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Cats anyone?

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

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.

5:30 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.

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.

10:00 a.m.: 7th grade golf at Britton-Hecla

2:00 p.m.: Varsity Track at Britton-Hecla

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

7:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Wednesday, May 13

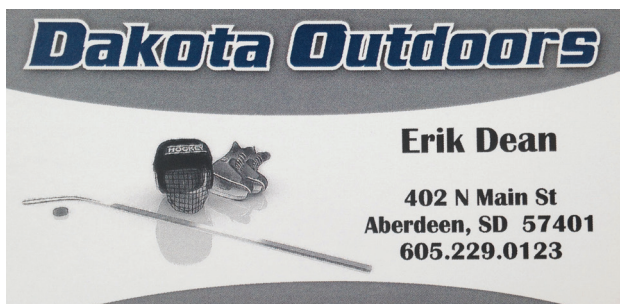
Birthdays: Doris Strom • Nicole Koehler

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.



Dakota Outdoors

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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 21st in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Darcy Dunker-Muller

JobWise what are you doing today? Account Executive for Sioux Falls Woman Magazine

How long have you been working at the current job? Will be 2 years in August

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? Groton High School class of 2002

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? South Dakota State University Bachelor of Science in Hotel & Foodservice Management with a Business minor

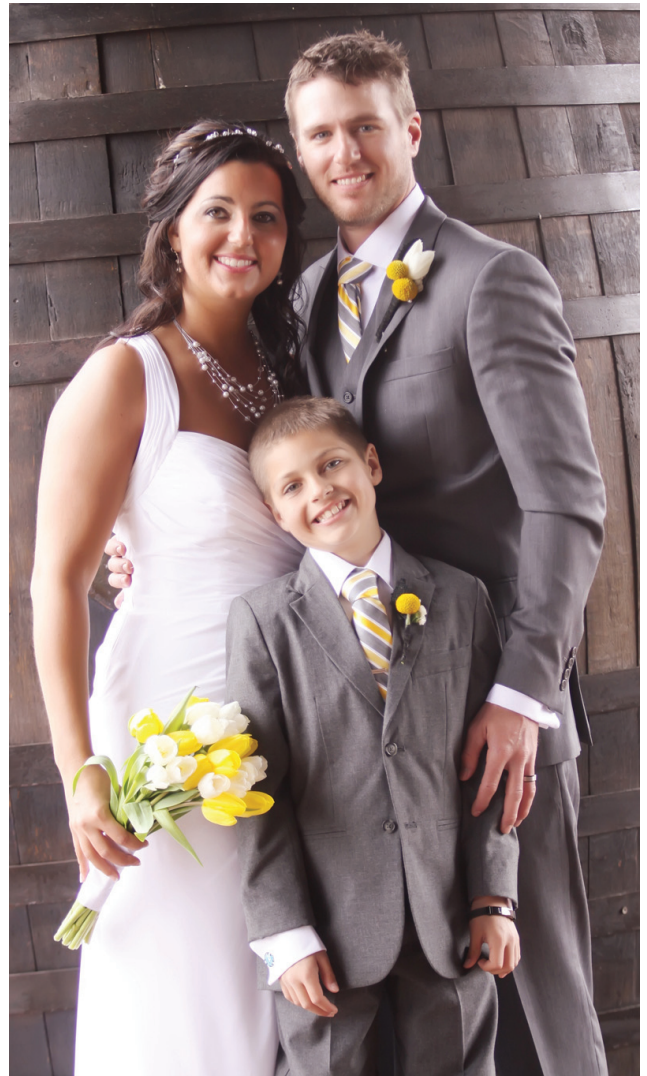
What advice would you give the high school students today? Enjoy life, don't get caught up in the details as they will seem like small things when you get into the real world!

Are you married? Married April 18, 2015 to Kent Muller. He is from Tyndall, SD

How did the two of you meet? We met when we were both in high school on a trip for FFA and became friends. We dated a bit in college and went on to do our own things. We ran back into each other just shy of 4 years ago and just got married a couple weeks ago!

Do you have any children? My son Landon is 10. He is finishing up 4th grade. He loves to play baseball, football and golf.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I think life is more about the experiences we have and the way we react to them. Do I think high school and college is important, absolutely! However, what is even more important is taking that knowledge and applying it in life. I definitely have felt adequately prepared for life after school!



Darcy and Kent with son, Landon

Olivia Walter Photography

FCCLA Style Show

Photos by Paul Kosel



Luke Smith and Taylor Gustafson provided the background music at the FCCLA Style Show.



Welcome to the 2015 Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Annual Style Show. I'm Halley Unzen and this year's FCCLA President. I would like to thank you all in advance for coming to see our showcase tonight. We have a night filled with beautiful prom dresses, phenomenal talent, and exciting class sewing projects.

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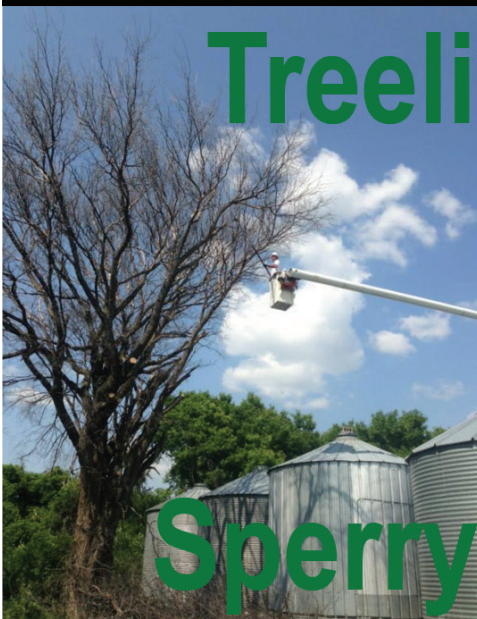
We will begin the night with a group performance consisting of Audrey Wanner and Macy Knecht with accompaniment by Josie Doeden on piano. The girls will be singing "I'm Not the Only One" by Sam Smith.

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I'm Katie LaMee (right) and I am this year's FCCLA Vice President.

And I am Lexie Harder (left), this year's FCCLA Reporter. Katie and I will be your emcees for the first half of tonight's show.



And now let's welcome the future King of America and the True Famous Electric Man, Tate Carda! Tate is a sophomore and this is his second year of taking a FACS class. He likes to make all the creative projects, but this bag has been his real life project. He made his durable, reversible bag with a light tan fabric on the outside and a bright multi-colored chevron fabric on the inside. It has the strength to last for a very long time. Tate plans to use his bag in his future job to hold his work clothes, badge, wallet, tablet, and anything else he buys. All hail to King Tate and aspirations to get a new job at Wal-Mart! Great job, Tate!



We will begin our showcase by bringing out a group of FACS 2 students who sewed satchel bags for their class projects. First up is Kellyn Fluke modeling her black and gold satchel she made in FACS class. Even though she struggled a little bit with her sewing, Kellyn still had a blast through the process. She made this purse for her big sister, Caitlyn to use at college. Kellyn is currently the FCCLA Historian and will be returning later to emcee the second half of our show! Great job Kell, looks great!

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Walking down the runway now is Halley Cranford with her reversible satchel bag, that's grey chevron on the front and blue, black, and white patchwork fabric on the inside. She really enjoys sewing and got this project done in a breeze. She will use this bag to take with her to the beach or the pool. This was her first year in FACS and really enjoyed it. Super job Halley!



Up next is Frankie Wuestewald showing off his reversible satchel bag. The colors are black on the inside and yellow on the outside for Groton's school colors, because he loves to play sports and support his team members. It's his first year in FACS and has never sewn in his life. It wasn't such a breeze for Frankie as it was for a lot of other people in the class. It was a challenge to sew when you haven't done anything like it before, but hey, Frankie is always up for a good challenge! Way to go Frankie. Looking good!



We will bring out our first set of prom dresses for the evening.

Our first model is Hannah Webb showing off her navy blue prom dress she wore at her junior prom a few weeks ago. It features a sweetheart neckline and sliver beading that runs vertically down the dress. The waistband is made of navy chiffon cinched in at the waist creating a beautifully beaded skirt with a chiffon overlay. Hannah has served as this past year's FCCLA secretary and will return later in the show to emcee the second half. So elegant Hannah!

Classifieds

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Look at that sparkle! Here's Amanda Koens modeling her prom dress. Amanda fell in love with this dress because of the beautiful royal blue color and it fit perfectly! Amanda loved the elegance of this dress and liked how surprisingly comfortable it is. Amanda enjoyed her senior prom and was happy to make memories with friends to end her senior year.



Our final model in this group is Kennedy Clark. She is modeling her dress she wore for her senior prom. Kennedy chose a light blue dress, because blue is her favorite color. The dress features a sweetheart neckline and lots of sequins that flow down the length of this princess style dress. Kennedy accented her dress with beautiful drop earrings. Kennedy rocked it at both Groton's prom a couple weeks ago and Central's prom just this past weekend! Looks gorgeous, Kennedy!

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We are now going to bring out our first set of FACS 4 quilters for the evening. Up first is Kasey Waage showing off her Honeycomb Hexagon patterned quilt. Throughout the course of the second semester, she constructed this custom-made quilt using grey and yellow fabrics. She chose this pattern because of how unique it was. The colors of Kasey's quilt represent her class colors, although that wasn't the plan when she first picked her fabric. It was quite easy to cut each hexagon using a template. It was, however, difficult to sew each piece together because of the weird angle of each hexagon. When sewing each row together, she also found it difficult to line them up to form perfect corners. Kasey couldn't wait to get her quilt done, so she could snuggle up and take a nap with it. Kasey's future plans include attending South Dakota State University and majoring in Biology Education with hopes to one day become a high school science teacher. Great job, Kasey!



Up next is Alyssa Sippel showing off her Hopscotch patterned quilt. She used brown, white, and aqua blue fabrics to create her work of art. Since this was her first time sewing in Mrs. Tietz's FACS factory, seam ripping was a very popular thing for her to do. Shockingly, Alyssa learned she was not the best quilter after day one. Quilting took a lot of hard work and time, but she is happy with how her quilt turned out in the end. Since then, Alyssa has resigned from her job as a quilter in the FACS Factory and has switched to a scrapbooking position. If that doesn't work out, she plans on leaving Groton and attending USD in the fall to major in Health Service Administration. Awesome job, Alyssa!

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Now, here comes Danielle Schinkel. She made a t-shirt quilt out of a few of her Groton Tiger t-shirts. This wasn't the first time she had sewn, but this quilt definitely wasn't easy. She outlined her t-shirts with a thin white boarder to make these wonderful t-shirts stand out. She also used a thick black boarder to split up the t-shirts from each other. Danielle plans to take her quilt with her to Mitchell Tech next fall where she will be pursuing a career in speech pathology assistant to keep her nice and cozy while doing her homework. Fab job, Danielle!



Our last model in this group is Ashley Gibbs. She constructed her quilt using the Slice of Life pattern. Ashley has sewn for the past ten years in 4-H, but this was her first attempt at making a quilt. The colors she chose were blues, greens, and purples. She used a layer cake of pre-cut fabric to start out her quilt, and then added a two and a half inch white-on-white border, a five and a half inch lime green border, and a six and a half inch turquoise border to her quilt. She chose the quilting design called Square Meander to finish off her quilt and make it pop. Ashley's future plans are to attend South Dakota State University to major in Early Childhood Education to become a Kindergarten teacher. Gorgeous quilt, Ashley!

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Our next group of sewers come from the FACS 1 class. Up first is Hannah Lewandowski modeling her pajama pants she made this year. Out of all the sewing projects she's done, these pants have been her favorite. Hannah's dad, Brad, was the one who picked out her fabric. Her pants are made out of a pink flannel fabric featuring elephants throughout. Hannah wears her pajama pants around the house because they are very soft and comfortable. Stay hot, Hannah!



Up next is Hsa Law with her brightly colored, cotton pajama pants. She chose this fun fabric because of its bright colors and softness which makes them very comfortable while sleeping. Hsa has really enjoyed FACS 1, and it has helped her to open up more with the other girls that are in the class. She has learned so many new things from taking FACS that she will remember forever. Cool pants, Hsa Law!



Now here comes Harleigh Winther struttin' her stuff in the pajama pants she made in FACS 1. This was Harleigh's first sewing project, so she found it kind of challenging to figure out, but she conquered it. She loves how her funky, new pajama pants turned out and wears them all the time. Harleigh plans on taking all four FACS classes throughout high school, because she liked it so much. Excellent job, Harleigh!

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Last up in this group is Erika Herr. She is modeling her polar fleece, owl- print pajama pants. She chose this warm, comfy fabric with her grandma at Walmart. Of all the things they did in FACS this year, Erika says that sewing these pants was her favorite, but cooking all the tasty meals was a close second. These are Erika's go-to-pants when she wants to lounge around the house, because they are so soft and comfortable. Great job, Erika!



Next we are going to bring out our one and only group of FACS 3 projects. Although the class only consisted of these three girls, they still had a great time throughout the year. First up is Hannah Webb in her knit, chevron dress. It was a fairly easy project for her, showing how traditional sewing is now being turned in to a time of modern sewing by getting patterns off the internet. Hannah found this pattern on Pinterest and thought it would be a perfect dress for her. The pattern only had three seams that were all finished off with a zig zag stitch. The knit fabric curls when cut, so she was able to cut arm and neck holes without having to do anything more to them. Lastly, she cut the length to fit her and added a belt – Waa-laa – A cute, simple dress that she plans on wearing all summer long! Totally cute, Hannah!



Next up is Tia Thompson. Tia made a tank top in FACS III. The silky rayon fabric was hard to sew on, and some of her seams weren't exactly straight, but the project ended up looking pretty good. While waiting for Walmart to get the right fabric in stock, she had the opportunity to start another sewing project, Tia also made a tie blanket and a pair of pajama pants. In the end, Walmart ordered her the wrong kind of fabric (originally she wanted to make a maxi skirt, but this type of fabric would not work for that), so Mrs. Tietz, Hannah Webb, and Tia made a pattern for this tank top that she will be able to wear all summer long. Tia just got back from the state FCCLA meeting where she got a silver on her Illustrated Talk. Marvelous job, Tia!

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Our final model of this group is Paige Pray. She is wearing her white, rayon blend tank top she made in FACS 3. Initially, she was going to make a maxi skirt like Tia, but the sales clerk recommended the wrong material, so Paige ended up choosing a completely different pattern and made the fabric work. In the end, she made a long, flowy tank top that looks great when paired with leggings. Nice job, Paige!



Next we are going to bring out another group of FACS 2 satchel bags. Up first is Halie Yarborough. She is showing off her perfectly, purple purse that she sewed for her mother, Kim. The inside of her bag features a simple purple color, whereas the outside of her purse is more of a purple, floral pattern. She had a great experience this year and plans to continue to take FACS classes for the rest of her high school years. Looks great, Halie!



Our final model of FACS 2 for this half is the amazing Jazzmine Hinman. She is also modeling her reversible satchel bag. It features an orange and cream chevron pattern on the outside and a gray Paris themed fabric on the inside. Jazzmine plans to use her bag when going to the lake and the pool this summer. She will be back later in our show to be inducted into next year's officer team. Work it, Jazzmine!

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Our final group of models for this half are showing off their prom dresses that they wore to this year's prom a few weeks ago. First up is Haley Unzen, this year's FCCLA president, a position she has held for the past 2 years. She is modeling her black, floor length, sparkle dress that features silver and iridescent beading that flows up into the one shoulder design. Her dress also has a slit on the left leg and an open back. Haley took a risk when buying this dress, because she ordered it directly online without ever trying it on. The dress turned out great and only required a few alterations. Haley had a great time dancing the night away with her friends at her senior prom. Gorgeous dress, Haley!



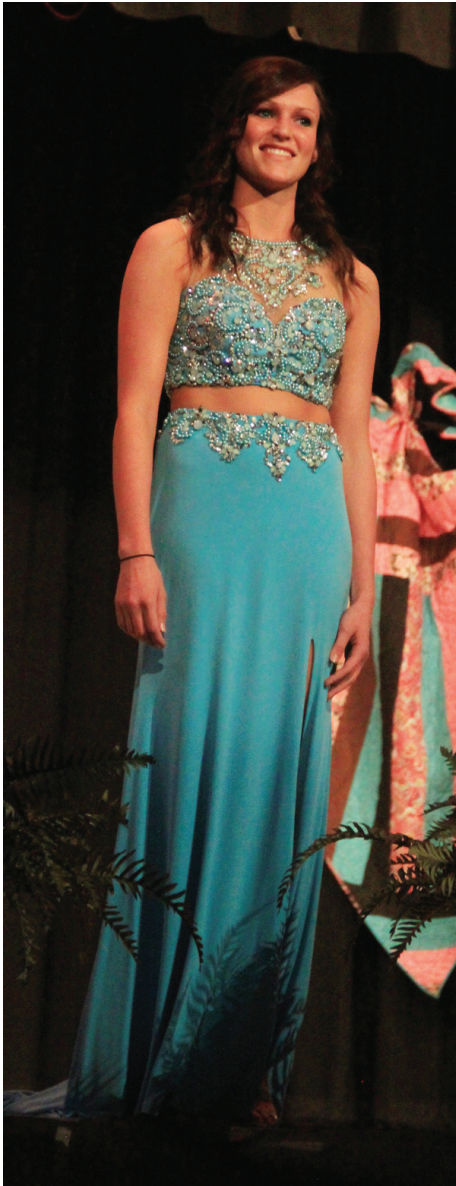
Here comes Ashley Gibbs modeling her prom dress. This year's prom dress is something very different for Ashley. It is a pale pink two-piece dress. The top is mid-ris length with white embroidery trim. The skirt waistband of her dress is wide so that it nearly meets the bottom of the bodice. The skirt is A-line with embroidery trim along the waistband accentuating it beautifully. Lookin' pretty in pink Ashley!



Next is Kellyn Fluke modeling a ball gown style prom dress. Its royal blue color is striking with beaded up strapless top. She picked this dress because the blue brings out her eyes and looks so pretty with her skin tone. It was the first one she saw and said she had to have it. Kellyn recently attended the state FCCLA meeting and had a great time. Looks beautiful Kellyn!

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Our final model of the first half is Rachel Blackmun modeling her Alyce Paris style dress bought at Brides and Belles in Aberdeen. It is a two piece light blue dress with intricate beading on the top and waist of the shirt. The beading has different patterns in it, it has a spiral effect in some areas and intricate beading in others. The dress itself reminds her of Princess Jasmine from Aladdin with the color and style. Rachel's plans for the fall are to attend the University of South Dakota and majoring in Medical Biology, with this degree she hopes to go on to Medical school to become an OB/GYN or Pediatrician. Looks wonderful Rachel.



For your pre-intermission entertainment, we have the talented Luke Smith playing a piece he has prepared "How Great Thou Art". Now without further ado I would give you Luke Smith.



Hannah Webb gave the Year in Review

There is a special group of women here tonight that have sacrificed their time and energy keeping us girls in line this year. Our chapter moms volunteer at the District and State FCCLA Meetings and act as judges, volunteers, and chaperones. Without them, our chapter would not be allowed to compete, nor be as successful at the competition level as we have been. Our Chapter Moms this year are Laurie LaMee, Lisa Adler, Kelly Clark, and Jolene Herr. We would also like to thank LuAnn Kroll for supporting FCCLA through our annual fruit sales, over the past 15 years she has assisted various students in selling and distributing fruit and meat and cheese at her place of work. We estimated that she has helped in selling over \$13,500 in fruit to help our Groton FCCLA chapter. We are so grateful LuAnn. Thank you again to all of these special ladies for all you do for us throughout the year!

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Katie LaMee in the left photo announcing the FCCLAer of the Year and Officer of the Year awards.

Every year we select one member to receive the FCCLA'er of the Year and Officer of the Year awards. We assign a certain number of points to each activity our chapter is involved in and the member and officer with the highest number of points at the end of the year is awarded the honor of being our FCCLA'er and Officer of the Year.

***This year's FCCLA'er of the Year is actually a tie between two very outstanding members, Hannah Lewandowski (left) and Madison Sippel (right). Congratulations!**

***This year's Officer of the Year is, Haley Unzen (bottom right). Congratulations!**



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Lindsey Tietz recognized the nine senior FCCLA members.

Haley Unzen – 4 year member

Katie LaMee – 4 year member

Kennedy Clark – 4 year member

Amanda Koens – 4 year member

Alyssa Sippel – 3 year member

Kasey Waage – 2 year member

Madison Colestock – 2 year member

Ashley Gibbs – 1 year member

Danielle Schinkel – 1 year member

Mrs. Tietz-Next I would like to present the FCCLA Service Award to FCCLA seniors. In order to earn this award, seniors must have sold 40 boxes of fruit over their entire membership, which could be 1-4 years, and achieved involvement points through the point system. Involvement points come from things like attending meetings, participating in activities such as bingo and the food drive, and also from being involved in district and state meetings. The following members have earned the FCCLA Service Award:

*Haley Unzen - \$300

*Katie LaMee - \$300

*Kennedy Clark - \$300

*Alyssa Sippel - \$275

*Danielle Schinkel - \$125



The seniors are Danielle Schinkel, Ashley Gibbs, Kasey Waage, Kennedy Clark, Katie La-Mee, Haley Unzen and Alyssa Sippel.

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Hi, I'm Kellyn Fluke (right) this year's FCCLA Historian.

Hi, I'm Hannah Webb (left) this year's FCCLA Secretary. We will be the emcees for the remainder of the show.



To kick off the second half of our show is a group of girls modeling their prom dresses. Up first is Jamie Krueger modeling her prom dress. Jamie choose this dress because she loves the color and all the beads on the top. The top of the dress is completely beaded, even the shoulder straps as they are attached to a mesh fabric. The skirt features two layers giving it an iridescent look. Jamie had a great time at her junior prom and can't wait for next year! Looking beautiful, Jamie!



Up next is Halie Yarborough, also modeling a royal blue dress. Her dress features a sweetheart neckline and is accented with a rhinestone necklace, pearl and rhinestone earrings, and a head band that has a rhinestone heart on it. Halie will be attending Langford's prom this weekend and plans to dance the night away with friends! Looking good Halie!

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Our final model in this group is Paige Pray showing off her flawless, deep red colored prom dress that she purchased at Brides & Belles in Aberdeen. This form fitting dress accentuates Paige's figure and makes her look great. The bold red color makes her stand out in confidence and fits Paige to a T. Gorgeous dress, Paige!



Next we are going to bring out another group of FACS 4 quilters. Up first is Katie La-Mee. Her quilt was made using the Stacked Squares pattern that she chose because of the cool illusion that it creates. Katie picked out matching fat quarters for her fabric that she sewed together to form her quilt. This quilt was definitely time consuming, Katie went into Mrs. Tietz's sewing workshop every chance she had, to get it done. Katie surprisingly liked quilting and will definitely be quilting again when she gets older. She plans on using her quilt next year when she moves to the tundra of Watertown while attending Lake Area Tech for cosmetology. Katie would like to give a shout out to her homies, Halley Unzen and Kasey Waage, for helping her figure out how to lay out her quilt pattern. Awesome job, Katie!

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-The next quilter in this group is Haley Unzen showing off her Chevron Rag Time Quilt she made in FACS 4. She chose this pattern last minute when she saw the picture of someone else's quilt on Pinterest. There wasn't really a pattern to speak of to follow, so Haley drew out a pattern herself with the dimensions she wanted for each square and the end result to be. Haley spent countless hours cutting her fabric and batting and then sewing them together to keep the batting from moving around once she washed it. She loves how her quilt turned out, and she can officially say that her blood, sweat, and tears all went into making it. Haley wants to give Katie LaMee a shout out for helping her seam rip the thirty triangles that she sewed with the wrong seam allowance, you da bomb Katie! She chose colors that she thought looked very "now" and that would go great with her graduation theme. Haley plans to use her quilt next year at USD where she will be majoring in Elementary Education. Beautiful quilt, Haley!



The final quilter in this group is Shannon Hjerme stad. When Shannon was thinking about what to do for her quilt she decided to search for ideas on Pinterest. There were so many beautiful quilts, but one in particular caught her eye – Its was a two-diagonal, brightly colored quilt. Shannon loved the bright colors they had used, so she went to work picking out the bright colors that she wanted to use in her quilt. The quilt seemed perfect, except for one little problem - no directions, this seems to be the common denominator with the pinterest quilts. With the help of Mrs. Tietz and Mrs. Hoffman, they figured out a pattern and directions and she completed her quilt. Shannon will be using this as a comforter on her bed while she attends Lake Area Tech in Watertown pursuing a career in Human Services.

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Coming out next is another group of satchel bag sewers from FACS 2. Our first model is Heather Lone. She is modeling her reversible, light blue and turquoise satchel bag. This was Heather's first time sewing, but that didn't keep her from doing a great job. Heather is a sophomore and this is her first year in both FACS and FCCLA. Besides FCCLA, Heather is also on the soccer team, track team, water girl for the football team, and a stats girl for the wrestling team. On top of all of those, she is also a performer in Show Choir. Excellent job, Heather!



Wowwy kazam! Here comes Lexie Harder strutting down the runway with her reversible purse. Her purse features a teal and white chevron pattern on the outside with a coordinating teal, gray, and white fabric on the inside. Between these two fabrics is interfacing, which gives the bag body to help hold its shape. She chose these fabrics because teal is her favorite color, and because it will go with a variety of outfits. This is Lexie's second year of FACS. She was the FCCLA member of the year last year and is currently the FCCLA reporter. Looks fabulous, Lexie!



Holy Moly, it's Jessica Adler modeling her breathtaking reversible purse. It features a variety of different shades of gray with a very funky and fun fabric on the outside and a sophisticated Paris-themed pattern on the inside. Jessica is a sophomore and plans to take FACS and be in FCCLA until she graduates, you will see again at the end of show as she is inducted as an officer for next school year. She loves all the fun things they do in and out of class and can't wait for next year! Looks totally fetch, Jessica!

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Our next model is Macy Knecht, she chose a bright blue fabric for the inside of her bag, with a beige and grayish pattern to complete the outside of it. Sewing it wasn't as hard as she had expected, it was fun! It was her first time sewing anything major! In addition to FCCLA, she is in track, show choir, cheerleading, chamber choir, and band. Awesome Job Macy!



Next, we will bring out our final group of FACS 1 sewers. Up first is Jessica Bjerke. She is looking fresh in her plaid, polar fleece pajama pants. Overall, Jessica really like this project except for when she screwed up three times and had to seam rip and then re sew her pieces back together. She saw that all the mess-ups were worth it, because she loves how her pajama pants turned out and wears them all the time. Steller job, Jessie!



Next up is Madison Sippel. She showing off her cozy polar fleece pajama pants. She chose a white and pink plaid patterned fabric to construct these cool looking pants. This is actually Madison's first time officially wearing her pants because her sister has claimed them as her own. She says that the hardest part about the sewing process was pinning her fabric together without becoming a human pin cushion. Maddie is another FCCLA member that you will be seeing again soon as she is inducted into next years officer team! Magnificent job, Madi!

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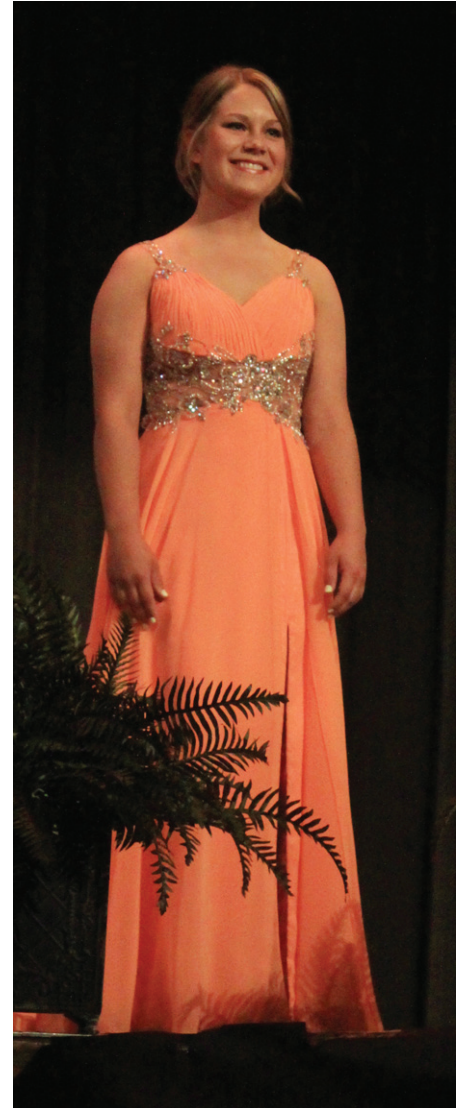
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Our last FACS 1 sewer is Hannah Jensen. She is modeling the first sewing project that she's ever made, a pair of black and gold, tiger print pajama pants. Hannah used a cotton fabric with an elastic waist to make her pants. The soft fabric makes them super comfortable to wear all year-round. Hannah has enjoyed her first year in FCCLA and FACS and is looking forward to next year. Awesome job, Hannah!



Coming out next is another group of gorgeous prom dresses. Our first model is Katie LaMee. She is wearing a champagne colored, Morilee dress. Katie did not intend on getting this color of a dress, she really wanted a blue one until she saw this dress hanging up and knew she just had to try it on. It was love at first sight and Katie said "Yes to the dress!" Her dress features a beaded, sweetheart top and a flowy chiffon bottom. Katie says she loves how the dress looks on her and felt great wearing it at prom a few weeks ago. Love it, Katie!



Here comes Kasey Waage wearing a beautiful floor-length gown. The dress, whom she borrowed from Kellyn Fluke, is a unique orange color; some may describe it as a melon orange. It features a thigh-length slit in the front and an open back. It also displays a unique mesh area covered in iridescent beads throughout the front and back that follow the gown up into the straps. The dress allows for comfortable wear as it flows from her body. Simplicity is the main aspect of this gorgeous gown. Looking good, Kasey!



Next up is Alyssa Sippel modeling her royal blue prom dress. Her dress features elegant silver and blue beading and white pearls that form a leaf like flower pattern that wraps from the right shoulder all the way around to her back on sheer fabric. The dress also reaches all the way up to her neck with the same sheer fabric and there features a beaded neckline. This dress is made of a very comfortable floor-length fabric which allows Alyssa to trip if she accidentally steps on it. Alyssa loves how her dress flatters her and makes her feel very elegant. Fabulous dress, Alyssa!



Our final prom dress model of the night is Danielle Schinkel. She is modeling her beautiful Studio 17 ball gown that she purchased from Brides n' Belles in Aberdeen. Her dress is black and champagne in color and features a sweetheart neckline. Her dress also includes a rhinestone and lace bodice which really makes her sparkle. This is the first dress Danielle tried on, and she fell in love with it right away. Beautiful dress, Danielle!

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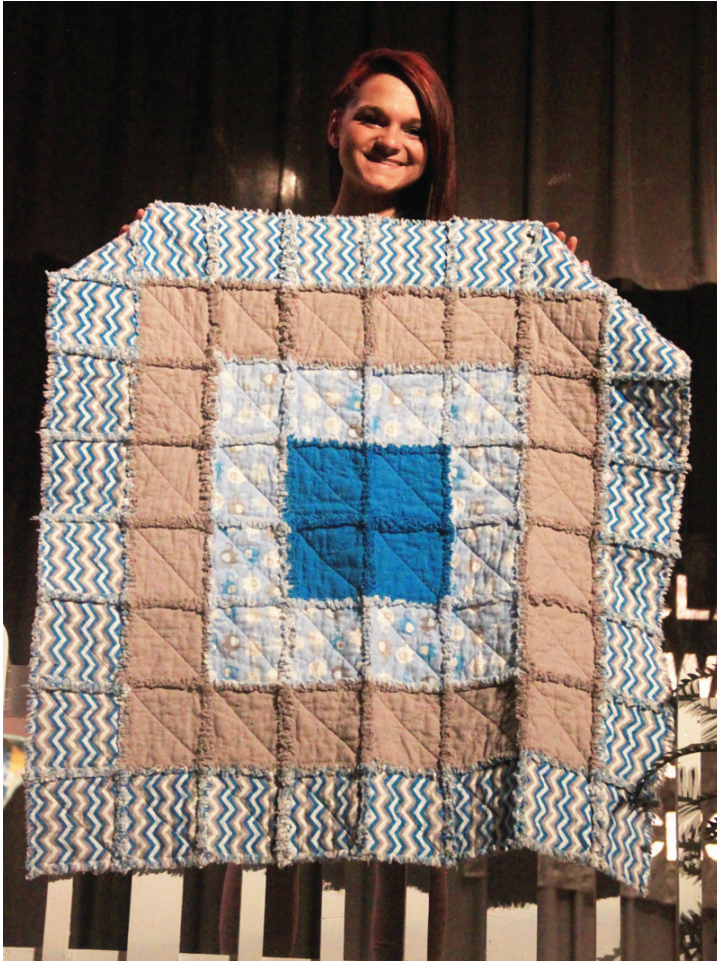


We are now going to move into our final group of quilters for the night. First is Jamie Krueger. Jamie is a junior taking FACS 4 with the seniors! This is only Jamie's second time ever sewing, last year she made a baseball t-shirt in FACS 3. She looked on google for some ideas and fell in love with one, but soon realized it was just the picture, there were no directions! After talking it through with Mrs. Tietz, she realized she would be able make it. She just had to come up with her own pattern! Although she thought it was a good idea at the time, Jamie quickly learned that was not the case! She went through many struggles with her quilt including, making herself bleed, seem ripping a thousand times, and spending many hours on her quilt. Jamie said a lot of blood, sweat, and tears went into this quilt, literally she bled many times because of seam ripping! Great job, Jamie!

Up next is Amanda Koens with her traditional triangle-patterned quilt featuring blues, yellows, and grays. For as difficult as this quilt was to make, as she had to match the seams and points perfectly, she absolutely loved making this quilt and can't wait to use it next year in college when she attends Northern State University. Amanda has been in FACS class all four years of high school and has enjoyed making projects and learning many useful skills she will need in years to come. Wonderful job Amanda!

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Here comes Paige Pray showing off her baby blanket sized rag time quilt. Although she has sewn before, this is the first time she has ever taken on a quilting project. She had to make a several trips to Wal-Mart to buy more fabric because cutting the pieces proved to be challenging and were not always accurate. "The toughest part was making the points match," Paige said. It took her at least three times to get it right and a lot of seam ripping, but the time that was put into it was well worth it in the end. Paige is saving her quilt for her future baby boy. Paige will be attending STI in Sioux Falls next year to become a Surgical Technologist. Well done, Paige!



Our final quilter of the night is Kennedy Clark. This was her first time quilting, but she's had plenty of sewing experience from taking FACS classes for the past four years. Kennedy chose the pattern called Blueberry Patch and accented it with blue, white, and floral fabrics. Along the way, she had many challenges with her quilt from having to re-cut the squares smaller, seam ripping, and making many trips to Sanders to buy more fabric to achieve a queen-size quilt. Kennedy kept making her quilt bigger and bigger and spent many hours working on it. She will use it next year in college when she attends the University of Sioux Falls pursuing a career in business for marketing management. Great job, Kennedy!

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Our final group of sewers for the night come from the FACS 2 class. First up modeling her satchel bag is Tage Taylor. This was not her first sewing project as she has sewn many projects for 4-H and also made pajama pants last year in FACS I. Tage's purse features a mint green and white fabric on one side and a coordinating flower print fabric on the other. She plans to enter her purse at the Brown County Fair as a 4-H project this summer and we wouldn't doubt that she'll get a purple ribbon! In her spare time, Tage enjoys quilting, working on 4-H projects, and babysitting her cousins. Looking good Tage!



Walking out next is Nicole Fey. Her reversible bag has a trendy bird print fabric on one side, and a white and gold polka dot fabric on the other side. The bag is also lined with interfacing which gives the bag stiffness to hold its shape. This is the first project Nicole has ever sewed and also her first year in a FACS class. The bag was much easier to sew than she originally thought it was going to be, and she can now officially say that she will be sewing a lot more, rather than using hot glue to fix her holey clothes. Nicole will use her bag to hold her swimsuit and towel as she goes swimming at the lake this summer, and said that she really liked FACS and will definitely be taking FACS 3 next year. Awesome job, Nicole!



WOWY CAZAM look at that girl. Who is she?)Oh wait, that's Katie Koehler! She is modeling her reversible bag featuring a hot chevron pattern on the outside and a pink owl pattern on the inside. This project wasn't a breeze like everyone has said it was, because Katie had to seem rip for 2 days. But after she got it all said and done, she loved how her reversible purse turned out. Katie says she takes her purse everywhere with her, to the movies, the store, and even the FCCLA style show. Katie also takes it to her sports events, as she is in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track. Super job, Katie!

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At this time, we would like to welcome our final talent performer of the night to the stage. Kari Hanson is a sophomore here at Groton and will be sing "I Choose Jesus". Along with singing, she will also be playing her own accompaniment on the piano.



The new officers for the 2015-16 school year are pictured above. Left to right are Lindsey Tietz, advisor; Hannah Webb, president; Madison Sippel, vice president; Kellyn Fluke, secretary/reporter; Lexie Harder, treasurer; Jessica Adler, historian; Jazzmine Hinman, public relations.

Today in Weather History

May 11, 1966: Late season snow fell in parts of north central and northeast South Dakota and into west central Minnesota. Amounts include; 4 inches in Timber Lake; 3 in Eureka, 2 NNW of Mobridge, and Roscoe; and 2 inches in Artichoke Lake MN, Pollock, and Waubay.

May 11, 1998: Heavy rain of 2 to 4 inches with some amounts nearing 5 inches fell across a large part of Brown, Marshall, Day, Spink, and Clark counties on the evening of the 11th. This round of heavy rain only exacerbated the already extensive flooding occurring from many years of above normal precipitation. Day County was most affected by this round of heavy rain where area lakes were already at new record levels. Blue Dog, Waubay, Rush, and Bitter Lake in Day County were just a few of the lakes hard hit. In fact, extensive sandbagging was done around Blue Dog Lake to save many homes. Some residents of Blue Dog Lake said they had never seen the lake so high in over 35 years of living there. Many more roads become flooded after this heavy rain event and will remain so for quite some time. Spots on U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 25 become flooded near Holmquist and Webster. Also, more of U.S. Highway 212, 4 miles east of Clark was flooded. There remained only one road opened to the town of Grenville in northeastern Day County. In all five counties, the rising water took away many more acres of farm and pastureland, as well as drowning many crops that had already been planted. One farmer in Spink County said sixty percent of his farm was under water. Some farmhouses and outbuildings became surrounded by water leaving some families stranded. After this heavy rain, around sixty percent of the crop and pastureland in Day County and one-third of it in Spink County had been inundated by a swollen water table and several years of above normal precipitation. Overall, the continued flooding has had a tremendous impact on the economy in the five county areas. Some rainfall amounts on this day include; 4.7 inches just north of Crocker in Clark County; 4.52 at Webster; 4.01 at Doland; 3.81 at Waubay NWR; 3.60 at Turton; 2.63 at Conde; 2.60 at Groton; 2.41 at Clark; and 2.18 inches at Aberdeen.

Heavy rain of 2 to 4 inches fell mainly during the evening of the 11th across southern and central Hand County. Many creeks in the area became rushing torrents through the night and through the day of the 12th. Also, low-lying areas and a lot of crop and pastureland were flooded. Some businesses and homes in the Miller, Saint Lawrence, Ree Heights, and Vayland areas were flooded. Some sandbagging was done to try and save some properties in Miller. U.S. Highway 14 at the east end of Miller was flooded over for several hours along with many other streets, county and township roads in southern and central Hand County. Many of the roads were damaged as result of the flooding. Some people in Miller said they had never seen it flood this bad in 35 years. Some rain fall amounts include; 3.99 inches at Miller; 3.10 inches 3 miles south of Ree Heights; and 2.65 at Ree Heights.








1865: A tornado touched down in Philadelphia around 6 PM ET, killing one person and injuring 15 others. There was great destruction to property, with 23 houses blown down, damage to the Reading Railroad depot, with the water tank carried 150 yards. Fairmont Park was damaged to the amount of \$20,000 dollars.

1934: A tremendous dust storm affected the Plains as the Dust Bowl era was in full swing. According to The New York Times, dust "lodged itself in the eyes and throats of weeping and coughing New Yorkers," and even ships some 300 miles offshore saw dust collect on their decks. Click [HERE](#) from more information.

1953: A terrifying F5 tornado rips through downtown Waco, Texas, killing 114 people and injuring nearly 600 more. More than 850 homes, 600 businesses, and 2,000 cars are destroyed or severely damaged. Losses have been estimated at \$41 million. The tornado is the deadliest in Texas history and the tenth deadliest in the US.

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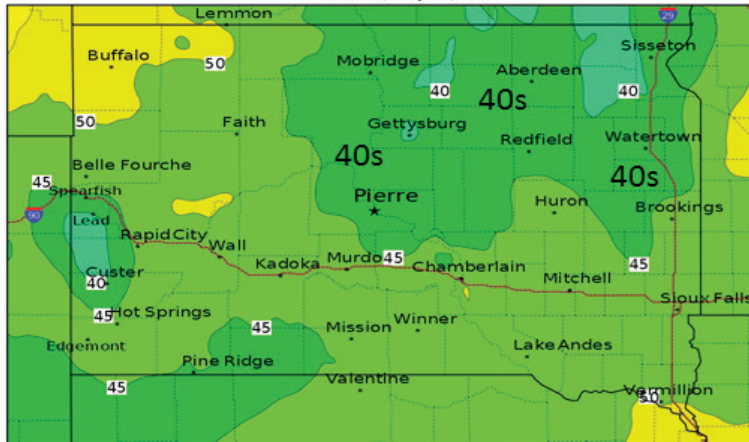
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Rain & Snow Coming To A Close Today Frost Possible Tonight

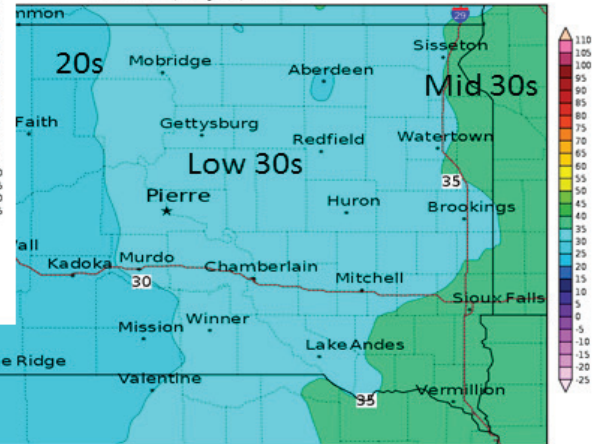


Maximum Temperature (°F)
Valid: Mon, May 11, 2015



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Rain and snow will come to a close today. Clearing is possible tonight, which would lead to a frost.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 47.5 at 6:38 PM

Low: 40.9 at 5:57 AM

High Gust: 31 at 9:24 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 1.24

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 1900

Record Low: 18° in 1946

Average High: 68°F

Average Low: 42°F

Average Precip in May: 1.13

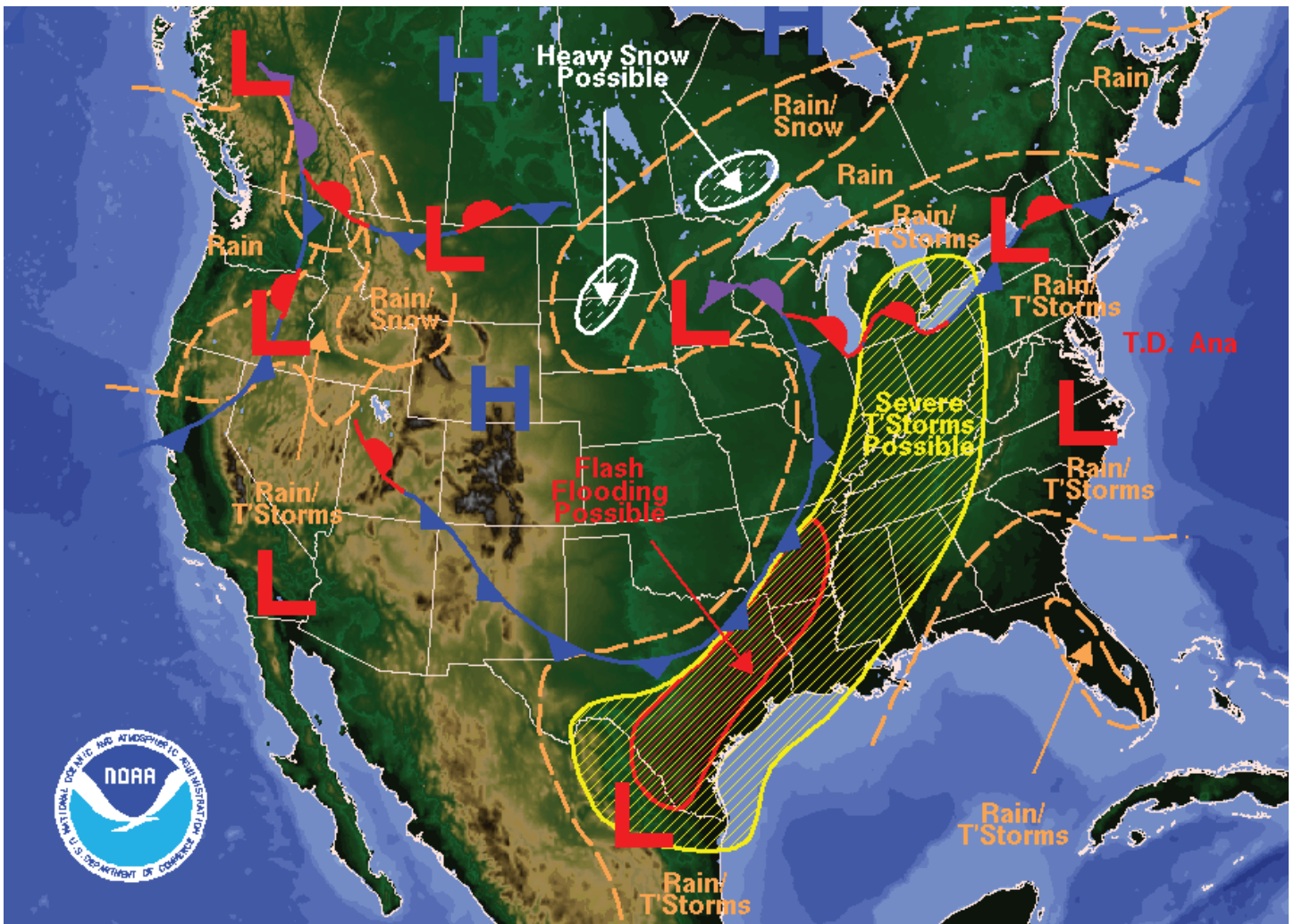
Precip to date in May: 1.25

Average Precip to date: 5.16

Precip Year to Date: 2.89

Sunset Tonight: 8:52 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:07 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, May 11, 2015, issued 2:53 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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GREED

Years ago there was a pretzel stand in front of a building in New York. A generous business man wanted to help the owner. Each day he would put a quarter on the counter and walk away without taking a pretzel.

One day as he was leaving his quarter, the owner said, "Sir.."

Stopping quickly, he said, "I presume that you are going to ask me why I never take the pretzels?"

"No," she said rather haughtily. "I just wanted to tell you that the price of the pretzels is fifty cents."

In Paul's letter to the Colossians he warned them to "Put to death...evil desires and greed, which is idolatry." He asks that we consider ourselves as though we are dead and therefore unresponsive and unable to be involved in a list of sins, ending with greed. He suggests we make a conscious effort every day to remove anything in our lives that would in any way allow these desires to be present and grow and lead to our destruction. We are to rely on the Holy Spirit's power to overcome the temptation to sin.

In these days of economic uncertainty we are much more aware of what we have and do not have. We seem to face more pressures to lay up treasures for our future on earth rather than with God. We seem to rely more on what we can get from God than what we can give to God.

Prayer: Lord, give us a clear vision of what to value. Protect us from desires to put "things" before You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Colossians 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

News from the Associated Press

Snow storm in Dakotas breaks records in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A record-breaking winter-like storm is continuing to impact parts of the Dakotas, though warmer temperatures as the week progresses are likely to quickly melt the new snow.

The National Weather Service has posted winter weather advisories and warnings for southeastern North Dakota and north central South Dakota, with another couple of inches of snow and strong winds expected. Travel could be hazardous.

The snow dumped more than 8 inches of snow on southern North Dakota and more than a foot on western South Dakota's Black Hills over the weekend. It broke daily snowfall records in Rapid City on both Saturday and Sunday.

High temperatures are expected to climb into the 50s, 60s and 70s starting Tuesday. Weather Service meteorologist April Cooper says the moisture will help dampen wildfire concerns.

Dozens injured, 2 dead after tornadoes hit Texas, Arkansas

VAN, Texas (AP) — Emergency responders searched the wreckage of communities in northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas early Monday, after a rash of tornadoes slammed the area, killing at least two people and leaving dozens injured.

Howard County Sheriff Brian McJunkins said two victims who lived in adjoining mobile homes in Nashville, Arkansas, died after several tornadoes were reported in the area late Sunday. McJunkins told KLSA-TV that two other people in the town about 50 miles north of Texarkana were critically injured.

In neighboring Texas, a likely tornado pummeled the small city of Van in Van Zandt County around 8:45 p.m. Chuck Allen, the Van Zandt County fire marshal and emergency management coordinator, said about 30 percent of the city was damaged in the storm.

Allen said in an email early Monday that a triage area was established at a church and about 26 residents were taken to hospitals. The extent of their injuries was not immediately clear.

"Damages range from completely destroyed homes, damaged homes, to trees and power lines down," Allen wrote.

Allen said authorities were going door to door in the city about 70 miles southeast of Dallas, hunting for injured people. Van has about 2,500 residents.

Utility companies are working to restore "vital infrastructures," and road and bridge crews are working to open streets and highways to allow for first responder access, he said.

The American Red Cross planned to open a shelter at First Baptist Church in Van, Allen said. Calls to the church rang unanswered early Monday.

The Van Independent School District said on its website schools would be closed Monday.

The National Weather Service believes at least one tornado hit Van on Sunday night, senior meteorologist Eric Martello said. Weather service crews were surveying the area Monday.

The storm was part of severe weather that stretched across North Texas on Sunday.

Earlier in the day, another 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.

The area also experienced torrential rains that led to widespread flash flooding. Authorities in Denton County said Sunday that two groups of people had to be airlifted by helicopters to safety.

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Tornadoes were also reported in central Iowa, where a roof was ripped off a high school, and in eastern South Dakota, where a twister damaged the small town of Delmont and injured at least nine people.

"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 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.

Delmont residents being allowed back to assess damage

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — Residents of the tornado-ravaged South Dakota town of Delmont are being allowed back into the community for 10 hours to assess their property.

Authorities announced during a Sunday night meeting in the high school gymnasium in Tripp that Delmont residents and business owners will be allowed back from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Tripp-Delmont School District has called off classes on Monday because school facilities are being used for emergency shelter.

The tornado hit the town southwest of Sioux Falls on Sunday morning, injuring nine people and damaging at least 20 buildings, including a century-old church. Two people remain hospitalized. Crews are working to restore water, electricity and phone service.

About 200 people live in the town. City leaders plan another community meeting Monday night in Tripp.

6 South Dakota National Guard soldiers going to Afghanistan

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Six soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard in Rapid City are being deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

A deployment ceremony will be held Wednesday at the Army Aviation Support Facility next to Rapid City Regional Airport.

The six are members of Detachment 48, which is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists who fly the C-12 King Air. Its primary mission will be providing aerial surveillance in support of ground commanders in the field.

The ceremony is open to the public. Planned speakers include Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the Guard.

After training in Fort Bliss, Texas, for several weeks, it will be the third mobilization for Detachment 48, which deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2011-2012.

Authorities: Inmate walked away from South Dakota prison

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota inmate has been reported missing after authorities say he walked away from a minimum-security prison unit in Sioux Falls.

The state Department of Corrections said in a news release that 36-year-old David Holloway was reported missing at the South Dakota State Penitentiary campus Sunday morning. About 225 inmates are housed in the minimum-security unit at the prison.

The corrections department said Holloway is serving a 10-year sentence for grand theft in Pennington County and a 2-year sentence for eluding a police officer in Yankton County.

According to the agency, Holloway is a 6-foot-tall white man with brown hair and brown eyes, and

weighs about 180 pounds. The corrections department asks anyone with information on his whereabouts to contact law enforcement immediately.

Rapid City woman turns to powerlifting after heart attack **JOE KAVANAUGH, Rapid City Journal**

This is an AP Member Exchange shared by the Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Two years ago, Kat Colson, then 63, went for a hike that turned out to be more than a few hours on the trail, but rather the beginning of a new and totally unexpected journey in her life.

"My arms got kind of heavy, which alarmed me, and it turned out that I had suffered a mild heart attack," Colson, of Rapid City, said. "It wasn't that severe, I guess, just a blocked artery requiring a stent, but nonetheless, the occurrence came as a complete surprise to me. I had always eaten healthily and thought I was relatively fit, though apparently my arteries weren't, so yeah, it scared me quite a bit."

Just two years after that heart attack, and less than a year after she started serious weight training, she competed in an American Powerlifting Federation meet in Omaha, Nebraska, on April 11 and set national records for her age group.

She got into weightlifting more by happenstance than design, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1GPNJk3>) reported.

About a year after recovering from the heart attack, she went to Hurricane Fitness to work out with a personal trainer to get her fitness level up.

"And about three or four months into the fitness training," Colson said, "Will Hayford, my trainer at Hurricane Fitness, introduced me to weightlifting. I fell in love with the sport, and last September I started training for powerlifting."

After watching Hayford perform in a powerlifting meet, Colson took the leap into competition on her 65th birthday at the meet in Omaha. She set three American powerlifting records in her age group in the squat (188 pounds), bench (99), and dead lift (232).

"I did it just to do it, I guess, and really didn't know what to expect, though I knew what the records were and hoped that I would break them," said Colson, a Douglas High School graduate, former law enforcement officer in California, and current investigator with the South Dakota Department of Social Services. She beat the records by between 10 and 58 pounds.

What she did after just six months of training amazed her coach.

"Definitely a unique accomplishment," Hayford said. "Kat has been with us less than a year, but she has great will and determination and always makes her sessions and always pushes hard and works out to the extent of her abilities. Actually, sometimes, we have to pull the reins back and slow her down a bit."

Hayford emphasized that Colson's gains in physical strength have come because of her own will and determination.

"One of the cool things about powerlifting is you are really competing against yourself," Hayford said. "And Kat did that constantly, competing against herself, and in the process ended up better than other ladies her age have ever been."

As for her quick journey to the top of the powerlifting record books, Colson credits good luck, an excellent trainer and workout environment at Hurricane Fitness. She also acknowledges a certain restless-

ness in her personality may have made a difference.

"I work out three days a week, (and) actually I'm going to start going on Sundays, too," Colson said. "... I can't sit still, and I have to do something. And so I will continue to lift and hopefully be able to improve and beat my own records."

In her rehab program after her heart attack, she had done some lifting and liked it.

"I liked the feeling of the power and the feeling of getting my strength back and keeping my bone density up, which is very important for women as they get older," Colson said.

While setting national records might not be in reach of everyone, Colson doesn't see age as an obstacle. She is a strong believer that health benefits abound for those willing to push themselves and a little iron.

"And I'm 100 percent behind lifting, especially for women," she said.

"What can I say?" she added. "It's fun, too."

For some in US, adopting from Haiti becomes a vital mission

DAVID CRARY, AP National Writer

Youth pastor Bruce Sperling and his wife hoped to adopt a child, but their plans were cut short when he drowned in 2006 while trying to save an imperiled kayaker.

Now, nine years into widowhood, Jill Sperling is pursuing that dream with efforts to adopt a boy from the impoverished Caribbean nation of Haiti. Her adoption agency, Bethany Christian Services, cautions that the process could take close to four years under Haiti's newly tightened procedures, but Sperling is undeterred.

"There's been frustration that the government is moving so slow," she said. "Have I ever wavered in my commitment? No, I have not."

Sperling, a 40-year-old school administrator from Orland Park, Illinois, started the process in November 2013 and is braced for a timetable that could stretch until mid-2017.

"It takes a lot of patience, a lot of prayer," she said. "I'd love to raise my kid with my husband, but I can definitely support a child even though it will be on my own."

Sperling has yet to visit Haiti, but says her interest in the country was kindled by the devastating earthquake in 2010 and reinforced by accounts she heard from fellow church members who did mission work there.

In Wauconda, Illinois, just 60 miles north of Sperling's home, two brothers from Haiti have settled in with their American parents, Jodi and David Mork, after an adoption completed through Bethany in January 2014.

Jodi Mork, an elementary school teacher for 25 years, left her job in order to home-school the boys — Sean, 8, and Jesse, 7 — and says they're thriving.

They had been living for several years in an American-run orphanage in Haiti — God's Littlest Angels — after their impoverished mother decided she could no longer care for them. For the Morks, it was love at first sight when they saw photos of the boys in a listing of children available for adoption.

"They felt familiar to my heart, like I already knew them," Jodi Mork said.

Sean and Jesse were among 464 children from Haiti adopted by Americans in the 2014 fiscal year, up from 388 in 2013. However, U.S. adoption advocates expect the number to drop significantly this year due to Haiti's new approach, which includes tougher screening of prospective adoptions and expansion of alternative programs in Haiti for abandoned children.

Mork said she had mixed feelings about the concept of international adoption, but was sure that the decision to adopt Sean and Jesse was the right one.

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"There's a lot of beauty in Haiti," she said. "But I also realize that for the boys to be able to learn and grow, the opportunities here are so much greater."

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 Texas, which saw at least two likely tornadoes. 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 Texas, a likely tornado late Sunday night hit the small city of Van, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas, according to National Weather Service senior meteorologist Eric Martello.

Fire Chief Jeff Hudgens said Van sustained "some significant damage" to "multiple homes" and said agencies were responding to confirmed injuries. The number of people hurt and the extent of their injuries was not immediately clear.

Earlier in the day, another 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.

The area also experienced torrential rains that led to widespread flash flooding. Authorities in Denton County said Sunday that two groups of people had to be airlifted by helicopters to safety.

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.

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

Associated Press writers Regina Garcia Cano in Delmont, South Dakota; Jeff Baenen in Minneapolis; and Nomaan Merchant and Jamie Stengle in Dallas contributed to this report.

The Latest on severe weather: Injuries, damage in Texas **The Associated Press**

11:20 p.m.

Officials say two groups of people in North Texas had to be rescued by helicopters after rising floodwaters left them stranded.

Denton County Deputy Fire Marshal Marc Dodd says a Texas National Guard helicopter airlifted four adults and one infant on Sunday from the roof of their home near the city of Krum.

Dodd says another helicopter rescued two adults near the city of Sanger from the roof of their pickup truck, which video showed was surrounded by rushing water.

He says 10 others in the county had to evacuate their homes.

National Weather Service meteorologist Matt Staley says some locations in North Texas have gotten from six to seven inches of rain over the past four days.

Officials will be performing damage assessments in the area Monday.

10:20 p.m.

A fire official in North Texas says there is "significant damage" to homes and an unknown number of injuries after severe weather hit the small city of Van.

The National Weather Service received a report of a tornado near Van, in Van Zandt County, as severe thunderstorms passed through Sunday night.

Van Fire Chief Jeff Hudgens says the city sustained "some significant damage" to "multiple homes" and says agencies are responding to confirmed injuries. He did not have any further details on the number of people hurt or the extent of their injuries. There were no immediate reports of fatalities.

No further details were immediately available.

A severe thunderstorm warning is in effect for Van Zandt and Henderson counties until 11 p.m.

Van is about 70 miles southeast of Dallas.

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

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

Haiti fixes adoption system, but some fear too few adopted

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Anne-Marie Saintou walks with a megaphone along the dusty lanes of a Haitian fishing village, imploring people not to make the same mistake she did.

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The 42-year-old year old, walking the unpaved streets in a long skirt and blouse with two companions, said she placed her 3-year-old daughter, Mikerline, up for adoption 12 years ago with the understanding that the child would get an education and come back. She received photos and letter but lost contact after three years. "I never heard from her again."

Accounts like Saintou's are not uncommon in Haiti, where regulation of any kind is spotty, education minimal and circumstances often desperate enough to leave people at the mercy of the unscrupulous. But that appears to be changing, at least when it comes to international adoption in a country that has become a favored choice for Americans seeking a child.

A complete overhaul of the child-welfare system is drawing wide praise for addressing serious flaws, including some exposed in the chaotic aftermath of the devastating January 2010 earthquake.

The Haitian government, through its Institute of Social Well-Being and Research, has prohibited private adoptions, restricted the number of foreign adoption agencies accredited to work in the country and set a quota that limits the number of children who can be adopted internationally per year. It also imposed regulations aimed at addressing longstanding complaints that Haitian parents were too often pressured or manipulated into giving up children for adoption without fully understanding the ramifications.

Experts in child welfare say the changes, which went into full effect as of April 1, 2014, when Haiti became a signatory to the Hague Convention on International Adoption, have gone a long way to cleaning up a murky and corruption-prone process.

Since the earthquake, which killed more than 300,000 people according to the official estimate, the government has worked with UNICEF to rewrite the adoption code and bolster social services in a country where 60 percent of the population gets by on less than \$2 a day. The government has also closed about 40 substandard orphanages and added regulations to limit opportunities for corruption within

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the adoption system.

"It has been too easy to adopt children internationally here and in some countries of Africa," said Kristine Peduto, chief of the child protection unit in Haiti for UNICEF. "People were coming as if they were coming to the market."

The new system requires counseling for families considering giving children up for international adoption that explains they may never see their child again, and a cooling-off period to allow for a change of mind. It requires social workers to try to find a relative or even a neighbor who could step in to help. "The reforms are intended to keep children with their families because that is the best place for them," said Arielle Jeanty Villedrouin, director-general of the country's social services agency.

Some proponents of international adoption, however, feel the pendulum may have swung too far in the opposite direction. The social services agency approved 653 adoptions last year, about half the number approved annually before the earthquake, and a small fraction of the estimated 50,000 children in Haitian orphanages, the vast majority of whom have at least one living parent.

The quota "does not even come close," to being sufficient for the many children who could be adopted but instead face a life in an orphanage, often in grim conditions, said Diana Boni, Haiti program coordinator for All Blessings International, one of 18 U.S. adoption agencies accredited by the government to work in the country under the new regulations.

"Thousands of children growing up in institutions with no hope of a normal, healthy adulthood is a very unhappy prospect," said Boni, who lives in South Dakota and has adopted five children of her own in Haiti.

Prospective parents, meanwhile, wait back in the U.S., Europe or Canada, the places that account for most adoptions from Haiti, and work through the more regimented adoption process that typically takes about three years.

"It takes a lot of patience, a lot of prayer," said Jill Sperling, a resident of Orland Park, Illinois, who began the adoption process in late 2013. "I definitely feel that's the plan God has for me, to be the mom for a little boy from Haiti."

Sperling plans to arrange her adoption through Bethany Christian Services, a major U.S. adoption agency which believes it could place many more children in loving U.S. homes than currently allowed under Haiti's new quota system.

"Things have slowed to a crawl," said Kristi Gleason, Bethany's international programs director, who says the Haitian social services agency lacks the staff and budget to fully carry out its goals.

The criticism is muted in part because many advocates welcome the reforms overall, particularly efforts to make sure families understand the full implications of giving up their parental rights.

There have long been accounts in Haiti of people putting their children in orphanages for what they thought was a temporary stay, only to find them gone when they returned for them. Susan Krabacher, a U.S. citizen who founded Mercy & Sharing, a Haitian nonprofit that runs residential centers and schools for disabled and abandoned children, said she the stories often enough that she launched the public awareness campaign with volunteers like Saintou.

The volunteers warn people to be wary of promoters who have been known to offer a small amount of money, typically portrayed as transportation money to cover a few visits to the orphanage for the impoverished parents, in exchange for a signature on a document abdicating custody. Sometimes parents are told the child will send them money or help them get to the United States or Europe or come back to Haiti after a few years. Saintou says she was led to believe her daughter would come home. "I didn't know I was giving up my rights," she says.

Mercy & Sharing is working with the government and mobile phone company Digicel to produce a

national campaign. For now, though, it's done on foot or with a speaker from a truck. The teams have been going out each day in three areas, two of which are in the capital, where the organization runs residential centers. Saintou was accompanied by two other women, Rose Marie Hilaire and Phadia Fils-Aime, down a dirt road lined with cactus and scrub toward the village of Luly, where people live in small concrete shacks and get by fishing from small boats in the Caribbean Sea.

As she and the others made their way past street stalls selling water and mobile phone minutes, villagers listened curiously and a few stopped and chatted with them, making note of the phone numbers they offered for people in need of medical care or some other form of help. Thirty-year-old Zina Bazile paused while sweeping the entrance to her small house and nodded in agreement at the message. "You can't give away your kids just so they can have a better life," she said.

Saintou said that at the time she and her husband decided to give their daughter away, they were struggling to raise five other children, the oldest of whom is now 23. Mirkeline, she says, was adopted by a family in France and the agency representative told her that they would stay in contact. She received three sets of photos and a letter but all communication stopped abruptly after three years. She went back for answers but got the brush off. "She told me she has no information."

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. SMALL NORTH TEXAS TOWN DECIMATED

About two dozen people are injured and some homes destroyed after a severe storm strikes the small Texas town of Van.

2. MOROCCAN FIGHTER JET MISSING AHEAD OF YEMEN CEASE-FIRE

Shiite rebels and allies in Yemen's armed forces routinely fire anti-aircraft guns at Saudi-led warplanes; a pause in fighting to allow in humanitarian aid is expected to start Tuesday.

3. MISSISSIPPI CITY STILL REELING AFTER POLICE DEATHS

With lowered flags and prayers, Hattiesburg is mourning two officers, and the four people arrested after their shooting deaths are slated to appear in court.

4. 1,600 ROHINGYAS, BANGLADESHIS LAND IN INDONESIA, MALAYSIA

The refugees apparently were left after human traffickers abandoned their virtual prison ships and left them to fend for themselves.

5. WHY FEWER HAITIANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

The Caribbean nation's overhaul of the system includes steps to close bad orphanages and protect parents from being manipulated into giving up their children.

6. HOW A NEW CANCER TEST IS CHANGING REMEDIES

A new type of blood test is starting to transform treatment, sparing patients the surgical and needle biopsies.

7. NEW YORK CITY JAIL HEALTH PROVIDER FAILS AT BETTER RATING

AP's Jake Pearson reports that the performance of the private health care provider failed to improve last year amid heightened scrutiny over inmate deaths.

8. SAN FRANCISCO COMMUTERS SNUB PUBLIC TRANSIT FOR \$6 BUS RIDE

Critics call private bus, shuttle services that offer spacious seating, free Wi-Fi and wait service another sign of elitism in San Francisco.

9. SELF-DRIVING CARS GETTING DINGED IN CALIFORNIA

After getting clearance in California to drive on public roads, four of the some 50 self-driving cars have gotten into accidents since September, AP's Justin Pritchard finds.

10. PRINCE DEBUTS SONG ABOUT BALTIMORE AT 'RALLY 4 PEACE'

The pop star takes the stage before thousands dressed in gray in tribute to a man whose death in police custody prompted riots and drew international attention.

AP News in Brief

Official: More than 20 people injured, homes destroyed in small Texas town

VAN, Texas (AP) — About two dozen people were injured and some homes were destroyed after a severe storm struck the small town of Van in northeast Texas, an emergency management official said.

The storm that the National Weather Service said likely produced a tornado hit the east side of Van Zandt County and the city of Van around 8:45 p.m. Sunday.

Chuck Allen, the Van Zandt County fire marshal and emergency management coordinator, said in an email early Monday morning that approximately 26 patients were transported to hospitals after a triage area was established at a church.

The extent of their injuries was not immediately clear.

About 30 percent of the city suffered some kind of damage, he said.

Ahead of 5-day cease-fire in Yemen, Moroccan fighter jet in Saudi-led coalition goes missing

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — A Moroccan F-16 fighter jet taking part in a Saudi-led coalition targeting Shiite rebels in Yemen has gone missing, the North African nation's military said Monday, a day ahead of the start of a proposed five-day humanitarian cease-fire.

It wasn't immediately clear what happened to the jet, which the Moroccan military said vanished around 6 p.m. (1500 GMT, 11 a.m. EDT) Sunday. The Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, as well as their allies in Yemen's splintered armed forces routinely fire anti-aircraft guns at warplanes launching strikes in the country since the Saudi-led campaign began March 26.

Yemen's state news agency SABA, which is held by the rebels, did not report on the plane's disappearance. Nor was there any mention of the aircraft in Yemeni media, nor on the official website of former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, whose forces back the Houthis.

Morocco's state news agency MAP, citing a military statement, said the pilot of a second jet said he didn't see the pilot of the missing fighter eject. The military said it had launched an investigation into the plane's disappearance, without elaborating on a cause.

Morocco has six F-16 jets stationed in the United Arab Emirates taking part in the Saudi-led coalition, which includes a group of other Sunni countries. The West say regional Shiite power Iran backs the Houthis militarily, something both the Islamic Republic and the rebels deny.

Mississippi city mourns 2 slain police officers as 4 suspects face first court appearance

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — With lowered flags and prayers, a southern Mississippi city is mourning two police officers, while the four people arrested after their shooting deaths await an initial court appearance Monday.

Red roses decorated a chain-link fence Sunday near the spot where officers Benjamin Deen and Liquori Tate were killed, and worshippers remembered the men in a small brick church just a few dozen yards from the scene.

"It's sad. It's just a tragedy," Dorothy Thompson said outside New Hope Baptist Church after a Mother's Day service that included prayers for the officers and their families.

Nearby, bloodstains still marked the asphalt where gunfire erupted Saturday night during what authorities described as a routine traffic stop gone awry.

A memorial event was scheduled for the men at the city convention center Monday afternoon.

Overhaul of adoption in Haiti means fewer kids go overseas, alarming some and pleasing others

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1,600 Rohingya and Bangladeshis land in Indonesia, Malaysia, apparently left by traffickers

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — About 1,600 Rohingya and Bangladeshi refugees have landed in Malaysia and Indonesia in the past day, apparently after human traffickers abandoned their virtual floating prison ships and left the passengers to fend for themselves, officials said Monday.

One group of about 600 people arrived in the Indonesian coastal province of Aceh on four boats Sunday, the same day a total of 1,018 landed in three boats on Malaysia's northern resort island of Langkawi.

Rohingya Muslims have for decades suffered from state-sanctioned discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, which considers them illegal settlers from Bangladesh. Attacks on the Rohingya by Buddhist mobs in the last three years have sparked an exodus by sea to nearby countries.

Police found a wooden boat late Sunday night trapped in the sand in shallow waters at a beach in Langkawi that was capable of holding 350 people, said island deputy police chief Jamil Ahmed. Since 865 men, 52 children and 101 women have been counted since then, he said at least two other boats have not been located yet.

Jamil said a Bangladeshi man told police that the boat handlers gave the passengers directions on where to go once they reached Malaysian shores, and escaped in other boats. The migrant said they have not eaten for three days, Jamil said, adding that most of them were weak and thin.

New blood tests may transform cancer care; more people get liquid biopsies to guide treatment

A new type of blood test is starting to transform cancer treatment, sparing some patients the surgical and needle biopsies long needed to guide their care.

The tests, called liquid biopsies, capture cancer cells or DNA that tumors shed into the blood, instead of taking tissue from the tumor itself. A lot is still unknown about the value of these tests, but many doctors think they are a big advance that could make personalized medicine possible for far more people.

They give the first noninvasive way to repeatedly sample a cancer so doctors can profile its genes, target drugs to mutations, tell quickly whether treatment is working, and adjust it as the cancer evolves.

Two years ago, these tests were rarely used except in research. Now, several are sold, more than a dozen are in development, and some doctors are using them in routine care.

Gurpaul Bedi had one for colon cancer that spread to his lungs. About 10 percent of patients with metastatic colon cancer at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center now get liquid biopsies.

AP Exclusive: Testing their skills on California roads, self-driving cars have had 4 accidents

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Four of the nearly 50 self-driving cars now rolling around California have gotten into accidents since September, when the state began issuing permits for companies to test them on public roads.

Two accidents happened while the cars were in control; in the other two, the person who still must be behind the wheel was driving, a person familiar with the accident reports told The Associated Press.

Three involved Lexus SUVs that Google Inc. outfitted with sensors and computing power in its aggressive effort to develop "autonomous driving," a goal the tech giant shares with traditional automakers. The parts supplier Delphi Automotive had the other accident with one of its two test vehicles.

Google and Delphi said their cars were not at fault in any accidents, which the companies said were minor.

Since September, any accident must be reported to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. The agency said there have been four, but would not comment about fault or anything else, citing California law that collision reports are confidential.

If Clinton wins White House, an uncertain future awaits her family's charitable foundation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's family foundation, already the subject of intense scrutiny in the early days of her White House campaign, faces an uncertain future if she is elected president.

Among the unresolved questions: Who would be able to raise money for the Clinton Foundation? Could it begin new projects, both at home and overseas? Is there any way it could operate unburdened by conflicts of interest, real or perceived, while one of its founders sits in the Oval Office?

"I'm not sure the rules have been invented to apply to this situation," said Diana Aviv, president of

Independent Sector, a network of nonprofits, foundations and corporate giving programs.

While Clinton stepped down from the foundation's board after launching her 2016 campaign, husband Bill and daughter Chelsea still hold leadership roles. They currently have no plans to stop their fundraising and management activities during the campaign, nor is there a blueprint for their involvement if Hillary Clinton wins the election, people close to the foundation said.

Options being considered include Chelsea Clinton taking the helm, with her father playing a more behind-the-scenes role; fully banning the acceptance of donations from abroad; and implementing a more rigorous vetting process for domestic donors.

APNewsBreak: NYC jail health provider fails to improve rating amid scrutiny over inmate deaths

NEW YORK (AP) — Overall performance of the private health care provider for New York City's jails failed to improve last year amid heightened scrutiny over inmate deaths that put the company's contract under review, according to an evaluation obtained by The Associated Press.

Corizon Health Inc., whose three-year, \$126 million contract expires Dec. 31, received an overall rating of "fair" in 2014 for the second straight year after being downgraded from "good," according to the annual review conducted by the city health department.

Officials noted the Brentwood, Tennessee-based company improved its care of mentally ill inmates, who make up about 40 percent of the roughly 10,000-inmates in New York's sprawling Rikers Island jail complex. But the company did a "subpar" job prioritizing the sickest inmates to be seen in jail health clinics, the evaluation shows.

A spokeswoman for Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement that the Corizon contract is still under review. In March, the mayor said administration officials were taking "a hard look" at the contract. The city health department, which is charged with providing health care to the jail, has not issued any formal requests for proposals to solicit new bids.

But a person with knowledge of the administration's discussions, who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because no final determination has been made on a contract, said it was likely the city's public hospital system would take over inmate care.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, May 11, the 131st day of 2015. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1945, the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill was attacked and severely damaged by two kamikaze aircraft off Okinawa; according to the U.S. Navy's official website, 346 men were killed, 43 were left missing, and 264 were wounded.

On this date:

In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor of New Netherland.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1862, during the Civil War, the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia was scuttled by its crew off Craney Island, Virginia, to prevent it from falling into Union hands.

In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roos-

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evelt's New Deal programs.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces launched a major offensive against Axis lines in Italy.

In 1953, a tornado devastated Waco, Texas, claiming 114 lives.

In 1960, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1973, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

In 1981, legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36.

In 1985, 56 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

Ten years ago: More than 1,000 demonstrators rioted and threw stones at a U.S. military convoy in Afghanistan as protests spread over a Newsweek report that interrogators had desecrated Islam's holy book at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay. (Newsweek later retracted the story.) Actor Macaulay Culkin took the stand at Michael Jackson's trial to denounce the molestation allegations against the pop star as "absolutely ridiculous." (Jackson was acquitted.)

Five years ago: Conservative leader David Cameron, at age 43, became Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years after Gordon Brown stepped down and ended 13 years of Labour government. Italian designer Giuliana Coen Camerino, credited with making handbags a fashion item, died in Venice at age 89.

One year ago: Pro-Russian insurgents in eastern Ukraine said voters overwhelmingly favored sovereignty in balloting that the Ukraine central government and the West denounced as an illegal sham. Musa Dayib, a 15-month-old toddler, miraculously survived an 11-story fall from a Minneapolis high-rise apartment balcony. Jeb Stuart Magruder, 79, a Watergate conspirator-turned minister, died in Danbury, Connecticut.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Mort Sahl is 88. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is 82. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 74. Actress Shohreh Aghdashloo (SHOH'-reh ahg-DAHSH'-loo) is 63. Actress Frances Fisher is 63. Actor Boyd Gaines is 62. Country musician Mark Herndon (Alabama) is 60. Actress Martha Quinn is 56. Country singer-musician Tim Raybon (The Raybon Brothers) is 52. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 51. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 47. Country musician Keith West (Heartland) is 47. Actor Nicky Katt is 45. Actor Coby Bell is 40. Cellist Perttu Kivilaakso (PER'-tuh KEE'-wee-lahk-soh) is 37. Actor-singer Jonathan Jackson is 33. Rapper Ace Hood is 27. Musician Howard Lawrence (Disclosure) is 21.

Thought for Today: "No idea is so antiquated that it was not once modern. No idea is so modern that it will not someday be antiquated." - Ellen Glasgow, American author (1874-1945).