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## Sunday, May 24

**Birthdays:** Noah Tullis • Blake Merkel • Katie Anderson

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

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship in Pierpont

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship.

3:00 p.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

## Monday, May 25

### Memorial Day

**Anniversary:** Troy and Rhonda Carda

**Birthdays:** Jon Voss • JR Johnson • Kayla Fordham • Joni Groeblichhoff • Peggy DeHoet • Chris Kassube, Jaela Flihs • Sandy Knudson

**The Groton Area School District is seeking applicants for a full-time custodian. Daytime shift during summer months, afternoon/evening shift during school year. Starting wage \$11.00/hour. Benefits include paid sick leave, vacation, holidays, health insurance, matching retirement. Interested parties should contact Joe Schwan at 605-397-2351. More information available at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com).**

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

## 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.

Mark Malmberg, DDS  
19 North 6th St.

Oakes, N.D.  
701-742-3401



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**Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship  
Alec Voss and Sheldon Herr**



**Kay and David Donovan Memorial  
Richard Donovan and recipient Danielle  
Schinkel**



**Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial  
Scholarship  
Recipient Kathleen Groebelinghoff and Leon-  
ard Broman**



**2015 Girls State  
Jocelyn Peterson, Kaitlin O'Neill, Katie  
LaMee**



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**Community Service Scholarships**  
Katie LaMee (Groton PAC) and Maddison Colestock (Groton Kiwanis)



**Orval and Bernice Smith  
Memorial**  
Luke Smith



**FFA Alumni and  
Simon Insurance and Auction  
Scholarships**  
Back - Alec Voss, Wyatt Larson, Chance Strom  
Front - Sheldon Herr, Maryn Howard, Lucas Sternhagen



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## **FCCLA Service Award**

**Haley Unzen, Kennedy Clark, Alyssa Sippel, Danielle Schinkel, Katie LaMee**



## **Hopps Dow Scholarships**

**Kathleen Groeblichhoff and Luke Smith**

## The Life of Leslie Ann Pigors



Services for Leslie Ann (Benson) Pigors, 80, of Andover will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery. Family is requested to meet at the church by 10:00 a.m.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel from 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Family will be present from 5-7 p.m.

Leslie died May 20, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

Leslie Ann was born on August 1, 1934 in Verdon to Leslie and Belva (Feller) Benson. She was the 7th of the 8 girls. Leslie was baptized on December 22, 1945 at the family farm and attended the Methodist Church in Conde. Leslie

attended school in Conde and graduated in 1952. She was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney in March of 1958. On September 26, 1958, she was united in marriage with Donald Pigors and they were blessed with two sons, Bobby John and Tom.

Leslie was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. She made sleeping mats that were used for mission projects was active in both the Ladies circle and Bible Class. Leslie also belonged to the Pleasure and Profit Extension Club for 55 years. She enjoyed playing cards at the neighbors and doing word search and crossword puzzles. Leslie was involved in the Living Christmas Tree each year. She was current President of the Bates & Scotland Cemetery Association. Leslie collected sheep of all different kinds.

Celebrating her life is her husband, Donald, her sons, Bobby John and Tom, her sisters, Doraine Green of Claremont and Phyllis Olson of Minneapolis.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Leslie and Belva Benson and her sisters: Lois Riddle, Betty Funk, Vella Schmiege, Norma Schiesow and Nancy Zeck.

Honorary Casketbearers will be members of the Pleasure and Profit Extension Club and all of her card playing friends.

Casketbearers will be Alan Kroll, Rick Pigors, John Zeck, Robbin Green, Neil Wagner and Todd Morton.

## The Life of Amy Flemmer



Services for Amy Marie Somers Flemmer, of Andover will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Andover with burial following in the Andover Cemetery. Visitation will take place Monday, May 25, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home in Groton, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Amy Marie Somers Flemmer died May 21, 2015, at Rosewood Court, Groton, SD, having lived one month longer than her mother who had also died at age 88. Born on the prairie, she had no wish to reside elsewhere and spent almost all of her years living in Day and Brown counties. The fourth child of Harold A. (H.A.) and Amy (Amsden) Somers, she was born in her parents' home in Verdon, S.D., on December 16, 1926. At age nine months she moved to Andover, riding in a horse-drawn wagon driven by her mother. As a youngster her family purchased a house in Andover which became her residence for over 75 years until in 2008 she moved to Groton. Quite recently she remarked that Andover had been a great place to be raised and to raise her children.

Her mother, a former teacher, taught her to read before she began elementary school so in her first year she combined two grades, graduating from Andover High School in 1943. During her secondary years she served as a cheerleader, played basketball, excelled as a trumpet player in the band, and finished as the salutatorian of her class. She then entered Northern State in Aberdeen, graduating in 1945 as an elementary teacher. For the next two years she taught in Mobridge and while attending a dance there met Gordon Flemmer of Selby whom she married on July 6, 1947.

After the marriage she and Gordon settled in Andover where she taught at the school while Gordon farmed and worked with her father at the business which eventually became Somers and Flemmer Service. She assisted with the business and farming and especially enjoyed the fall of the year when the new Chevrolet models were introduced. When she and Gordon began their family she spent until 1963 as a stay-at-home mom, returning to teaching for a year at Pierpont. In Fall 1964, she joined the Groton school system as a fourth grade teacher, a position that she held for 28 years until retiring in 1992. During her early years at Groton her summers were not vacations as she diligently attended summer school at Northern State until completing her Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 1969. Amy and Gordon had three children during the early 1950's – Candace, Kim, and Jon; then the day after turning 48 years old in 1974 she gave birth to their son Ross who she later taught as a fourth grade student.

Friends and social connections were vital to Amy's happiness; many of her teaching colleagues became her lifelong friends. Earlier in her life she was a member of Eventide Study Club, Wednesday Club, a couples whist club, and a square-dancing group. Additionally she participated in bowling leagues and a golf league in Webster. She was an avid fan of both the Minnesota Twins and Vikings as well as her son's Dell Rapids St. Mary's football team. Before Gordon's death in 1993, they served on the Andover All-School Reunion Committee and participated in couples bridge clubs and a dinner club. Always an enthusiastic traveler she had arranged several trips to Hawaii with Gordon. Since retiring she enjoyed numerous bus tours especially with Ardath May – to New England, throughout the South, and in western U.S.; they also cruised to Alaska. When Ardath moved to Aberdeen she maintained this friendship through the efforts of another very close friend, Sheryl Keup. In later years she continued



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to play bridge especially enjoying partnering with Arlene Anderson; at Rosewood she even learned to enjoy bingo, at which she won 2.5 times on the day of her death.

Her faith centered her life. She was confirmed at the Andover Methodist Church where she was also married, but with Gordon she joined Zion Lutheran and remained a member there until her death. During that time she was an active member of the Zion Ladies Aid and related groups. Her children and grandchildren provided her with great joy. They chuckled when she complained that driving through northern Minnesota was boring because she couldn't see anything – the trees were in the way. Truly a daughter of the prairie.

Amy is survived by her children: Candace (Daniel) Kauffman, Winona, MN; Judge Jon (Jill) Flemmer, Webster, SD; Ross (Cristy) Flemmer, Dell Rapids, SD; her grandchildren: Christopher Kauffman, Amy (Robert Kinyua) Kauffman, Beth (Kevin) DeRonne, Seth Flemmer, Lucas Flemmer, and Jacob Flemmer; her sister Lucille Pett, Whitewater, WI. She was preceded in death by her husband Gordon, her son Kim, her parents, and her brothers Eugene and Richard.

Casketbearers will be Chris Kauffman, Seth Flemmer, Kevin DeRonne, Robert Kinyua, James Dylla and Scott Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Storybook Land in Aberdeen, SD, Groton Transit in Groton, SD, or Zion Lutheran in Andover.



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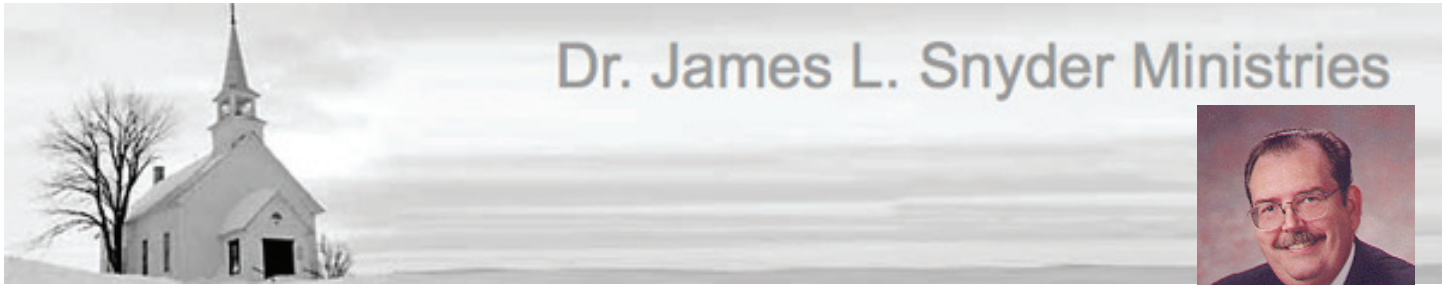
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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## Those Magnificent May Flowers

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were sitting on the back porch admiring the close of the day. Nothing is more relaxing than sitting together drinking coffee, glad that another day has quietly slipped by.

Out of the clear blue sky my wife said, "Aren't those flowers just magnificent?"

I grunted a little grunt of satisfaction to which she replied, "Which do you like? The roses or the tulips?"

Now I was in a bit of a predicament. I hate it when I get into a predicament, which is usually not my doing. I like to get along with people and just agree with them. What I hate is when people ask me a question and I really do not have an answer.

As to, which flower I liked, I really do not know the difference between a rose and a tulip. To me a flower is either yellow or blue. That is the only different kinds of flowers I know. But not so with my gardening connoisseur wife. Every flower has a name and you had better give it the right name.

As far as I am concerned, a flower is a flower. The purpose of a flower is to enjoy it; enjoy its look and its fragrance. All I can say about a flower is, "That's a pretty flower."

This certainly is not acceptable to my wife. Every flower must be treated with the dignity they have earned.

When it comes to flowers, especially the flowers in our backyard, my wife knows them all by name and their history from the time they were but a humble seed put into the ground. Personally, I do not have the time to invest in something like that. I find it strange talking to a flower. Talking to nuts, maybe, but not a flower.

"You should learn to appreciate flowers, especially the flowers in May." At this point, I realized that I was in for conversation on flowers, whether I wanted to converse on flowers or not. Since I am a well-seasoned husband, I knew I just had to buckle down and endure it until it passed by.

One of my favorite Scripture is, "This too shall pass."

"Don't you remember what you were doing in April?"

Her question caught me by surprise. I was not quite sure what April had to do with flowers in our backyard, but I was about to find out.

"Don't you remember that in April you were complaining about all the rain?" She said it rather sarcastically and I knew there was a point somewhere, but I was not getting it at this time. I did remember complaining about the rain.

It seems strange that every time I want to do something outside, particularly in the month of April, I no sooner get outside then it starts to rain. I know we need rain. Why can't it rain at night when I am catching some Z's? That is what I would like to know. Why does rain have to inconvenience me?

If I plan for some indoor activity, it never rains. If I plan for something outside it always rains. I am getting a little paranoid at this. I knew in a moment my wife would straighten me out on this one.

"Remember that little rhyme that goes, 'April showers bring May flowers'? We have these marvelous flowers in the month of May because of the rain in April. I think you need to begin to appreciate the rain because of what it brings about."

Well, I did remember that old rhyme from school days. I just never put any kind of practicality to that sort of thing. It is not that I do not like poetry; I just do not understand poetry. And, just to set the record straight, I have written my share of poetry. However, poetry, especially my poetry, does not have

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anything to do with real life.

My mind was soon to be changed. I got a lecture on the whole dimension of April showers and the effect on the May flowers. I only wish I had a recording of that because I could put it online and let everybody know about this.

When my wife went into the house to get some coffee, I had a moment to muse on that whole "April shower" bringing "May flower" idea. I must admit, there is something to it.

When I am going through a very difficult time, I sometimes wonder what in the world is the purpose of it all? I would like to go through life without any difficulties whatsoever. But, just like those "April showers," the difficulties in life have a purpose down the road a bit.

The trials of life have a purpose that may not be evident at the time, but given enough time, those "April showers" will bring some of those marvelous "May flowers." This should encourage me in particular to appreciate the difficulties in my life. They are not there arbitrarily.

James understood this when he wrote, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-4).

When my wife came back with the fresh coffee, I said to her, "Your May flowers are simply spectacular." She smiled, then nodded and just looked at her May flowers.

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## Legion Post #39 Memorial Day services

**8:00 am James**  
**9:00 am Verdon**  
**9:30 am Bates-Scotland**  
**10:00 am Ferney**  
**11:00 am Groton**  
Lunch to follow at Post #39



## Groton City Sump Pump

### **ALERT**

**Sump Pumps MUST be  
Discharged Outdoors Im-  
mediately**

**Failure to Comply Can  
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## 1st Down the Slide Contest

**Extended to 5/29/15 at noon.**

**Nominate Anyone (over 4 ft) for \$10**  
**Each dollar donated for any name=**  
**a vote**

**5/18/15 Leaders**

- 1) Marc Sippel**
- 2) David McGannon**
- 3) Tevin Abeln**
- 4) Jerrie Vedvei & Anita Lowary (tied)**
- 5) Logan Lane & Marshall Lane (tied)**

**Other nominations: Joe Foertsch,**  
**Mandy Boe, Paul Kosel, and Sarah**  
**Sippel**





## THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

### Prescription Drug Prices Climb into the Stratosphere

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

There's no getting around it. Americans are using more medications and spending more for them. The latest evidence just came from Express Scripts, the pharmacy benefit manager, which acts as a middle-man between drug makers and employers. The number of Americans—almost 600,000—with yearly medication costs of more than \$50,000 rose 63 percent from 2013 to 2014. The group of patients with costs over \$100,000 nearly tripled.

By any measure these are huge increases that don't signal much hope that the U.S. can bring down its medical spending, which is now over 17 percent of the country's national income. Express Scripts was frank about the long-term impact on employers and others who actually pay most of those bills. It's an "unsustainable \$52 billion a year."

Who are the patients with these stratospheric drug expenses? Nearly 60 percent are Baby Boomers, and over half of those with expenses greater than \$100,000 are men. Nearly two-thirds are taking 10 or more different medications. The use of antidepressants was more than twice as prevalent among these heavy users as it is in the general population.

What's wrong with that? Don't we want people to have the latest and greatest drugs? After all, we've been conditioned for decades now to believe that modern medicines work miracles. Of course, some have, but others have not. Yet it has become ingrained in the American psyche that patients are entitled to these medicines no matter the cost.

Perhaps that's why we tolerate those intrusive drug company commercials that bombard us at the dinner table with cures for toenail fungus. But those ads work. They motivate consumers to ask about the drugs being hyped. Most of the time the docs prescribe them.

Cancer medications, hepatitis C drugs like Sovaldi with its \$84,000 annual price tag, and compounded medications, which use ingredients mixed together in the exact strength and dosage required by the patient are the main culprits for the increases, Express Scripts said. A year ago Express Scripts, which works on behalf of insurers, stopped covering some 1,000 active ingredients compounding pharmacies use for ointments, creams, and powders shifting some of the cost to patients.

Not long ago I talked to Peter Bach, a physician and epidemiologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, about the high cost of drugs. He echoed the Express Scripts findings. Bach told me makers of cancer drugs can pretty much do what they want in setting prices. The worst that happens is that a journalist writes a story about super-high prices, and the practice continues.

Bach has called for freeing insurers and government programs from requirements to include all expensive drugs in their plans and explaining to the public that some are not effective enough to justify the price, or setting prices equal to those in Western Europe, which are usually determined through government and drug company negotiations. Either way, he says, it's better than we have now.

What about the claim that the high cost of developing these drugs justifies their high price tags? In mid-May a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found the highly profitable drug and biotech industries "actually spend only a small fraction of their revenues on truly innovative research." The study noted that large drug companies did not develop some of the most important recent new drugs but acquired them by purchasing the biotech companies that did. In its first year of sales, Gilead, the company selling Sovaldi, totally recouped the \$11 billion it paid for the rights to market the drug.

The public is becoming more skeptical and starting to question both prices and drug company market-

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ing practices. "A year ago there was little discussion," says John Rother, who heads a group called the National Coalition on Health Care. "Today that is 100 percent reversed," and the group's Campaign for Sustainable Rx Pricing may be catching on. "But I think we're still a long way from agreement about what to do," he said.

Increasingly all consumers will bear the costs of high-priced medicines through higher deductibles and more cost-sharing. Sovaldi and similar drugs added \$4.5 billion to Medicare spending last year, more than 15 times what Medicare paid for older hepatitis C drugs the year before. Only as Medicare beneficiaries and everyone else with prescription drug coverage feels the pinch, will there be any serious chance that people's voices will be loud enough to effect any changes. That will happen, as Express Scripts pointed out, when the prices become unsustainable.

We'd like to hear about your experiences with paying for medications. Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com).

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## **Air Show and Fly-In at De Smet Airport June 6**

Aerobatic performances and flyovers along with many displays and demonstrations are featured on Saturday, June 6th at the De Smet Airport as the City of De Smet invites everyone to a free airshow to celebrate the completion of their new hanger. There are many fun activities planned for the entire family throughout the day at the field located 3 miles north of De Smet.

De Smet Wilder Field Air Show and Fly-In will begin in the morning with airplanes from across the Midwest invited to fly in to join the festivities and displays set up in the hangers. The De Smet American Legion will be serving a pancake breakfast from 9 AM to noon with a free will donation in the newly constructed City Hanger.

Jim Pietz and the Vanguard Squadron are featured in the Air Show beginning at 1:00 PM with their aerobatics and flyovers. Demonstrations will be given prior to the show by an RV flight from Madison, South Dakota. The City of De Smet, American Bank & Trust and Helms Engineering are proud to be able to provide this tremendous show free to everyone.

A special feature is the opportunity for youth ages 8 - 17 to participate in the EAA Young Eagle Program as the EAA Chapter 289 from Tea will be providing free rides for those with their parent or guardian's permission. They also will receive a free log book and student membership.

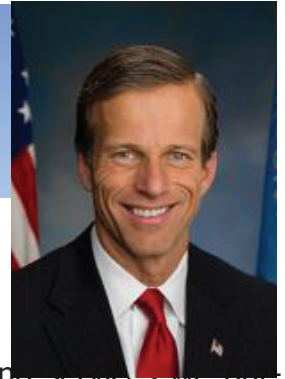
Static displays all day include the Warbirds, Avera McKennan Careflight, SDPA Aviation, aerial applicators and Wayne Zimny with his hang glider. Norma Kraemer, author of South Dakota's First Century of Flight, will be present to autograph and discuss her book.

Flight School representative will be on hand from South Dakota State University, Riggins Flight Service, Lake Area Technical Institute and the Civil Air Patrol.

There will be special reserved parking set aside for attendees for whom walking is a problem. For more information, contact Dwayne LaFave, 605-860-1650, [dwayne.lafave@k12.sd.us](mailto:dwayne.lafave@k12.sd.us).



**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## **BringinG TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTability to the EPA**

As consumers, it's important to know the true cost and benefit of the goods and services we purchase. That's why many product labels clearly include information like miles per gallon for vehicles, for example, or nutritional information on the food we buy at the grocery store.

Finding the real cost and benefit of proposals in Washington, D.C., is often more challenging than simply reading a label. That's especially true with regulatory proposals from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a result, I've introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate that would make the EPA regulatory process more transparent and accountable.

The Real EPA Impact Reviews (REPAIR) Act would require the EPA to include an alternate scenario in its regulatory analysis process that would analyze the impact of the proposal without the influence of other proposed regulations. It's important for the EPA to do this because the inclusion of proposed, but not yet finalized regulations may overestimate the benefit or conceal the actual cost of compliance. Moreover, proposed regulations might be subject to delay, modification, or outright dismissal.

We've already seen examples of this in Washington. The EPA's regulatory analysis that accompanied its proposal to lower the standard for ground level ozone included numerous proposed regulations that could have significantly impacted the cost projections. For example, their analysis assumed compliance with an ozone standard that 227 countries had yet to meet.

While including proposed regulations can be important for forecasting the future regulatory landscape, isolating a proposal's impact without the influence of other proposed regulations would help provide a much clearer analysis of the actual impact.

This is about transparency and accountability. Congress and the American people deserve to have a full understanding of the impact regulations proposed by the Obama EPA may have on South Dakotans.

## No Poultry Division at Brown County Fair

The Brown County Fair has canceled the poultry division slated for the 2015 fair. Karla Pfeifer, Fair Manager states the decision was discussed extensively and it was our collective agreement to take a proactive rather than reactive approach in doing our part in halting the spread of the virus.

"Our top priority is to ensure the safety of fairgoers and exhibitors. With the uncertainties of the virus and infection rates in South Dakota, it was determined to cancel the division to ensure the H5N2 virus is not introduced to the Brown County fairgrounds." Pfeifer said given the fact Open Class Poultry and 4-H Poultry exhibits have been an ongoing event during the fair, this was a difficult decision. "We recognize these Open Class exhibits and 4-H youth projects will be missed and the decision was made taking a "safety first" stance."

Based on the vote by the South Dakota Animal Industry Board and recommendations by State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven, we would rather take appropriate measures to ensure the highly pathogenic bird flu virus does not spread to the Brown County Fair, added Pfeifer.

Becca Tullar, Brown County 4-H Youth Program Advisor with the SDSU Extension and South Dakota 4-H supports the decision. "With the best interests of the Brown County 4-H members and exhibitors at the forefront, I will follow suit with what the State Board and Brown County Fair are doing to ensure the safety and well-being of fairgoers and livestock owners."

Other states including Minnesota and North Dakota have halted poultry exhibitions as they combat the spread of the virus.

For more information about the Brown County Fair, visit our website at: [www.thebrowncountyfair.com](http://www.thebrowncountyfair.com).

## Flags at Half Mast Tomorrow

**Memorial Day - May 25th, 2015**

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25th 2015. This is a day of remembrance for the brave men and women who served our country. Fly the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon. After noon, raise the flag to full height. For U.S. flags displayed on a short staff or for indoor flags that cannot be lowered to half-staff, place a black mourning ribbon above the full-staffed U.S. flag

Fly the POW/MIA Flag, visit Memorials and take part in services sponsored by veterans

Participate in a National Moment of Remembrance at 3pm on May 25th. Take a few moments to reflect on the true meaning of the day and be mindful of the sacrifices of others in defense of our nation

Make a pledge to aid those families affected by our fallen heroes and aid to disabled veterans

With Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day all within a few short weeks of each other, summer is prime time for flying your flag. Be sure to proudly display your American Flag and decorate your home or business with Patriotic Decorations.



## Today in Weather History

May 24, 1960: A tornado touched down about 7 miles northwest of Roscoe and destroyed a small shed near a country schoolhouse. Funnel clouds were also observed in Hosmer area, near Eureka, and 30 miles west of Aberdeen. An unofficial report of 4 inches of rain fell at Hosmer.

May 24, 2008: A supercell thunderstorm produced seven tornadoes in Dewey County. Since these tornadoes remained in open country, all were rated EF0.

1894 - Six inches of snow blanketed Kentucky. Just four days earlier as much as ten inches of snow had fallen across Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. Six days earlier a violent storm had wrecked nine ships on Lake Michigan. (David Ludlum)

1896: An estimated F4 tornado passed just north of Des Moines, Iowa during the late evening. As many as 7 members of one family were killed at the north edge of Valeria, Iowa. They were caught in the open, running to the storm cellar. Five others died in a nearby home. A steel railroad rail was reportedly driven 15 feet into the ground. The death toll was at least 21.

1930 - A tornado touched down near the town of Pratt, KS, and traveled at the incredibly slow speed of just 5 mph. (The Weather Channel)

1940 - Hail fell near Ada OK to a depth of six to eight inches, and rainfall runoff left drifts of hail up to five feet high. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms in southwest Texas spawned a couple of tornadoes near Silverton, and produced golf ball size hail east of the town of Happy. Thunderstorms also produced large hail and damaging winds in Louisiana and Texas. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1973: The Union City, OK tornado was the first storm to be studied in detail by the National Severe Storms Laboratory Doppler Radar Unit at Norman, OK and an armada of researchers in the field. Research of the radar data from the storm would lead to discovery of the a "TVS", or Tornado Vortex Signature. The presence of a TVS on Doppler radar data is a very strong indication of tornadic potential in a severe thunderstorm.

1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern U.S. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 88 mph at Columbia, NC. Baseball size hail was reported near Tifton GA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather across the Upper Midwest through the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned 30 tornadoes, and there were 158 reports of large hail and damaging winds. A strong (F-3) tornado caused five million dollars damage at Corning, IA, and a powerful (F-4) tornado caused five million dollars damage at Traer, IA. Thunderstorm winds gusting to 88 mph killed one person and injured five others at Stephenville, WI. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Severe thunderstorms spawned two dozen tornadoes from Montana to Oklahoma. Four tornadoes carved a 109-mile path across central Kansas. The third of the four tornadoes blew 88 cars of an 125-car train off the track, stacking them three to four cars high in some cases, and the fourth tornado caused 3.9 million dollars damage. The third tornado injured six persons who were trying to escape in vehicles. A woman was "sucked out" of a truck and said that at one time she was "airborne, trying to run but my feet wouldn't touch the ground". She also saw a live deer "flying through their". (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2002: The last measurable snow for the season fell at Marquette, Michigan. This brought the city's seasonal snowfall to 319.8 inches, by far the city's snowiest winter ever.

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Today	Tonight	Memorial Day	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
70%	70%	70%	20%			20%
Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Thunderstorms Likely	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chc Thunderstorms
High: 69 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 65 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 78 °F



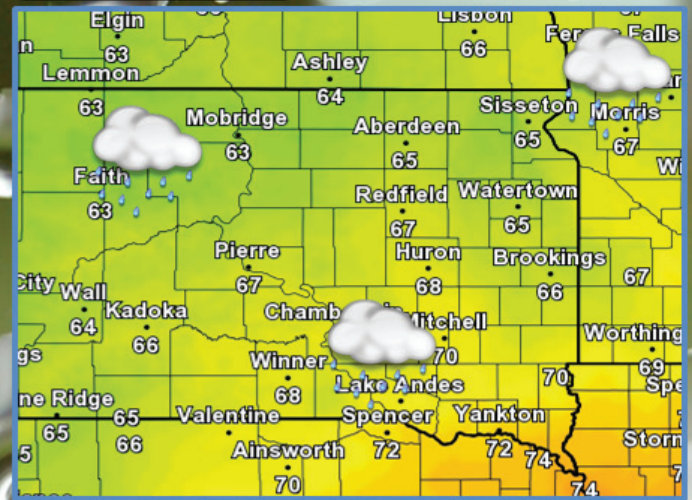
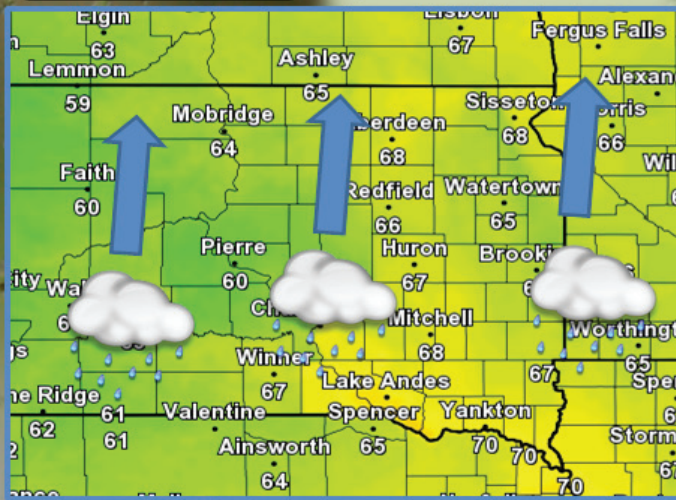
## Rain Chances Today & Memorial Day

**Today**



On and off rain showers, with isolated thunder possible

**Memorial Day**

On and off rain showers, with isolated thunder possible



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On and off showers, with isolated thunderstorms, are expected. Rainfall amounts ranging from a few hundredths to up to half of an inch are possible today. Additional accumulations are possible through Monday. It does appear drier air will move in for Tuesday, although there is a small chance for a shower or two to develop. The active pattern persists through the coming week.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 68.0 at 6:09 PM

**Low:** 44.9 at 3:02 AM

**High Gust:** 20 at 10:03 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 99° in 1926

**Record Low:** 25° in 1897

**Average High:** 71°F

**Average Low:** 47°F

**Average Precip in May:** 2.44

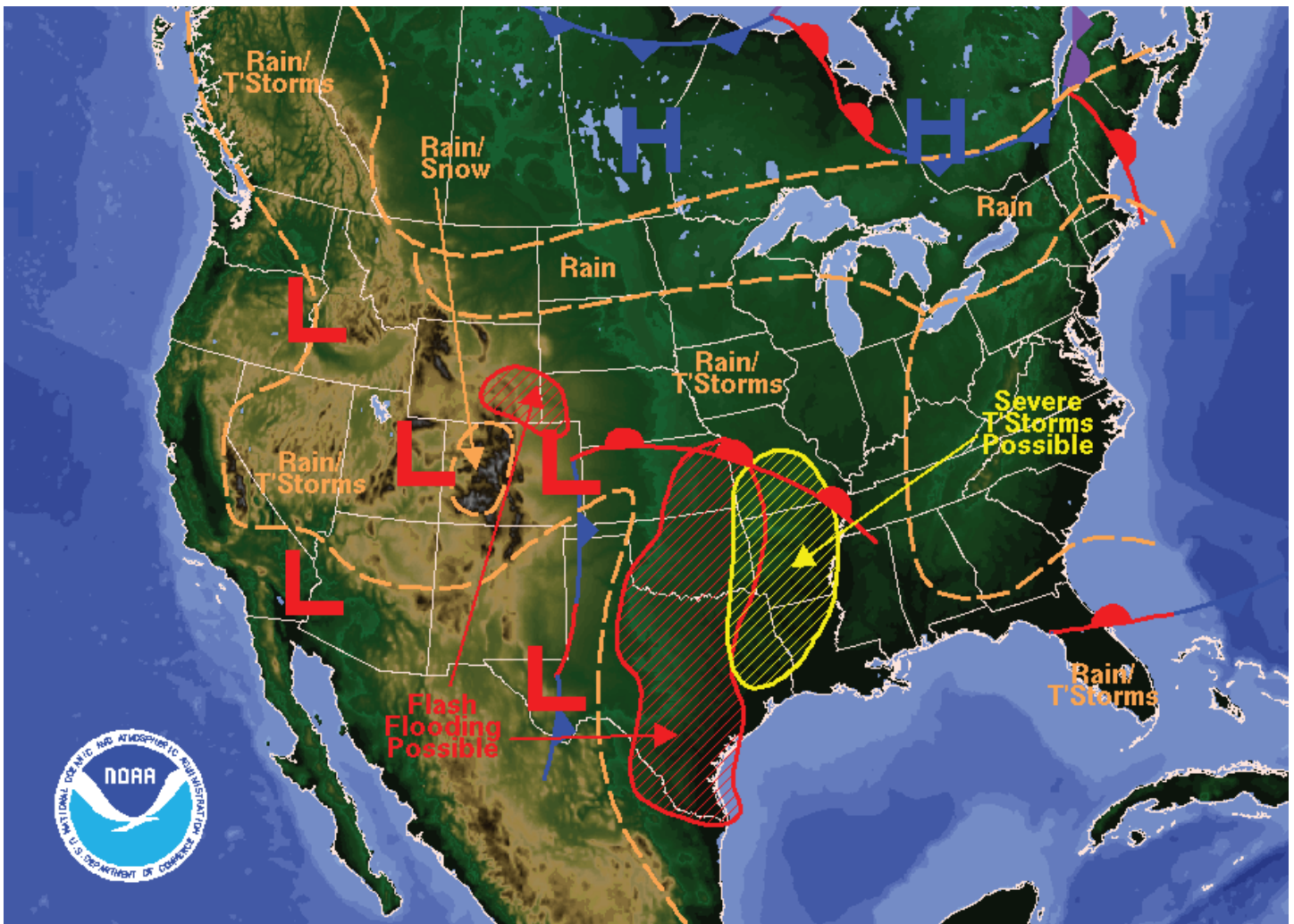
**Precip to date in May:** 3.32

**Average Precip to date:** 6.47

**Precip Year to Date:** 4.96

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:07 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:53 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, May 24, 2015, issued 4:19 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## UNSEEN POWER

A snowflake is a remarkable object in size and shape. Sometimes they appear as though they are floating through space. Other times they arrive in force and fury. Occasionally they fall on an eyelash and can be seen but not felt. They are a weightless wonder until they are massed together. Then, they can provide a beautiful country scene or bring a city to a complete halt. Snowflakes give us a unique picture of the strength and power of numbers. What a lesson for the church!

From the very beginning God has intended for His followers to come together for strength and power. We find throughout Scripture that a community of believers can accomplish much more than an individual acting on his own behalf. God established the church and empowered it with the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel and provide strength, hope and encouragement to its members.

When a Christian feels lonely or deserted, afraid or abandoned, overwhelmed or overpowered, the church is to be a refuge for healing hearts and holding hands. God wants the church to provide protection and peace to all who seek His love, grace and mercy. Within the church believers can link their lives together to offer protection from sin and work together as God's witness to the world.

**Prayer:** Lord, may our church be faithful to accomplish Your purpose as we worship, work and witness together. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Artist captures Bakken's life, landscape in 25 paintings**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

More than two dozen paintings that depict life and landscape during different seasons in the heart of North Dakota's oil boom, including workers operating machinery, a train loaded with shale crude and pickup trucks lined up outside a church, will be showcased for the first time next month.

The paintings by Minneapolis artist Joe Burns document the changes brought by the modern-day gold rush for the newly available riches of northwest North Dakota. Burns took his easel and a camera to Williston for about 30 days in 2014, doing some painting on site and taking pictures of people he would later paint on canvases at his studio.

Burns, a lover of history, said he tried to capture the flood of humanity that has poured into the region without a political or environmental point of view.

"I went out there really with a complete open mind. I didn't know what to expect," Burns said. "I tried to get everywhere, I went to bars, restaurants, and I was able to get out on the oil rigs. I put on hundreds of miles when I was out there just driving around, taking pictures, doing sketches of everything I could see out there."

The 25 oils will be displayed for the first time starting June 2 at James Memorial Art Center in Williston. The largest is a more than 6-foot-wide canvas showing an oil-hauling train crossing a vast prairie under a blue sky. Another shows an older man arriving at a train station with his possessions tucked under his arms. A third captures a drilling rig at night.

The art center in Williston agreed to host the exhibition because it shows a positive side to the oil boom, said Monica Tininenko, who searches for worthy artists in addition to serving as the center's administrative assistant.

"This is a very nice representation of everyday life in the oil patch," Tininenko said. "We have a lot of negativity about the area as far as how fast the boom happened, but we want to let everyone know that these oilfield workers have friends and families, and they're just like everyone else."

Burns said he wanted to paint large canvases for the collection to contrast with the way people nowadays tend to look at images.

"I kind of think today people see everything that they want to see on their phones or their computer, and that's a small screen," said Burns, who is also a high school wrestling coach. "So I really wanted to do them as big as I could. I think it's a different way at looking at things when you can see something that big."

"Canvassing the Bakken Oil Fields: Oil on Oil" will also be showcased from July 8 through August 8 at Cappella Tower in Minneapolis.

### **Police in Sioux Falls investigating early morning stabbing**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating a stabbing they say happened in the eastern part of the city early Saturday.

Officers were called to the 100 block of North Conklin Avenue around 3:45 a.m. There they found a 45-year-old man who had multiple puncture wounds in his back.

The man was transported to Avera McKennan Hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

## State officials to rededicate Civil War Monument in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State officials and residents in Pierre are re-enacting the original dedication of a civil war monument on the grounds of the state capitol 95 years after it was first christened.

Officials will rededicate the Civil War Monument on June 1. The Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Commission has approved various upgrades to the monument site including sidewalks, lighting, benches, landscaping and a flagpole.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard will read the remarks made at the 1920 dedication by former Gov. Peter Norbeck. And other state officials will read remarks originally made by leaders of the National Grand Army of the Republic.

A group of Pierre citizens will also sing "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," which were both performed at the original dedication.

## AP News in Brief

### Protests, arrests after judge acquits Ohio officer in deaths of 2 unarmed black suspects

CLEVELAND (AP) — Police in riot gear made numerous arrests overnight as protesters took to the streets after a judge found a city police officer not guilty in the deaths of two unarmed black suspects killed in a barrage of police gunfire.

Michael Brelo, 31, faces administrative charges while remaining suspended without pay after his acquittal Saturday on two counts of voluntary manslaughter, but he no longer faces the prospect of prison. The anxious city now awaits a decision on criminal charges against a white officer in the fatal shooting of a black 12-year-old boy with a pellet gun.

Brelo and 12 other officers fired 137 shots at a car with Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams inside it on Nov. 29, 2012. The shooting occurred at the end of a 22-mile-long chase involving more than 100 Cleveland police officers and 60 cruisers after Russell's Chevy Malibu backfired while speeding by police headquarters. During the chase, an officer reported that he thought he'd seen Williams with a gun. At the end, police mistook police gunfire for shots from Russell's car.

Brelo fired 49 of those shots that night, but it was the final 15 fired into the windshield while he stood on the hood of Russell's car that led his indictment and a four-week trial. He faced up to 22 years in prison if convicted on both counts.

The shooting helped prompt an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice that concluded Cleveland police had engaged in a pattern and practice of excessive use of force and violations of people's civil rights.

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### Malaysia finds graves of suspected trafficking victims in abandoned camps; numbers unclear

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian authorities said Sunday that they have discovered a series of graves in more than a dozen abandoned camps used by human traffickers on the border with Thailand, where Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar have been held.

The finding follows a similar discovery earlier this month by police in Thailand, who unearthed at least 33 bodies from shallow graves on the Thai side of the border.

The grim discoveries are shedding new light on the hidden network of jungle camps run by traffickers who have for years held countless desperate migrants captive while extorting ransoms from their



families.

The migrants and refugees who have fallen victim to the traffickers are from Myanmar and Bangladesh, part of a wave of people who have fled their homeland in hopes of reaching countries like Malaysia where they hope to find work.

More than 3,600 people — about half of them from Bangladesh and the others minority Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar — have landed ashore in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand since May 10, and thousands more are believed to be trapped at sea, some in boats abandoned by traffickers amid a regional crackdown.

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## **China prepares to launch cutting-edge national carbon market to fight climate change**

BEIJING (AP) — At first, the numbers and company names flashing on a big board in Beijing's financial district suggest a booming market.

A closer look indicates otherwise: The scrolling list rotates the same dozen or so trades, all from last year.

The lights from the Beijing Environment Exchange — one of seven pilot markets in China for trading carbon — raises questions for the country as it prepares for next year's roll-out of a nationwide system that could help the world's biggest emitter of heat-trapping carbon dioxide rein in its emissions.

A successful carbon offset, or "cap-and-trade," market could play a big part in cutting China's emissions — and help the world tackle global warming.

Already launched in Europe, California and a few other spots, such carbon offset markets limit how much carbon can be emitted per year by factories and businesses. They then let those businesses that release less carbon than the cap sell to other companies permissions to emit whatever's left.

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## **'A bold and joyful people': Ireland backs gay marriage in landslide, talks about a revolution**

DUBLIN (AP) — They hugged, they cheered, they cried at the news.

Celebrations rocked Dublin, the Irish capital, into the wee hours Saturday after citizens voted in a landslide to legalize gay marriage — a stunningly lopsided result that political observers called "a social revolution."

Friday's referendum saw 62.1 percent of Irish voters say "yes" to changing the nation's constitution to define marriage as a union between two people regardless of their sex. With the move, Ireland became the first country in the world to approve gay marriage in a popular national vote. Nineteen other countries, including most U.S. states, have legalized the practice through their legislatures and courts.

"With today's vote, we have disclosed who we are: a generous, compassionate, bold and joyful people," Prime Minister Enda Kenny proclaimed. Beside him, Deputy Prime Minister Joan Burton declared the victory "a magical moving moment, when the world's beating heart is in Ireland."

The unexpectedly strong percentage of approval surprised both sides. More than 1.2 million Irish voters backed the "yes" side to less than 750,000 voting "no." Only one of Ireland's 43 constituencies recorded a narrow "no" majority, Roscommon-South Leitrim in the boggy midlands.

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## **Putin signs law to shut 'undesirable' foreign organizations in Russia on security grounds**

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin signed a bill into law Saturday giving prosecutors the power to declare foreign and international organizations "undesirable" in Russia and shut them down.

Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have condemned the measure as part of an "ongoing draconian crackdown which is squeezing the life out of civil society."

The law is part of a Kremlin campaign to stifle dissent that intensified after Putin began his third term in 2012. His return to the presidency had been accompanied by mass street protests that Putin accused the United States of fomenting. Russian suspicions of Western intentions have been further heightened because of tensions over Russia's role in the conflict in Ukraine.

The new Russian law allows prosecutors to declare an organization undesirable if it presents a threat to Russia's constitutional order, its defenses or its security.

Laws passed in recent years already have led to increased pressure on Russian non-governmental organizations, particularly those that receive foreign funding. Rights activists fear the new law could be used to extend the crackdown to Russian branches of international groups and the Russian activists who work with them.

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## **Gloria Steinem, other activists cross by bus after denied permit to walk across Koreas' DMZ**

DORASAN STATION, South Korea (AP) — Female activists including Gloria Steinem and two Nobel Peace laureates were denied an attempt to walk across the Demilitarized Zone dividing North and South Korea on Sunday, but were allowed to cross by bus and complete what one of them called a landmark event.

The group of 30 women from 15 countries made a final appeal to authorities on both sides to allow them to walk across the demarcation line, but were turned down. The North allowed a South Korean bus to cross the demarcation line to pick them up on the North side of the DMZ and transport them over the border to South Korea.

United Nations Command officials met the group inside the DMZ after they crossed the demarcation line, and allowed them to march again after the final checkpoint on the southern side.

"We were able to be citizen diplomats," said Steinem, the 81-year-old feminism pioneer and author.

"We are feeling very, very positive. We have received an enormous amount of support," she said after passing through South Korean immigration.

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## **Poles choose between conservative incumbent, right-wing challenger in presidential election**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poles were voting Sunday in the final round of a cliffhanger presidential election race between the conservative incumbent Bronislaw Komorowski and an even more conservative challenger.

In his five years in office, the 62-year-old Komorowski has been popular and was easily expected to win re-election. But he narrowly lost in the first round of voting to Andrzej Duda, a little-known 43-year-old lawyer and member of the European Parliament with the Law and Justice party who waged an energetic campaign.

Polls in recent days have shown Sunday's race as being too close to call.

Duda's strong showing in a first round on May 10, which helped force a runoff, has exposed a rising disillusionment with the long-ruling Civic Platform party, which Komorowski is allied with. The party has governed Poland since 2007 and been marred by a string of corruption scandals. Its fortunes have also fallen somewhat with the departure from Poland of its former charismatic leader and prime minister, Donald Tusk, who is now the European Union president.

The first round had a large protest vote for a rock star, and political analysts say a majority of those votes will probably go to Duda. On the other hand, many people who didn't vote then are expected to vote this time, and many of those votes are expected to go to Komorowski.

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## **All eyes on Coen brothers as Cannes Film Festival jury ponders who gets the coveted Palme d'Or**

CANNES, France (AP) — Just what film directors Joel and Ethan Coen are thinking is a question that has long bedeviled moviegoers. Now they have the Cannes Film Festival on pins and needles, too.

The 68th Cannes Film Festival wraps up with an awards ceremony Sunday night that will bestow the coveted Palme d'Or on one of 19 films in competition. The decision is left up a jury, headed this year by the Coen brothers, who themselves won the Palme d'Or in 1991 for "Barton Fink."

Among the favorites to capture Cannes' top honor this year are the Hungarian Holocaust drama "Son of Saul" by first-time director Laszlo Nemes; Italian director Paolo Sorrentino's wry meditation on aging in "Youth;" Taiwanese director Hou Hsiao-Hsien's lavish martial arts drama "The Assassin;" and American Todd Haynes' '50s lesbian romance "Carol."

Others on the Cannes jury this year include Guillermo del Toro, Jake Gyllenhaal, Sienna Miller, Sophie Marceau, Xavier Dolan, Rokia Traore and Rossy de Palma.

One thing is for certain: For the first time in several years, the Palme d'Or winner won't be a three-hour art-house epic.

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## **Massachusetts woman uses obituary to declare Tom Brady innocent in deflated footballs scandal**

BOSTON (AP) — A Massachusetts woman has used her own obituary to convey a final message on Tom Brady and the "Deflategate" scandal.

Boston.com reports (<http://bit.ly/1FHE96e><http://bit.ly/1FHE96e>) that Patricia M. Shong, of Auburn, Massachusetts, died on Monday surrounded by family. Her obituary says the 72-year-old enjoyed scrapbooking, weekly card night and spending time with her family. "She would also like us to set the record straight for her," it reads. "Brady is innocent!!"

Brady was suspended for four games and the New England Patriots were fined \$1 million and docked a pair of draft picks after league investigator Ted Wells found that the Super Bowl champions used illegally inflated footballs in the AFC title game. Wells found the New England quarterback "at least generally aware" of the scheme. Brady is appealing his suspension.

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## Curry scores 40 points, Warriors beat Rockets 115-80 to move a win away from NBA Finals

HOUSTON (AP) — Golden State coach Steve Kerr described Stephen Curry's performance Saturday night simply.

"Steph was Steph," Kerr said.

Indeed.

The MVP did what he does best, using his extraordinary 3-point shooting to power a 40-point game and the Warriors made it look easy against Houston, beating the Rockets 115-80 to take a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

"He's had a brilliant season," Kerr said. "The shooting is hard to describe because I don't think we've ever seen anybody shoot the ball the way Steph does off the dribble, off the catch."

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 24, the 144th day of 2015. There are 221 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 24, 1935, the first major league baseball game to be played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.

### On this date:

In 1775, John Hancock was elected President of the Continental Congress, succeeding Peyton Randolph.

In 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was dedicated by President Chester Alan Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland.

In 1889, Germany's Reichstag passed a mandatory disability and old-age insurance law.

In 1937, in a set of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Social Security Act of 1935.

In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the British battle cruiser HMS Hood in the North Atlantic, killing all but three of the 1,418 men on board.

In 1959, former U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles died in Washington D.C. at age 71.

In 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7.

In 1976, Britain and France opened trans-Atlantic Concorde supersonic transport service to Washington.

In 1980, Iran rejected a call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages.

In 1995, former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson died in London at age 79.

In 2001, 23 people were killed when the floor of a Jerusalem wedding hall collapsed beneath dancing guests, sending them plunging several stories into the basement.

**Ten years ago:** Breaking years of gridlock, the Senate cleared the way for confirmation of Priscilla Owen to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals following a compromise on President George W. Bush's current and future judicial nominees. (Owen was confirmed, and was sworn in the following June.) Ignoring President Bush's veto threat, the House voted to lift limits on embryonic stem cell research (the 238-194 vote fell far short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto).

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**Five years ago:** Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the BP oil spill, rejected the idea of taking over the crisis, saying the government had neither BP's expertise nor its deep-sea equipment. The Supreme Court rejected the National Football League's request for broad antitrust law protection, saying that it had to be considered 32 separate teams - not one big business - when selling branded items like jerseys and caps. Lukas Lacko of Slovakia beat American Michael Yani in a 71-game match that tied for the most games in a French Open singles match since tiebreakers were instituted in 1973. (Lacko won 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 12-10 in a first-round match that began on a Sunday and finished after midnight Monday.)

**One year ago:** A lone gunman opened fire at the Jewish Museum in Brussels, killing four people. (A suspect, Mehdi Nemmouche, is in custody.) Pope Francis, in Jordan, denounced arms dealers and appealed for an urgent end to the Syrian civil war at the start of a three-day trip to the Middle East. Reality star Kim Kardashian and rapper Kanye West wed in a Renaissance fortress in Florence, Italy.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-comedian-impressionist Stanley Baxter is 89. Comedian Tommy Chong is 77. Singer Bob Dylan is 74. Actor Gary Burghoff is 72. Singer Patti LaBelle is 71. Actress Priscilla Presley is 70. Country singer Mike Reid is 68. Actor Jim Broadbent is 66. Actor Alfred Molina is 62. Singer Rosanne Cash is 60. Actress Kristin Scott Thomas is 55. Rock musician Jimmy Ashurst (Buckcherry) is 52. Rock musician Vivian Trimble is 52. Actor John C. Reilly is 50. Actor Dana Ashbrook is 48. Actor Eric Close is 48. Actor Carl Payne is 46. Rock musician Rich Robinson is 46. Actor Dash Mihok is 41. Actor Bryan Greenburg is 37. Actor Owen Benjamin is 35. Actor Billy L. Sullivan is 35. Actor-rapper Jerod Mixon (aka Big Tyme) is 34. Rock musician Cody Hanson (Hinder) is 33. Dancer Mark Ballas (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 29. Country singer Billy Gilman is 27. Actor Cayden Boyd is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "If we wait for the moment when everything, absolutely everything is ready, we shall never begin." - Ivan Turgenev, Russian author (1818-1883).