in Watertown by President Barack Obama can still watch it live.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting is covering the Lake Area Technical Institute commencement address at the Watertown Civic Arena.

The graduation ceremony begins at 4 p.m. Central time on SDPB2, one of the network's three channels, and on the Web at www.SDPB.org/live.

The ceremony is only open to those with tickets.

The address will mark the president's first visit to South Dakota since he was elected and makes him only the fourth president to visit all 50 states while in office.

Obama visits 50th state with graduation speech in Watertown

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — President Barack Obama checks the 50th state off his list of places to visit with a planned commencement speech Friday in Watertown before about 700 tech school grads and their families.

The Democrat stopped in South Dakota in 2008 while campaigning for the party's nomination and spoke last year in North Dakota on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation that straddles South Dakota. But Obama began the year four states short of having visited all 50 as president. The White House quickly scheduled trips to Idaho and South Carolina before a stop in Utah in April.

"I can't let my South Dakota friends feel neglected," he told KSFY-TV last month when he announced the last stop.

With a visit to the Mount Rushmore State, he'll be just the fourth president to hit all 50 while in office, according to the White House Historical Association.

Obama is scheduled to pitch his trade policy Friday at Nike Inc. headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon, and then promote his plan for free community or technical college education at the Lake Area Technical Institute graduation ceremony at the Watertown Civic Arena.

Lake Area is among the nation's top community colleges, recognized for rigorously preparing its students and for having a graduation rate that's higher than the national average. The school has been a top 10 national finalist for the prestigious Aspen Institute Community College Excellence Award three consecutive times and its 73 percent graduation rate far outpaces the nation's approximate 40 percent for two-year colleges.

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Lake Area Technical Institute President Mike Cartney, who in December was among the attendees at the White House College Opportunity Summit, said he was "overwhelmed and speechless" when told about the presidential visit.

Many of Watertown's 22,000 residents have been busy cleaning, painting and polishing the city for the stop, which will include a motorcade from the airport to the arena.

Local printer Young's Primetime Sports and Embroidery is selling T-shirts that feature a photo of the president and the phrase "Saved the Best For Last."

Obama to donors: More work to do, cites trade, free tuition

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — President Barack Obama is previewing his two state stop to Democratic donors, highlighting his plans for expanded trade and for free community college.

Obama was in Portland, Oregon Thursday a day ahead of promoting his trade agenda at Nike headquarters. Later Friday, he was delivering a commencement address at a South Dakota two-year technical school where he was expected to highlight his proposal for free tuition.

Obama said that despite improvements in the economy, he still has more work to do.

Obama was speaking to about 300 contributors who paid up to \$33,400.

Outside The Sentinel Hotel where he spoke, about 200 protesters chanted against Congress giving Obama trade negotiating authority that would pave the way for a large Trans-Pacific deal.

2 SD students facing charges in high school break-in

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two South Dakota students are facing charges after authorities accused them of breaking into a high school and causing \$6,000 in damage.

Sioux Falls Police say the 18-year-old students broke into Lincoln High School and spent three hours damaging school property. Police say high school seniors Addison John Park and Alex Everett Engel damaged a lunch room table, a copy machine and a cash register.

School staff recognized the suspects using the building's surveillance system. Both students have been charged with third-degree burglary and first-degree intentional damage to property. Park was also charged with petty theft because police accuse him of stealing backpacks.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the incident "was a school prank they obviously went too far."

It wasn't immediately clear Thursday whether each student has an attorney.

Decomposing turkeys and chickens lead to odors, flies

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Millions of dead chickens and turkeys lie in stinking, fly-swarmed piles near dozens of Iowa farms, casualties of a bird flu virus that's swept through the state's large poultry operations in the last month.

Contractors hired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture move methodically from barn to barn at the 28 farms, killing the animals that haven't yet died from the H5N2 virus — a suffocating foam for turkeys, carbon dioxide gas to asphyxiate chickens. Neighbors say they understand the challenge the state's producers face in disposing of more than 20 million bird carcasses, but are eager for quick action, especially as temperatures rise.

"People in low-lying areas near those facilities have contacted me complaining about a very large number of flies and, until the wind comes up and goes the right direction, a lingering odor," said Sen. David Johnson, whose northwest Iowa district includes Sunrise Farms — where 3.8 million chickens in

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20 barns are dead or dying.

There are few details about how the carcasses are being handled; some are piled up and covered with dirt or other material, turkeys are often composted inside barns and at least one chicken farm is burying them in trenches. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with area landfills on agreements to dispose of poultry inside plastic bio-bags and has approved permits for a company to operate portable incinerators in three counties, with the possibility of a fourth roving incinerator.

But one thing is clear, according to Ken Hessenius, a DNR environmental supervisor: "We've got to look at all methods of disposal here to deal with this. It truly is a crisis. It's an extremely difficult situation for all these farms."

Iowa, which raises nearly 20 percent of the nation's egg-laying chickens and produces nearly one in every five eggs consumed in the U.S., saw its first reported case on April 13. Since then, nearly 21 million chickens and 470,000 turkeys have died, are dying or are in line to be euthanized. It isn't the only state dealing with the issue: More than 100 farms in the Midwest have been hit, leading to the loss of more than 28 million chickens and turkeys — 5.5 million of those in Minnesota, the nation's leading turkey producer.

Hessenius has said his office has received numerous calls from neighbors about increased flies and odor at Sunrise Farms, where the virus was confirmed on April 20. He said he was told by farm personnel that crews are out spraying.

"When you have all those dying animals being dealt with certainly there are odor issues," Hessenius said. "There's manure there, there's compost, there are dead and dying chickens. It is a state of emergency."

Sunrise Farms, an affiliate of Sonstegard Foods Co. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, didn't respond to messages for comment. The Iowa Department of Agriculture spokesman said the USDA oversees euthanizing the birds and directed questions about it to the federal agency.

"Incident management teams are on site at all affected operations in Iowa and working as quickly as possible to depopulate, dispose of, and disinfect these facilities," USDA spokeswoman Lyndsay Cole said.

One area farmer acknowledged the stink from Sunrise Farms, but is taking it in stride.

"I suppose it's a little more than normal but they had to do something with the situation," Mark Dillehay said. "There's probably a few more flies but nothing we can't deal with."

In neighboring O'Brien County, where two farms are losing more than 330,000 chickens, Emergency Management Coordinator Anne Koontz has heard complaints about flies and odor — but she noted it's the time of year flies hatch and when manure is spread on farm fields.

The next challenge will be to replace the lost chickens and turkeys and resuming operations at the farms, which must be disinfected and lay idle long enough to ensure the virus is gone.

"We're dealing with an area we don't know," Iowa Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey said last week, "and certainly there is a risk in putting birds back in and wanting to make sure that the site is completely clean."

Man arrested in SD for soliciting 14-year-old girl online

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 22-year-old South Dakota man has been arrested for soliciting a 14-year-old girl through Facebook.

Police in Sioux Falls say 22-year-old Christopher Paulson is in custody on a felony charge of solicitation of a minor.

Police say Paulson established his first conversation with the girl a few weeks ago. Paulson asked the

girl to send him pictures, but the girl's mom, who monitored the account, realized that the inappropriate conversation was taking place and reported the incident to police on April 19.

Detectives with the Internet Crimes Against Children team began investigating the case, and law enforcement authorities arrested Paulson Thursday after he asked to meet the girl to perform a sex act.

It wasn't immediately clear Thursday whether Paulson has an attorney who could comment on the charge.

Feds send land buy-back offers to 6,500 at Cheyenne River

CHEYENNE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, S.D. (AP) — The federal government says it has sent offers to more than 6,500 landowners who own parcels on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation as part its effort to help tribal governments consolidate land.

Interior Department Deputy Secretary Michael Connor says almost \$150 million in purchase offers have been sent to landowners with fractional interests on the reservation.

Land buy-back programs aim to help Native American tribes buy parcels of reservation land that have accumulated multiple owners. The parcels that get sold will be consolidated and held in trust for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

The purchases are part of a settlement over government mismanagement of Indian land royalties.

Allotting reservation land to individual tribal members, who passed it to heirs, was once a government method for assimilating American Indians. Some parcels have several owners.

Interested sellers have until June 29 to return accepted offers.

Forecaster: Winds, not tornado likely caused roof collapse

CHERRY CREEK, S.D. (AP) — Straight-line winds and not a tornado likely caused a building's roof to collapse on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation during a storm.

It happened around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Cherry Creek when about 40 people were gathered inside for a tribal council meeting, said administrative officer Bobbi Jo Kraft with the Cheyenne River Law Enforcement Center. Some of them were temporarily trapped and four were injured.

She said Thursday morning she didn't have any other details, but tribal officials planned to gather for a briefing and then would provide an update.

Dave Hintz, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in Rapid City, said thunderstorms were moving across central South Dakota at the time. But no trained weather spotter called in to report a twister, and radar did not indicate any wind rotation consistent with a tornado, though Cherry Creek is quite a distance from the nearest weather station, he said.

"Straight-line winds can easily hit 100 miles an hour. Typically on the Northern Plains a lot of the damage done to structures is via straight-line winds," Hintz said.

What often happens is a gust will get into the building through a door or window and pushes up on the roof, which is not designed to handle that pressure, he said.

"From what few pictures we have here, that almost looks like it was the case. The wind got into the building, lifted up part of the roof and everything just collapsed down toward the middle," Hintz said.

Governor appoints new judges in South Dakota's Third Circuit

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is appointing two new judges in the Third Circuit.

Special assistant attorney general Pat Pardy will fill the vacancy created by the June retirement of Judge Tim Tucker. Magistrate Judge Carmen Means will replace Judge Robert Timm, who's also retiring

next month.

Pardy is chief legal counsel for the state Corrections Department. He previously has worked in private practice, as a public defender and also as a deputy state's attorney. He is a colonel with the South Dakota National Guard, and has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan.

Means has been a magistrate judge in the Third Circuit since 2013. Before that she worked in private practice and as a public defender and advocate. She's on the state Bar Commission and the Drug Court Advisory Council.

Eagle Butte woman gets 20 years for murder of child

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An Eagle Butte woman convicted of killing a toddler by kicking him in the head has been sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.

Twenty-one-year-old Jordyn Blue Coat was accused of angrily kicking a 20-month-old child in her care last October, when the boy got ahold of a dirty diaper and made a mess.

Authorities say the kick pushed the child's head into a TV stand. The child lost consciousness and died in a Rapid City hospital the next day.

Blue Coat pleaded guilty in February to second-degree murder of a child.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Blue Coat will be on supervised release for three years after her prison term. She also goes by the name Jordyn Swan.

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. CONSERVATIVES WIN IN SURPRISE BRITISH ELECTION

The Conservative Party sweeps to power in elections, a victory that returns Cameron to a stronger position than before and sees three other party leaders resign.

2. AMBASSADORS KILLED IN PAKISTAN HELICOPTER CRASH

Diplomats from the Philippines and Norway were among those killed in a chopper crash in the country's north.

3. MIDWEST BRACES FOR MORE SEVERE WEATHER

Conditions appear to be ripe this weekend for storms that could produce even more powerful tornadoes across an area covering southern Kansas, western Oklahoma and parts of North Texas.

4. WHERE PRESIDENT IS PUSHING FREE TRADE INITIATIVE

Obama is visiting Nike headquarters in Oregon to promote his trade agenda in an export-dependent region of the country.

5. CHINESE BANKS FACILITATING WEB COUNTERFEITS

AP's Erika Kinetz finds that financial institutions in China are serving as safe havens for counterfeiters, using them to process credit card payments for fake goods or move money around the globe.

6. HOW FAR BACK ICE CREAM MAKER KNEW OF PROBLEMS

AP's Mary Clare Jalonick reports that a government investigation found that Blue Bell Creameries knew there was listeria in one of their plants as far back as March 2013.

7. WHAT LABOR DEPARTMENT COULD HELP CLARIFY

The government's April jobs report could bring some clarity to a fuzzy picture of the U.S. economy.

8. WHY SHERPAS WORRY ABOUT FUTURE

Two avalanches in two years on Mount Everest have put a major crimp in Nepal's climbing industry, a

vital source of income for guides in the poor country.

9. 'I HAVE TOO MUCH RESPECT FOR DAVE'

Jimmy Kimmel tells the New York Times he has chosen not to air a new episode of his talk show opposite David Letterman's final "Late Show" installment.

10. BRADY NOT YET READY TO RESPOND TO 'DEFLATEGATE'

The Super Bowl-winning quarterback says he needs more time to digest the report that concluded that he probably knew that New England Patriots equipment staff had a role in deflating footballs

AP News in Brief

Conservative Party on course to form UK government after surprisingly strong election result

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron appeared poised to remain in power Friday, with early British election results and exit polls indicating his Conservatives had won a resounding victory and will return to 10 Downing Street in a stronger position than before.

Cameron's office said he would go later Friday to Buckingham Palace, where he is expected to tell Queen Elizabeth II that he has enough support to form a government.

That would bring the election to a much-quicker-than-expected conclusion. Polls ahead of Election Day showed Conservatives locked in a tight race with the opposition Labour Party, raising the possibility of days or weeks of negotiations to form a government.

Labour took a beating, mostly from energized Scottish nationalists who pulled off a landslide in Scotland.

With Cameron's Conservatives on the cusp of winning a majority in the 650-seat House of Commons, the election result looked to be far better for him than even his own party had foreseen. With 625 constituencies counted, the Conservatives had 310 seats to Labour's 228.

The Latest: UKIP leader Nigel Farage fails to win a seat in UK parliament, could resign

LONDON (AP) — 10:40 a.m. (0940 GMT; 5:40 a.m. EDT)

The United Kingdom Independence Party leader, Nigel Farage, has lost his bid to win a seat in Parliament and could resign despite his right-wing party's surge to third in the popular vote nationwide.

Farage finished second to Conservative Party candidate Craig Mackinlay, a former UKIP activist, in the South Thanet constituency east of London as results were announced Friday.

Before the result, Farage had pledged to quit as UKIP leader if he failed to win the seat. He decried the British electoral system's use of winner-takes-all constituencies. UKIP received nearly 3.8 million votes, but finished second or third in dozens of districts.

Farage said before the result: "The system is bust. You've got a first-past-the-post system where we clearly become the third party in Britain but get hardly any seats."

UK's David Cameron in position to form government as Scotland debacle torpedos Labour bid

LONDON (AP) — At the outset of a bruising campaign, Prime Minister David Cameron tried a "stay the course" message, arguing that his Conservative Party had brought economic growth back to Britain by sticking to its austerity plan, however painful it might be.

When that pitch faltered and polls showed his party stagnating, Cameron changed course and found an approach that seemed to click.

He focused instead on a dire warning: He said the surprising strength of the separatist Scottish National Party might give it a share in the national government if the Labour Party scored well enough to form a governing coalition with the Scottish nationalists. That, he said, spelled ruin because it would bring to power a separatist party determined to break up the United Kingdom in the name of Scottish independence.

That argument, amplified daily by Conservative-friendly tabloids, helped Cameron carry the day. Not only did the Scottish nationalist surge in Scotland wipe out several dozen Labour seats in Scotland, greatly weakening party leader Ed Miliband's hopes of gaining power, it also gave Cameron's warnings resonance with English voters who did not want to see the SNP gain influence in the British Parliament.

Labour Party grandee Jack Straw, leaving Parliament after 36 years that included several Cabinet stints, said there was a "late surge" for the Conservatives in England and Wales and a complete Labour Party failure in Scotland.

Ambassadors from Philippines, Norway among 6 killed in Pakistan helicopter crash

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The ambassadors to Pakistan from the Philippines and Norway and the wives of the ambassadors from Malaysia and Indonesia were killed Friday when a Pakistani army helicopter carrying foreign dignitaries made a crash landing in the country's north, the military said.

The army's spokesman, Maj. Gen. Asim Bajwa, tweeted that the MI-17 helicopter made the emergency landing in the northern area of Naltar. The helicopter's two pilots were also killed, he said, adding that the 13 surviving passengers, including the Dutch and Polish ambassadors, received "varying degree of injuries."

The helicopter was on route to the city of Gilgit where Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was to attend a public ceremony to inaugurate the newly installed chair-lift at a ski resort. Sharif was in his own plane on route to Gilgit when the "tragic news" was conveyed to him, according to a statement from the prime minister's office. It said Sharif returned to Islamabad early in the wake of the crash.

Sharif, in his statement, expressed his "deep grief and sorrow over the tragic incident" and said he "extended heartfelt condolences to those who lost their lives in this incident."

The Pakistani Taliban issued a statement claiming they had shot down the helicopter with an anti-aircraft missile. It was impossible to immediately verify the claim, and unclear if it was merely an opportunistic attempt to claim responsibility for an unrelated incident. The Pakistani military did not immediately respond to queries about the Taliban claim.

Obama takes his trade pitch to Nike and Northwest, putting focus on jobs and labor rights

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — President Barack Obama is in Oregon to visit Nike headquarters to promote his trade agenda in an export-dependent region of the country.

The pitch at the giant athletic wear company is the latest in his uphill fight to win Democratic support for a massive Trans-Pacific commerce agreement.

The visit Friday is prompting protests from trade critics who point out Nike's massive outsourcing of manufacturing jobs. They say such offshore work exemplifies the U.S. job losses that free-trade agree-

ments would cause.

Obama's case is built on three main arguments: The right trade deal will create jobs at home, counter China's economic influence abroad and raise labor and environmental standards by U.S. trading partners.

Of the 11 foreign countries engaged in the Trans-Pacific talks, Nike has contract factories in seven.

AP Exclusive: Chinese banks serve as safe haven for booming counterfeit goods trade

SHANGHAI (AP) — Kim Sbarcea knew exactly what she wanted. She typed "Tiffany Elsa Peretti mesh earrings" into Google and scrolled through impeccable photos of the delicate \$450 diamond-shaped earrings until she chanced upon a pair for — deal of deals! — \$32.

The website, tiffany-outletsale.com, looked legit and Sbarcea assumed Tiffany & Co. would not let an unauthorized site use its name. Besides, she could pay by credit card.

She hit the buy button.

In that instant, on a Saturday morning in 2011, Sbarcea's \$32 was sucked from the living room of her house in Christchurch, New Zealand, into the global counterfeiting market. The money trail left by counterfeiters almost always leads to China, where banks have emerged as key conduits in an illegal industry that by one estimate is expected to be worth \$1.8 trillion this year.

At least three prominent Chinese banks serve as safe havens for counterfeiters, who use them to process credit card payments for fakes or move their money around the globe, The Associated Press has found. A review of hundreds of pages of court documents from cases in the United States and China — along with interviews with lawyers, investigators, government officials and industry representatives — shows that a lack of legal cooperation between the West and China is allowing counterfeiters to use Chinese banks as financial shelters.

More storms predicted as Oklahoma reels from unusual combination of floods, tornadoes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — As the nation's midsection braces for another bout of severe weather, many residents in Oklahoma are still reeling from a rare combination of tornadoes and flash flooding spawned from the latest round of thunderstorms that rumbled across the state.

Conditions appeared to be ripe on Friday and Saturday for storms that could produce even more powerful tornadoes across an area covering southern Kansas, western Oklahoma and parts of North Texas, said meteorologist John Hart of the Storm Prediction Center in Norman.

Storms that spawned 51 tornadoes in several southern Plains states late Wednesday also brought torrential downpours in central Oklahoma so heavy that a 43-year-old Oklahoma City woman drowned after becoming trapped inside her underground storm cellar.

"It just flooded with her in it, and she couldn't get out because it was like a river coming down on top of her," said police Sgt. Gary Knight. "I don't recall it ever raining like that before."

Skylyna Stewart's body was discovered in an older, underground shelter detached from the home, and Knight and other emergency management officials said such cases are extremely rare.

FDA says listeria contamination in Blue Bell plants goes back more than 2 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blue Bell Creameries knew there was listeria in one of the company's plants as far back as March 2013, according to a government investigation. But the company didn't issue any recalls or shut down its production until after the products were linked to listeria illnesses this year — including three deaths in Kansas.

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday released results of its investigations into Blue Bell's plants in Oklahoma, Texas and Alabama after a Freedom of Information request by The Associated Press. The most extensive violations were found in Oklahoma, where the FDA listed 17 positive tests for listeria on equipment and around its plant there from March 2013 through February 2015.

Neither Blue Bell nor the FDA has said why the Oklahoma plant was not closed after repeated findings of listeria, which wasn't found in the food but in multiple locations around the plant. Blue Bell said it cleaned the areas, but FDA said in its report that cleaning wasn't adequate.

Blue Bell recalled all of its products and shut down production last month after listeria was found in samples of the company's ice cream and the illnesses and deaths were linked to its products.

The FDA would not say who conducted the tests that found listeria in the Oklahoma plant, but it noted that Blue Bell sent "presumptive positive" listeria samples to a third party for confirmation on at least two occasions in 2014. The auditors re-tested the samples and came back with the same results.

Patriots QB Tom Brady: Haven't had time to 'digest' 243-page report on deflated footballs

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady knows how to buy time when he's under pressure — on and off the field.

Especially when the star quarterback is in front of a home crowd.

One day after a report from an NFL-hired investigator concluded Brady probably knew that New England Patriots employees had a role in deflating footballs, he said Thursday night he needs more time to process the 243-page report.

"I don't really have any reaction. It has only been 30 hours. I've not had much time to digest it," Brady told a university crowd that broke into frequent applause. "When I do I will be sure to let you know how I feel about it. And everybody else."

The 2015 Super Bowl MVP is waiting to find out if the NFL will discipline him with a fine, a suspension or both. New England is scheduled to play its opener against Pittsburgh in the kickoff game of the regular season on Sept. 10.

Jimmy Kimmel won't air new episode opposite David Letterman's final show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimmy Kimmel is choosing not to air a new episode of his talk show opposite David Letterman's final "Late Show" installment.

Kimmel told the New York Times on Thursday that his May 20 episode will be a repeat out of respect for Letterman. Kimmel's spokeswoman confirmed the report. Other editions of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" that week will be new.

"I have too much respect for Dave to do anything that would distract viewers from watching his final show," said Kimmel in an email to the Times. "Plus, I'll probably be crying all day, which makes it hard

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to work.”

Jimmy Fallon and Conan O'Brien aren't following suit. NBC's "The Tonight Show" and TBS' "Conan" are planning original installments for May 20, according to show representatives.

Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore" will be in repeats that week.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 8, the 128th day of 2015. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered, and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe."

On this date:

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier (lah-vwahz-YAY'), the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born in Lamar, Missouri.

In 1915, Regret became the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby.

In 1921, Sweden's Parliament voted to abolish the death penalty.

In 1945, the Setif Massacre began in Algeria as French authorities clashed with protesters celebrating the surrender of Nazi Germany and calling for freedom from colonial rule; tens of thousands of Algerians are believed to have died in weeks of violence.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1962, the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered the mining of Haiphong Harbor during the Vietnam War.

In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for ten weeks surrendered.

In 1984, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

In 1999, The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace. British actor Sir Dirk Bogarde died in London at age 78.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush and Vladimir Putin, meeting in Moscow, went out of their way to take a unified stand on Middle East peace and terrorism after sharp words in recent days about democratic backsliding and postwar Soviet domination. Steve Nash edged Shaquille O'Neal by 34 points to win the NBA's most valuable player award. Lloyd Cutler, White House counsel to Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton and adviser to presidents of both parties, died at his Washington home at age 87.

Five years ago: Republican Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah, targeted by tea party activists and other groups, lost his bid to serve a fourth term after failing to advance past the GOP state convention in Salt Lake City. A coal mine in western Siberia was rocked by the first of two methane explosions that claimed the lives of 90 miners. Andor Lilienthal, 99, the last surviving member of the 27 original grand-

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masters of chess players, died in Budapest. Actress Betty White hosted NBC's "Saturday Night Live" as the result of a Facebook campaign.

One year ago: Syrian rebels leveled a historic hotel being used as an army base in the northern city of Aleppo by detonating bomb-packed tunnels beneath it, killing a still-undetermined number of soldiers. House Republicans jumped into a new election-season investigation of the deadly Benghazi assault, naming majority members of a special House committee. Veteran actress, director and producer Nancy Malone, 79, died in Duarte, California.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 89. Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 89. Singer Toni Tennille is 75. Actor James Mitchum is 74. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 73. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 70. Actor Mark Blankfield is 67. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 64. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 64. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 62. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 62. Actor David Keith is 61. Actor Stephen Furst is 61. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is 54. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 51. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 51. Country musician Del Gray is 47. Rock singer Darren Hayes is 43. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 40. Blues singer-musician Joe Bonamassa is 38. Actor Matt Davis is 37. Singer Ana Maria Lombo (Eden's Crush) is 37. Actor Domhnall Gleeson is 32. Actress Julia Whelan (WAY'lan) is 31.

Thought for Today: "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist." - Louis Nizer, American lawyer (1902-1994).