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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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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)

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, September 6

Birthdays: Samantha Larson • Trey Gengerke • Justin Olson • Nick Olson • Perryn Dobbins

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

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“Living History Fall Festival” at the Granary



Saturday, September 12th, is the day to experience history coming to life at the 4th annual “Living History Fall Festival”. The Festival will be held at the Granary Rural Cultural Center, five miles north of Highway 12, between Aberdeen and Groton. For printable directions and a map, please visit granaryfinearts.org. Festivities begin at 10:00am and will continue until 4:00pm.

The day will be a celebration of pioneer life with food demonstrations, historical interpretations, featured activities for children and adults, and continuous live music.

Pioneer food demonstrations will include: popcorn made over the open fire, apple cider made in an apple press, churned butter (visitors are invited to help) and homemade ice cream (visitors welcome to assist). All food will have samples given and popcorn will be available by the bag at the concession area.

Historical interpretations will be on-going throughout the day. Hands-on furs and discussion of the fur trade in NE South Dakota will be included as well as a birch bark canoe and water travel history, and weaving and spinning demonstrations. New this year, are a presentation of Civil War costume and artifacts demonstration and “An Hour with Laura Engels Wilder” presentation by Humanities speaker, Marion Cramer.

Activities for young and old entail: attending the Golden Rule school house, setting up your “Little House on the Prairie”, historic bullet making, candle dipping, old fashion games, tin punching, and making a quilt block. A new addition to the hands on area is the making of rag dolls.

Artist Siera Tomczak will be available for historically themed caricatures near Putney Hall.

Continuous music entertainments both on stage and strolling musicians will be: Betty Breck, member of the “Fiddler’s Hall of Fame”, Perk Washenberger bringing his accordion, Nancy Ohnstad, demonstrating selections on her harp, the Dakota Sunshine Singers, singing classic favorites and Hannah Kolb, who will be singing accompanied by her guitar. Violin serenades will be provided by Noelle Stubbe.

The Dacotah Prairie Mercantile will have gift shop items for sale at the Welcome Tent and if you are hungry, concessions and lunch seating will be set up in Putney Hall. The “Harvest of Arts” art exhibition will be open for viewing in the Granary Gallery.

Come to the Granary on September 12 from 10:00-4:00 and see pioneer life unfold and history come to life on the Dakota prairie.



Labor Day Holiday Prices Lowest in More Than a Decade

Sept. 1, 2015 – Pump prices continue to drop across the nation. AAA reports today's South Dakota's average of \$2.61 is 14 cents below the price just two weeks ago.

"Most drivers should pay the lowest gas prices for Labor Day weekend since 2004," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "The BP refinery outage in Whiting, Indiana, which sent prices dramatically higher several weeks back, has resumed production and average state and U.S. gas prices are falling at their fastest rates since December."

The national average price for regular gasoline has fallen for 15 consecutive days for a total of 21 cents per gallon. Today's average price of \$2.46 per gallon marks a savings of 11 cents per gallon compared to one week ago and 20 cents per gallon versus one month ago. Drivers nationwide continue to benefit from the relatively low price of crude oil with today's average about 98 cents per gallon less than a year ago.

	Today	Last Week	Change	Aug. 4	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.482	\$2.629	(\$0.147)	\$2.639	(\$0.157)	\$3.399
Brookings	\$2.606	\$2.706	(\$0.100)	\$2.684	(\$0.078)	\$3.426
Huron	\$2.653	\$2.802	(\$0.149)	\$2.737	(\$0.084)	\$3.436
Mitchell	\$2.592	\$2.702	(\$0.110)	\$2.758	(\$0.166)	\$3.395
Pierre	\$2.869	\$2.893	(\$0.024)	\$3.011	(\$0.142)	\$3.507
Rapid City	\$2.775	\$2.863	(\$0.088)	\$2.850	(\$0.075)	\$3.612
Sioux Falls	\$2.459	\$2.563	(\$0.104)	\$2.605	(\$0.146)	\$3.299
Vermillion	\$2.519	\$2.462	\$0.057	\$2.595	(\$0.076)	\$3.309
Watertown	\$2.434	\$2.584	(\$0.150)	\$2.745	(\$0.311)	\$3.444
Yankton	\$2.621	\$2.584	\$0.037	\$2.878	(\$0.257)	\$3.393
South Dakota	\$2.613	\$2.712	(\$0.099)	\$2.757	(\$0.144)	\$3.461

The Pacific Northwest remains the nation's most expensive region for retail gasoline, and all of the states represented in the nation's top ten most expensive are located west of the Rockies. Alaska (\$3.40) is the nation's most expensive market for retail gasoline, unseating California (\$3.33) after seven straight weeks as the national leader following tightening supply within the state. Nevada (\$3.12), Hawaii (\$3.10) and Washington (\$2.94) round out the top five most expensive markets.

At the other end of the spectrum, motorists in South Carolina (\$2.02) are paying the lowest price at the pump in the nation, followed by Alabama (\$2.07), Mississippi (\$2.08), Louisiana (\$2.16) and Arkansas (\$2.17).

"We expect South Dakota's price to move lower as Labor Day approaches," said Buskohl. "States in the central U.S. are still shaking off the effects of the BP problem."

Oil market fundamentals remain mixed, even as oil prices staged a rally late last week that pushed prices higher compared to early-week trading sessions where both Brent and West Texas Intermediate exceeded multi-year lows.

China's economic health and the potential for Iranian oil to return to markets are expected to keep downward pressure on global crude oil prices. However, for a third day oil prices moved higher again yesterday, closing up \$3.98 to \$49.20 per barrel, recovering from six-and-a-half-year low of \$38.25 per barrel reached on Aug. 24.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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Needed Bowlers!

The Groton Coffee Cup League and the Conde National League are looking for regular bowlers and subs for the 2015-16 year. The coffee cup league is an afternoon ladies league that bowls on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm. The conde national league is a mixed league that bowls on Monday nights at 7:30pm.

We start on September 14th and 15th and go through March.

You don't have to be good, you just need to want to have fun. Please contact Vickie Kramp at 382-7293 or leave your name and contact number at Jungle Lanes.

Hot, Dry Conditions Create High Fire Danger in SD

RAPID CITY, S. D. – Abundant summer rainfall has created heavy grass fuel loadings across the state and these grass fuels are starting to cure with hotter weather. Very hot weather is forecasted across the state in the next 48 hours and the Division of Wildland Fire is asking everyone to be careful with vehicle and equipment use in grassy areas for this time period and the upcoming fall season.

The Bitter Creek fire in Fall River County yesterday afternoon burned 87 acres in a fast moving range fire started by vehicle use in a grassy area. The fire was located south of Angostura Reservoir and was suppressed by local volunteer fire departments and the South Dakota Division of Wildland Fire, along with local ranchers providing water support.

Despite the fact there was hardly any wind on the fire, flame lengths were observed to be over 12 feet in length in areas of heavy grass and clover, requiring firefighters to order the Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) stationed at the Hot Springs Airport.

"The SEAT made a crucial drop at the head of the fire to slow down the spread allowing the firefighters to catch up with the fire," said Jeff Wiedow, Battalion Chief for the SD Division of Wildland Fire. "This fire would have been a lot bigger without the use of the SEAT."



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Today in Weather History

September 3, 1974: In early freeze occurred across Minnesota on September 3rd as temperatures fell into the upper 20s to the lower 30s. This was the earliest freeze on record in some parts of the state ending the growing season. Greatest damage was to the soybean and corn crop. Honey production was also ended. Damage estimates were in excess of 100 million dollars.

September 3, 1999: Very heavy rains from thunderstorms repeatedly going over the same area resulted in extensive flash flooding in a 30 to 40 mile wide band from Fort Pierre in southeast Stanley County to Hecla in northeast Brown County. Rainfall amounts in this corridor ranged from 3 to 7 inches. As a result, the communities of Blunt in Hughes County and Onida in Sully County were severely flooded. Most of the homes and businesses were flooded throughout Blunt and Onida causing severe damage. Only a few homes in these communities were spared from receiving water in their basements. Most homes also experienced sewer backup. The sewer systems in both Onida and Blunt were flooded and shutdown. Many people had to go to temporary shelters as a result of the flooding. Aberdeen and Fort Pierre had a lot of street flooding resulting in road closures and detours. Also, several basements in Aberdeen and Fort Pierre had sewer backup. The heavy rain flooded many township and county roads along with several state and U.S. highways. Sections of Highways 14, 20, 83, and 1806 along with many other roads in central and northeast South Dakota had to be closed due to the flooding. Many of the township and county roads had massive amounts of gravel washed away. Some bridges received minor damage with some culverts also lost. A few pets and livestock were also lost as a result of the flooding. Many acres of crops were flooded throughout the area. Some rainfall amounts included, 3 inches at Fort Pierre, 4 inches at Hecla and in the Aberdeen Area, 5 inches at the Sand Lake Wildlife Refuge and at Blunt, 6 inches at Seneca, 7 inches 10 miles southeast of Gettysburg and at Onida.

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.

1821 - A hurricane made landfall at Long Island, near Kennedy Airport, then moved through western Connecticut. The hurricane produced a record tide at New York City. (David Ludlum)

1953 - The temperature at Erie PA reached 99 degrees, and Stroudsburg PA established a state record for September with a reading of 106 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1961 - Denver, CO, received 4.2 inches of snow, their earliest snow of record. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1970 - During the early evening hours, in the midst of a severe hailstorm at Coffeyville KS, a stone 17.5 inches in circumference and nearly two pounds in weight was recovered. It was the largest measured hailstone in U.S. weather records. Average stone size from the storm was five inches in diameter, with another stone reportedly eight inches in diameter. (David Ludlum)








1987 - Temperatures dipped into the 40s and 50s for morning lows across much of the eastern half of the country, with eleven cities reporting record lows for the date. Pellston MI tied Gunnison CO for honors as the cold spot in the nation with a low of 30 degrees. Smoke from forest fires darkened skies in southern Oregon and northern California. (The National Weather Summary)


1988 - Sixteen cities in the northwestern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 89 degrees at Stampede Pass WA and 116 degrees at Redding CA established records for the month of September. Readings of 98 degrees at Spokane WA and 100 degrees at Yakima WA equalled records for September. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from Minnesota to Nebraska during the day and evening. Evening thunderstorms in Nebraska produced wind gusts to 100 mph at Valentine and Gretna, and produced baseball size hail at Lewellen. Thunderstorms in Arizona produced 2.20 inches of rain in forty minutes at Green Valley, and wind gusts to 60 mph. Eight cities in Texas and Florida reported record high temperatures for the date, including Victoria TX and San Antonio TX, each with a reading of 102 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Patched Fog then Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 92 °F	Low: 71 °F	High: 86 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 82 °F

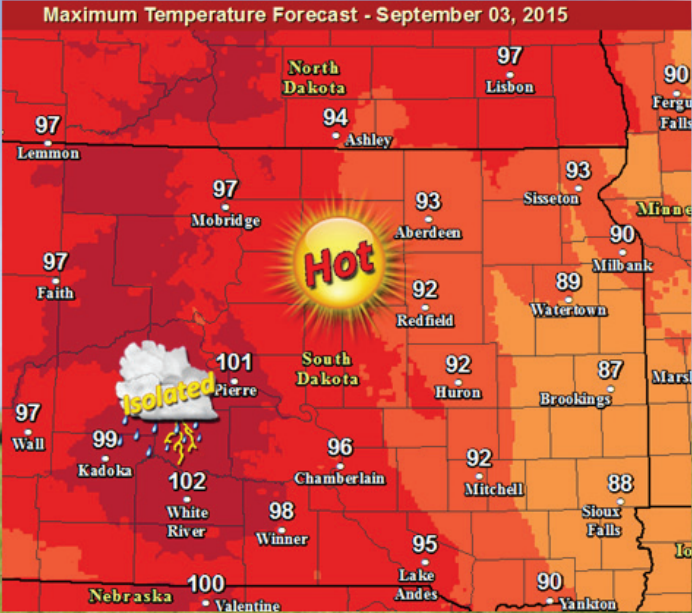


HOT Today

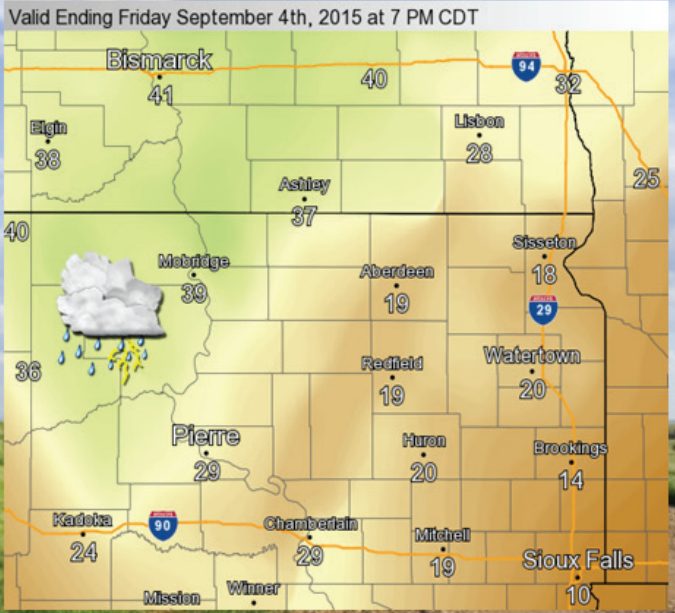
Some Showers and Storms Friday



Maximum Temperature Forecast - September 03, 2015



Valid Ending Friday September 4th, 2015 at 7 PM CDT







Thursday

- Heat index in the upper 90s east
- Slight chance for storms for central SD

Friday:

- Showers and storms possible
- Cooler temps


weather.gov/Aberdeen



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One more day of the heat, and then we'll get some relief. A few storms could pop up around the Pierre area Thursday, but the greater chance for storms will come Friday and Saturday as a system works into the area from the west. A few of the storms could be strong on Saturday, but they will help keep the temperatures down. Then the humidity will drop after a cold front passes through Saturday night, and it may feel like fall once we head into Sunday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 90.2 at 3:14 PM

Low: 67.0 at 7:26 AM

High Gust: 18 at 2:51 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 102° in 1897

Record Low: 31° in 1974

Average High: 77°F

Average Low: 51°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.22

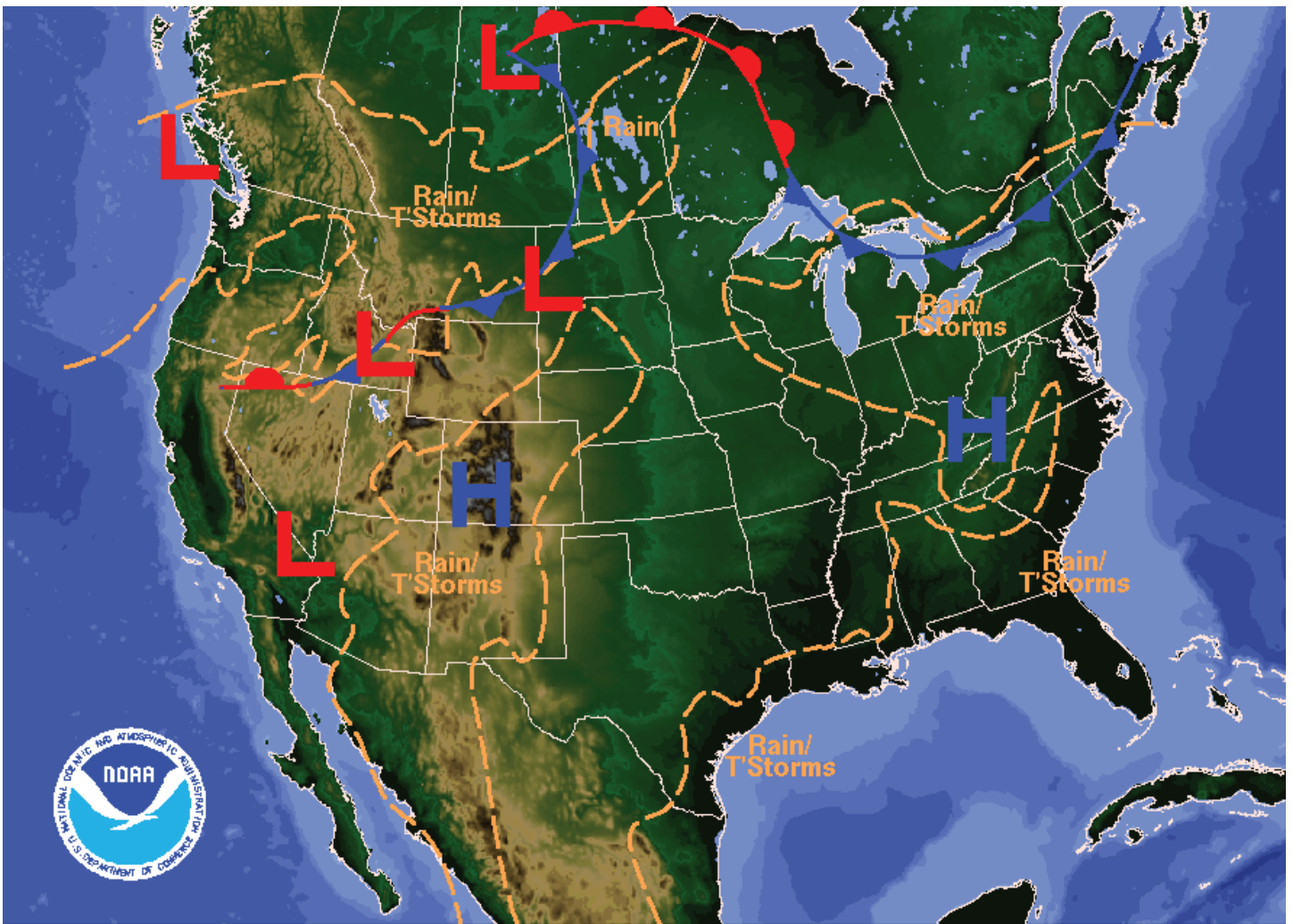
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 16.51

Precip Year to Date: 16.56

Sunset Tonight: 8:07 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:58 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 03, 2015, issued 4:27 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Campbell based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



CARING FOR "THE BABE"

Babe Ruth is one of the legends of baseball. He is remembered for many accomplishments – especially for hitting 714 home runs. His final game was a disappointment to him. His life style and age were taking its toll and he was playing poorly. First he committed an error when fielding a ground ball. Then, he struck out several times. And because of his poor play, the Cincinnati Reds took a five run lead. The people began to "boo" him loudly when he came to the plate in the final inning.

Suddenly a little boy ran from the stands, threw his arms around his legs and started to cry. The deep affection of the little boy melted the hearts of the crowd. First they became quiet and then they started to cheer, "The Babe. The Babe!" In spite of it all they still loved "the Babe!"

God's love is like that. In spite of all our sins and shortcomings, our errors and missed opportunities to honor Him, the Lord deeply loves us. His love contradicts the world's understanding of love because it is not selfish or self-focused. He loves us "no matter what."

This love, this God-love is a love that we do not understand or deserve. It is giving love that begins with Him, is seen in Christ and to be reflected in our lives. We must show that love to others, too or they will not understand the love of God.

Prayer: Help us, Savior, to love others as You love us - not counting the cost, but showing that we do care. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

News from the Associated Press

South Dakota State Fair kicks off in Huron

HURON, S.D. (AP) — The 2015 South Dakota State Fair kicks off Thursday and runs through Monday. The annual event in Huron showcases South Dakota's agriculture industry, which generates \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employs more than 115,000 South Dakotans.

Poultry is typically one of the ag aspects featured at the annual event, but all live bird exhibitions have been suspended due to the Avian Influenza outbreak earlier this year.

Thursday's events focus on value added agriculture, with specialty crop mini-seminars for local food production. The fair is partnering with the South Dakota Dairy Producers to hold an ice cream social at 3 p.m.

More high temperatures across the Dakotas

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The National Weather Service is forecasting more hot temperatures across the Dakotas on Thursday.

The Weather Service's Bismarck office says Williston, North Dakota, reached 100 degrees on Wednesday, breaking the record of 99 for this day set in 1901. The heat index, which takes into account humidity, is expected to reach 100 in some areas on Thursday afternoon.

The Weather Service's Sioux Falls office says warm and humid conditions will continue into the Labor Day weekend. Afternoon heat index values on Thursday are expected to peak in the mid- to upper-90s. Temperatures topped 100 in Winner on Wednesday.

If board can match, Daugaard will give \$1M for conservation

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state will issue \$1 million in state funding for habitat conservation if a group can privately raise the same amount.

The governor issued the challenge last week to the South Dakota Habitat Conservation Board, a volunteer advisory board that he recently established.

The funding pledged by the governor will match the donations to the South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund. The fund serves as a permanent funding source for wildlife habitat work in the state.

Private donors have contributed \$425,000 to the fund in the last year and state government has dedicated \$350,000.

The volunteer advisory board needs to raise an additional \$1 million in private donations to meet the governor's challenge.

Daugaard says conserving habitat preserves outdoor traditions and enhances the state's wildlife population.

SDSU Extension offering farm management classes for women

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State University Extension is offering a series of courses aimed at helping women in agriculture.

Topics include farm record-keeping, marketing, communication skills, insurance, and retirement and estate planning. The series of six classes begins Oct. 7 at the Tribal Wellness Center in Eagle Butte.

The courses are part of Annie's Project, a program that started in Illinois in 2003 and has since spread to other states. The program is named for an Illinois woman who ran a farm and raised six children in the 1950s.

The deadline to register is Oct. 2. The cost is \$150 per person and could be reduced for tribal members from Intertribal Agriculture Council.

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Wednesday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Chamberlain def. Stanley County, 15-25, 25-27, 25-22, 25-16, 15-10

Dakota State hosting US Senate cybersecurity field hearing

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — Dakota State University is hosting a U.S. Senate cybersecurity field hearing on Thursday.

U.S. Sen. John Thune will chair the 2:30 p.m. CDT hearing on confronting the challenge of cybersecurity in the school's Tunheim Classroom Building, Thune is chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

Dakota State University's cyber operations program is nationally recognized by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security as a National Center of Academic Excellence. The program holds education, research and cyber operations designations.

Thune says experts from the school have the experience and insight to inform federal policymaking as the country continues to guard against dangers in cyberspace.

Retirement age would rise to 67 under pension proposal

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The normal retirement age for many new public workers would increase two years to 67 under a proposal state lawmakers may consider in the upcoming legislative session.

The South Dakota Retirement System's governing board voted Wednesday to draft the new plan. If approved in December, it would go before lawmakers for their consideration during the 2016 session. The measure is intended to maintain the sustainability of the South Dakota retirement system, which currently serves nearly 80,000 members, into the future.

"People are living longer, they're going to stay in retirement longer," said Paul Schrader, a consultant for the retirement system. "These systems are going to be increasingly more expensive."

South Dakota's fully funded retirement system had \$10.8 billion in assets at the end of fiscal year 2015, and investment income grew at more than 4 percent during that time, which is about 2 percentage points above benchmark. Returns in recent years have varied from nearly 19 percent in fiscal year 2014 to about 2 percent in fiscal year 2012.

But State Investment Officer Matt Clark said more challenging economic times could be ahead.

The new plan under discussion would apply to public employees who are hired after it goes into effect, not current or retired employees. It's currently unclear when the new plan would begin.

"No one currently employed will be affected by this. No one who is retired will be affected by this," Lt. Gov. Matt Michels said at the Wednesday meeting, adding that the changes represent "stewardship" meant to maintain the system for future beneficiaries.

The normal retirement age increase for new public safety officials such as police officers and state troopers would also jump two years to 57 under the proposal.

The changes would remove system subsidies for early retirement, which would still be an option for members, to pay for an increase in base benefits for a broad class of public employees that includes teachers and city and county workers.

The new plan would have a cost-of-living adjustment floor of 1 percent compared to the current minimum for members of 2.1 percent, and both would share a maximum of 3.1 percent.

But the new proposal also includes benefits tied to the return on the system's investments. The benefits based on investment returns are intended to give the system more cushion in difficult economic situations because the system's financial responsibilities aren't fixed when assets fall in value.

"The changes will help us kind of manage through future difficult environments," Clark said.

19-year-old man charged in Yankton officer-involved shooting
YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Attorney General's office says a 19-year-old man shot by a police officer in Yankton has been charged with attempted murder.

Trae Angel, of Yankton, faces other charges including aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer. Yankton police responded to a 911 domestic disturbance call involving a gun at a Yankton residence Tuesday evening but did not find the suspect at the residence. Officers from several agencies began an hour-long search before finding the man in a downtown alley about 10 p.m.

The Attorney General's office says Yankton Police Sgt. Jason Foote shot Angel, who was armed. The man was taken to a hospital.

Authorities will release more details in the case in a report to be issued in a month.

It's unclear whether Angel has legal representation.

Authorities say they're aware of motorcycle gang gathering

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in western South Dakota are preparing for a meeting this weekend by members of a motorcycle gang, but aren't expecting major problems.

Rapid City Police Chief Karl Jegeris says his department and other agencies have been in contact with leaders of the Bandidos motorcycle gang to ensure that their gathering in Rapid City this weekend happens "in a safe and law abiding manner."

Members of the motorcycle group are expected to begin arriving in Rapid City Thursday for the Bandidos' annual "national run."

Pennington County Sheriff Kevin Thom says authorities don't believe "significant events or confrontations" will take place during the gathering.

Members of the Bandidos were among the nine people who died during a shootout at a Texas restaurant in May.

Nebraska nursing home for Native Americans to open next year

GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A long-awaited Nebraska nursing home on the border with South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation will begin accepting Native American residents early next year to ease a severe care shortage in one of the nation's poorest regions, a project official said Wednesday.

The facility is under construction on a 600-acre patch of tribal land in Whiteclay, a tiny Nebraska village on the South Dakota border that is known for selling millions of cans of beer each year to residents of the neighboring dry reservation.

The nursing home will open for any member of a federally-recognized Indian tribe, but most will likely come from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, said Ron Ross, the president of the Lincoln-based Native American Health Management LLC, which will manage the facility.

"The need is severe," said Ross, a former Nebraska state treasurer. "I think it will give people a reason to think differently about Whiteclay. It's going to take care of elders and provide good jobs for people."

Whiteclay has fewer than a dozen residents, but its four alcohol stores sold the equivalent of 3.9 million cans of beer and malt liquor last year, according to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Critics say the town fuels the alcoholism on a reservation with widespread poverty, unemployment and one of the nation's highest alcohol-related mortality rates. Tribe members voted in 2013 to legalize alcohol and use the profits for education and treatment programs, but the Oglala Sioux tribal council hasn't taken the formal steps required to allow sales and possession. The main Pine Ridge village sits in Oglala Lakota County, formerly Shannon County, which had the nation's third-highest poverty rate in 2010, according U.S. census data.

The 51,000-square-foot facility will have 60 beds once complete, with room to expand to 80. Ross said he expects the first residents at the home in February or March.

The home will create between 80 and 100 jobs. Project officials have already received employment ap-

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plications from residents in Gordon and Rushville, Nebraska, Ross said, and they hope to make use of the nursing program at Oglala Lakota College on the reservation.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe is paying the construction costs with a \$13.5 million loan from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota, which owns and operates that state's largest casino, and \$3 million of its own money. The federal government will repay the loan and reimburse the home's operating expenses through Medicaid and private payers.

Even though most nursing homes are funded with a combination of state and federal Medicaid dollars, Ross said Nebraska will not shoulder any of the cost. The Whiteclay facility will rely partially on federal Medicaid dollars, and the federal Indian Health Service will cover the state's usual share.

The project is located in Nebraska because of a moratorium on new South Dakota nursing home beds imposed in 1988. The reservation is subject to the moratorium despite the tribe's status as a sovereign nation, according to the South Dakota Department of Health.

South Dakota has 110 nursing homes and 175 assisted living facilities throughout the state, but many are concentrated around Sioux Falls and Rapid City, the state's two largest cities.

"There's an ample number of beds overall in the state, but there are some areas that don't have enough," said Tom Martinec, deputy secretary of the South Dakota Department of Health. "It's one of the drawbacks of the moratorium. In some cases, they're not located in the right places."

Martinec said the moratorium was imposed to promote the development of other long-term care options that are less expensive, but can still serve patients who don't need around-the-clock nursing care.

South Dakota passed a law in 2010 that granted Pine Ridge an exemption to the moratorium, but the exemption was set to end in June 2012 and tribal officials didn't act on it right away. A 2012 law later removed the time limit for South Dakota Indian reservations, but project planners had already broken ground for the Nebraska facility in 2011.

The lack of nursing homes forces some elderly tribe members to move to facilities that are far from their families, culture and native Lakota language, said Leonard Little Finger, 76, who serves on the nursing home's board. Little Finger said an estimated 400 elderly residents who once lived on the reservation have left for nursing home care elsewhere.

"They're beyond the reach of their families, who can go up for maybe an occasional visit," said Little Finger, who lives in the reservation village of Oglala, South Dakota. "Families can't go 200 to 300 miles every weekend just to visit grandma. The nursing home at Whiteclay is a dream that came true."

Little Finger said the closest nursing home is in Martin, South Dakota, about 45 miles east of the main Pine Ridge village. Another is located in Kadoka, more than 100 miles from the main village. The reservation is about as large as Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

The parcel of Nebraska land owned by the tribe was part of a 10-mile-wide, 5-mile deep buffer zone that was created in 1889 to protect the reservation from whiskey peddlers. President Theodore Roosevelt returned all but one square mile of that land to the public domain in 1904, and white settlers flocked to the area.

Swashbuckling rookie RB Zach Zenner has a shot with Lions

LARRY LAGE, AP Sports Writer

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — Zach Zenner has made the most of his opportunities with the Detroit Lions, leading the league with 162 yards rushing through three preseason games.

Zenner isn't paying attention to the relative hype he has generated.

"I keep my head in the sand for a lot of that stuff," he said in his aw-shucks fashion.

The former South Dakota State star has one more shot in a preseason game to show he deserves to stay with the team. He will probably get the ball a lot Thursday night when Detroit (2-1) hosts the Buffalo Bills during an exhibition in which both teams are planning to rest their starters.

Fellow rookie Amir Abdullah, a second-round pick with a job secured, laments that the preseason drags along. Zenner is just looking forward to displaying his swashbuckling style at least one more time.

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"Every preseason game is very important, especially for a guy like me as an undrafted free agent," Zenner said. "Those opportunities, not everyone gets them."

No, they don't.

Zenner survived a wave of cuts earlier this week after zigging and zagging around defenders, breaking some tackles and displaying he's got at least a touch of speed against some of the best football players in the world.

Some have been surprised that the player from the second-tier of college football has been effective against NFL players, including some first-string defenders last week in Jacksonville, but Abdullah has simply shrugged his shoulders.

"I expected it," said Abdullah, who Detroit drafted out of Nebraska. "We played South Dakota State in 2013 and his first run was like a 50-yard touchdown. I think he ran for like 220 on us. At that point, I knew what kind of player he was going to be."

The Egan, Minnesota, native was a quarterback in high school when Vikings star Adrian Peterson once watched his team play from the sideline. The 5-foot-11, 222-pound Zenner went on to South Dakota State, where he became the first running back in NCAA Division I history to rush for at least 2,000 yards in three straight seasons.

He finished his career with 6,548 yards on 1,095 carries with 61 touchdowns, but the Football Championship Subdivision All-American wasn't selected in the NFL draft.

Zenner provided a glimpse of what he could do in his first preseason game, running for 55 yards on 13 carries against the New York Jets. He had 81 yards on the ground and through the air in his second game at Washington. Playing with and against some starters and later with reserves, Zenner had a 41-yard run against the Jaguars last week and finished with 85 yards on eight attempts.

"We got a steal in Zenner," said Joique Bell, Detroit's top running back. "That kid there, his numbers speak for itself. Hard running. Hard-nosed. Does everything right."

Kansas dismisses DB Boateng for violating team rules

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas has dismissed cornerback Matthew Boateng for an undisclosed violation of team rules just three days before the Jayhawks open the season against South Dakota State.

Jayhawks coach David Beaty announced the decision in a brief statement Wednesday.

Boateng, a sophomore from Toronto, played in eight games as a freshman, making nine tackles with an interception and forced fumble. But exactly where he was on the Jayhawks' depth chart was unknown because Beaty has yet to release one to the media.

Still, the loss of any experience is a blow to the Jayhawks. They return just four starters from last season, and more than two dozen players are expected to make their Division I debut on Saturday against the Jackrabbits.

USD, SDSU open season on the road in state of Kansas

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota football fans looking to catch their Division I teams this weekend have to hit the road to the state of Kansas.

Saturday's cross-state doubleheader begins at 11 a.m. in Lawrence as South Dakota State takes on Kansas. It's followed by an evening nightcap in Manhattan, with South Dakota facing Kansas State.

South Dakota State, which posted a 9-5 record in 2014, is retooling its offense after the graduation of running back Zach Zenner, the first player in FCS history to post three consecutive 2,000-yard rushing seasons. Zenner is competing for an NFL job with the Detroit Lions after signing a free-agent contract.

"Good players graduate, and we don't dwell on that," said South Dakota State head coach John Stiegelmeier. "We rejoice in the time you have with a good player, then you look to the next guy."

The "next guy" at running back could be sophomore Brady Mengarelli, junior Kyle Paris or redshirt freshman Isaac Wallace, all of whom had good camps, Stiegelmeier said. Senior Reggie Gandy will also be in

the mix in the backfield.

Zach Lujan will get the start at quarterback with the graduation of Austin Sumner. The Jackrabbits lost a bunch of good players on the offensive line, Stiegelmeier said, but the crew has a strong leader in sophomore center Jacob Ohnesorge.

Senior tight end Cam Jones said the biggest challenge in facing Kansas right out of the gate is that the program has a completely new coaching staff and kept their cards close to their chest in their spring game. He said SDSU's coaches have done well preparing players for different looks, and the team will be ready to make adjustments on the sidelines after a couple series.

"We're going to react quick, and we'll play fast for sure," Jones said.

The Jackrabbits should set the tone on defense, with a slew of strong linebackers headed up by four-year starter T.J. Lally and a solid line.

"We want to play great defense, and if that defines us, so be it," Stiegelmeier said. "It don't like a 48-46 football score. That looks like basketball to me."

South Dakota is looking to rebound from a disappointing 2-10 season marred by a string of injuries beginning when quarterback Kevin Earl broke his thumb in the season opener at Oregon. Head coach Joe Glenn said he's happy to get off to a healthy start in 2015.

"It's fabulous to coach a team when you've got all your horses, and it hasn't been that way," Glenn said.

Junior Ryan Saeger gets the start at quarterback after stepping into that role for four starts in 2014. The 6-foot-4 native of Heartland, Wisconsin, impressed coaches by completing 50-of-92 passes for 660 yards.

"He is absolutely the leader on our team," Glenn said. "There's an old expression you can't lead a cavalry unless you look good on a horse, and he's John Wayne for us."

Also returning healthy is running back Trevor Bouma, who Glenn says is a great all-around athlete.

"You could put him in any position and he'd be the best football player on the team," Glenn said. "If he's healthy we'll be in games, many games."

Keyen Lage, a senior linebacker who will share captain duties with Saeger, Bouma and receiver Eric Shufford Jr., said the defense is anchored by a lot of three- and four-year starters who exude a quiet confidence and know what they're supposed to do.

"We're returning a lot of guys, and guys have gotten a lot bigger and a lot stronger," Lage said.

4 teens who escaped juvenile facility arrested in Brookings

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Four teenagers who escaped from a juvenile placement facility in Sioux Falls have been arrested in Brookings.

Brookings Police Lt. Derrick Powers says the two boys and two girls were arrested Wednesday after law enforcement authorities received a report that the teens were in the Brookings area in a stolen vehicle.

Powers says the girls were arrested following a brief vehicle chase that ended when the driver hit a street sign and lost control.

Officers later located the boys near a Wal-Mart, but they attempted to flee on foot. They were arrested around 2:30 a.m.

Powers says the girls are facing charges in juvenile court in connection with the chase. He says he expects additional charges in connection with the stolen vehicle.

The teens are between 14 and 16 years old. It wasn't immediately clear what facility they escaped from.

Woman gets probation for leaving children to die in cold

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman who authorities said left her two young daughters to die in North Dakota won't serve any more jail time if she continues getting her life turned around.

Rosebud Sioux member Michelle Wounded Face pleaded guilty in June to child abuse and neglect charges and was sentenced Wednesday to the six months she's already served behind bars, and three years of supervised release. She'll spend up to the first six months of her probation in the Mandan halfway house

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where she's been living since July 1. She also must pay a \$200 court fee.

Authorities say Wounded Face in January abandoned her 2- and 4-year-old daughters in a car in a rural area of the Fort Berthold Reservation, where she was living at the time, without adequate clothing for the bitter-cold weather. They survived and are living in Minot with their father. He and Wounded Face are divorcing.

Wounded Face told an FBI agent after her arrest that she had left the children in the car to die. She had planned to rely on an insanity defense until U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland ruled in mid-May that she was competent to stand trial after she underwent a mental health examination at a Federal Bureau of Prisons medical center in Texas.

Wounded Face told Hovland during her arraignment in June that she had gone on a monthlong hallucinogenic-drug binge late last year after the death of a close aunt and did not remember leaving her children. Authorities said she exhibited odd behavior in jail following her arrest, including drinking toilet water and claiming to be the daughter of gods.

Wounded Face on Wednesday told Hovland that she is taking steps to rebuild her life, including getting a full-time job at a fast-food restaurant, seeing a counselor and getting reacquainted with family, including her mother and sister who were in the courtroom. Wounded Face and her family declined comment after the sentencing.

"I'm very sorry for what I did to my girls," Wounded Face told Hovland. "It's very hard for me. ... I miss them every day."

Hovland told Wounded Face that she seemed to be "a very pleasant, smart young lady."

"I really hope you can get on the right track here," he said.

Wounded Face said her goal is to get her own apartment and enroll in college. Hovland ordered her to also complete any substance abuse or mental health counseling or treatment her probation officer deems warranted.

Pierre leaders to talk with state about Hilger's Gulch plan

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — City leaders in Pierre say they'll discuss with state officials a plan for changes at Hilger's Gulch park on the South Dakota Capitol grounds.

The initiative announced by Gov. Dennis Daugaard this summer would replace Kentucky bluegrass in the park with native grasses, trees and shrubs.

Daugaard's goal is to reduce maintenance, chemical use and expenses, but opponents want the park left as it is.

Opponents on Tuesday went to the City Commission. Commissioners say they have differing opinions on the park plan, and they did not make a formal motion to request a meeting with the state. They did agree to talk with state leaders on a less formal level.

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. CHAOTIC SCENE AT HUNGARY RAIL STATION AS POLICE LEAVE

Hundreds dash into the terminal, but the train operator says there will be no trains going to Austria and Germany, many migrants' preferred destination.

2. HAUNTING IMAGE OF SYRIAN REFUGEE TODDLER REVERBERATES

Questions about global inaction over the Syria civil war and Europe doing enough to help refugees intensify as it emerges Canada rejected a request from a Vancouver relative to take in the Syrian family who drowned trying to get to Europe.

3. WHAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE CHINA IS MAKING TO MILITARY

Xi Jinping pledges a 300,000 reduction in troops in a bid to show his country poses no expansionist threat, but a parade showcases Beijing's determination to be the pre-eminent Asian power.

4. GUATEMALA PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Otto Perez Molina quits in the face of a corruption scandal that has brought his government to the brink.

5. BIG CITIES SCRAMBLE TO PREPARE FOR OIL TRAIN DISASTER

An AP survey of nearly a dozen cities that see hundreds of crude oil trains each week reveals a patchwork of readiness.

6. OBAMA SECURES ENOUGH VOTES TO UPHOLD VETO

The Iran nuclear deal strongly backed by the U.S. president and just as ardently opposed by Republicans is now on track to get through Congress.

7. WHO IS JURIST BEHIND KENTUCKY GAY MARRIAGE RULING

U.S. District Judge David Bunning, the son of Republican former Sen. Jim Bunning, historically issues more middle-of-the-road decisions.

8. UNICEF: 40 PERCENT SCHOOL DROPOUTS IN MIDEAST CONFLICT AREAS

A staggering 13.7 million children from Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya and Sudan are not attending school, and the agency warns that losing this generation will lead to more militancy and migration.

9. BEHIND THE SCENES AT A BUSY AIRPORT

AP's Scott Mayerowitz is granted unique access to American Airlines' operations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to capture a day in the life of an airport and its workers.

10. WHY THIS U.S. OPEN IS MORE MEANINGFUL TO ONE PLAYER

Lleyton Hewitt, the two-time major champion playing in his last U.S. Open, is set to retire after the Australian Open in January.

AP News in Brief

Migrants pour into Budapest rail station as police leave; no trains running to Western Europe.

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Migrants poured into Budapest's Keleti rail station on Thursday as police stopped blocking its main entrance, piling into trains despite announcements that there was no service to Western Europe.

Hungary's railway company said it had suspended all direct trains from the Hungarian capital to western destinations "in the interests of railway transport security."

Hundreds of migrants dashed into the station shortly after 0600 GMT as police withdrew. They boarded trains waiting at the platforms despite announcements, including in English over station loudspeakers, that the trains were not heading west.

Some migrants could be seen getting off the domestic trains, while others remained on the carriages amid the confusion.

Police shut down the Keleti terminal to migrants on Tuesday, preventing those with valid tickets but no travel documents from boarding trains to Austria and Germany, the preferred destinations of many migrants.

Legislator says woman in Canada had tried to sponsor 3-year-old boy who drowned off Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Canada rejected a request to take in a Syrian family that later drowned trying to get to Europe, according to a lawmaker who said the request involved a 3-year-old boy depicted in shocking photographs that have galvanized debate around the world.

Reha Kurdi and her sons Alyan and Galip, who fled the Syrian town on Kobani when it was overrun by Islamic State militants, were among 12 migrants who drowned when boats carrying them from the Turkish coast to the Greek island of Kos capsized. Images of Aylan's body washing up on the shore and being taken away by a Turkish officer sparked widespread discussion in the news media and social media on Thursday.

Canadian legislator Fin Donnelly told The Canadian Press that he had submitted a request on behalf of the boys' aunt, Teema Kurdi, who had wanted to bring the family to Canada, but that her request was

turned down by Canadian immigration officials. Teema Kurdi, based in the Vancouver area, is the sister of the drowned boys' father Abdullah, who survived.

According to Turkish news media, the family had fled the northern Syrian town of Kobani, which was leveled in battles between Islamic State and Kurdish fighters.

The tides washed up the bodies of Alyan and Galip on the Hoca Burnu beach on the Bodrum peninsula Wednesday, leaving witnesses in tears.

President's office: Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina resigns in face of fraud scandal

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina has resigned in the face of a corruption scandal that has brought his government to the brink, a spokesman said early Thursday.

Spokesman Jorge Ortega said Perez Molina submitted his resignation at midnight Wednesday local time after a judge issued an order to detain him in the customs fraud case, which already has led to the jailing of his vice president, and the resignation of several cabinet ministers who withdrew their support for the president.

His resignation, the first by a Guatemalan president, is not effective until Congress accepts it and names a new president. They were to convene early Thursday morning to do so.

Protesters, business leaders and even Catholic church officials have called for Perez Molina to resign in recent weeks as the investigation of the customs fraud ring has grown wider and hit more officials. Perez Molina was steadfast in his plan to stay until the judge's unprecedented order, dealing the most serious blow yet to entrenched political corruption in the Central American country.

Ortega told reporters that in the end, Perez Molina submitted his resignation "to maintain the institution of the presidency and resolve on his own the legal proceedings leveled against him."

China shows military might in WWII commemoration of Japan's defeat, while unveiling troop cut

BEIJING (AP) — With fighter jets roaring overhead, China's leader presided Thursday over a massive parade of tanks, missiles and troops that displayed growing military might, but also pledged to reduce the army by 300,000 troops in a bid to show his country poses no expansionist threat.

The spectacle through the heart of Beijing commemorated Japan's World War II defeat seven decades ago, with helicopters zooming across the sky in an array forming the number 70, but the event also underlined President Xi Jinping's determination to make China the pre-eminent Asian power.

Xi kicked off the proceedings with a speech from atop iconic Tiananmen Gate, flanked by Chinese leaders past and present along with foreign dignitaries including Russian leader Vladimir Putin, South Korean President Park Geun-hye and U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

"The experience of war makes people value peace even more," Xi said. "Regardless of the progress of events, China will never seek hegemony, China will never seek to expand and will never inflict the tragedies it suffered in the past upon others."

To underline that point, Xi said the 2.3-million-member People's Liberation Army would cut 300,000 troops. However, it would still remain the world's largest standing military and the reduction comes at a time when growing technological capabilities reduce the need for large numbers of troops.

On Arctic voyage, Obama turns to the power of the presidential image to elevate climate change

KOTZEBUE, Alaska (AP) — President Barack Obama brought no grand policy pronouncements, new legislative proposals or major tranches of federal aid with him to Alaska. Instead, he sought to use the power of his own celebrity to command attention to the issue of climate change.

Closing out his Alaska tour with a trip Wednesday to the tiny town of Kotzebue on Wednesday, Obama

became the first sitting president to set foot in the Alaska Arctic, a fact the White House hoped would illustrate a commitment to Alaska's endangered landscape beyond that of his predecessors. Yet he also walked a fine line in a state that's deeply dependent on energy revenues and wary of his efforts to keep its oil and gas in the ground.

"I've been trying to make the rest of the country more aware of a changing climate, but you're already living it," Obama told some 1,000 Alaskans in this rough-and-tumble town 26 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

For most of his presidency, Obama has seemed reluctant to indulge the celebrity status that comes with his job. He's spoken frankly about his aversion to being followed around constantly by throngs of journalists more interested in capturing dramatic moments than chronicling whatever policy issue is atop his agenda.

On this trip, dramatic moments were the whole point.

Republican opposition not enough to stop Iran nuke deal in Congress as Senate Dems line up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iran nuclear deal strongly backed by President Barack Obama and just as ardently opposed by the GOP is now on track to get through Congress.

In the Senate, Democratic supporters now claim a decisive 34 votes in favor, after Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland called the pact "the best option available to block Iran from having a nuclear bomb."

That will allow backers to uphold Obama's veto, if necessary, of a resolution of disapproval Republicans are trying to pass this month. GOP lawmakers who control the House and Senate say Iran got too many concessions in the agreement, which aims to curb the country's nuclear program in exchange for hundreds of billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., grudgingly acknowledged that his side would not be able to block the deal, which he said leaves Iran "with a threshold nuclear capability."

Israel also has railed against the deal, arguing that its conditions would keep Iran perilously close to developing nuclear weapons while enriching a government that has funded anti-U.S. and anti-Israel militants throughout the Middle East.

Across US, big cities scramble to get ahead of threat from trains carrying volatile crude oil

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — They rumble past schools, homes and businesses in dozens of cities around the country — 100-car trains loaded with crude oil from the Upper Midwest.

While railroads have long carried hazardous materials through congested urban areas, cities are now scrambling to formulate emergency plans and to train firefighters amid the latest safety threat: a fiftyfold increase in crude shipments that critics say has put millions of people living or working near the tracks at heightened risk of derailment, fire and explosion.

After a series of fiery crashes, The Associated Press conducted a survey of nearly a dozen big cities that, collectively, see thousands of tank cars each week, revealing a patchwork of preparedness. Some have plans specifically for oil trains; others do not. Some fire departments have trained for an oil train disaster; others say they're planning on it. Some cities are sitting on huge quantities of fire-suppressing foam, others report much smaller stockpiles.

The AP surveyed emergency management departments in Chicago; Philadelphia; Seattle; Cleveland; Minneapolis; Milwaukee; Pittsburgh; New Orleans; Sacramento, California; Newark, New Jersey; and Buffalo, New York. The responses show emergency planning remains a work in progress even as crude has become one of the nation's most common hazardous materials transported by rail. Railroads carried some 500,000 carloads last year, up from 9,500 in 2008.

"There could be a huge loss of life if we have a derailment, spill and fire next to a heavily populated area or event," said Wayne Senter, executive director of the Washington state association of fire chiefs. "That's what keeps us up at night."

Sometimes it is who you know: Judge and clerk in gay marriage case weathered nepotism charges

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kim Davis and the judge that will decide her fate have at least one thing in common: They both had to deal with questions of nepotism when they got their jobs.

Davis is the Rowan County Clerk who has refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples because of her religious beliefs, in defiance of multiple court orders. U.S. District Judge David Bunning is the man who on Thursday will determine whether to fine her or throw her in jail for refusing to obey his order.

Davis' mother, Jean Bailey, was clerk for 36 years before retiring last year. Davis worked for her mother for 27 years before getting elected to replace her. Once elected, Davis hired her son to work for her.

Bunning is the son of Jim Bunning, the Hall of Fame pitcher for the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies who served two terms as Kentucky's junior U.S. Senator. Former Republican President George W. Bush nominated David Bunning for a lifetime position as a federal judge in 2001 when he was just 35 years old, halfway through his dad's first term in the Senate.

The American Bar Association said David Bunning was not qualified to be a judge because he did not have enough experience. At the time, Bunning had 10 years of experience as a lawyer, all as an assistant U.S. attorney in Kentucky. The American Bar Association recommends federal judges have at least 12 years of experience. An attorney investigating Bunning at the time said his writings "read very much like the work of a young associate."

Investigator: Hunt won't stop for suspects wanted in shooting death of Illinois police officer

FOX LAKE, Ill. (AP) — Authorities have broadened the hunt for three suspects wanted in the fatal shooting of a popular northern Illinois police officer, even as they acknowledge there's little information to go on.

The first day of the search for the suspects in Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz's death saw sweeps of homes, railroad tracks and marshland in the village of Fox Lake. The second day turned to the painstaking detective work of chasing down tips, collecting and reviewing surveillance video and interviewing residents near the crime scene. Search teams also moved out into subdivisions beyond the initial 2-square-mile perimeter. At least 100 investigators were on the ground Wednesday.

"I'm not going to put a time limit on this. We've got a murdered colleague," said Lake County Major Crimes Task Force Cmdr. George Filenko, the lead investigator on the case. "We're not gonna stop."

A major challenge was the lack of a description of the suspects beyond the vague one that came from Gliniewicz, who told dispatchers he was pursuing three suspicious men — two white, one black — moments before he was shot.

"That was the only description provided," said Filenko.

A unique view of Labor Day travel: behind the scenes at one of the world's busiest airports

DALLAS (AP) — More than 14.2 million people are expected to fly over the seven days surrounding the Labor Day holiday, a 3 percent increase from last year, according to Airlines for America, the industry's trade and lobbying group.

The unofficial end of summer is one last long weekend for Americans to sneak in a trip, with Friday, Sept. 4, expected to be the busiest day to fly.

Millions of others will drive or take trains and ferries during the holiday. For instance, 1.14 million people are expected to use intercity buses, an increase of 5 percent compared to last year, according to the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development at DePaul University.

But for those who need to get across the country fast, nothing can compete with flying. More families

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are now able to afford to hop on a plane thanks to a stronger domestic economy.

In advance of the holiday, American Airlines and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport granted The Associated Press unique access to their operations to get a sense of what it takes to get thousands of passengers to their destination. Each day, more than 170,000 passengers use the airport, making it the ninth busiest in the world. Since many of those trips are on smaller, domestic jets, the airport sees a higher share of takeoffs and landings than other big hub airports — 1,845 daily flights, which is the fourth most in the world.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, September 3, the 246th day of 2015. There are 119 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 3, 1783, representatives of the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1189, England's King Richard I (the Lion-Hearted) was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, died in London; he was succeeded by his son, Richard.

In 1868, the Japanese city of Edo was renamed Tokyo.

In 1914, Cardinal Giacomo Della Chiesa became pope; he took the name Benedict XV.

In 1923, the United States and Mexico resumed diplomatic relations.

In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland,

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Gramercy Five recorded "Summit Ridge Drive" and "Special Delivery Stomp" for RCA Victor.

In 1951, the television soap opera "Search for Tomorrow" made its debut on CBS.

In 1967, the original version of the television game show "What's My Line?," hosted by John Charles Daly, broadcast its final episode after more than 17 years on CBS.

In 1976, America's Viking 2 lander touched down on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.

In 1989, a Cubana de Aviacion jetliner crashed after takeoff in Havana, killing all 126 aboard and 45 people on the ground.

In 1995, the online auction site eBay was founded in San Jose, California, by Pierre Omidyar under the name "AuctionWeb."

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush ordered more than 7,000 active duty forces to the Gulf Coast as his administration intensified efforts to rescue Katrina survivors and send aid to the hurricane-ravaged region in the face of criticism it did not act quickly enough. U.S. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist died in Arlington, Virginia, at age 80, after more than three decades on the Supreme Court.

Five years ago: Defense Secretary Robert Gates toured U.S. bases and war zones in Afghanistan, saying he saw and heard evidence that the American counterinsurgency strategy was taking hold in critical Kandahar province. The Fox network announced that Kara DioGuardi was stepping down as one of the judges on "American Idol," following the departures of Simon Cowell and Ellen DeGeneres.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, during a visit to Estonia, harshly condemned Russian aggression in Ukraine as a threat to peace. President Obama also said the United States would not be intimidated by Islamic State militants after the beheading of American journalist Steven Satloff. A judge sentenced Theodore Wafer, a suburban Detroit man who'd killed an unarmed woman on his porch instead of calling police, to at least 17 years in prison after telling the family of 19-year-old Renisha McBride he would carry "guilt and sorrow forever."

Today's Birthdays: "Beetle Bailey" cartoonist Mort Walker is 92. Actress Anne Jackson is 90. Actress

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Pauline Collins is 75. Rock singer-musician Al Jardine is 73. Actress Valerie Perrine is 72. Rock musician Donald Brewer (Grand Funk Railroad) is 67. Rock guitarist Steve Jones (The Sex Pistols) is 60. Actor Steve Schirripa is 58. Actor Holt McCallany is 51. Rock singer-musician Todd Lewis is 50. Actor Charlie Sheen is 50. Singer Jennifer Paige is 42. Dance-rock musician Redfoo (LMFAO) is 40. Actress Ashley Jones is 39. Actress Nichole Hiltz is 37. Actor Joel Johnstone (TV: "The Astronaut Wives Club") is 37. Actor Nick Wechsler is 37. Rock musician Tomo Milicevic (30 Seconds to Mars) is 36. Actress Christine Woods is 32. Actor Garrett Hedlund is 31. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Shaun White is 29. Hip-hop singer August Alsina is 23.

Thought for Today: "In the arts, the critic is the only independent source of information. The rest is advertising." - Pauline Kael, American movie critic (1919-2001).