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Part-time Custodian needed. Approximately 20 hours per week Monday through Thursday. Hourly Wage DOE qualifications and experience. Applications are being accepted until 5 pm September 14, 2015 Send a letter of interest along with a resume to: Knute Reieron, Superintendent, Frederick Area School District, PO Box 486, Frederick, SD 57441

St. John's Lutheran Church is having its annual soup, sandwich, and pie luncheon (\$2.00 each) on Thursday, September 10th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with crafts and a bake sale. Supplemental funds have been applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Wednesday, September 2

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

School Lunch: Submarine, French fries, fresh and canned fruit.

Birthdays: Kylie Hawkins • Marvel Washnok • Brad Larson • Austin Schuelke • Jackson Doeden • Katie Osterman • Lee Schinkel • Susie Schuneman

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

Thursday, September 3

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

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, green beans, lettuce, tea bun, fresh and canned fruit.

Birthdays: Amanda Sippel • Douglas Craig • Duane Flihs • Orv Schaller • Lars Tunby

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

10:00am: Cross Country at Redfield

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

5:00pm: Volleyball hosts Deuel with C match

Friday, September 4

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

School Lunch: Quesadilla, romane salad, corn, fruit.

Birthday: Troy Carda

7:00pm: Football at Mobridge

Saturday, September 5

2009: Dave and Becky Hunter

Birthdays: Mary Fordham • Lauri Howard • Dan Krueger • Clayton Sternhagen • Irene Zoellner

1:00pm: Girls soccer at Tea Area (JV at 3 p.m.)

3:00pm: Boys Soccer at 3 pm (Boys JV at 5 pm)

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Bicycle Bill makes stop in Groton

It is an imperfect system, and it is a system that works against those who are in need. For William Galloway, he has been caught on an endless loop of "come back tomorrow" or "you don't qualify," or some other excuse to dismiss his needs.

All that Bill is looking for is a job, but he developed Whooping Cough when he was young. Among other complications, part of his skull came off and the doctors had to take some of his ribs to rebuild his skull. Today, with the help of some medication, his ambition of finding a job has been empty. He had a job opportunity in Salem, Ore., so he drove out there, only to find out the company decided not to hire him. He then sold his vehicle and bought a bicycle. He left Salem on June 10 and has traveled eastward. He ended up in Groton on Monday. With the help of Family Crisis in Groton, he stayed the night. He was on the road again on Tuesday, but the strong east wind forced him to turn around and come back to Groton. He decided he needed a hair cut and he found his way to Cheri's on Main.

It was there where he told his story of how the system worked against him. People question why he is travelling on a bicycle, or why he has not had a job for several years.

Bill is from Madison, Ohio. He then went to work in the oil fields in North Dakota, but he worked too many hours and ended up in the hospital. He lived in Madison, S.D., and Huron.

He has applied for jobs, only to be turned down. "If I get turned down, what about the homeless person who is holding a sign? Where is their help?"

Bill is not asking for much. Just a place to call home and a job. He hopes he can drive truck, but he also has experience in basic maintenance of trucks and he can do labor work as well. In fact, while at Cheri's on Main, Don Dauwen has been working on siding her building. Bill decided to help during the course of the day.

Bill said that the Disability Act has done little to help him. He has tried in Wyoming, Nebraska, Ohio and South Dakota. There are those who have turned their back on him. "The system is okay if you have a job," he said. He has been in mental health places. "There are places that abuse people in those facilities," he said. "They more concerned about themselves than they are about the residents." Frustration helps keep him going. "I will say that I am concerned about the winter coming up." It will be more difficult for him to get around. His home is the road. While there are those who offer assistance, it is only temporary. He is looking for a more permanent solution. "I depend on hope, faith and trust," he said.

Bill has so many stories to tell over his 53 year life. Wednesday, he will be on the road to Watertown. He spent the night at Summit.

There are ways to contact him. His phone number is 605/202-1337. You can look him up on Facebook under William Galloway - Madison, S.D. If you feel moved to help him, one way you can do so is to load up his cell phone with prepaid minutes. Call 1-800-901-9878, enter his cell phone number and then request to reload his phone. With your credit card, you add minutes to his plan through AT&T.



William Galloway with his bicycle that he bought in Salem, Ore. He is on a journey to find a place called "home" where he can have a job, despite his challenges. He has hitchhiked, biked, drove a truck and walked this country and lived on the road since January 18, 1987. His journey is "bike for mental illness freedom."



Rehfuss has Yard of the Week

Groton's yard of the week was awarded to Ron and Kathryn Rehfuss at 207 N. Third Street. The house was built in 1903 by Ron's paternal great-grandmother, Margaret Steuer Mueller. Ron and Kathryn are the fourth generation Rehfuss to occupy the house. The street lamp (circa 1940) in front of the house, is one of the original from main street in Groton. Janice Flihs had the street lamp at her farm and graciously offered it to Ron and Kathryn who were more than delighted to have it.

The Yard of the Week is sponsored by the Groton Garden Club.

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Groton Area netters win season opener

Groton Area traveled to Ipswich Tuesday night and came home with a 3-1 win over the Ipswich Tigers in volleyball action. Game scores were 25-17, 25-18, 18-25 and 25-18.

Groton was 47 of 71 in serves with 12 ace serves. Katie Koehler was four of eight with four ace serves and Marlee Jones was 14 of 16 with three ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 61 of 65 with 26 assists, all by Marlee Jones.

Groton was 71 of 91 in spikes with 27 kills. Josie Doeden was 23 of 30 with 10 kills and Audrey Wanner was 20 of 27 with eight kills.

Paityn Bonn and Doeden each had four of the team's 15 blocks. Wanner had 33 and Koehler 27 of the team's 163 digs.

Groton Area will host Deuel Thursday night.

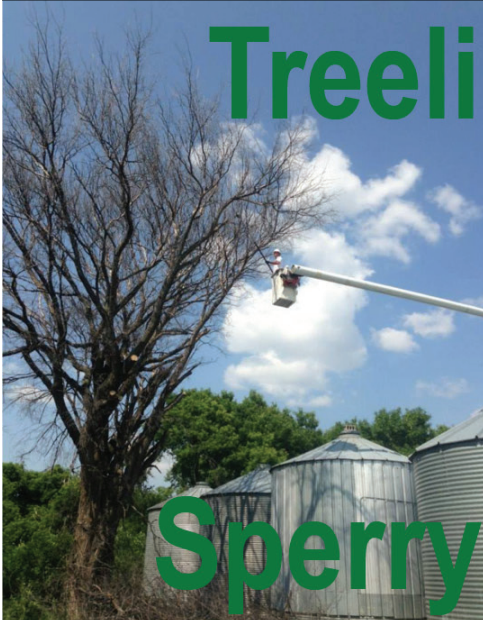
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Today in Weather History

September 2, 1962: From 315 to 445 pm, hail fell in and around the Mobridge area. The hail ranged from 1 1/2 to 4 inches in diameter. The ground was covered up to 3 inches deep with drifts of 2-3 feet. At this time, the storm was one of the worst in recent history for damage.

September 2, 1983: A tornado touched down in the late afternoon 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Polo in Hand county damaging buildings, machinery, and trees. The roof of a hog house was torn off and the north side of the building was destroyed. A barn was pulled several inches off of its foundation and numerous trees were destroyed. At a nearby farm, two outbuildings were destroyed, with two cows injured along with two calves killed.

September 2, 1985: Intense thunderstorms moved from south central South Dakota to northeast South Dakota during the evening. Winds gusted to 60 to 70 mph over the area. Southwest of Presho, three small buildings were destroyed and barns were damaged. Power lines and other property were damaged near Vayland, Miller, Wessington, Wolsey, Kimball, White Lake, Armour, and Castlewood. Large hail caused considerable damage to crops.

1775: The 1775 Newfoundland hurricane, also known as the Independence Hurricane, was a hurricane that hit the Colony of Newfoundland in September 1775. It is believed to have killed at least 4,000 people, making it one of the deadliest Atlantic hurricanes of all time. The death toll in Virginia and North Carolina was 163 lives.

1935: The 1935 Labor Day Hurricane was the strongest and most intense hurricane to make landfall in the United States and the Atlantic Basin in recorded history. A central pressure of 892 mb (26.35 inHg) suggests winds around 188.7 mph. The death toll from this hurricane is between 408 to 600 individuals.

1935 - Perhaps the most intense hurricane ever to hit the U.S. struck the Florida Keys with 200 mph winds. The hurricane produced a fifteen foot tide and waves thirty feet high. 400 persons perished in the storm on that Labor Day. The barometric pressure at Matecumbe Bay FL hits a record low for the U.S. of 26.35 inches. (David Ludlum)

1950 - The temperature at Mecca, CA, soared to 126 degrees to establish a U.S. record for the month of September. The low that morning was 89 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - After teasing residents along the Gulf of Mexico for two days, Hurricane Elena finally came ashore at Biloxi MS. The hurricane, packing winds of 127 mph, caused more than a billion dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Late evening thunderstorms in the Northern Plains Region produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jordan MT, and a "hot flash" at Redig SD. The temperature at Redig rose from 66 degrees at 10 PM to 86 degrees at 11 PM as thunderstorm winds gusted to 36 mph. Nine cities in the Upper Ohio Valley, the Tennessee Valley and the Central Gulf Coast States reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins WV with a reading of 38 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the northwestern U.S. Afternoon highs of 98 degrees at Olympia WA, 98 degrees at Seattle WA, 105 degrees at Portland OR, and 110 degrees at Medford OR, established records for the month of September. Quillayute WA equalled their September record with an afternoon high of 97 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Eight cities in the Gulf Coast Region reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the upper 90s. Houston TX and Port Arthur TX hit 99 degrees. Late evening thunderstorms, developing ahead of a cold front, produced wind gusts to 63 mph at Dickinson ND, and golf ball size hail in North Dakota and Nebraska. Winds along the cold front itself gusted to 62 mph at Buffalo SD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Patched Fog then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 88 °F	Low: 68 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 69 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 82 °F



Heat Peaks Thursday

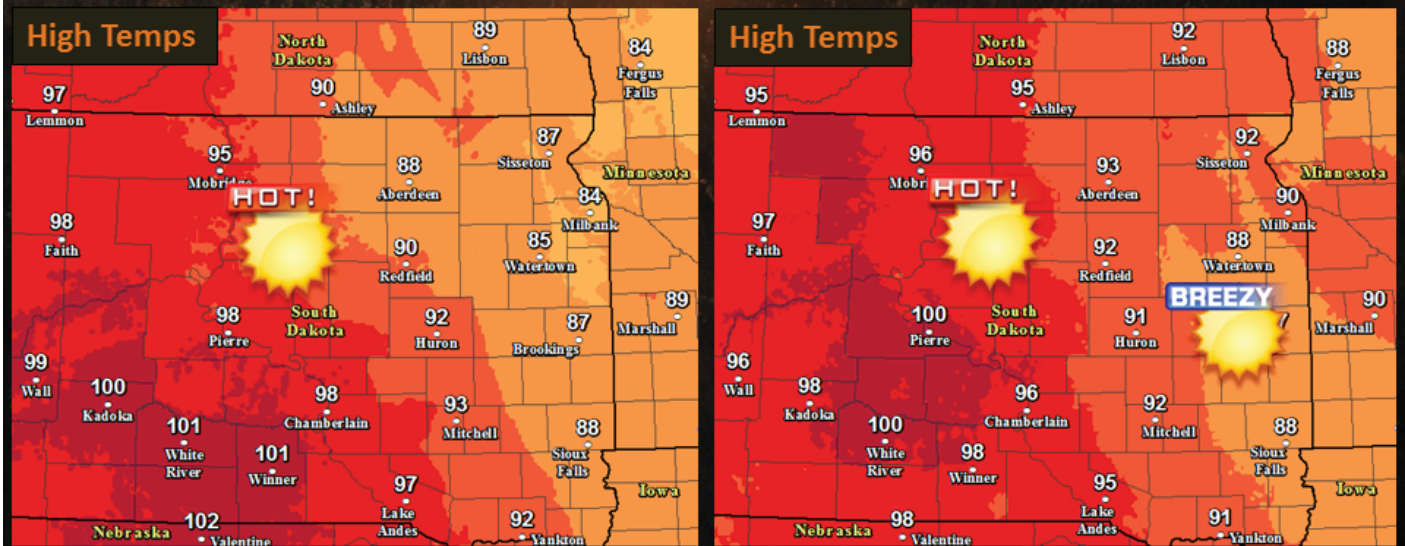


Wednesday:

- Plenty of sunshine
- Lows in the mid to upper 60s

Thursday:

- Heat index values approaching 100 degrees
- Breezy southerly winds eastern SD



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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High pressure will keep skies clear, allowing for maximum daytime heating. Expect two more days of heat, peaking Thursday when heat index values could reach 100 degrees. Low pressure works into the area Friday bringing relief from the heat, and also the chance for some rain and thunderstorms. The strongest of these should remain in North Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 77.2 at 6:04 PM

Low: 59.1 at 11:20 PM

High Gust: 22 at 8:12 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1983

Record Low: 35° in 1896

Average High: 78°F

Average Low: 52°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.16

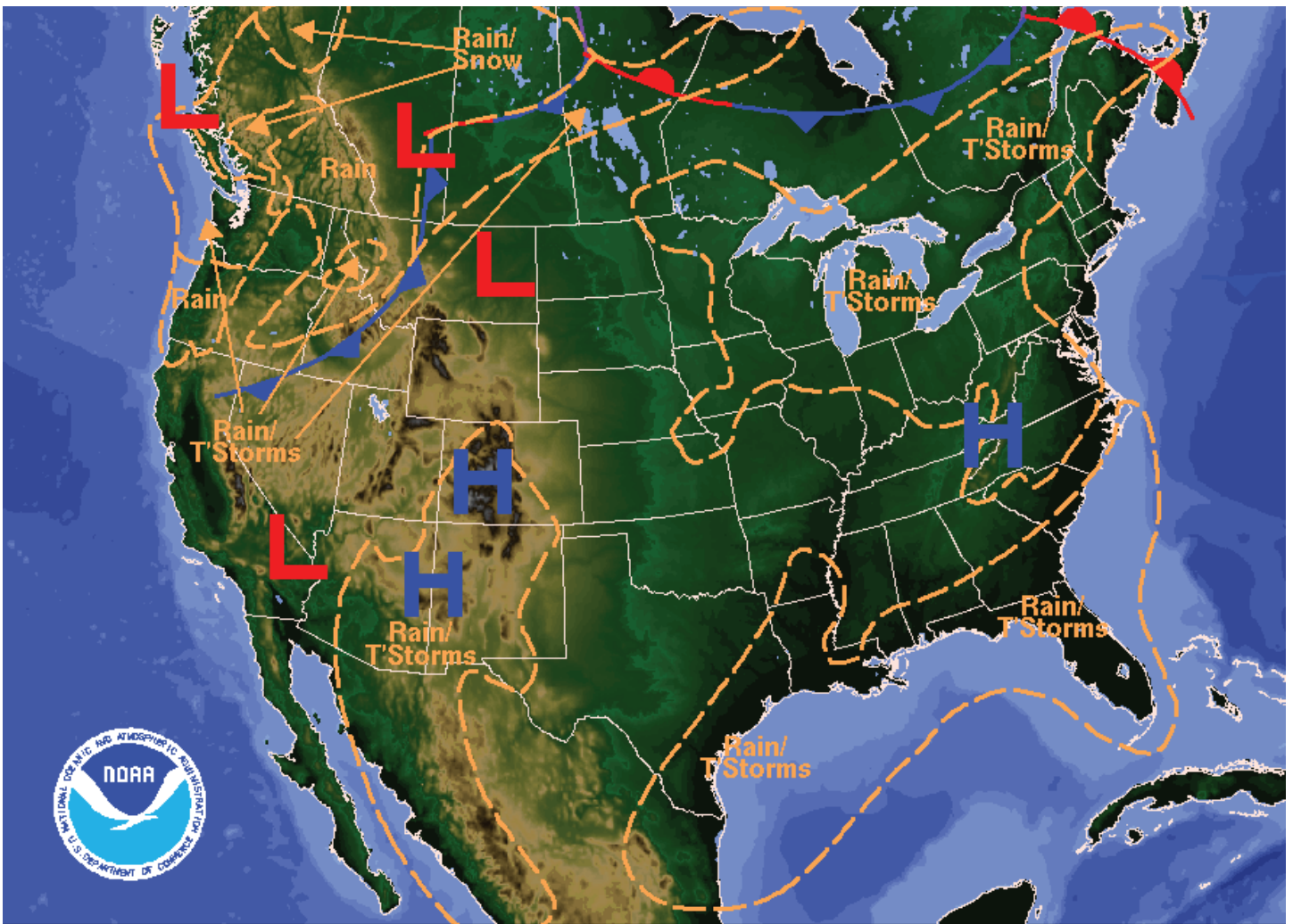
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 16.45

Precip Year to Date: 16.56

Sunset Tonight: 8:09 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:57 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Sep 02, 2015, issued 4:31 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Oravec based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A BRIGHT EXAMPLE

Can you believe that street lighting was first introduced in Antioch, Greece in the fourth century? But it was Benjamin Franklin, the famed inventor, who introduced it to America. Other countries had street lights in their cities as early as the eighth century.

While serving as the postmaster in Philadelphia, Franklin urged the city fathers to install street lights in their city. The city fathers refused because they believed it was too costly.

Franklin refused to give up and hung a beautiful lantern on a bracket in the front of his home. As the people walked by, they realized the difference it made. They no longer stumbled or fell because it provided light for their path. It was not long before his neighbors recognized the value of the light and soon the entire neighborhood, and then the city, had lights in the dark places. Franklin achieved his goal, not by argument, but by example.

People everywhere are looking for ideas that work. If they make sense people will adopt them and apply them to their lives. That's why Paul encouraged Timothy to "set an example in speech, life, love, faith and purity."

God's Word works! When we apply it to our lives people will soon see that the Light of our lives makes a difference and follow our example.

Prayer: Lord, whenever our lives fail to live up to Your standards, give us no peace until we change. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

News from the Associated Press

Lead man pleads not guilty to stabbing woman to death

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — A Lead man accused of stabbing a woman to death has pleaded not guilty to murder. Authorities allege 44-year-old James Rogers killed 27-year-old Caitlin Walsh. Her body was found Aug. 17 in an apartment in downtown Lead. Tests indicated she had been dead for five days.

Authorities have not disclosed the nature of the relationship between Rogers and Walsh.

Rogers entered his plea Tuesday. He faces a mandatory life sentence and the possibly of the death penalty if convicted. He remains jailed without bond and is due back in court on Oct. 6.

2 arrested on suspicion of firing shots in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have arrested two people who are suspected of firing shots from a moving vehicle.

The 24-and-28-year-old suspects were stopped and arrested Tuesday night after their vehicle was matched to witness reports that a man in a tan Suburban had fired shots out the front passenger window.

Police say officers searched the vehicle and found a gun, along with marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The two suspects were arrested on weapons, drug, alcohol and traffic offense charges.

No gunshot injuries or damages were reported.

Jackley joins other AGs in opposing weapons ban in Illinois

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Marty Jackley has joined 23 other attorneys general in petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to rule against a weapons ban in Illinois.

The South Dakota attorney general joined the amicus brief filed in the case brought by the Illinois State Rifle Association and others against the city of Highland Park, Illinois.

A federal appeals court in April upheld the assault weapons ban in the northern Chicago suburb.

The amicus brief argues that the second amendment protects an individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation.

Jackley says he has a strong interest in protecting citizen's rights to keep and bear arms.

Free admission, coupons offered for South Dakota State Fair

HURON, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Agriculture says there are plenty of ways to visit the South Dakota State Fair without taking a big hit in the wallet.

The fair runs from Thursday through Sept. 7.

Attendees who buy a Grandstand ticket through Wednesday also get free admission. Veterans and active military members get complimentary admission on Thursday.

On Monday, attendees who dress as Colonel Sanders can get into the fair for free.

There are also coupons available for admittance.

Daugaard appoints 1 to SD Science and Technology Authority

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a new member to a state board that fosters scientific and technological investigations.

Daugaard has appointed Robert Wilson of Fort Collins, Colorado, to the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority. Wilson is a professor of physics at Colorado State University.

The governor's office says Wilson focuses primarily on underground experiments and is currently a member of a long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment that produces an intense neutrino beam in a facility on the east coast of Japan.

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Wilson is also working on a proposed experiment in which scientists will shoot a beam of neutrinos from Fermilab, in Batavia, Illinois, to the western South Dakota town of Lead.

South Dakota lawmakers created the Science and Technology Authority in 2004. Its eight members serve six-year terms.

Extension educator: cattle feed an option for damaged wheat

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota State Extension educator says feeding damaged wheat to cattle can be a way to salvage a crop.

SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist Warren Rusche says recent rains delayed completion of the wheat harvest and some farmers have reported damaged wheat, particularly in the northern areas of South Dakota.

Rusche says if the damage levels are high enough, the wheat can be unmarketable through regular channels.

He says cattle ranchers thinking about feeding damaged wheat need to consider factors such as vomitoxin or ergot, which may affect cattle health and performance.

The FDA guidelines on vomitoxin for feedstuffs fed to beef cattle older than four months is 10 parts per million, as long as the affected feed does not exceed 50 percent of the diet.

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Mitchell, 25-18, 25-10, 25-13
Arlington def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-10, 25-6, 25-14
Baltic def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-21, 25-17, 25-21
Belle Fourche def. St. Thomas More, 34-32, 25-16, 25-21
Beresford def. Centerville, 25-15, 25-8, 25-18
Bon Homme def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-14, 25-21, 25-9
Brandon Valley def. Huron, 25-20, 25-9, 25-20
Castlewood def. Lake Preston, 25-7, 25-7, 25-14
Chester def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-20, 25-10, 13-25
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Timber Lake, 25-23, 25-19, 13-25, 25-22
Colman-Egan def. Estelline, 25-20, 25-19, 25-16
Dakota Valley def. Tri-Valley, 25-14, 18-25, 16-25, 25-16, 16-14
Dell Rapids def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-16, 23-25, 25-13, 25-23
Deubrook def. DeSmet, 16-25, 23-25, 25-20, 25-21, 19-17
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Flandreau, 25-19, 20-25, 25-16, 25-14
Ethan def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-15, 25-18, 25-17
Gayville-Volin def. Canistota, 20-25, 25-18, 25-11, 25-20
Gregory def. St. Francis Indian, 20-25, 25-15, 25-14, 25-22
Groton Area def. Ipswich, 25-18, 25-17, 18-25, 25-18
Hamlin def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-17, 16-25, 25-22, 25-14
Harding County def. New England, N.D., 25-18, 25-20, 25-14
Hill City def. Edgemont, 25-7, 25-23, 25-22
Irene-Wakonda def. Freeman, 25-13, 25-9, 25-13
Lead-Deadwood def. Hot Springs, 25-18, 25-12, 25-18
Lennox def. Vermillion, 25-17, 23-25, 24-26, 25-23, 15-13
Leola/Frederick def. Langford, 25-10, 25-18, 25-18
Madison def. Canton, 25-13, 25-13, 25-14
McLaughlin def. Dupree, 25-21, 25-8, 25-21

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Menno def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 27-25, 24-26, 25-11, 25-15
Milbank Area def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-13, 25-9, 25-7
Mitchell Christian def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-16, 19-25, 27-25, 26-28, 15-12
Mobridge-Pollock def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-22, 7-25, 18-25, 26-24, 15-9
Moorhead, Minn. def. Sioux Falls Washington, 29-31, 25-10, 25-19, 25-9
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-6, 25-18, 25-8
Parker def. Sioux Valley, 20-25, 25-23, 25-22, 25-15
Parkston def. Avon, 20-25, 25-22, 25-15, 22-25, 15-10
Pierre def. Brookings, 26-24, 25-19, 25-20
Redfield/Doland def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 27-25, 25-22, 25-18
Sioux City, East, Iowa def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-20, 21-25, 25-21, 24-26, 18-16
Sioux Falls Christian def. Garretson, 25-7, 25-11, 25-13
South Border, N.D. def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-12, 22-25, 25-20, 25-15
Spearfish def. Sturgis, 25-11, 25-14, 25-12
Sully Buttes def. Faulkton, 25-11, 25-16, 25-13
Tea Area def. West Central, 25-21, 25-18, 25-15
Viborg-Hurley def. Marion, 25-13, 25-17, 25-21
Wagner def. Platte-Geddes, 25-9, 20-25, 25-15, 25-13
Wall def. Jones County, 25-19, 25-18, 16-25, 25-9
Warner def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-10, 25-13, 25-13
Wessington Springs def. Iroquois, 25-15, 20-25, 25-17, 25-18
Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, Minn. def. Sisseton, 25-23, 25-17, 25-27, 25-12
White River def. Lyman, 26-24, 17-25, 25-23, 29-27
Winner def. Burke/South Central, 25-21, 25-19, 25-22
Yankton def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-13, 18-25, 25-22, 25-23

Ohio sends seized tigers, big cats out of state

JOHN SEEWER, Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Six tigers and four other exotic animals seized by Ohio officials from their owner in January have been moved from a temporary holding facility to animal sanctuaries in three other states, the Ohio Department of Agriculture said Tuesday.

The move began late last week and the final two animals arrived Tuesday at a facility in Arizona, department spokeswoman Erica Hawkins said.

The department took custody of the animals from a small, roadside animal sanctuary near Toledo after it said the owner, Kenny Hetrick, ignored warnings that he needed a permit for the exotic animals and that his cages weren't secure enough to prevent an escape.

The tigers, bear, leopard, cougar and a liger (part lion, part tiger) spent the last seven months at the holding facility operated by the state near Columbus while their owner continued to fight the state's authority to seize the animals.

State officials have said from the beginning that the facility was not meant to house the animals long-term.

"They're doing really well, so it was an ideal time to transport them," Hawkins told The Associated Press. "They needed more space, and we realized that."

Veterinarians who saw the animals also recommended the move, she said.

Hetrick said he wasn't notified about the animals' relocation beforehand and believed the state was prohibited from taking such action while his legal matters are pending. He said Tuesday that he planned to talk with his attorney about pursuing the creatures' return.

"I want the animals back in Ohio," he said. "They're not allowed to leave the state with them."

His daughter, Corrina Hetrick, said in a separate telephone interview that the animals were fine at the holding facility in Ohio and that separating and moving them was cruel. Until January, they had lived at the sanctuary since they were young, and some of them are now old — the liger is 23 — she said. The

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move undoubtedly was stressful to them, she added.

"We're absolutely disgusted," she said.

The animals now are at sanctuaries in Tampa, Florida; Spearfish, South Dakota; and Valentine, Arizona, where they will remain until Kenny Hetrick's court challenges against the state are resolved, the state said. The Department of Agriculture said in a court filing that caretakers at the sanctuaries are under contract but it retains custody of the animals.

Because the legal proceedings could continue for months or more than a year, the state decided it could not wait for the move.

"We've gotten good feedback from the sanctuaries that they're enjoying the open space," Hawkins said. "It's definitely a better situation for them."

The department oversees permitting for dangerous wild animals under state regulations enacted after a suicidal man in eastern Ohio released dozens of his animals, including African lions and Bengal tigers, on his farm in 2011 and authorities had to kill them, fearing for public safety.

Hetrick, who had taken in abused and unwanted animals since the mid-1970s, sought to keep his seized creatures at his property under a wildlife shelter permit and a dangerous wild animal rescue facility permit, but the department denied both requests after administrative hearings.

The director's orders said Hetrick submitted an incomplete application after the deadline, didn't microchip all his animals as mandated and had facilities that didn't meet legal requirements.

Hetrick has argued that the state worked with other exotic-animal owners on compliance issues and that he was treated differently. He said he made improvements at the facility and tried unsuccessfully, with witnesses, to get help from the department in the permit process.

Hetrick appealed the department's administrative rulings Aug. 20, a week after a Wood County court denied an emergency motion seeking the return of the animals and put the case on hold pending administrative proceedings.

Despite any changes Hetrick has made to his facility, the animals could not be returned to him, Hawkins said. "The deadline has passed, and the law will not allow us to give him a wildlife permit," she said.

Attorneys file arguments over scope of water rule injunction

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Attorneys who have been debating state and federal powers regarding small waterways filed written arguments Tuesday over whether a judge's decision to block a new Obama administration water rule applies nationwide.

U.S. District Judge Ralph Erickson last week issued a temporary injunction requested by North Dakota and 12 other states to stop the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers from regulating some small streams, tributaries and wetlands under the Clean Water Act. The EPA maintains that injunction applied only to the 13 states and said it began enforcing the rule in all other states on Friday.

The 13 states said in court documents filed Tuesday that it wouldn't make sense to have a different set of rules apply to some states that may share drainages in the same watershed.

"The court's injunction order properly contained no geographical limitations," the state's document says, "and its scope should not now be restricted."

The EPA said its interpretation is correct because many states are not challenging the rule and two states have ruled that the argument belongs in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, not in federal district court. Expanding the injunction goes beyond on the complaints alleged by the 13 states, the EPA said.

"An injunction of nationwide scope is particularly unwarranted because the court has determined only that the plaintiffs here are entitled to preliminary relief" and Erickson made no conclusions "regarding any other party," the government said in its brief.

The 13 states exempted for now are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. They say the regulation is unnecessary and infringes on their sovereignty.

The federal government said the new rule clarifies ambiguity in the law and actually makes it easier for the states to manage some waterways

Erickson said in his ruling last week that the EPA had exceeded its authority in issuing the regulation. He then issued an order giving the parties until the end of the day Tuesday to file arguments on the "breadth of the court's order."

Augustana College gets new name after undergoing changes

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Augustana College in southeast South Dakota is now Augustana University. The private school announced its name change Tuesday. The school says the new name speaks of the "breadth of learning" that's happening at its Sioux Falls campus and reflects the changes the school has undergone to "serve the needs of today's students" and meet the demands of the workforce.

President Rob Oliver says the school will offer more graduate and continuing education classes and increase its focus on research. The campus will also continue to grow.

A new \$35 million science building is under construction and the school has plans for a new 125,000-square-foot student activities center featuring an eight-lane, 200-meter indoor competition track, an expanded fitness center, a retail area and other amenities.

Man accused of harassing American Indian students cleared

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of using racial slurs and spilling beer on American Indian students during a hockey game was cleared of a disorderly conduct charge Tuesday, more than a month after a trial in the controversial case attracted more than 200 people.

Trace O'Connell was charged after authorities alleged he sprayed beer and used racially charged language near a large group of Native American students during a minor league hockey game in Rapid City. Native American groups said the January incident highlighted racial issues in the city and criticized the charge as too lenient.

Magistrate Judge Eric Strawn released a ruling Tuesday siding with O'Connell, finding that the 41-year-old man from Philip unintentionally spilled beer on the students while celebrating an "important score" at a Rapid City Rush game. The judge also said the city didn't prove O'Connell said any racially charged words near the students.

Other than one woman whose testimony was "unreliable," the judge wrote, no one testified that they heard or saw O'Connell say something racially charged.

"Obviously, we are disappointed in the decision," City Attorney Joel Landeen said in a statement Tuesday. "We felt all along the city had a strong case with enough evidence to move forward for conviction. The disorderly conduct charge was the strongest charge the city could bring."

O'Connell's attorney, Michael Butler, said the favorable decision wasn't unexpected and his client is relieved, "but you can't undo what's been done publically."

"There's been some pretty vile and reprehensible things said about him by people who have no idea what they're talking about," Butler said.

O'Connell was among about 15 people in a suite that was directly above the area where about 50 students and seven chaperons from American Horse School were sitting. The school is in Allen, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

School officials did not return requests for comment Tuesday.

Strawn in July oversaw O'Connell's two-day trial, which was moved to a high school auditorium and drew as many as 250 spectators. The judge had already ruled out the possibility of jail time, meaning the case would not go to a jury. Had he been convicted, O'Connell would have faced a maximum punishment of a \$500 fine.

Landeen told the court in July that O'Connell sprayed beer and it wasn't an accident. At best, the prosecutor said, it was reckless.

SD man stuck in tree bites firefighter during rescue

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities say a man whose arm got stuck between tree branches bit a firefighter during his rescue and later fled from a hospital.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens on Tuesday said the 44-year-old man got his arm caught in the tree Sunday afternoon, and when first responders worked to free him, he bit the firefighter on the left forearm.

Clemens says the Sioux Falls man was taken to a hospital after the incident, but on Monday, he pulled out his IV and left the hospital. Clemens says the man was taken into custody later that day after a chase.

The man, who authorities didn't publicly identify, was returned to the hospital. Clemens says the man hasn't been charged, but likely will face simple assault and ingesting charges.

K-State picks sophomore Jesse Ertz to start at quarterback

DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — The last time Jesse Ertz threw a pass in a game that mattered, the lanky quarterback with the buzz cut was leading tiny Mediapolis High School through the Iowa state playoffs.

Now, he's the starter for Kansas State.

The sophomore was given the job about a week ago, but coach Bill Snyder announced it to the masses on Tuesday. Ertz survived a four-way competition to replace Jake Waters primarily because he was most consistent in practice, starting in the spring and running right through fall.

"We want a balanced quarterback, that's our ideal thing. A guy that can run it, throw it, make good decisions," Snyder said. "He covers all spectrums."

But in a testament to just how close the race became, junior Joe Hubener and freshman Alex Delton were listed as co-backups on the initial depth chart, and Snyder said it is likely both of them will get on the field when the Wildcats open against South Dakota on Saturday.

Junior college transfer Jonathan Banks was also in the mix but has chosen to redshirt.

"Any one of them, we would have had a great person back there commanding," wide receiver Dominique Heath said. "We had a lot of quarterbacks in this race and it was real close."

Ertz certainly has quite the prep resume to back him up.

Sure, he came from a small high school in a state that traditionally produces a handful of Division I recruits. But he also shattered the Iowa prep record for career touchdown passes with 98, and finished fifth in state history with 7,317 yards passing. All told, he compiled more than 9,000 yards and 130 touchdowns while racking up awards by the armful.

Just about the only thing that went wrong in high school occurred in his final game, the state semifinals in 2012. Ertz hurt his knee and his school wound up losing the game.

Ertz redshirted two years ago and was the third-string quarterback behind Waters and Hubener a year ago. He never threw a pass but appeared in four games, running seven times for 46 yards.

"There's of course a little bit of nerves since it's been so long since I played a real game," he said, "but more than anything, I'm just excited about the opportunity to make plays in front of people. That's what I'm excited about."

Snyder had hoped to whittle his quarterback list to a starter earlier, but nobody played particularly well in the spring game. Ertz created some separation over the summer, even recording the fastest 300-yard shuttle for a Kansas State quarterback during conditioning tests, and slowly built on his advantage by being the most consistent option from practice to practice.

"Once we got into camp and we were maybe a week or so through, all of a sudden, the angle of his ascent became steeper, if that makes any sense," Snyder said. "But again, I probably say this about everybody: He has a wealth of space between where he is and where he can be."

Especially considering the complexities of Kansas State's unique run-pass system. Not only does it demand an accurate passer and deft runner, the offense also requires a quarterback who is intelligent enough to make the appropriate checks at the line of scrimmage.

It was a skill that Waters developed over time, and that made Collin Klein a Heisman Trophy finalist when he was running the show in Manhattan. But it also a big reason why so few freshmen and sophomores have earned a starting job for a season opener at Kansas State.

The last to do it under Snyder? Dylan Meier in 2004.

Meanwhile, Delton — a highly touted recruit from Hays, Kansas — would become the first true freshman ever to start under Snyder is he takes over at some point this season.

“What I admire so much about each and every one of them, and Jesse certainly is they are so committed to what they are doing,” Snyder said. “These are all young guys — Jesse is a wonderful young person, an excellent student. They study the game, they invest in it.”

SD smoking rate falls, remains higher than national average

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — As the nation continues to see fewer smokers, so has South Dakota, although the state’s most recent data show its rate is still higher than the national average.

A new government report released Tuesday shows that the nation’s rate dropped to 17 percent last year compared to 18 percent in 2013.

The most recent smoking statistics from the South Dakota Department of Health come from 2013. The rate that year dropped to 19.6 percent compared to 23 percent in 2011.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the government’s findings Tuesday, based on a large national survey.

The nation’s smoking rate was about 15 percent for the first three months of 2015. However, beginning-of-the-year survey data tends to be skewed by the temporary impact of New Year’s resolutions.

August survey suggests economic doldrums ahead for Midwest

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A survey conducted in August suggests there will be little or no economic growth over the next three months in a nine-state region of the Midwest and Plains, according to a report released Tuesday.

The overall Mid-American Business Conditions Index dropped to 49.6, compared with 50.6 in July, the report said.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey, said Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and South Dakota companies reported growth last month, but businesses in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and Oklahoma reported less economic activity.

Economic optimism for the next six months, as reflected by August business confidence index, plunged to 47.7 from 52.4 in July.

“Sinking agriculture and energy commodity prices, along with global economic uncertainty, pushed supply managers’ expectations of future economic conditions lower for the month,” Goss said.

The survey results from supply managers were compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth. A score below that suggests decline. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

The regional employment gauge rose last month to 52.0 from 50.0 in July. Since January, region has added more than 57,000 nonfarm jobs, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data. But the region also lost almost 9,000 manufacturing jobs during over the same period, Goss said.

“Since our survey oversamples manufacturing firms, it is not surprising that our overall index has weakened significantly for states with a large agriculture and energy presence,” he said.

Included in the August survey was a question about how a possible Federal Reserve rate hike in September would affect their companies.

“One-fourth, or 25 percent, expect negative impacts from a rate increase, 5 percent anticipate a positive impact, while the remaining 70 percent expect little or no effect from an interest rate hike in September,” said Goss, who added that the results differed little from July, when the same question was asked.

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South Dakota corn and sorghum crops starting to mature

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's corn and sorghum crops are starting to mature.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that 3 percent of the crop is mature, near 1 percent at the same time last year and the long-term average of 4 percent. The sorghum crop is 2 percent mature, near 1 percent last year and 3 percent on average.

More than two-thirds of the sorghum crop and more than three-fourths of the corn crop is rated in good to excellent condition.

Harvesting of spring wheat in South Dakota is wrapping up, at 95 percent complete.

Pasture and range conditions statewide are rated 61 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 77 percent adequate to surplus.

NBA D-League Skyforce set tryouts in Sioux Falls, Miami

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Athletes with dreams of playing professional basketball can try out for the NBA Development League team in South Dakota.

The Sioux Falls Skyforce is holding open tryouts in both Sioux Falls and Miami. The Skyforce organization is affiliated with the NBA's Miami Heat.

The Miami tryout is Sept. 27 at Ransom Everglades High School, and the Sioux Falls tryout is Oct. 10 at the Sanford Pentagon. Athletes are required to preregister and pay a nonrefundable \$150 fee.

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. HUNGARY RAILWAY STATION STILL CLOSED TO MIGRANTS

Around 3,000 of them remain stranded in Budapest as Hungarian authorities are sticking to European Union rules and preventing them from leaving for Germany and other countries to the west.

2. OBAMA VISIT PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON RURAL ALASKA'S PLIGHT

The president will get a glimpse of life of Alaska Natives and others who live in more than 200 villages under conditions unimaginable in most of the U.S.

3. ARREST WARRANT ISSUED FOR TURKISH HUSBAND OF THAI SUSPECT

Emrah Davutoglu is facing charges of conspiracy to possess unauthorized war materials and is believed to have been "part of a network that provided accommodation" to those connected with the shrine bombing.

4. BIDEN TO TEST POLITICAL WATERS IN FLORIDA

The vice president is headed to Miami, where he's sure to get a glimpse of his presidential prospects as he considers a late entry into the 2016 Democratic primaries.

5. WHY KENTUCKY CLERK IS UNLIKELY CANDIDATE TO WAGE WAR ON GAY MARRIAGE

At 44 years old, Kim Davis has been divorced three times and has two children out of wedlock.

6. WORLD'S QUIRKIEST AIRLINE

North Korea's Air Koryo is a unique ride, whose flight attendants speak no foreign languages and in-flight entertainment is limited to patriotic odes to the leader.

7. RECORDS REVEAL UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSE TO HOLMES

Documents obtained by The AP show that little was done aside from checking the theater shooter's background after his psychiatrist shared concerns about his homicidal thoughts.

8. WHO LOOKS TO CRACK U.S. MARKET WITH SCOOTER

India's largest SUV maker Mahindra hopes to win over city and campus dwellers with a \$2,999, Vespa-like electric vehicle called the GenZe.

9. BOLD MOVE TO SAVE A MAN'S HAND

Frank Reyes' left hand is surgically tucked under a pocket of tissue in his belly to give it time to heal and form a new blood supply.

10. WHICH CITY HOPES TO LAND 2024 SUMMER OLYMPICS

Los Angeles is named by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the American candidate for the games, replacing Boston's soured bid.

AP News in Brief

Defiant migrants shout 'What we want? Peace!' as Hungary bars them from trains for 2nd day

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hundreds of migrants chanted defiant slogans outside Budapest's main international railway station Wednesday as Hungarian police blocked them for a second day from seeking asylum in Germany and other European Union countries to the west.

"What we want? Peace! What we need? Peace!" a few hundred migrants chanted outside Keleti station, the new focal point for continent-wide tensions over the unrelenting flow of migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa fleeing war, persecution and poverty.

Hungary's police said in a statement they intend to reinforce their positions outside the Keleti terminal as the volume of migrants arriving from Serbia continues to grow by the hour, with an estimated 3,000 already encamped near the station. They said officers working jointly with colleagues from Austria, Germany and Slovakia also were searching for migrants traveling illegally on other Hungarian trains and described the security push as compatible with the EU's policy of passport-free travel.

Efforts to control, curtail and protect migrants continued unabated elsewhere across Europe. French authorities said services on the cross-Channel Eurostar trains were returning to normal Wednesday after serious overnight disruptions triggered by reports of migrants running on the tracks and trying to climb atop trains.

Passengers aboard one Paris-to-London train said their service was suspended because migrants trying to climb aboard the train damaged fire safety equipment. In tweets, passengers also described seeing migrants running along the roofs of another train near the migrant-besieged French port of Calais.

In Arctic, Obama to glimpse life in rural Alaska where many toil in third-world conditions

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — It's a good bet that President Barack Obama will never use a honey bucket. The five-gallon drums serve as makeshift toilets in large swaths of rural Alaska, where residents empty the waste-filled buckets into nearby sewage lagoons. Obama's historic visit to the Alaska Arctic on Wednesday will shed a rare spotlight on the plight of Alaska Natives and others who live in more than 200 far-flung Alaskan villages under conditions unimaginable in most of the United States.

Obama's goal on this trip, the first by a sitting president to the Arctic, is to showcase the havoc he says human-influenced climate change is wreaking on Alaska's delicate landscape: entire rural villages sinking into the ground as permafrost thaws, protective sea ice melts and temperatures climb.

Alaska Natives have joined the president in sounding the alarm on climate change. Yet the obstacles they confront daily in rural Alaska extend far deeper, raising questions about whether the federal government has done enough to help some of the country's most destitute citizens.

Even as Obama has sought to improve conditions for Native Americans in recent years, Alaska Natives have received less attention.

Thai police say arrested suspect's fingerprints match those on bomb-making material

BANGKOK (AP) — Thai police said Wednesday that the fingerprints of a foreign man arrested at Thailand's border with Cambodia match those found on a bottle containing bomb-making material, as the investigation into last month's deadly bombing in Bangkok gathered steam.

National police spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri said authorities were still conducting DNA tests but could

determine that "this man is important and is related or conspired with people who committed" the Aug. 17 bombing at the Erawan Shrine in central Bangkok. The blast left 20 people dead, more than half of them foreigners, and over 120 injured.

The investigation into the attack has picked up in recent days with the arrest of two suspects and raids on two apartments on the outskirts of Bangkok that contained bomb-making materials.

In the first apartment, raided Saturday in the Bangkok neighborhood of Nong Chok, police arrested a suspect they described as a foreign man and seized bomb-making equipment that included detonators, ball bearings and a metal pipe believed to be a bomb casing.

They also took fingerprints from the apartment, which turned out to match those of another suspect arrested Tuesday at the border with Cambodia, Prawut said.

In Florida, Biden to get an early sense of whether he could mount a 2016 bid against Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden is headed to Florida, where he's sure to get a glimpse of his presidential prospects as he considers a late entry into the 2016 Democratic primaries.

Biden plans to appear at Miami Dade College and headline a private fundraiser for Senate Democrats on Wednesday as he mulls a potential challenge to Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton. Interest in a Biden bid has intensified in recent weeks as Clinton has struggled with what some Democrats consider a lackluster start to her campaign and scrutiny over her use of a private email account and server as President Barack Obama's secretary of state.

"There's a malaise inside the race right now with Clinton. People I know who are supporting her are not necessarily withdrawing, but are unenthusiastic," said Tony Bisagnano, an Iowa state senator who backed Biden's campaign in 2008 and wants him to run again.

But he cautioned: "We're getting close to where it's going to be a tough race if he waits much longer."

A Democrat familiar with Biden's deliberations said recent discussions have focused on whether Biden's family would be ready to pursue a third presidential campaign only months after the death of the vice president's son, Beau Biden.

Scores of investigators scour northern Illinois for 3 suspects wanted in officer's death

FOX LAKE, Ill. (AP) — As a small northern Illinois community mourned a popular veteran police officer who was fatally shot while on duty, authorities scoured the area overnight in search of three men wanted in his slaying.

Helicopters were to aid about 100 officers early Wednesday as the manhunt in and around the village of Fox Lake for the suspects the fatal shooting of Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz stretched toward a second day, a sheriff's office spokesman said.

Authorities from across the state and region poured into the village about 60 miles north of Chicago after the shooting Tuesday morning, some wearing tactical gear and toting high-powered rifles. Federal agencies, SWAT teams and 48 police dogs assisted in the search for the suspects, Lake County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Christopher Covelli said.

Officers could be seen taking up positions on rooftops and along railroad tracks, scanning the terrain with rifle scopes and binoculars. Others leaned out of helicopters with weapons at the ready. Residents were urged to stay indoors, and schools were put on lockdown.

Authorities said Gliniewicz radioed in Tuesday morning to tell dispatchers he was chasing three men on foot in Fox Lake. Communication with him was lost soon after.

About 4 years ago, clerk in gay marriage fight was unlikely candidate to wage moral war

MOREHEAD, Ky. (AP) — Kim Davis sat in a church pew on a Sunday morning about four years ago, listening as the man in the pulpit preached of forgiveness and God's grace.

Davis was then an unlikely candidate to wage a moral war over the institution of marriage. At 44 years old, she had been divorced three times and had two children out of wedlock.

But that Sunday morning, as the preacher spoke from the book of Galatians, she repented and pledged the rest of her life to the service of the Lord.

Now as the Rowan County clerk, Davis — despite her own checkered past — is refusing to surrender in a battle over who can and can't be wed. She invoked "God's authority" Tuesday as she defied a series of federal court orders and once again denied marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Since the Supreme Court legalized gay marriage across the nation, couples have stood in her office and wept. They have shouted and called her a bigot. They have tried to reason with her.

N. Korean airline, named world's worst, delivers authoritarian service but good safety record

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — If an Air Koryo passenger ignores its no-photography rule, a flight attendant might take the camera and delete the pictures herself. Crumpling up a newspaper bearing the image of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un can earn travelers a stern lecture, or worse.

Those are among many quirks that may help explain why North Korea's airline has earned a singular distinction: It's been ranked the world's worst airline for four straight years.

Air Koryo is the only carrier to have been awarded just one star in rankings released recently by the UK-based SkyTrax consultancy agency. More than 180 airlines are included in the five-star ranking system, which is widely considered the global benchmark of airline standards.

Some experts and frequent Air Koryo passengers disagree with the "world's worst" title. The airline is a definitely a unique ride, but fairly reliable, they say. The SkyTrax ratings are focused on service and not safety.

"It's a bit of a giggle, actually. They are clearly not the world's worst airline," said Simon Cockerell, of the Koryo Group, a Beijing-based travel agency that specializes in North Korea. The agency has no relation to Air Koryo, though Cockerell and his tourists often fly on the airline.

AP Exclusive: Documents show how university responded to theater shooter's homicidal thoughts

DENVER (AP) — More than a month before James Holmes' rampage on a Colorado movie theater, the head of his neuroscience graduate program called a campus police officer with alarming information: Holmes had told his psychiatrist that he wanted to kill people to make up for his failure in science.

The call, never previously disclosed, came just after the psychiatrist expressed similar concerns to the same University of Colorado campus police officer. But newly released documents show the officer did little other than check to see whether Holmes had a criminal record and deactivate his campus access cards. And his psychiatrist declined to detain Holmes, who had revealed no specific targets or threats, because she thought it would only "inflammate him."

The documents obtained by The Associated Press provide new details about the best chance authorities had to stop Holmes before the July 2012 theater massacre. They also show how hard it can be to predict who will turn violent, even when they've displayed warning signs, experts say.

"There's no reliable way we can identify those few who will pick up a gun and start shooting people from the vast number who might seem odd or unusual or even scary," said James Alan Fox, a Northeastern University criminologist who has studied and written about mass killings. "You can't predict it. Did they

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do everything they could have? That's another question."

A judge last week sentenced Holmes to life in prison without parole for murdering 12 people and trying to kill 70 more after jurors couldn't agree that he deserved the death penalty. The documents, released by the University of Colorado and prosecutors in response to open-records requests by the AP, provide the fullest look yet at how university officials handled concerns about Holmes, who dropped out of the prestigious program a month before the attack. A longstanding gag order lifted at the end of Holmes' trial had prohibited officials from releasing the documents or speaking publicly about the case.

At South African hunting reserve, US bow hunters lie in wait for antelope and other wildlife

OLIFANTSVALLEI, South Africa (AP) — One American bow and arrow hunter who traveled with his wife to a South African wildlife reserve worked as a state trooper for decades. Another hunter went alone after his closest friend, who was going to join him, died shortly before their date of departure from the United States.

The two retirees, who ended a 10-day hunt in August, operated separately in the dry winter scrub. They waited in concealed positions near watering holes or mineral licks for hours and, in adrenaline-fueled instances, killed wildlife with compound bows. By night, they dined on the meat of elands, impalas, warthogs and other animals in an African safari experience.

"I don't want to shoot animals that are young or that are of producing age. I'm looking for the older, more mature trophy animals," said 59-year-old Steve Schultz, a former law enforcement official from Park Falls, Wisconsin who chafed at negative views of hunters stemming from the July killing of a lion named Cecil that was lured out of a national park in Zimbabwe.

The "trophy" hunting industry in Africa has come under greater scrutiny since an American dentist shot Cecil, who wore a GPS collar and was being monitored by researchers, in an allegedly illegal hunt.

Stewart Dorrington, Schultz's South African host at Melorani Safaris, skipped euphemisms such as "harvesting" while describing where to shoot an animal so it dies quickly.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, September 2, the 245th day of 2015. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out.

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1924, the Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose Marie" opened on Broadway.

In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in 1969.)

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers. "The CBS Evening News" with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes, becoming network television's first half-hour nightly newscast.

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable.

In 1972, Dave Wottle of the United States won the men's 800-meter race at the Munich Summer Olympics.

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In 1986, a judge in Los Angeles sentenced Cathy Evelyn Smith to three years in prison for involuntary manslaughter for her role in the 1982 drug overdose death of comedian John Belushi. (Smith served 18 months.)

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

Ten years ago: A National Guard convoy packed with food, water and medicine rolled into New Orleans four days after Hurricane Katrina. Scorched by criticism about sluggish federal help, President George W. Bush toured the Gulf Coast and met with state and local officials, including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin; at one point, Bush praised FEMA Director Michael Brown, telling him, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job." During a live TV benefit concert, rapper Kanye West went off-script to sharply criticize President Bush, saying he "doesn't care about black people." The Labor Department reported the August unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, a four-year low. Machinists at Boeing Co. went on a nearly month-long strike. Actor Bob Denver, 70, died in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Five years ago: Israeli and Palestinian leaders pledged in a first round of renewed peace talks in Washington to keep meeting at regular intervals. Seattle Storm forward Lauren Jackson was selected the WNBA's most valuable player for the third time in her career.

One year ago: Islamic State group extremists released a video showing the beheading of American journalist Steven Sotloff, and warned President Barack Obama against further U.S. airstrikes on the group. Apple said that hackers had obtained nude photos of actress Jennifer Lawrence and other female celebrities by pilfering images from individual accounts rather than through a broader attack on the company's services.

Today's Birthdays: Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 96. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 84. Actor-comedian Chuck McCann is 81. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 78. Actor Derek Fowlds (TV: "Yes, Minister"; "Yes, Prime Minister") is 78. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 72. Singer Joe Simon is 72. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 67. Actor Mark Harmon is 64. Former Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., is 64. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 63. Actress Linda Purl is 60. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 57. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 56. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 55. Actor Keanu Reeves is 51. International Boxing Hall of Famer Lennox Lewis is 50. Actress Salma Hayek is 49. Actor Tuc Watkins is 49. Actress Kristen Cloke is 47. Actress Cynthia Watros is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 46. Actor-comedian Katt Williams is 42. Actor Michael Lombardi is 41. Actress Tiffany Hines is 38. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 38. Actor Jonathan Kite is 36. Actress Allison Miller is 30. Rock musician Spencer Smith is 28. Electronic music DJ/producer Zedd is 26.

Thought for Today: "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." - Margaret Mead, American anthropologist (1901-1978).