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Cats anyone?

Anyone want a cat or two? We have two to give away. Contact Paul 397-7460.

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

Birthday: Lee Hjermland

Anniv: John & Anita Lowary

Monday, May 11

Birthdays: Audrey Padfield • Beulah Hoops • Alyssa Stolle • Susan Foster

School Menu: Shredded beef, sweet tots, romaine salad, fruit.

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

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert, French bread.

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study.

1:30 pm.: St. John's Lutheran Nursery Circle.

3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.: VBS at United Methodist Church.

5:00 p.m.: School Board meeting

7:00 p.m.: MS/HS Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 12

Birthday: Cindy Hinman

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

School Menu: Corn dog, baked beans, fruit, veggie cups.

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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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 20th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Suzy Giovannettone-Cope

JobWise what are you doing today?

We homeschool our kids, so my main role is mom and teacher. But, I also work as a grant writer with the Journey Home shelter in Aberdeen. I also work PRN as a Peer Navigator Consultant for the SD Parent Connection where I provide support to families and school personnel who work with students with disabilities.

How long have you been working at the current job? I have been working with the Journey Home for over three years now and with the SD Parent Connection for about two years.

How did you get your current job? Our family is a member of the Journey Church in Aberdeen. The church was created around the idea of Loving God and Loving People and we found that there are a lot of hurting people out there who would come to the church for help. A few of the church members put together a plan to provide accountability for people who repeatedly ask for help so we can assist them in getting out of crisis permanently. I was initially asked to review the the plan, but got involved in writing and administering grants in the process. That "plan" has now developed into an emergency shelter located in Aberdeen that supports people in a financial and/or housing crisis. We support people to maintain permanent housing in apartments throughout Aberdeen as well.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. I was a preschool teacher at the Journey Kids Learning Center for about a year. Prior to that, I worked in Citrus Heights, CA at Progressive Employment Concepts where I was a service coordinator supporting adults with disabilities to find competitive employment or create and maintain a micro-enterprise. Before I moved to CA, I was a special education teacher at the Sisseton Middle School. During the summers, the Sacramento Society for the Blind would fly me out to CA to work a youth retreat with kids who were blind and/or losing their vision. While in college, I worked at the SD School for the Blind.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? Frederick High School 1999

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? Northern State University. I have degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education. I specialized in Braille and teaching individuals with visual impairments.



From left to right: Robert, Addison, Suzy, Peyton.

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What advice would you give the high school students today? Just be kind to people....even if they're not kind to you! Always keep a high level of integrity in everything you do. Be willing to own your mistakes and makes amends for them.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. I have been really fortunate to have had a variety of great opportunities to learn from in my adult life. Learning new things all the time is probably my best "accomplishment."

Are you married? If so what is your spouses name and where are they from? Robert Cope is my husband of 7.5 years. He is from Placerville, CA.

How did the two of you meet? We met while we were working together at the Sacramento Society for the Blind in Sacramento, CA.

Do you have any children? Our son, Peyton, is 5 years old and daughter, Addison is 3 years old.

Larsen named advisor at SDSU Fishback Honors College

Hanna Larsen has been selected as the adviser and student services specialist for South Dakota State University's Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College.

Larsen, who will start in the new position May 28, will work in student recruitment and retention.

"I have full confidence that Hanna will make a powerful, positive difference for our students and program in her new role," said Tim Nichols, dean of the Fishback Honors College.

Larsen graduated with bachelor's degree in psychology in 2013 and will graduate with a master's degree in communication studies in May, both degrees from State. Larsen recently received the Central States Communication Association's Cooper Award as the region's top graduate teaching assistant in speech. She has taught honors orientation, honors service and leadership, and sections of Honors Speech 101 and Speech 101.

As an undergraduate, Larsen was a member of the Fishback Honors College, serving as president of its student organization and was SDSU's National Collegiate Honors Council Student of the Year. She has served on SDSU's Common Read Committee, on the Brookings Human Rights Committee and as a member of the LEADSTATE team.

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Groton Area Girls are NEC Track Champions

Groton Area girls won the Northeast Conference Track Meet held Saturday in Milbank. The last time that Groton won the title was in 1980.

Back row: Coach Aaron Helvig, Carly Wheeting, Hannah Lewandowski, Maggie Simon, McKenzie Menzia, Harleigh Stange, Courtney Kurtz, Audrey Wanner, Gia Gengerke, Jasmine Schinkel, and Coach Brian Schuring

Front Row: Coach Richard Donovan, Macy Knecht, Madilyn Wright, Heather Lone, Jasmine Schaller, Katie Koehler, Josie Doeden, Madison Sippel

Not pictured: Coach Lynette Grieve, Alyssa Sippel, Tori Bjerke, Jessica Bjerke, Nicole Fey, Jodi Hinman, Marlee Jones, Taryn Rossow, Alex Stange, Emily Thompson, Allison Weber.

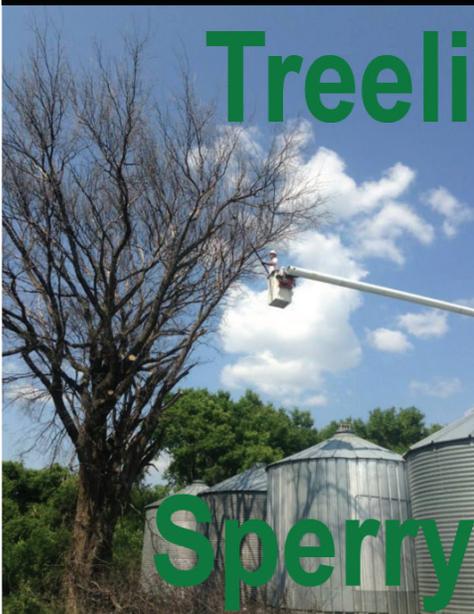
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Two girls' relays win; Larson is triple winner at NEC

Groton Area's girls track team easily won the Northeast Conference title Saturday at Milbank. Groton outdistanced runner-up Webster Area, 144-129. The last time the Groton girls won the NEC title was in 1980.

Meanwhile the boys track team had a great day as well, taking the runner-up spot.

Coach Brian Schuring was excited about the day, calling it awesome. He said, "It was an AWESOME day for the Tigers! When you can bring home a NEC championship in the Girls division and place second in the Boys division at the conference meet....wow...so proud of both groups! Our athletes really competed at a high level and that is what we asked of them going into the meet!"

The Lady Tigers won only two events, but placed two athletes in many events to rack up the points. The girls 400m Relay team and 800m Relay team were conference champions.

In the boys division, Landon Larson was a triple winner, winning the 100m Dash, the 200m Dash and the 400m Dash. Roncalli won the team title with 168 points and Groton Area was the runner-up with 115.5 points.

The track season is winding down as Groton will be at the Britton Invitational on Tuesday and then the regional will be held in Aberdeen on May 21.

Girls' Division

100m Hurdles Prelims: 4, Josie Doeden, 16.54 (state qualifying time); 8, Audrey Wanner, 18.40 (state qualifying time).

100m Hurdles Finals: 4, Audrey Wanner, 16.43; 6, Josie Doeden, 16.98.

300m Hurdles: 6, Mckenzie Menzia, 52.78; 7, Josie Doeden, 53.45.

100m Dash: 2, Harleigh Stange, 12.74; 3, Courtney Kurtz, 13.23.

200m Dash: 2, Harleigh Stange, 26.93; 3, Gia Gengerke, 27.17; 12, Jodi Hinman, 30.37.

400m Dash: 3, Gia Gengerke, 1:03.95; 9, Audrey Wanner, 1:09.67; 13, Alex Stange, 1:12.41.

800m Run: 8, Jasmine Schaller, 2:41.53; 19, Emily Thompson, 3:39.81.

1600m Run: 12, Hannah Lewandowski, 6:38.88.

3200m Run: 2, Jasmine Schaller, 13:10.36.

4x100m Relay: 1, Groton (Courtney Kurtz, Harleigh Stange, Heather Lone, Mckenzie Menzia), 53.35.

4x200m Relay: 1, Groton (Courtney Kurtz, Gia Gengerke, Harleigh Stange, Mckenzie Menzia), 1:50.87.

4x400m Relay: 5, Groton (Josie Doeden, Heather Lone, Maggie Simon, Mckenzie Menzia), 4:55.16.

4x800m Relay: 5, Groton (Jasmine Schaller, Alex Sange, Jodi Hinman, Hannah Lewandowski), 11:36.67.

1600m Sprint Relay: Groton team was disqualified (along with Roncalli).

High Jump: 3, Gia Gengerke, 4-10; 10, Taryn Rossow, 4-02; 12, Katie Koehler, 4-0.

Long Jump: 2, Audrey Wanner, 15-0; 3, Courtney Kurtz, 14-08-5; 8, Katie Koehler, 14-0.

Triple Jump: 3, Audrey Wanner, 31-07; 9, Katie Koehler, 28-11.75; 13, Taryn Rossow, 27-03.

Discus: 2, Carly Wheeting, 108-09; 5, Alyssa Sippel, 104-06; 8, Jessica Bjerke, 90-11.

Shot Put: 2, Tori Bjerke, 34-01; 3, Carly Wheeting, 32-01; 7, Marlee Jones, 30-06.5.

Pole Vault: 5, Jasmine Schaller, 5-0.

Team Points: 1, Groton Area, 144; 2, Webster Area, 129; 3, Roncalli, 128.5; 4, Britton-Hecla, 69; 5, Milbank Area, 68; 6, Redfield-Doland, 66; 7, Sisseton 54; 8, Clark-Willow Lake, 43; 9, Deuel, 26.5.

Boys' Division

110m Hurdles Prelims: 2, Jackson Doeden, 12.52 (state qualifying time).

110m Hurdles Finals: 2, Jackson Doeden, 14.85.

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300m Hurdles: 3, Jackson Doeden, 43.35; 5, Trevor Pray, 45.10.
100m Dash Prelims: 1, Landon Larson, 10.81 (state qualifying time); 13, Hunter Lerew, 12;32; 23, Tyler Iverson, 13.69.
100m Dash Finals: 1, Landon Larson, 10.59.
200m Dash: 1, Landon Larson, 21.71; 10, Hunter Lerew, 24.87; 23, Tyler Iverson, 29.45.
400m Dash: 1, Landon Larson, 50.68; 11, Frank Wuestewald, 58.79.
800m Run: 2, Lucas Sternhagen, 2:08.75; 8, Brandon Keith, 2:19.25.
1600m Run: 2, Lucas Sternhagen, 4:48.80.
4x100m Relay: 5, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Adam Herman), 47.24.
4x200m Relay: 3, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Trevor Pray, Jackson Oliver, Adam Herman), 1:38.81.
4x400m Relay: 3, Groton (Lucas Sternhagen, Frank Wuestewald, Martin Rygg, Landon Larson), 3:46.56.
4x800m Relay: 4, Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Sean Schuring, Brandon Keith), 9:09.94.
1600m Sprint Medley: 5, Groton (Hunter Lerew, Jackson Oliver, Martin Rygg, Sean Schuring), 4:10.61.
Long Jump: 9, Adam Herman, 18-10.75; 13, Trevor Pray, 17-07.75; 16, Frank Wuestewald, 16-05.75.
Triple Jump: 3, Adam Herman, 39-03.75.
Discus: 2, Nick Dalchow, 140-03; 5, McClain Lone, 128-03; 11, Luke Thorson, 96-05.
Shot Put: 5, Steven Fey, 43-05.5; 6, McClain Lone, 42-10.5; 8, Nick Dalchow, 38-02.5.
Team Points: 1, Roncalli, 168; 2, Groton Area, 115.5; 3, Webster Area, 98; 4, Redfield-Doland, 91; 5, Milbank, 76; 6, Clark-Willow Lake, 75; 7, Sisseton, 44.5; 8, Deuel, 36; 9, Britton-Hecla, 30.

Classifieds

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Rip 'N Ravel CFEL May Meeting

Rip 'N Ravel CFEL extension club met Monday May 4 at the home of Carol Dohman with eight members attending. Roll call was answered with your involvement with the YMCA programs. Flag pledges and the creed were recited. Pres. Beverly Sombke gave a report on the Spring Council meeting. Members honored were: Linda Gengerke-25 yrs, Merry Jo Ball-56 yrs, Bonnie Erdmann-59 yrs, Maralyn Hoops-51 yrs, Beverly Sombke-51 yrs, Marie Sternhagen-53 yrs, Rose Waage-51 yrs, & Twila Ruden-63 yrs.

Our club will be manning the cookie booth at the Brown County Fair on Thursday August 13 from 12-3pm. Darlene Finnesand and Rose will work and Ella Johnson & Linda will provide 6 dozen cookies. The 2015 State Convention will be held in Mitchell on Sept 25-26. The theme is Bushels of Fun. A donation of \$15 was given to the Brown County Fair Home Arts for the best of class exhibits. Our club outing will be to attend the show "The Church Basement Ladies in the Last (Potluck) Supper on May 6th. Merry Jo presented the lesson on YMCA tour. Next meeting will be Sept 8 with our dinner outing.

Groton FFA Banquet

Seniors that received the Groton FFA Scholarship were Sheldon Herr, Maryn Howard, Lucas Sternhagen, Wyatt Larson, Alec Voss, and Chance Strom. (Courtesy Photo)



Receiving their Greenhand Degree were Tevin Abeln, Paityn Bonn, Nicholas Achen, and Madi-lynn Wright. (Courtesy Photo)

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Students receiving their Chapter FFA Degree were Patrick Gengerke, Shane Simon, Mark Leonhardt, Trey Wright, and Kate Helmer. (Courtesy Photo)



Students who placed at the State FFA Convention were: Carly Wheeting - Gold Award, Livestock Judging; Hailey Hanson - Gold Award, Livestock Judging; Kate Helmer - Gold Award, Horse Judging; Paityn Bonn - Silver Award, Dairy Foods Evaluation; Katie Miller - Gold Award, Horse Judging; Kaitlyn Ringgenberg - Bronze Award, Horse Judging; Trey Wright - Gold Award, Vet Science; Nicholas Achen - Gold Award (1st Place), Dairy Cattle Judging and Bronze Award, Dairy Foods Evaluation; Lucas Sternhagen - Gold Award (1st Place), Farm Business Management; Wyatt Larson - Bronze Award, Agronomy; Brody Sombke - Silver Award, Natural Resources, Kyle Miller - Silver Award, Natural Resources; Alec Voss - Bronze Award, Agronomy; Hayden Anderson - Silver Award, Natural Resources. (Courtesy Photo)

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2014-2015 Groton FFA Officers - Hailey Hanson - Secretary, Maryn Howard - President, Katie Miller - Sentinel, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg - Parliamentarian, Carly Wheeting - Treasurer, Kyle Miller - Historian, Sheldon Herr - Student Advisor, Brody Sombke - Vice President, Hayden Anderson - Reporter. (Courtesy Photo)



2015-2016 Groton FFA Officers: Hailey Hanson - Vice President, Kate Helmer - Parliamentarian, Katie Miller - Secretary, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg - Reporter, Carly Wheeting - President, Nicholas Achen - Treasurer, Brody Sombke - Student Advisor, Hayden Anderson - Sentinel. (Courtesy Photo)

Residents being asked to leave Delmont for safety reasons

PIERRE, S.D. – Residents of Delmont, S.D. are being asked to leave the city for safety reasons because of a tornado that damaged the city Sunday morning.

Local and state officials have asked the residents to leave because of concerns about unsecured propane tanks. There also is no electricity, water or telephone service.

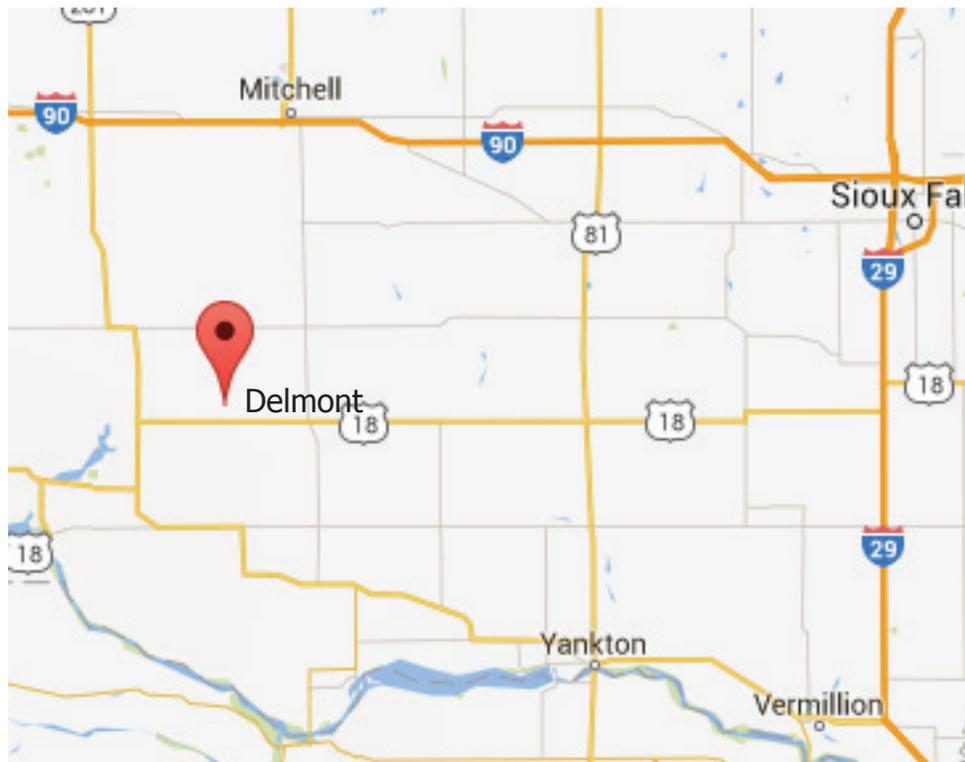
The city has been closed to non-residents as well. People who are not involved in the safety response are being asked to stay away from the area.

Red Cross shelters have been set up in Armour and Tripp.

Officials say when the city is determined to be safe, residents will be allowed to return. Monitoring of city safety issues will continue.

An estimated 20 buildings have been damaged. There have been reports of injuries, but no deaths.

The Department of Public Safety is working in conjunction with local authorities on the response in Delmont.



Donations to Delmont appreciated, but not now

PIERRE, S.D. – Once again, the hospitality of South Dakotans is evident as people want to make donations of items to the citizens of Delmont who were impacted by Sunday's tornado.

But for now, people are being asked not to donate any items until there is a better idea of what is needed. Organizers also are now working on a plan on how to accept such items.

Citizens have been asked to voluntarily leave the town because of safety reasons. A Red Cross shelter has been opened in Tripp.

Today in Weather History

May 10, 1982: An F3 tornado was first sighted six miles west of Tintah, Minnesota. The tornado moved into the town of Tintah and then northeastward, dissipating north of Wendell. Two farms sites were damaged west of Tintah. Nearly one dozen farm buildings were destroyed and 50 cows were killed. Hail as large as softballs preceded the tornado into Tintah where there was extensive damage. A school and church received heavy damage, two railroad cars were overturned, homes and grain buildings were damaged and utility poles and trees were up rooted.

1880: A tornado estimated to be F4 intensity moved across 20 miles of Scott and Morgan Counties in central Illinois. The tornado touched down near Aley and moved northeast, passing 8 miles south of Jacksonville. The tornado was strongest in the Pisgah area, where 30 buildings were destroyed. Seven people were killed.

1905 - A deadly tornado hit the town of Snyder, OK, killing 87 persons. The tornado leveled 100 homes in Snyder, and destroyed many others. The large and violent tornado killed a total of 97 persons along its 40 miles path across southwestern Oklahoma. Its roar could reportedly be heard up to twelve miles away. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1953: Four F4 tornadoes touched down in parts of eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. One F4 tornado moved northeast from northeast of Fountain City, Wisconsin to Colburn, Wisconsin. Total damage from this tornado was \$1 million dollars and it caused 10 injuries.

The second F4 tornado moved from 5 miles southwest of Chester, Iowa to 4 miles northeast of Chatfield, Minnesota. One man was killed as his barn was destroyed one mile southeast of Wykoff. A rural school was leveled 3 miles south of Chatfield as well.

The third F4 tornado moved northeast and passed about 2 miles northwest of St. Charles, Minnesota. Farms were torn up all along the track. An infant was killed and 4 other people were injured in a car that was thrown 100 feet. Overall this tornado killed one person and injured 11 people.

The final F4 tornado moved across Rusk, Price, and Taylor counties in Wisconsin. Over \$150,000 worth of damage resulted. An F3 tornado moved northeast across Clayton County, Iowa. At least 60 head of cattle were killed. A farmer was carried 700 feet, but suffered only minor injuries.

1966 - Morning lows of 21 degrees at Bloomington-Normal and Aurora, IL, established a state record for the month of May. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Summer-like "Father's Day" type weather prevailed in the north central and western U.S. for "Mother's Day", as seventeen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. Jamestown ND soared to a record high of 96 degrees. Thunderstorms along the Central Gulf Coast deluged Lillian AL with 14.5 inches of rain, and nearby Perdido Key FL with 12.8 inches of rain. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced hail and high winds over the Atlantic Coast Region and the Gulf Coast States marking the end of a five day episode of severe weather associated with a cyclone tracking out of the Great Basin into southeastern Canada. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front crossing the Plateau Region produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Butte MT, and gusts to 77 mph at Choteau MT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A spring storm produced heavy snow in Upper Michigan and eastern Wisconsin. Totals ranged up to 12 inches at Marquette MI, with eight inches reported at Muskego WI and Hartford WI. The heavy wet snow, and winds gusting to 35 mph, damaged or destroyed thousands of trees, and downed numerous power lines. Total damage from the storm was more than four million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2010: On this day Oklahoma experienced its largest tornado outbreak since May 3, 1999. Fifty-five twisters tore through the state, including two rated EF4. The EF4 storms took three lives and injured 81 people. Ironically, both EF4 tornadoes struck Norman, Oklahoma, home of the Storm Prediction Center and the National Severe Storms Laboratory. Fourteen additional tornadoes hit Oklahoma during May 11-13. The May 10 disaster racked up insured property losses of \$2 billion.

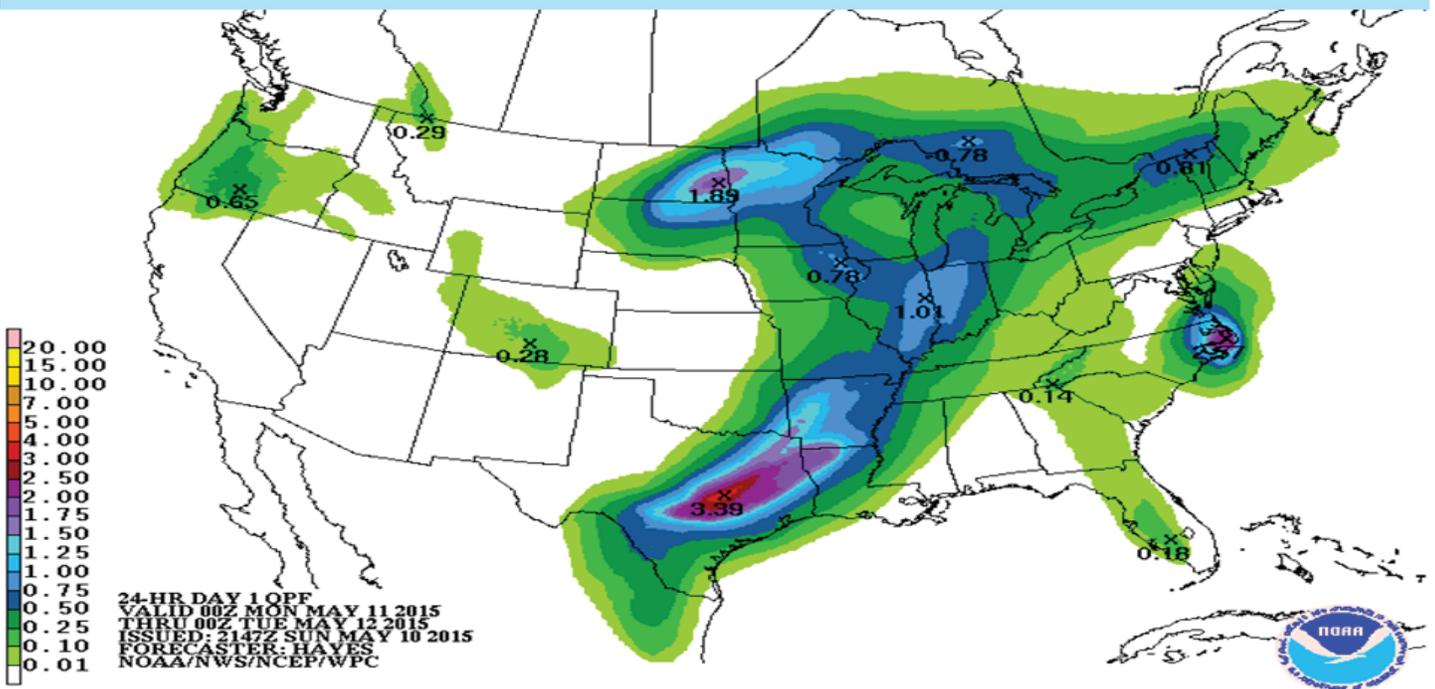
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Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night
						
90%	80%	20%		40%	50%	60%
Thunderstorms	Rain/Snow	Slight Chc Rain	Mostly Sunny	Chance Showers	Chance Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms Likely
Low: 36 °F	High: 42 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 56 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 51 °F



Precipitation Forecast Through Monday Evening



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 5/10/2015 5:41 PM Central

Published on: 05/10/2015 at 5:45PM

A strong low pressure system will continue to bring precipitation to the region overnight and through the day Monday. The image shows additional forecast precipitation valid from 7pm CDT Sunday evening through 7pm CDT Monday evening. The highest totals are forecast over north central and northeast South Dakota where another half inch to inch can be expected. Locally higher amounts are possible in strong thunderstorms.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 47.5 at 4:02 PM

Low: 34.8 at 8:04 AM

High Gust: 23 at 10:13 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 1.24

Today's Info

Record High: 92° in 1987

Record Low: 20° in 1981

Average High: 67°F

Average Low: 42°F

Average Precip in May: 1.03

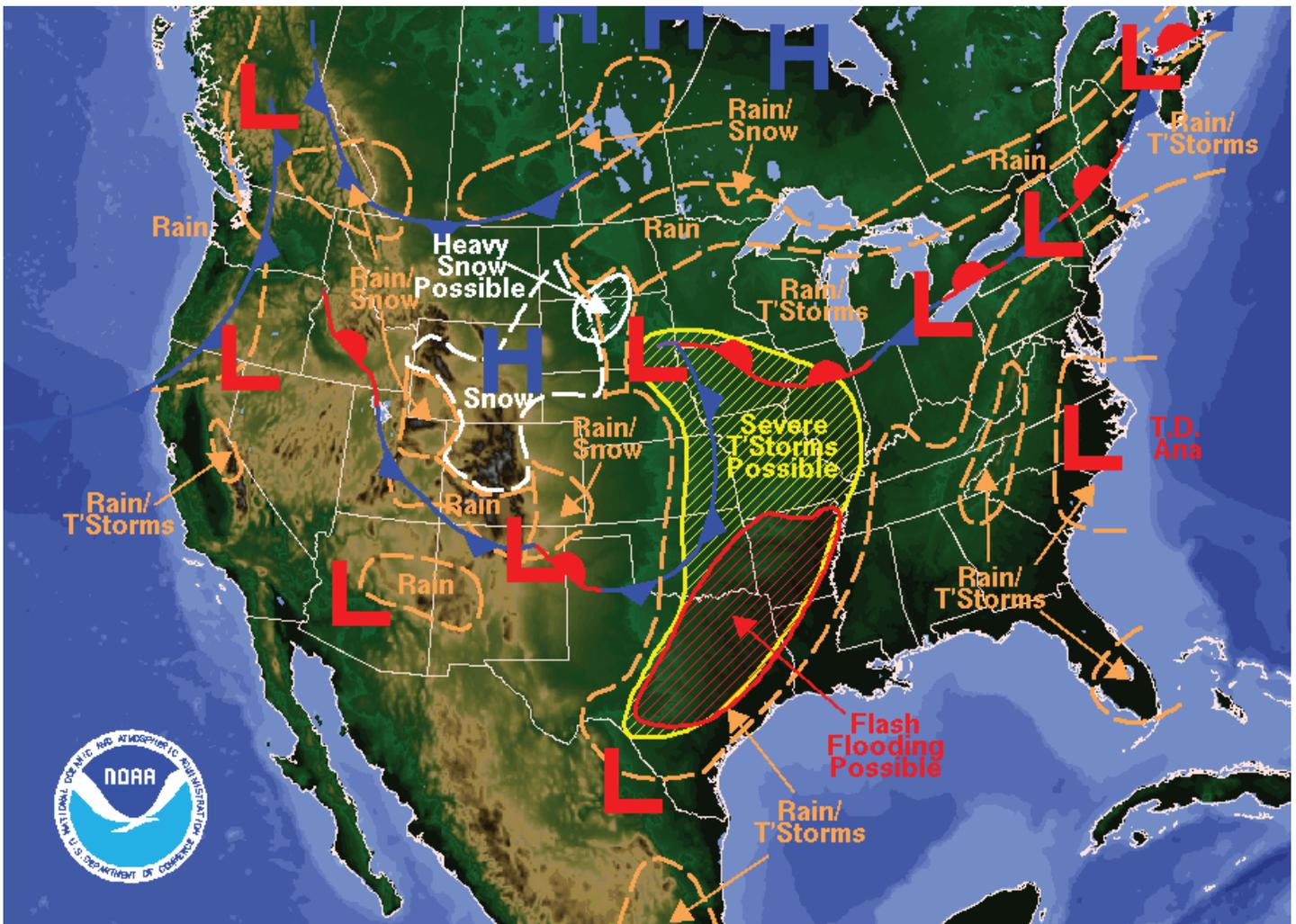
Precip to date in May: 1.25

Average Precip to date: 5.06

Precip Year to Date: 2.89

Sunset Tonight: 8:51 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:08 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, May 10, 2015, issued 4:41 PM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



ENCOURAGING CHILDREN

A large cathedral was having its beautiful, hand carved doors replaced with ones that were lighter and easier to open. A gentleman walking by the church stopped and asked the foreman the reason for changing the doors.

"Because," came the reply, "they are too heavy for children. No church should have doors that are too difficult for children to open."

Jesus set the example for us to follow in our relationships with children. He said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them!"

What a precious picture of Jesus – perhaps one of the most important in the Gospels. He was the kind of person whom children loved. George MacDonald said, "People could never be followers of Jesus if the children were afraid of Him." The love He spoke of must have been obvious to everyone who saw Him. He was never too busy to be interrupted or too tired to be disturbed. He gave His all to everyone who needed Him.

Jesus also seemed to say that children were nearer to God than anyone else. Why? Because of their trust and truthfulness, simplicity and sincerity. As we age, we seem to grow further from God rather than closer. Might we learn from this truth and ask God for a child-like faith?

Prayer: Help us, Father, to live lives that attract the young, the old and everyone in between who need You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Matthew 19:13-15 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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News from the  Associated Press

From Rockies east, severe weather casts a wide net The Associated Press

South Dakota was the center of weather extremes Sunday, with a tornado damaging a small town and injuring at least nine people on the eastern side of the state and more than a foot of snow blanketing the Black Hills to the west.

Parts of several Great Plains and Midwest states were in the path of severe weather, including North Texas, where the National Weather Service said a likely tornado damaged roofs and trees near Denton and torrential rain caused flash flooding. At the same time, a tropical storm came ashore in the Carolinas, and wintry weather affected parts of Colorado.

Tropical Storm Ana made landfall near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on Sunday morning and was downgraded to a tropical depression by Sunday afternoon. The storm's maximum sustained winds were at 35 mph, and it was expected to move over eastern North Carolina on Sunday night.

In South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said nine people were injured Sunday morning when a tornado tore through the tiny town of Delmont — about 90 miles from Sioux Falls. None of the injuries was life threatening and seven of the nine had been treated and released from the hospital, Daugaard said. There were no fatalities.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman said about 20 buildings were damaged and the town has no water, power or phones. The town was evacuated, authorities said.

"Our house is flat. There is nothing left," said Stephanie Lunder, 34, of Delmont. She was with her husband and four children in the basement when the storm hit. The tornado heavily damaged a church where children attending Sunday school were forced to retreat to the basement, residents said.

In North Texas, a likely tornado ripped roofs off buildings and damaged trees near Denton, about 40 miles northwest of Dallas, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Tom Bradshaw. There were no immediate reports of injuries or fatalities.

Torrential rains led to widespread flash flooding in North Texas. People in Krum were being rescued by helicopter from rising floodwaters there.

Denton County Emergency Services Chief Jody Gonzalez said Sunday that multiple rescues had been performed for people in flooded streets and homes in the small town located about 50 miles northwest of Dallas.

About 100 miles west of Fort Worth, people in the sparsely populated ranching and farming community of Cisco were left to clean up from Saturday's tornado that left one person dead and another in critical condition. Cisco Fire Department spokesman Phillip Truitt said the two people were near each other.

The National Weather Service said that tornado was rated an EF-3, with winds ranging from 136 to 165 mph. At least six buildings were damaged south of Cisco, as well as six others near Lake Leon, Truitt said.

A strong line of storms moved through the Dallas-Fort Worth area Sunday morning, forcing significant delays and a total of 100 flight cancellations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport.

Forecasters issued tornado watches through Sunday evening for parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Missouri.

Farther north, a late-season snow fell in parts of the Rockies, western Nebraska and western South

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Dakota.

National Weather Service meteorologist Kyle Carstens said between 10 to 18 inches of snow was on the ground Sunday morning in the Black Hills of South Dakota and totals could reach 20-24 inches by the time the system moves out. Rapid City, South Dakota, had 8-11 inches, accompanied by 20-30 mph winds.

Nearly 18 inches of snow fell in southern Colorado, a state that also saw hail, flooding and tornado warnings over the weekend.

The Latest on severe weather: Some rescues from Texas floods **The Associated Press**

6 p.m.

Authorities made dramatic rescues of some people in the town of Krum, Texas, who were stranded by flash floods after torrential rains.

Denton County Emergency Services Chief Jody Gonzalez said Sunday that multiple rescues had been performed from flooded streets and homes in the small town located about 50 miles northwest of Dallas.

National Weather Service meteorologist Matt Staley said there were numerous road closures in North Texas after storms dumped six to seven inches of rain on some places over the last four days.

Television images showed some vehicles nearly submerged.

5:05 p.m.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the number of people injured in the tornado in Delmont has risen to nine and none of the injuries are life threatening. Seven of the nine people hurt have been released from the hospital. Daugaard spoke as he toured tornado damage in the tiny South Dakota town.

4:50 p.m.

Authorities say eight people are hurt after a tornado struck the small South Dakota town of Delmont, but none of the injuries is life-threatening.

Douglas County State's Attorney Craig Parkhurst says the injured were taken to hospitals. Three people taken to a hospital in Parkston already have been treated and released.

The tornado struck the town of about 200 people around 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

About 20 buildings are damaged, including Zion Lutheran Church, which lost its roof and stained glass windows. Children who were in Sunday school took shelter in the basement when the tornado hit.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard is in Delmont to tour tornado damage. Residents are being asked to leave town for safety reasons.

4:30 p.m.

The National Weather Service says the threat of tornadoes has moved north from Texas to southeastern Oklahoma, where a tornado warning has been issued for part of Bryan County.

The major hazards are strong winds, golf-ball size hail and the possibility of a tornado. Forecasters say flying debris could be dangerous to anyone caught without shelter. Mobile homes could be damaged or destroyed and damage to roofs, windows and vehicles is possible.

Much of central and eastern Oklahoma remains under a tornado watch until 9 p.m.

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4:05 p.m.

Denton County Emergency Services Chief Jody Gonzalez says a likely tornado caused limited damage near the North Texas town of Denton.

Gonzalez says the storm moved through the area so fast Sunday afternoon that it caused "very limited damage," such as signs blown over and some trees damaged. Television footage showed portions of some industrial roofs ripped off.

National Weather Service meteorologist Tom Bradshaw says they believe a tornado touched down near the town located about 40 miles northwest of Dallas.

Gonzalez says that as the rains continue, they've performed multiple water rescues from streets and homes in the nearby town of Krum.

3:25 p.m.

The National Weather Service says a likely tornado caused damage near the North Texas town of Denton.

Meteorologist Tom Bradshaw says the NWS believes a tornado touched down Sunday afternoon near Denton, which is about 40 miles northwest of Dallas.

Bradshaw says roofs were ripped off of buildings and trees were damaged.

2:50 p.m.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman says residents of Delmont being asked to leave for safety reasons.

Turman says about 20 buildings are damaged and the town has no water, power or phones. She says there are unsecured propane tanks.

The tornado flattened a home near the entrance to Delmont. About three-dozen people were helping the homeowner, who would not talk to an Associated Press reporter.

Across the street, 87-year-old Walter Stoebner said his house was damaged.

"It sucked the window out of the living room, frame and everything," Stoebner said. "It was just one big bang, and that was it. It didn't last long."

Some cow carcasses were piled up near a farm in Delmont, having either died in the tornado or hurt and later euthanized.

1:30 p.m.

The National Weather Service has issued tornado watches in several Midwest and Great Plains states through Sunday evening.

Watches have been issued for central and North Texas, central Oklahoma, western Arkansas, western Iowa, eastern Nebraska, central Missouri and parts of Minnesota and South Dakota.

1:25 p.m.

A spokeswoman for a South Dakota hospital says that three people who were injured in the Delmont tornado are in good condition at Avera St. Benedict Health Center in Parkston.

Avera spokeswoman Lindsey Meyers said all three people either drove themselves or were driven.

It wasn't known how many more people were injured in the tornado, which hit about 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

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12:35 p.m.

Delmont fire chief Elmer Goehring says there "have been some injuries" from the tornado in Delmont, South Dakota, but told The Associated Press that he was too busy to provide details.

Delmont resident Anita Mathews says a Lutheran church and the city's new fire hall were both heavily damaged in the tornado, which hit about 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Mathews also says power is out in the town, which is about 90 miles southwest of Sioux Falls. No deaths have been reported.

12:15 p.m.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan says there have been no reports of injuries after a tornado hit the small town of Delmont.

Mangan said local authorities asked for help from the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management.

The National Weather Service said a tornado hit Delmont about 10:45 a.m. Sunday. No deaths have been reported.

Delmont is about 90 miles southwest of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

11:15 a.m.

The National Weather Service has received reports of a tornado hitting a small southern South Dakota town.

Meteorologist Philip Schumacher at the service's Sioux Falls office says law enforcement officials said a tornado hit Delmont about 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Delmont has about 200 residents and is about 90 miles southwest of Sioux Falls.

Schumacher said no deaths have been reported and it wasn't known whether there were injuries. He said a couple buildings have been damaged.

11 a.m.

The National Weather Service has issued tornado watches in several Midwest and Great Plains states, running until 9 p.m. Sunday in many places.

Watches have been issued for north and central Texas, eastern Oklahoma, western Arkansas, western Iowa, eastern Nebraska and parts of Minnesota and South Dakota.

May storm dumps foot of snow on SD's Black Hills

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A May snowstorm has dumped more than a foot of snow in South Dakota's Black Hills.

The National Weather Service says as of late Sunday afternoon, Lead reports 18 inches of snow, Deerfield 17 inches and downtown Rapid City 13.5 inches.

Snowfall in the Black Hills could total 2 feet by the time the system passes.

Meteorologist Kyle Carstens of the National Weather Service says the snow is not unusual for this time of year. He says this is the wettest time of the year for the Rapid City area, and temperatures have been hovering just below freezing.

But Carstens says the snow won't stay. Temperatures are expected to reach the 60s by mid-week.

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Governor: 9 injured as tornado hits Delmont, South Dakota

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press.

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — A tornado struck the small town of Delmont on Sunday morning, injuring at least nine people and damaging about 20 buildings, including a church where children attending Sunday school took shelter in the basement. No deaths were reported.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard said none of the injuries were life-threatening and seven of the nine people had been released from the hospital.

The town about 90 miles southwest of Sioux Falls had no water, power or phones, South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman said. The 200-plus residents were asked to leave for safety reasons.

Law enforcement officials said the tornado hit the town that's 90-some miles southwest of Sioux Falls at about 10:45 a.m., the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls reported.

Among the buildings damaged was Zion Lutheran Church, which lost its roof, stained glass windows and pipe organ. Children who were in Sunday school took shelter in the basement when the tornado hit.

Daugaard was in Delmont to tour tornado damage.

Cleanup was set to begin Monday, although some homes already were being cleaned. Utility trucks and crews were assessing damage, including downed poles and lines.

Some cow carcasses were piled up near a farm, having either died in the tornado or hurt and later euthanized. A flattened home sat at the entrance to the town, and dozens of people were helping the homeowner, who would not talk to an Associated Press reporter.

Across the street, 87-year-old Walter Stoebner said his house was damaged.

"It sucked the window out of the living room, frame and everything," Stoebner said. "It was just one big bang, and that was it. It didn't last long."

Besides the church, the city's new fire hall was heavily damaged, said Anita Mathews, owner of the Old Bank Mini-Mart.

"One side of town was taken away," Mathews said.

Three people who were injured were treated and released from Avera St. Benedict Health Center in Parkston, hospital spokeswoman Lindsey Meyers said.

The South Dakota Office of Emergency Management was sending help at the request of local authorities, South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan said.

Meteorologist Brad Adams of the National Weather Service said another tornado touched down west of Ethan but no damage was reported.

The weather service was sending a storm survey team to Delmont, Adams said.

Twin weather systems unleash storms across the country

The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Tornadoes skipped across the Midwest, days of rain caused rivers to overflow in the West, and Tropical Storm Ana made landfall near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on Sunday before being downgraded to a tropical depression.

It was another day of wild weather from Texas to the Carolinas, following storms on Saturday that left a trail of snow, hail, flooding, tornadoes and power outages.

In Colorado, an ambulance was swept away by rushing water, but five people managed to get out the back before the ambulance became submerged in about six feet of water.

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The storms are being blamed for at least one death. One person was killed Saturday night and another left in critical condition after a tornado hit Cisco, Texas, a rural farming and ranch area about 100 miles west of Fort Worth. The National Weather Service rated the tornado as an EF-3, with winds ranging from 136 to 165 mph.

MIDWEST TORNADOES

Residents of Delmont were being asked to leave for safety reasons on Sunday after a tornado struck the small South Dakota town. About 20 buildings were damaged and the town had no water, power or phone service, South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman said. There were no serious injuries.

The National Weather Service said a likely tornado caused damage near the North Texas town of Denton.

Meteorologist Tom Bradshaw said roofs were ripped off of buildings and trees were damaged. Authorities said as the rains continued, they performed multiple water rescues from streets and homes in the nearby town of Krum.

Two tornados were spotted in Colorado on Saturday, one south of Ellicott east of Colorado Springs and another in Lincoln County in northeast Colorado. Golf-ball size hail fell east of Pueblo.

Tornado watches were issued Sunday for central and north Texas, central Oklahoma, western Arkansas, western Iowa, eastern Nebraska, central Missouri and parts of Minnesota and South Dakota.

A strong line of storms moved through the Dallas-Fort Worth area on Sunday morning, forcing significant delays and a total of 100 flight cancellations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport.

COLORADO FLOODING

Flooding on Sunday followed heavy rains and snow during the past week in Colorado.

In northeastern Colorado, an ambulance transferring a patient was swept off a Morgan County road by swift-moving water about 5 a.m. Sunday.

The ambulance was swept about 100 yards down the normally-dry Antelope Creek, turned 180-degrees and became caught on the stream bank just long enough for five people including the crew and patient to get out of the rear of the ambulance without injury, Firefighter Travis Bailey of the Wiggins Rural Fire Protection District said.

The ambulance, however, didn't make it. "It's now sitting in about six feet of water. It's marooned. You can only see the top of it," he said.

Major flood warnings were issued Sunday for the South Platte River in parts of Weld, Morgan, Washington and Logan counties. Forecasters urged people to be prepared to evacuate, but no evacuations were ordered.

On Saturday, the spring storm brought snow, hail, power outages, tornado warnings and flooding across the state. Graduates at the University of Colorado were undeterred, however, and used the football field that was being used for the graduation ceremony for slipping and sliding.

For Monday, forecasters issued a frost advisory on the eastern Plains.

SUBTROPICAL STORM

Tropical Storm Ana lost the last of its strength and was downgraded to a depression as it created wet and windy conditions along the coasts of North and South Carolina.

By Sunday afternoon, the storm had been downgraded to a tropical depression as it moved north of

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Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The storm's maximum sustained winds were 35 mph.

Ana is expected to move north on Sunday, turn to the northeast and pick up speed, forecasters said.

In Southport, North Carolina, Shirley Haithcox said a few limbs were down and that the Cape Fear River was choppy because of the winds. "I guess you could say it's more of a nuisance because it's just so wet. So far, it hasn't damaged anything," Haithcox said.

Man sentenced for trespassing on South Dakota reservation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Chicago man accused by federal authorities of repeatedly violating an order banning him from entering the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota has been sentenced to one year in prison.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 44-year-old Steven Nichols was also ordered to spend one year on supervised release and to not re-enter the lands of Todd County and the reservation.

On September 2011, Nichols was barred from the reservation and escorted off tribal lands. The reason wasn't immediately clear.

Federal authorities say Nichols violated that tribal order at least three times, and as a result, he was sentenced to nine months in federal custody in September. He was placed on a work release program, but he was again found on tribal land in January.

Nichols was charged with criminal trespass following the January incident. He later pleaded guilty to the charge.

De Smet hospital starting work on \$3.2 million expansion

DE SMET, S.D. (AP) — Crews are starting to work on a hospital expansion and renovation at Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital.

Groundbreaking will be Monday for the \$3.2 million project in the town between Huron and Brookings.

The hospital says the \$3.2 million plan involves adding new space and equipment as well as transforming existing space to be more efficient, patient-friendly and offer of state-of-the-art health care.

It includes remodeling two emergency rooms, remodeling the inpatient wing for private rooms, an expansion of physical therapy, a new radiology department, upgrading the facility's appearance and infrastructure, adding space at the main entrance and improving the emergency entrance.

A capital campaign raised \$1.7 million, more than double the original goal of \$750,000.

The project should be done in 18 months to two years.

Former Sen. Larry Pressler reflects on public life, future

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Election Day 2014 is six months past, but former South Dakota U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler is still eager to discuss the motivation for his independent Senate bid: the current system is poisoning American politics.

Pressler, who previously served in office as a Republican, sent out a call ahead of President Barack Obama's visit on Friday for the state to thank him for coming. Pressler also used the opportunity to push for civility in the political discourse and to argue for compromise.

He waged an effective campaign on a shoestring budget in the Senate race but ended up taking third. Pressler, 73, landed back in the news in April when Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gave a blessing to Pressler to confirm him as a member of the faith. Obama shortly after sent Pressler a note congratulating him on his confirma-

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tion.

Pressler, who said he keeps faith separate from politics, recently discussed his past, his transition into "joyful anonymity" and his confirmation with The Associated Press.

Q: Can you talk about shutting down the campaign?

A: There's a lot of regulation in a campaign ... and I ended up with a debt which I wrote off personally. ... I'm happy that I ran, but it's hard to recommend young people to run because it's such a negative, brutal process.

Q: Do you feel like you've done enough, or do you feel like you've been thwarted from doing more?

A: It's a happy feeling. I would have liked to have done more if I'd gotten into the Senate another term, but I've done my best, and I was defeated, and I can now go into retirement fully feeling that I've done everything that I can do, and I think everybody's got to try to do something. I think we have to be idealistic. ... I was opposed by the left, right and center of the Washington establishment because they were so afraid of an independent really getting into the Senate because that might begin to reform politics, really reform.

Q: What is the favorite job that you've done?

A: When I'm able to serve others in charity. Eighteen years in the United States Senate, that's a great gift from God to have had that. I like to do things where I am helping others. ... I love my wife and my daughter and my grandchildren. That's certainly a great pleasure, and I'll have more time for that in this new chapter, which I expect to last 10 or 20 years, I hope.

Q: Can you talk about formally joining the (Mormon church)?

A: I won't go there very much except to say that I'm the sort of person, I've always been a spiritually driven person. I believe very deeply in God and service to God, and ... I see it as a joyous opportunity to serve in certain ways and pray in certain ways, but I don't think one religion's any better than another. My basic religious beliefs have not changed. A lot of this has been a long time in coming.

SD beef industry group gives tips ahead of grilling season

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota beef industry is promoting healthy ways to cook beef amid the start of the summer grilling season.

The South Dakota Beef Industry Council has planned events throughout the state during May, which some consider to be "Beef Month," the Tri-State Neighbor (<http://bit.ly/1EmPW4O>) reported. The events include cooking classes, "barbeque boot camps" and recipe distributions.

The council's target audience for their promotion of grilling beef is millennials between the ages of 25 and 33, said Ron Frederick, the council's director. Grilling is a favorite summer activity of millennials, he said, adding that 76 percent to 80 percent of them prefer to grill beef over chicken.

"This is a great opportunity for the beef checkoff to promote summer grilling projects that can help build beef demand," Frederick said.

The council is working with the South Dakota State University meat science team to give grilling tips at "barbeque boot camps." Members of the beef council also will visit grocery stores across the state to offer picnicking demonstrations and grilling recipes to shoppers.

Holly Swee, who is the council's director of nutrition, will talk about healthy ways to cook and prepare beef at four cooking classes in Sioux Falls. She's working with the American Heart Association and local chefs to prepare for the classes.

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SDSU offers new programs in precision ag, meat, food science

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University is offering new programs to meet the demands of a changing food industry.

The Tri-State Neighbor reports (<http://bit.ly/1Ih7mv>) the school now offers a precision agriculture minor, and it will be offering a new meat science minor and food science major this fall.

The school's only food science offerings used to emphasize nutrition and diets from the perspective of how humans consume food. But the new program will deal more with making food products that are healthful and nutritious.

The newspaper reports that some of the fastest growing agriculture career fields are those supporting producers who grow the food, including precision agriculture, genetics and food manufacturing.

The new food science major could lead students to careers in meat or grain processing and development of new food products.

At least 1 dead as tornadoes move through North Texas

The Associated Press

CISCO, Texas (AP) — Multiple tornadoes tore through North Texas on Saturday, leaving one person dead and others unaccounted for in a sparsely populated farming and ranching area as the system slowly weakened while advancing toward Fort Worth, officials said.

One of the twisters caused "five miles of destruction" as it ravaged homes in a rural area south of the town of Cisco, about 100 miles west of Fort Worth, Eastland County Judge Rex Fields said.

"The homes that I've seen, there are just maybe one or two walls standing," Fields, who also serves as the county's emergency services coordinator, told The Associated Press. "(The tornado has) taken them into pieces and blown them out into pastures."

Fields said one person was killed and there were likely other injuries. Authorities were going house to house to assess the damage, but that proved difficult amid the heavy rainfall, he said.

The extent of injuries or fatalities also wasn't immediately clear in the town of Burkburnett, about 15 miles north of Wichita Falls, where a second tornado touched down. A police dispatcher who declined to give her name due to department policy said tornado sirens could be heard in Burkburnett just before 6 p.m.

As the storm moved toward Fort Worth later in the evening, the National Weather Service had canceled tornado warnings in the counties still in its path.

The weather service on Saturday afternoon had elevated to "moderate" the risk of tornadoes in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area and elsewhere across North Texas. Eastland County, which was part of the enhanced zone, was pelted with 3-inch hail as the storm rumbled through.

Storms also brought heavy rain and quarter-sized hail to parts of southwest Oklahoma on Saturday afternoon, but meteorologists said there was so much rain — and so little sunshine — that the tornado threat there lessened throughout the day.

Parts of western Kansas also were hit by severe weather ripe for tornadoes. In Kansas City, in the eastern part of the state, a band of rain halted the Sprint Cup race at Kansas Speedway.

But the threatening skies stretched beyond the Plains states, as twin weather systems stretching from the Carolinas to California produced an unseasonably early tropical storm in the Atlantic and a late-season snowstorm in the Rocky Mountains. Tropical Storm Ana's forecast track is expected to go near the coasts of North and South Carolina on Sunday.

Meanwhile, up to 5 inches of snow was possible in the Nebraska Panhandle this weekend, and parts of South Dakota could receive between 12 to 24 inches of snow, according to the weather service.

Spring storm could dump up to 2 feet of snow in western SD

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Western South Dakota residents: dust off the scrapers, shovels and heavy coats. Up to 2 feet of snow are headed your way this early May weekend.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a late-spring storm starting Saturday night that will make travel hazardous in areas west of the Missouri River and could endanger newborn and young livestock. A blizzard warning was expected to go into effect at 6 p.m. Saturday and last through Sunday evening.

"We have a very dynamic system that is going through," said Aaron Ward, a meteorologist with the weather service in Rapid City. "It's not unprecedented for this time of the year, but this one does happen to be pulling down some much colder air than what we'd normally see this late in the year."

That cold air in combination with the moisture that the system is bringing to the area is resulting in the snow in the forecast.

Snow began to accumulate in Rapid City Saturday afternoon, but up to 12 inches is expected to pile up in that area. The Black Hills and higher elevations could see between 1 and 2 feet of snow, while the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota could see 7 to 10 inches.

The weather service is discouraging people from driving overnight as travel may become hazardous due to heavy snow and low visibility. The heavy snow could also down tree branches and cause power outages.

As the snow accumulates and temperatures fall, calves and lambs are vulnerable to hypothermia. Agricultural experts are reminding farmers and ranchers to have some form of shelter ready or consider moving young livestock inside buildings or protected areas.

Dave Olilla, with the Regional Extension Center of South Dakota State University in Rapid City, told KBHB-AM that cows trying to get the best protection against the weather sometimes can step on calves that are tired and laying down along the windbreak of a ranch.

"Some of the opportunities is to have shelters, and if you don't have that, at least take a portable panel or two and fence off a corner of your windbreak — usually that's near the very far corner where it's the deepest — and raise that panel up so that calves can get under there but the cows can't get in there," Olilla said. "That would make quite the difference."

The snow also forced the cancellation and rescheduling of a number of events. The Black Hills Film Festival in Hill City closed Saturday evening and canceled its Sunday schedule. The junior high school rodeo in Belle Fourche and high school rodeos in Wall, Lemmon, Philip and Faith have been postponed.

South Dakota Senate Republicans chose new leadership

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Senate GOP caucus has elected a new leadership.

Saturday's election comes about a month after Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave and Assistant Majority Leader Dan Lederman resigned shortly after the 2015 legislative session ended.

The caucus's new majority leader is Sen. Corey Brown of Gettysburg and the assistant majority leader is Sen. Jim White of Huron.

The three majority whips now are Sens. Alan Solano of Rapid City, Ernie Otten of Tea, and Deb Soholt of Sioux Falls.

Senate Republicans nominated Sen. Gary Cammack of Union Center to serve as president pro tempore. The vote to elect the legislator who will fill that role will be held the next time the full Senate convenes.

2 Mitchell students to represent SD in auto skills contest

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Two students from Mitchell will head to Michigan this summer to represent South Dakota in a national automotive skills contest.

Mitchell High School students Andrew Hartman and Nolan Tegels have earned a spot in the 2015 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Finals. They will compete with other high-school age students from across the country at the Ford Motor Co. world headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan.

Hartman and Tegels will compete for scholarships, prizes and a chance to shadow a NASCAR race team. The students will be tested with a written exam and also will be asked to diagnose and repair intentionally installed "bugs" on a new Ford vehicle.

The competition to earn the title of "America's Best Student Auto Technicians" is scheduled for June 7-9.

AP News in Brief

Mississippi town mourns 2 slain police officers; 3 suspects arrested

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — One was a decorated "Officer of the Year." The other was a proud recent graduate of the police academy.

A routine traffic stop led to their shooting deaths Saturday night — the first Hattiesburg police officers to die in the line of duty in more than 30 years — and three suspects were in custody, including two who were charged with capital murder.

The deaths of Officers Benjamin Deen and Liquori Tate stunned this small city in southern Mississippi. On Sunday morning, bloodstains still marked the street where the two were shot, and in the nearby New Hope Baptist Church, worshippers prayed for them and their families.

"This should remind us to thank all law enforcement for their unwavering service to protect and serve," Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant said in a statement. "May God keep them all in the hollow of his hand."

Marvin Banks, 29, and Joanie Calloway, 22, were each charged with two counts of capital murder, said Warren Strain, a spokesman for the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Banks also was charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and with grand theft for fleeing in the police cruiser after the shooting, Strain said.

Tropical storm warnings discontinued as Ana weakens to depression, moves inland in Carolinas

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Tropical Storm Ana lost the last of its strength and was downgraded to a depression as it created wet and windy conditions along the North and South Carolina coasts.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, the National Hurricane Center said the center of the depression was located about 30 miles north of Myrtle Beach. The storm's maximum sustained winds were at 35 mph. Gradual weakening was expected over the next few days, according to the hurricane center.

While the storm was stationary over the northeastern coast of South Carolina, forecasters said Ana should resume moving to the north on Sunday, turn to the northeast and pick up speed. It was expected that the storm would move over eastern North Carolina on Sunday night.

The forecast also called for between 2 and 6 inches of rain over the affected regions, and coastal flooding, especially around high tide. A combination of storm surge and the rising tide created the

possibility of up to 2 feet of water above normal from Cape Hatteras as far south as South Carolina. Forecasters said those conditions should diminish as well over the next day or so.

Forecasters also reiterated their warnings for rip currents along the southeastern U.S. coast.

The Latest: Members pray for the 2 Mississippi officers killed right outside their church

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — 4 p.m.

At the shooting scene, blood stained the street beside New Hope Baptist Church. Inside, members prayed both for the slain officers and their relatives during worship Sunday morning on Mother's Day.

Dorothy Thompson, wife of the pastor, said, "It's sad. It's just a tragedy, going from one mother to another." She added, "Every day is a bad day (for violence), but especially on a day like today."

The U.S. flag flew at half-staff outside the Hattiesburg Police Department, and red roses placed on a concrete sign wilted under the hot afternoon sun.

Police officers Benjamin Deen, 34, and Liquori Tate, 25, were shot and killed during a traffic stop late Saturday.

Raul Castro at Vatican thanks pope for Cuban-US detente, says he might return to church's fold

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cuban President Raul Castro paid a call Sunday on Pope Francis at the Vatican to thank him for working for Cuban-U.S. detente — and said he was so impressed by the pontiff he is considering a return to the Catholic church's fold.

"Bienvenido (welcome)!" Francis said in his native Spanish, welcoming Castro to his studio near the Vatican public audience hall. The Cuban president, bowing his head, gripped Francis' hand with both of his, and the two men began private talks. The meeting lasted nearly an hour, as the Argentine-born Francis and Castro spoke in Spanish.

Francis will visit Cuba in September en route to the United States.

After leaving the Vatican, Castro, the brother of Fidel, the revolutionary leader who brought the Communists to power in Cuba, gushed with praise for Francis.

The pontiff "is a Jesuit, and I, in some way, am too," Castro said at a news conference. "I always studied at Jesuit schools."

Weather casts wide net: South Dakota sees snow, tornado, while Carolinas get tropical rain

South Dakota was the center of weather extremes Sunday, with a tornado damaging a small town on the eastern side of the state and more than a foot of snow blanketing the Black Hills to the west.

Several Great Plains and Midwest states were in the path of severe weather, including in North Texas, where the National Weather Service said a likely tornado damaged roofs and trees near Denton. At the same time, a tropical storm came ashore in the Carolinas and wintry weather also affected parts of Colorado.

Tropical Storm Ana made landfall near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on Sunday morning and was downgraded to a tropical depression by Sunday afternoon. The storm's maximum sustained winds were at 35 mph, and it was expected to move over eastern North Carolina on Sunday night.

In South Dakota, National Weather Service meteorologist Philip Schumacher said law enforcement

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reported a tornado about 10:45 a.m. Sunday in Delmont — about 90 miles from Sioux Falls. Delmont Fire Chief Elmer Goehring told The Associated Press that there “have been some injuries,” and Avera Health spokeswoman Lindsey Meyers said three people were in good condition at a local hospital. No deaths were reported.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman said about 20 buildings were damaged and the town has no water, power or phones.

As sea level rise threatens massive Florida coast, state offers no clear plan or coordination

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — America’s oldest city is slowly drowning.

St. Augustine’s centuries-old Spanish fortress sits feet from the encroaching Atlantic, whose waters already flood the city’s narrow streets about 10 times a year — a problem worsening as sea levels rise. The city relies on tourism, but visitors might someday have to wear waders at high tide.

“If you want to benefit from the fact we’ve been here for 450 years, you have the responsibility to look forward to the next 450,” said Bill Hamilton, whose family has lived in the city since the 1950s. “Is St. Augustine even going to be here? We owe it to the people coming after us to leave the city in good shape.”

St. Augustine is one of many chronically flooded communities along Florida’s coast, and officials in these diverse places share a concern: They’re afraid their buildings and economies will be further inundated by rising seas in just a couple of decades. The effects are a daily reality in much of Florida. Drinking water wells are fouled by seawater. Higher tides and storm surges make for more frequent road flooding from Jacksonville to Key West, and they’re overburdening aging flood-control systems.

But the state has yet to offer a clear plan or coordination to address what local officials across Florida’s coast see as a slow-moving emergency. Republican Gov. Rick Scott is skeptical of man-made climate change and has put aside the task of preparing for sea level rise, an Associated Press review of thousands of emails and documents pertaining to the state’s preparations for rising seas found.

Girls, women rescued from Boko Haram, dozens raped and pregnant, confront trauma and stigma

YOLA, Nigeria (AP) — The taunts wouldn’t stop. “Boko Haram wives,” the schoolgirls were called because they had been briefly held by Nigeria’s Islamic extremists before escaping. The teasing was so relentless that some of the Chibok girls left their town and families.

Their plight does not bode well for hundreds of girls and women recently rescued from months of captivity by Boko Haram, including dozens who are pregnant. After enduring captivity by the militants, the females may now face stigma from their communities.

“The most important thing is to restore their dignity,” the executive director of the United Nations Population Fund, Babatunde Osotimehin, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his office in New York.

“When you have been in captivity against your will, and God knows whatever they have done to them, some of them will have been violated, some raped, food insecure ... We need to take them, work with them and bring them back to the reality of their lives,” said Osotimehin, who is Nigerian.

His agency is providing the women and girls with intense psychosocial counseling and medical care for reproductive and maternal health. It is also encouraging communities to allow the girls to return in

peace.

In Syrian civil war, AP journalists gain rare glimpse as Hezbollah fights for mountain range

QALAMOUN MOUNTAINS, Syria (AP) — Here in pockets of the rugged mountains near the Lebanese border, the distinctive yellow flag of Hezbollah now flies where al-Qaida militants once held sway.

These gains in the Qalamoun Mountains represent a bright spot for embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, now reeling from a unified insurgent assault in the country's northwest. And again, they show the power and influence of the Lebanese militant group in Syria's civil war, grinding on into its fifth year after killing more than 220,000 people.

A team of Associated Press journalists traveling with Hezbollah into Syria found smiling Hezbollah fighters proudly showing newly dismantled booby traps and food quickly left behind by the Sunni insurgents as commanders promised further advances they say protect Lebanon. But in Lebanon, worries persist that Hezbollah's battlefield successes only further entangle the tiny country in Syria's violence, risking attacks back home as well.

The Qalamoun Mountains are on the Syrian side of the border with Lebanon. They tower near Syria's capital, Damascus, and linking that base of Assad's power to the coast, an enclave of his Alawite sect, an off-shoot of Shiite Islam.

But the Sunni militants of the local al-Qaida chapter called the Nusra Front and the Islamic State group, have been dug into the terrain for years.

Exit poll: Opposition candidate wins 1st round of Poland's presidential vote, runoff needed

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — An exit poll predicted Sunday that nationalist opposition candidate Andrzej Duda will win the most votes in the first round of Poland's presidential election and will face incumbent Bronislaw Komorowski in a May 24 runoff.

In a surprise prediction for the vote that took place Sunday, Duda, who is no fan of the European Union, is expected to capture 34.8 percent of the vote to Komorowski's 32.2 percent, according to the IPSOS poll published by the private TVN24 and the state-run PAP news agency.

The prediction also suggested a rising dissatisfaction with the ruling pro-EU establishment led by the center-right and pro-business Civic Platform party, which has been in power since 2007. That dissatisfaction was also seen in the unexpectedly high support — 20.3 percent of the vote — predicted for punk rock star Pawel Kukiz, a candidate who is critical of the government.

The vote was a test for Poland's two major political forces, represented by Komorowski and Duda, ahead of the country's parliamentary election in the fall. Duda's Law and Justice party backs a mix of national pride, Catholic values and socialist welfare promises and is more conservative than the current government.

Komorowski, who has served since 2010 and made harmony his trademark, called for a debate with Duda and vowed to urgently present new reforms.

What a catch! Phillies fan makes play of the day, snags foul ball with baby strapped to chest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Oh, baby, what a catch!

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A daring dad made the play of the day on Mother's Day at Citizens Bank Park, snagging a hard foul ball with his 7 1/2-month-old son strapped to his chest.

Phillies fan Mike Capko caught the souvenir off the bat of the Mets' Daniel Murphy with his left hand Sunday while sitting in the second deck behind home plate.

The 30-year-old Capko had son Kolton cradled in a baby carrier. Capko said it was the first foul ball he'd ever caught and that it was the infant's first game.

"It was a natural reaction," Capko said. "It was great, great."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 10, the 130th day of 2015. There are 235 days left in the year. This is Mother's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 10, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.

On this date:

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.

In 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died of pneumonia, a complication resulting from being hit by friendly fire eight days earlier during the Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1960, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Triton completed its submerged navigation of the globe.

In 1975, Sony began selling its Betamax home videocassette recorder in Japan.

In 1977, actress Joan Crawford died in New York.

In 1984, the International Court of Justice said the United States should halt any actions to blockade Nicaragua's ports (the U.S. had already said it would not recognize World Court jurisdiction on this issue).

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

In 1995, 104 miners were killed in an elevator accident in Orkney, South Africa. Former President George H.W. Bush's office released his letter of resignation from the National Rifle Association in which Bush expressed outrage over an NRA fund-raising letter's reference to federal agents as "jack-booted thugs." (NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre apologized a week later.)

Ten years ago: A federal bankruptcy judge approved United Airlines' plan to terminate its employees' pension plans. Cheered by tens of thousands in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, President

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George W. Bush urged the spread of democracy across the former communist world and beyond. Germany dedicated its new national Holocaust memorial. Gunmen kidnapped the governor of Iraq's Anbar province; the governor (Raja Nawaf Farhan al-Mahalawi) was later killed.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama introduced Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan, billing her as a unifying force for a fractured court. Sunday school teacher Melissa Huckaby, accused of kidnapping, raping and killing 8-year-old Sandra Cantu, pleaded guilty in Tracy, California, to murder. (Huckaby was later sentenced to life in prison, but has never revealed a motive.) The European Union put up a staggering \$1 trillion to contain its spreading government debt crisis.

One year ago: First lady Michelle Obama, delivering the weekly presidential radio and Internet address in her husband's place, decried the kidnapping of scores of Nigerian schoolgirls by the group Boko Haram. Arkansas began issuing same-sex marriage licenses a day after a judge lifted a ban on such unions. Michael Sam was picked by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the NFL draft, becoming the first openly gay player drafted by a pro football team.

Today's Birthdays: Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 82. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 77. Actor David Clennon is 72. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 71. Singer Donovan is 69. Singer-songwriter Graham Gouldman (10cc) is 69. Singer Dave Mason is 69. Actor Mike Hagerty is 61. Sports anchor Chris Berman is 60. Actor Bruce Penhall is 58. Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is 57. Actress Victoria Rowell is 56. Rock singer Bono (BAH'-noh) (U2) is 55. Rock musician Danny Carey (Tool) is 54. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 52. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 52. Model Linda Evangelista is 50. Rapper Young MC is 48. Actor Erik Palladino is 47. Rock singer Richard Patrick (Filter) is 47. Actor Lenny Venito is 46. Actor Dallas Roberts is 45. Actress Leslie Stefanson is 44. Actor-singer Todd Lowe is 43. Country musician David Wallace (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 43. Actress Andrea Anders is 40. Race car driver Helio Castroneves is 40. Rock musician Jesse Vest is 38. Actor Kenan Thompson is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jason Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 35. Rock musician Joey Zehr (The Click Five) is 32. Singer Ashley Poole (Dream) is 30. Actress Odette Annable is 30. Actress Lindsey Shaw (TV: "Pretty Little Liars") is 26. Actress Lauren Potter is 25. Olympic gold medal swimmer Missy Franklin is 20.

Thought for Today: "When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." - Erma Bombeck, American humorist (1927-1996).