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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 Reiersen, 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
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Sunday, September 6

Birthdays: Samantha Larson • Trey Gengerke • Justin Olson • Nick Olson • Perryn Dobbins
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
No worship at Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont today
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
No worship at Trinity Historic Church in Groton today

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY - No School
Labor Day
Birthdays: Alana Wolken • Dannielle Dobberpuhl • Faye Berndt • Kris Ferrington • Crystal Waage

Tuesday, September 8

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: BBQ, baked beans, veggie trays, fruit.
Birthdays: Russ Clausen • Seth Duncan • Kelly Kjelden
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:00pm: Cross Country at Britton
7:00pm: Groton City Council Meeting
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Wednesday, September 9

School Breakfast: Ham and egg sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Soft shell taco, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, fruit.
Anniv: Clint & Audrey Jacobson
Birthday: Amanda Koens
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

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A South Dakota Summer

By Senator John Thune

I spent the busy August work period crisscrossing South Dakota, meeting with South Dakotans and taking in the sights and sounds of everything that our great state has to offer in the summertime. I attended fairs from Butte-Lawrence County to Brown County to Turner County and this year's state fair in Huron; held town hall meetings in Lemmon and Buffalo; wished Godspeed to the 155th Engineering Company; and summer wouldn't be complete without spending a day on Lake Oahe and checking out the sunset over the Missouri River.

As I traveled the state, I shared news of the good work the Republican-led Senate has accomplished in Washington in just the first few months of the new Congress, and while much was accomplished, there is much more work yet to do. I also shared with South Dakotans the many challenges we face in Washington with a president who is determined to fight us nearly every step of the way. As the old adage goes, "it takes two to tango," and as long as this president is in the White House, Republicans are going to be left to dance alone. That doesn't mean we're giving up the fight, though.

The Obama EPA, for example, is out of control. We will continue to work to stop the EPA's burdensome overreach, like the so-called "Clean Power Plan" rule, which can be more accurately described as a back-door national energy tax. This EPA rule will have a devastating impact on small businesses and American families – particularly those who can afford it the least. In fact, this national energy tax will make it harder for families to make ends meet and more costly for businesses to survive – exactly the opposite kind of policy we need from leaders in Washington.

Then there's the Obama IRS. The American people have never held the IRS in high regard, and after D.C. bureaucrats used their power to target conservative groups for purely political reasons, what little respect remained was lost. The IRS has a long way to go in order to restore the trust and confidence the American people expect and deserve, and I'm glad that Congress will continue to use its oversight ability to investigate this agency and hold bureaucrats accountable.

The work doesn't end there either. We will continue to vote to repeal Obamacare, fight President Obama's illegal amnesty, secure our borders, work to redirect federal funding from Planned Parenthood, and make sure the American people's voices are heard on the president's flawed Iran nuclear agreement. Where President Obama opposes us, we'll continue to fight until we have a new president who is willing to work with Republicans to meet the challenges we face.

Bowlers Needed!

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.

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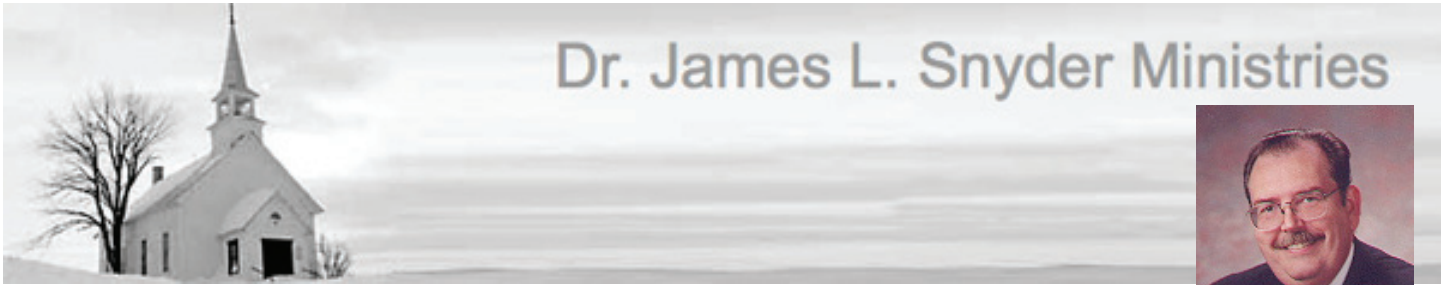
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It's Hard Being a Fool When There's So Much Competition

Dr. James L. Snyder



Ever since I was a young lad, I have had a competitive spirit. Quite frankly, I like to win at everything I do. After all, who doesn't.

Being married has accelerated that competitive spirit, sometimes to my personal detriment. Overall, it has been a rather good run and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I just celebrated another wedding anniversary. I know who won in this competition, but don't let her know. I am a gracious winner.

I certainly was not a fool to get married; it turned out to be a rather major win for me. What was on the other side of the matrimonial aisle, I am not quite sure. I have a "don't ask and she won't tell" philosophy here.

The fact that we have made it this long is a tribute to my wisdom in selecting the proper wife. Do not let this get out, but I will take credit wherever I can find credit. Just look at my bank account and you will know I need some credit. It has been a marvelous journey to say the least, not, however, without its difficulties.

Every time I get into some kind of "difficulty," my wife will look at me and say rather stiffly, "Are you acting like a fool?"

After being married for so long, you would think she would get the idea that I am not acting at all. I wish I could act like a fool, to be able to turn it on and off at will. I must say that being a fool comes rather naturally to me, no acting needed whatsoever. I wonder what it would be like to act like a fool and where would a person get the training for that kind of acting? Perhaps some political university.

For years, I have met so many people who have a PhD in the thespian arts of being a fool. I am not sure where they get their degree or how long it takes to get that kind of a degree. But let it be clear, I do not have any degree in the art of being a fool.

Not being a "Professional Fool" I am not in competition with anybody else.

But that does not keep the good wife from saying to me on occasion, "Would you quit fooling around?"

I am not exactly sure what I am supposed to do at that point, I do not want to ask her what she means because I know she would tell me. Do I really want to know? There is something to be said for being in the dark about some things. This is definitely one of them.

Of course, if I knew what she meant by "fooling around," I could make some adjustments in my personal behavior. As it stands, I am only guessing.

I get into trouble because many times when I am caught red-handed, as they say, I justify what I am doing (big mistake) by telling her, "I was just fooling."

To which she usually responds, "I know that and I wish you would quit fooling around."

Then she says something that is rather confusing to me. "You can't fool me."

I have often wondered what she means by that. This is where the competitive spirit kicks into high gear. I ponder very enthusiastically the thought, what would it take to fool her? If I can only figure that out, life would take on a brand-new exuberance.

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It is easy to fool other people, particularly those that do not know you that well. I might as well say it is also easy to be fooled by other people. That does not matter to me one bit. But if I could pull off a major "fool you" on my wife it would make my day.

I am not sure that it would take much. As I look around, I realize it is hard being a fool was so much competition.

If I could find the perfect fool, perhaps I could get some pointers on how to be a better fool. Maybe I could learn some special techniques associated with the craft of acting a fool.

I know my wife is an expert in identifying fools and foolish things for that matter. Every once in a while, I try to find out what her secret is, but, being the fool I am, I never seem to be good enough to fool her.

Just when I think I have accomplished a trophy level of being a fool, my wife steps in and says, "You're not fooling me in the least." Then she flashes one of her smiles and goes back to the arduous task of being my wife, which she has done so brilliantly.

I suppose I am a low-level fool in just about every level of my life. There is one level, however, where I am not a fool. I confess to making foolish statements, doing foolish things and just plain acting a fool. But I have discovered an area where I am no longer a fool.

I think David had it right when he said, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good" (Psalms 53:1).

Some people deny God until they need help. Then, they call out to God. The wise man does not deny God, but pulls Him into his daily living experience.

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Course

GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA September 8, 2015 7pm Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Department Reports
- 5) 7:05pm Request for Fence on Public Property – Julie Schaller
- 6) 7:30pm West Ditch Drainage – Roger Rix
- 7) Request for additional Rubble Site Charges for Cement Loads
- 8) Request for Stop signs on Madison and Garfield at W 2nd Ave
- 9) Request for one time forgiveness for late fees on utility bills
- 10) Review Truck Route
- 11) SDML Conference – Watertown Oct 7-9
- 12) Refinancing Progress
- 13) Budget Discussion
- 14) 1st Reading Ordinance 700 – 2016 Appropriation Ordinance
- 15) Exe Session – Legal & Personnel

AND any other business that may come before the Council

Opening Hearts and Homes

By Rep. Kristi Noem

Bryon and I have always tried to teach our kids that family is more about what is in your heart than in your bloodstream. Over five years ago, we came to realize just how true that was when my brother Rob and his wife opened their hearts and their home to Ruby, who was just an infant when they adopted her from Ethiopia. I know the process wasn't easy and it came with so much stress, but I couldn't imagine our family without this sweet and spunky little girl and her sister, who they adopted a few years later.

It truly warms my heart to know that this is a story shared by many families in South Dakota and I'm honored each year to be able to nominate one special South Dakota family as "Angels in Adoption." This year's "Angels" nominee and award recipient is a very inspiring family from Rapid City.

Paul and Dotty Enos have 14 children, four of which are adopted. In 2007, they chose to extend their family by adopting twins, an infant boy and girl. As if that didn't make their family busy enough, they opened their home to foster children the following year. In 2009, they took in their first foster child, who they adopted two years later. Over the next six years, they fostered more than a dozen children.

A few years after they first became foster parents, a close friend of their daughter's lost both her parents. Once again, they opened their home and invited this young woman into their family where she was welcomed with love. Without a doubt, the Enos family has earned the distinction of being called "Angels in Adoption." Of course, if you ask them, they'll tell you the true angels are the children out there looking for a home.

There are, of course, financial challenges that come any time a family is expanded – whether through adoption, foster care, or otherwise. And while the Enos family has said that when you do the right thing, the finances take care of themselves, I want to do all I can to make adoption more affordable for good families like this.

Since 1997, the federal government has offered a tax credit to help offset adoption fees, attorney fees, court costs, travel expenses, and re-adoption expenses for intercountry adoptions. This is a great credit that has helped many families, but I'd like to improve it further. Currently, families can only apply the benefit if they have an income tax liability, meaning they owe the federal government money at the end of the year. That doesn't benefit many middle-class families. That's why I'd like to see the tax credit fully refundable, meaning they'll receive the benefit regardless of how much they owe on Tax Day.

As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, I have helped sponsor legislation to accomplish this and am committed to moving it through the legislative process. After all, adoption fees should never stand in the way of finding a child a home.

Hanging in the Enos' home is a sign that reads: "A hundred years from now... it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove ... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child." What a testament to their family's values.

Thank you to all of those who have opened your hearts, your homes, and even your families to a child. The love that is shown to them can and will change our world.

Preserving A Century-Long Tradition

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

Next month, tens of thousands of hunters will take to the fields and grasslands of South Dakota to seek a colorful upland game bird – the rooster pheasant.

Over the last century, pheasant hunting has become one of South Dakota's most beloved traditions. This will be the 96th year that South Dakotans have pursued ring-necks in our state. According to our South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Agency, it should be a good year. In their annual pheasant brood survey, the pheasant count is up by 42 percent.

The news wasn't as good a couple of years ago when the pheasant count was down 64 percent from the previous year. The pheasant population was the lowest it had been in a dozen years.

In response to the low numbers that year, I hosted the Pheasant Habitat Summit and appointed a work group to evaluate hundreds of comments, suggestions and letters that resulted from the summit.

The work group made eight recommendations, and some have already been accomplished. The Federal Duck Stamp was raised to \$25, and crop insurance is now available for winter wheat in South Dakota.

The work group also found that lack of adequate habitat is a problem. Pheasant numbers are higher where quality habitat still exists – areas like grasslands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and in growing winter wheat fields. With the decline in CRP acres, conserving habitat areas in our state is a challenge.

One of the work group's recommendations was to establish the South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund. The Fund provides a permanent funding source for wildlife habitat work. So far, private donors have contributed a total of \$425,000 to the Fund and state government has dedicated \$350,000.

Even with the increase in pheasant numbers this year, we still need to be proactive about improving habitat. Not surprisingly, in addition to habitat, pheasant numbers have a lot to do with the weather. South Dakota has experienced a couple of good years for pheasant nesting thanks to favorable weather conditions; but we can't risk our pheasant hunting future by counting on that weather pattern to continue.

That is why I'm challenging the Habitat Conservation Board to raise an additional \$1 million in private money for habitat conservation. I'm pledging to match that amount with \$1 million in state funds, if the group can meet that goal.

Pheasant hunting is a treasured century-long tradition in our state. If you're interested in helping us preserve this tradition for future generations, I hope you'll consider giving a donation to the South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund. To donate, go to the South Dakota Community Foundation website and search "South Dakota Conservation Fund." Help our S.D. pheasants find more nesting homes.

Today in Weather History

September 6, 2000: Eight miles southwest of Miller, ninety mph winds destroyed three barns and a small garage along with severely damaging a creeper feeder and an enclosed trailer. Another building was moved from its foundation and damaged. An empty school bus was rolled several times before it came to rest atop a fence. Also, a window was broken out of the house.

1881 - Forest fires in Michigan and Ontario resulted in 'Yellow Day' in the northeastern U.S. Twenty villages in Michigan burned, and a total of 500 persons were killed. Fires caused 2.3 million dollars in losses near Lake Huron. Candles were needed at the noon hour. (David Ludlum)

1929 - Iowa's earliest snow of record occurred as a few flakes were noted at 9 AM at Alton. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Thunderstorms produced more than seven inches of rain in Georgia. Four persons drowned, and two others suffered injury, as three couples attempted to cross Mills Stone Creek at Echols Mill in their automobile. Smoke from forest fires in California and Oregon spread across Utah into western Colorado. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Unseasonably cool weather prevailed across the north central and northeastern U.S. Thirty cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Saint Joseph MO with a reading of 38 degrees. A low of 44 degrees at Indianapolis IN was their coolest reading of record for so early in the season. The mercury dipped to 31 degrees at Hibbing MN and Philips WI. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - An early afternoon thunderstorm produced wind gusts to 104 mph at Winterhaven, FL, flipping over four airplanes, and damaging five others. The high winds also damaged a hangar and three other buildings. A cold front produced strong winds and blowing dust in the Northern High Plains, with gusts to 54 mph reported at Buffalo SD. Powerful Hurricane Gabrielle and strong easterly winds combined to create waves up to ten feet high along the southern half of the Atlantic coast. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Labor Day	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
 20%		 20%	 20%			 30%
Slight Chance T-storms and Patchy Fog	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms
High: 79 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 51 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 72 °F



Less Humid Conditions Expected This Afternoon

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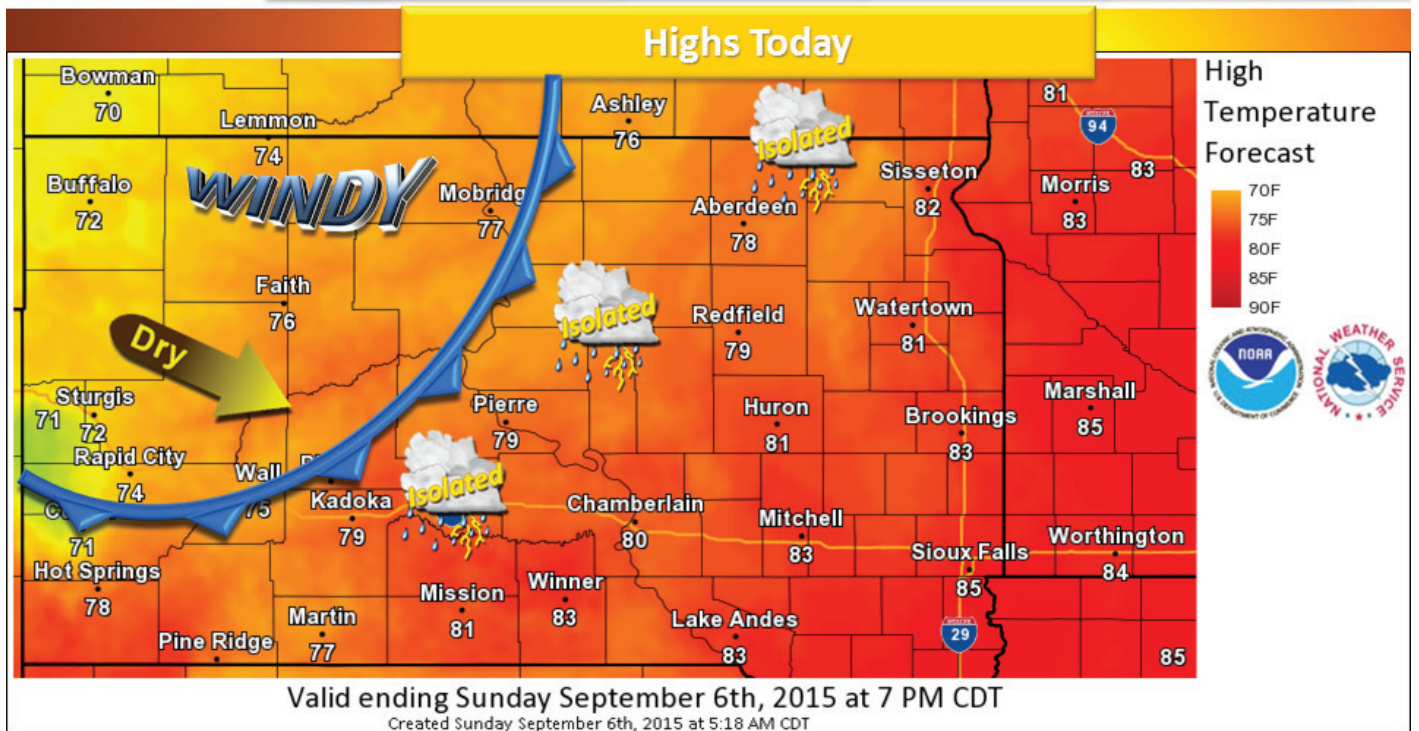
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A cold front crossing the region will bring isolated showers and thunderstorms to the area today. Breezy west to northwesterly winds and less humid conditions are expected behind the passage of the cold front.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 76.4 at 11:55 AM

Low: 69.7 at 6:12 AM

High Gust: 15 at 2:16 PM

Precip: 0.14

Today's Info

Record High: 103° in 1970

Record Low: 32° in 1956

Average High: 76°F

Average Low: 50°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.45

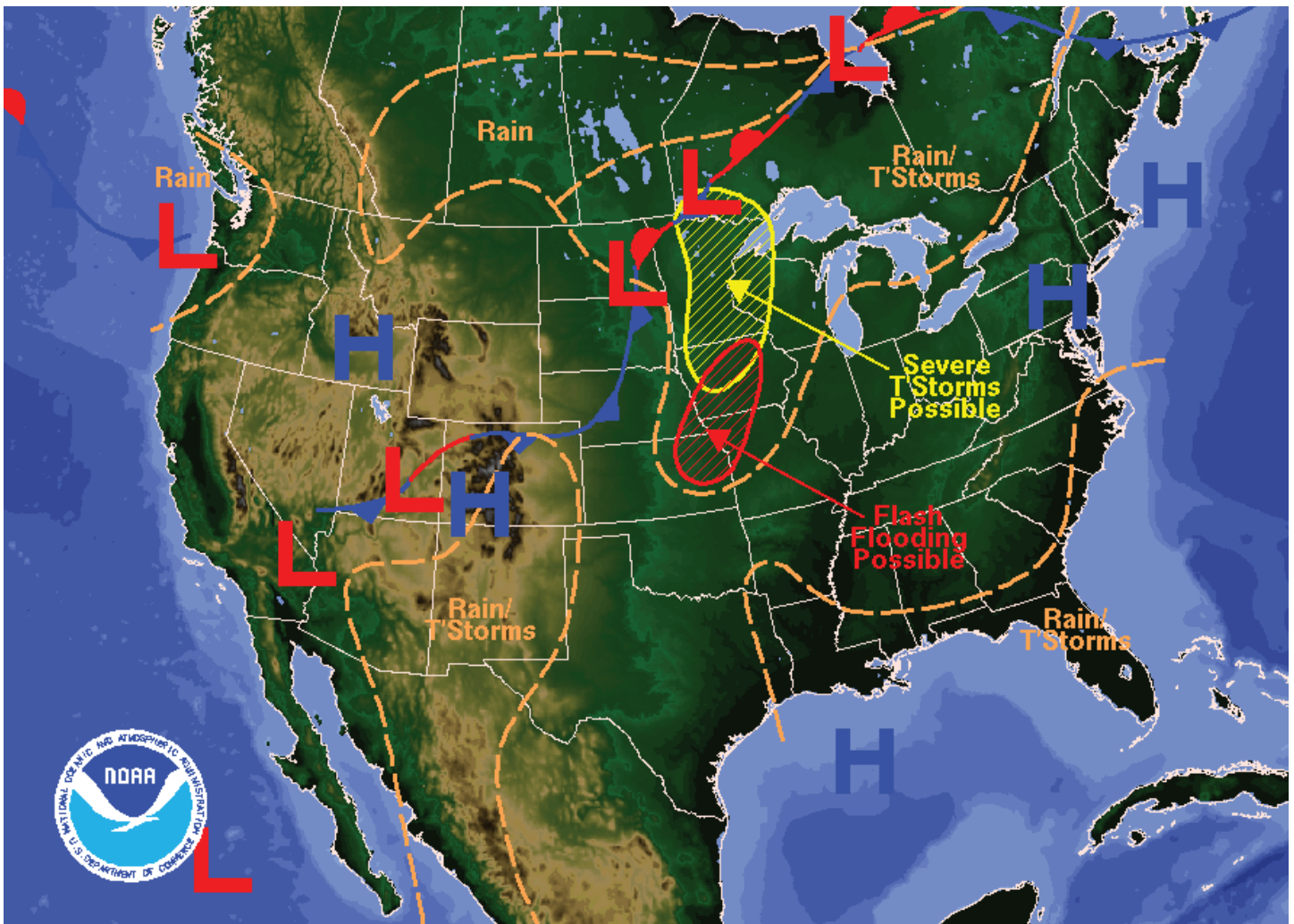
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.14

Average Precip to date: 16.74

Precip Year to Date: 16.70

Sunset Tonight: 8:02 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:02 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Sep 06, 2015, issued 4:26 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by kreker based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Shepherd. Warrior. Poet. Murderer. Nation builder. Song writer. King. Sinner. Musician. Visionary. Failed father.

Looking at the life of David is like watching a yo-yo go up and down. On one hand, David was a very spiritual man who had a tender heart for God. He spent much time praying and praising God and wrote many psalms that led people to worship God. Yet, when he went into combat he was a military genius and was victorious over his enemies.

David had a great passion for honoring God and leading His people in many ways that honored God. Yet, he neglected his children and failed to control, guide or discipline them. He also committed adultery and murder to hide his sin.

His life reflects contradictions and contributions also. In the final analysis, however, David was a person just like us. He struggled with being human and was overcome by temptations which led to sin. Yet the Lord understood his imperfect nature and never abandoned him. Why? Because God does not expect perfection but progression. God saw in his heart a desire to worship and serve Him.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for promising us that You will "lift up the fallen" if we repent and seek forgiveness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 145:14 The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.

News from the Associated Press

K-State marching band apologizes for shot at Jayhawks

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State officials have apologized for a marching band routine during Saturday night's season opener that involved the rival Jayhawks and appeared to be adult-oriented in nature.

The theme of the halftime show against South Dakota was "space," and involved scenes from Star Trek and Star Wars. During one formation, the Kansas State band formed the Kansas mascot and what was supposed to be the starship Enterprise crashing into it.

The spaceship wound up resembling male genitalia, which in turn set social media ablaze.

Kansas State President Kirk Schultz tweeted an apology for the performance, and band director Frank Tracz issued a statement Sunday in which he said "there was absolutely no intent to display anything other than the Enterprise and the Jayhawk in battle."

Tracz went on to apologize for the "misinterpretation" and said the band meant "absolutely no disrespect or malice toward the University of Kansas."

South Dakota first lady selects artists for fall showcase

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota first lady Linda Daugaard has selected 32 artists to participate in this fall's Prairie Arts Showcase.

The artists selected include photographers, painters, sculptors, jewelers and many others.

Daugaard says South Dakota has a number of talented artists and she is honored that many of them will attend this year's showcase.

The event takes place Oct. 23 and 25 in Pierre during the governor's annual Invitational Pheasant Hunt.

Daugaard says local residents attend the showcase every year. She adds that the event also gives an opportunity to those attending the pheasant hunt "to take a little piece of South Dakota home with them."

SD State Historical Society offers property tax moratorium

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is offering property owners a tax moratorium.

This eight-year moratorium is for restoration and rehabilitation work completed on historic sites during 2015.

The state property tax moratorium is available for buildings listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places and rehabilitated following guidelines provided by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 2. A new application is necessary for every year that work is undertaken.

The Historical Society's board of trustees approved 19 properties for the program last year. Historical Society director Jay Vogt says the 19 projects represented more than \$9.4 million in private investment in South Dakota's historic buildings.

Crazy Horse planning anniversary night blast on Sunday

CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL, S.D. (AP) — The Crazy Horse Memorial plans to honor two anniversaries Sunday with a weather-permitting night blast.

The pyrotechnic display on the mountain carving in progress recognizes the 107th birthday of sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski (KOR'-zhack jew-uhl-KUFF'-skee) and the anniversary of the 1877 death of the Lakota warrior Crazy Horse.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. MDT Sunday with music and a laser light show. Admission will be free with

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the donation of three cans of food per person or cash to benefit people served by the Feeding South Dakota food bank.

Ziolkowski in May 1947 accepted the invitation from Lakota leaders to carve the Crazy Horse Memorial. Work on the sculpture began in 1948.

Feeding South Dakota breaking ground on new building

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls-based charitable hunger-relief organization plans to break ground Wednesday on a 50,000-square-foot facility in the northwest part of the city.

Feeding South Dakota wants to increase its overall food distribution across the state by 50 percent.

Construction on the six-acre plot on Westport Avenue is expected to be completed by June. Sioux Falls Facility Committee chair Ray Thompson says the initial construction includes use of four acres of the land, with an additional two acres reserved for future expansion.

Feeding South Dakota currently distributes 10.2 million meals annually across the state, including more than 5.8 million meals out of Sioux Falls.

With the new facility and additional projects in Pierre and Rapid City, the organization hopes to increase efficiency and annual distribution by 5 million meals by 2020.

Grass-fed cattle, prairie dogs hoof it in shared pastures

LAUREN DONOVAN, Bismarck Tribune

This is an AP Member Exchange shared by the Bismarck Tribune

MAHTO, S.D. (AP) — Grass-fed beef steaks sizzled on the grill and plump prairie dogs jumped in and out of their holes in a strange welcome to a ranch on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

The delicious meat and the yipping prairie dogs are of equal but opposite interest down here, where a \$5 million, multi-year research project is underway, the Bismarck Tribune (<http://bit.ly/1LSgRip>) reported.

On a recent Thursday, it was field day on the Mahto Research Ranch, so-named for its proximity to the Mahto village, a small collection of buildings at the end of a beat-up stretch of asphalt.

A small group heard research presentations, ate grass-fed steak sandwiches for lunch and ended the day by sampling three quality grades of New York strip steak — good, better, best — all raised there at the ranch.

The 5,000-acre spread is beautiful country, fed by the live water in Oak Creek, and it is possible that the work being done there will result in handcrafted, trademarked beef raised on the reservation and processed there, too.

“That dream, that vision is possible,” says Jim Garrett, professor of range science at Sitting Bull College. “What we’re working on is the creation of a new type of food production.”

The field day was sponsored by all the partners in this research project, and there are many. Sitting Bull College joined with North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University agriculture experiment stations and extension services and the USDA Agriculture Research Service to research the possibility of transforming the worn ranch pastures into lush-enough grazing to raise market-ready beef from birth through slaughter.

“We want to eliminate the grain cycle. It’s not as healthy for the human body,” Garrett said.

The ranch is on lease from the McLaughlin family, present-day owners in a lineage that goes back to the early 1900s to the Anna and Joe Good Elk allotment.

T.J. McLaughlin said use of the ranch for research fits his mother’s vision that somehow it could be used to preserve some of the last remaining traditional plants, trees and wildlife.

His son’s studies in the Sitting Bull College environmental science program led to students using the land for thesis projects on beaver, prairie dogs and plant varieties.

“We started batting it around (long-term research) being there were people here doing research and my mother’s wishes to preserve it,” said McLaughlin, confirming the family will continue to participate if

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the project continues under another grant application in the works.

His daughter, Prairie McLaughlin, said she remembers the land being “almost a desert all through here. The grass is deep again and beautiful. We can see, hear and feel the difference in just five years.”

Rain has been generous and helpful, and so has the project’s careful use of pastures, especially those where prairie dogs are concentrated in large numbers. The operation runs about 200 head divided among four pastures, but the idea is to spread the practice to other reservation ranches.

The dogs — actually they’re in the squirrel family — evoke passionate emotions among ranchers.

“There are a lot of ranchers who absolutely hate them,” and, at the same time, many deny the relationship between prairie dogs and their own overgrazing practices, Garrett says.

The goal of the research is to see how well cattle grazing and prairie dogs can co-exist.

The dogs are considered a keystone species in that another 140 species directly or indirectly benefit from their presence, Garrett said. The towns are a McDonalds drive-through for raptors and coyotes, and the burrows are opportunistic dwellings for burrowing owls and rattlesnakes.

“What we want to know is if the grazer is one of those or not. What our preliminary research shows is that depending on the timing of grazing, when the grass (around prairie dog towns) is shorter and tenderer, it’s more nutritious,” he said.

These questions have created opportunities for related research.

Janna Kincheloe, an SDSU researcher, works with six beef animals on the ranch that have a cannulas embedded into their stomachs. The apparatus is a permanent opening that allows her to literally reach into the cow’s stomach to extract the food content then test it for protein.

“Want to try it?” she asks with a grin.

The research is important to understand whether weeds, too, are beneficial forage, and Kincheloe said some have a surprisingly high protein content of 12 to 14 percent by volume.

Up the hill from the cannulas-cow corral, Ben Geaumont, research scientist at the Hettinger station, is researching the prairie dog population. He’s looking at density related to landscapes and said that, in nearly five years of counting them, the numbers have remained very stable.

He traps them and attaches tiny ear tags to keep track, learning also that these guys are pretty plump at nearly 2.5 pounds.

“They maybe have expanded their territory a little, but I don’t think they’re pushing the edges much,” he said.

The historical range of the prairie dog — primarily because of crop production throughout the Great Plains — has been reduced by almost 98 percent, a decimation helped along by purposeful poisonings and shootings.

“Ranchers are giving up something to have them on their land. They can co-exist, but it depends on the landowner’s goals,” Geaumont said.

Aaron Field, a grad student from NDSU, has pictures of a family of the increasingly rare burrowing owl taken on the ranch, a topic he’s researching. Mom, dad and six owlets are lined up near the prairie dog hole they used for nesting.

“The effects that they (prairie dogs) have are much greater than their size,” Field said.

Chris Schauer, director of the Hettinger Research Center, is one of the leads on the research project.

“This is a huge deal. The bottom line big picture is that Standing Rock is not just a reservation, it’s also a food desert. Can we get to the point of creating an economic development engine with a small packing plant of locally produced beef that’s raised on the land and never leaves the land? Like farmers’ markets — think of that on the beef side,” Schauer said.

He said the research project has been full bore with five grad students and 10 researchers out on the land, starting as early as 4 a.m., on any given day April through October.

“The cattle is really the easy part. With the prairie dog, we’re learning, what are the economic realities so that we don’t negatively affect the animal with agriculture and it becomes an endangered species,” he said.

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At the crux of it all at a remote ranch in the sere grasses of the reservation is this: "Can we create an economic engine as well as an environmentally sustainable practice?" he said.

At the sampling table, there's no question that the Certified Angus Beef grade is more tender, but not necessarily tastier, than the select grade. And there's also no question that the prairie dogs, nervously diving into their holes when vehicles come and go, will be happier when the ranch is quiet again.

Kansas State rolls past South Dakota 34-0

ASHLEY DUNKAK, Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State kicked off its season in dominating fashion Saturday, notching a 34-0 win over South Dakota. What stood out to Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder, however, was the abundance of room for improvement.

"It was great to get a shutout," Snyder said. "No matter who you line up and play against, those are not easy to come by in this day and age, so I was proud (that) as iffy as we played defensively that we still managed to do that. That was a plus."

Kansas State overwhelmed its FCS opponent from the first play of the game, when Morgan Burns returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. The coach had a unique takeaway from that play, one of the most electric of the game.

"What I saw was we missed a block," Snyder said, "but we managed to still - we missed a double-team block, everybody else did a nice job and helped him immensely, and obviously he did a nice job as well."

The most visible negative for the Wildcats, however, was the loss of starting quarterback Jesse Ertz, who came up limping after only two snaps. He was replaced by Joe Hubener, who completed 9 of 18 attempts for 147 yards and a touchdown.

Dominique Heath led Kansas State receivers with three catches for 54 yards. The Wildcats used a committee approach in the run game, with Justin Silmon grinding out 51 yards and Charles Jones and Hubener adding 39 and 38, respectively. They also relied heavily on their fullbacks in the red zone, giving the ball eight times to Dimel, who finished with 29 yards and punched in touchdowns from the 2 and the 1.

As he did when talking about the defense and the touchdown return, Snyder hardly went overboard in his praise.

"They ran okay," Snyder said. "I don't think we did anything fantastic. You'd like to think that one guy can't tackle one guy, and yet that happened more often than you'd like for it to . We need to be more aggressive runners."

South Dakota's Ryan Saeger converted 18 of 30 passes for 205 yards, but the Coyotes struggled offensively all game.

"For us to have success we have to get our running game going, and they were too much for us," South Dakota coach Joe Glenn said. "We could not run against them. None of our guys averaged anywhere near what we need to, so it was just total dominance of our running game by a good Kansas State defense."

Kansas State amassed a 24-0 advantage in the first half despite failing to capitalize on a pair of red zone opportunities early.

The first drive led by Hubener included a 35-yard pass and punishing runs by Glenn Gronkowski and Dimel, and the Wildcats made it to the brink of the end zone with about three minutes remaining in the first quarter. Hubener fumbled on the 1-yard line, however, and the Coyotes recovered.

South Dakota did nothing on the ensuing drive and punted from deep in its own territory. Heath reeled off a 31-yard return that set Kansas State up at the 25-yard line. The Wildcats worked their way to the six-yard line before defensive tackle Sean Bredl tipped away a third-down pass to Kyle Klein, and Kansas State had to settle for a field goal.

"We did the things that hurt a lot of offenses," Kansas State tackle Cody Whitehair said. "We had turnovers and penalties, so overall we're not where we want to be yet. We've got a little work to do, and we'll fix that next week."

The Coyotes had several missed scoring chances as well, as they failed to convert on two first-quarter

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field goal attempts, one from 55 yards and the other from the 42.

Kansas State scored its first offensive touchdown about 6 minutes into the second quarter. With 45 yards between them and the end zone, the Wildcats kept the ball on the ground, handing it to Silmon for three straight rushes of 18, 12 and eight yards and then turning to the fullbacks. Gronkowski bullied his way to the two-yard line, and then Dimel battered in for the score that gave Kansas State a 17-0 lead.

The Wildcats scored again with about six minutes left in the first half. After recovering a fumbled punt return by South Dakota, Kansas State took over on the 24-yard line, and Hubener immediately threw a strike to Deante Burton, who fought off a defender before snagging the ball in the corner of the end zone.

Kansas State is now 22-2 in season openers under Snyder.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Brandon Valley 46, Watertown 12
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 24, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 14
St. Thomas More 31, Aberdeen Roncalli 12

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Sturgis, 25-9, 25-7, 25-10
Edgemont def. Newell, 25-7, 22-25, 20-25, 25-7, 15-7
Pierre def. Watertown, 25-21, 13-25, 25-19, 20-25, 15-12
Rapid City Christian def. Bennett County, 25-7, 25-19, 25-11

Gregory Tournament

Pool Play

Pool 1

Colome def. Gregory, 25-22, 25-13
Colome def. Platte-Geddes, 25-23, 25-19
Colome def. Jones County, 25-27, 25-18, 25-15
Jones County def. Gregory, 26-24, 29-27
Platte-Geddes def. Jones County, 25-18, 25-14
Platte-Geddes def. Gregory, 25-19, 25-13

Pool 2

Burke/South Central def. Cody-Kilgore, Neb., 25-17, 25-10
Burke/South Central def. Lyman, 25-23, 15-25, 25-23
Burke/South Central def. St. Francis Indian, 25-14, 25-23
Lyman def. Cody-Kilgore, Neb., 25-14, 25-14
Lyman def. St. Francis Indian, 25-16, 25-10
St. Francis Indian def. Cody-Kilgore, Neb., 25-15, 25-16

Third Place

Platte-Geddes def. Lyman, 18-25, 26-24, 25-19

Championship

Colome def. Burke/South Central, 25-16, 25-18

Sioux Falls Christian Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

Milbank Area def. Central Minnesota Christian, Minn., 25-18, 18-25, 25-21
Sioux Falls Christian def. Central Minnesota Christian, Minn., 25-18, 21-25, 25-23
Sioux Falls Christian def. Milbank Area, 25-9, 25-19

Pool B

Unity Christian, Orange City, Iowa def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-9, 25-7

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Unity Christian, Orange City, Iowa def. Warner, 30-28, 25-15

Warner def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-14, 25-19

Semifinal

Unity Christian, Orange City, Iowa def. Milbank, 25-14, 25-7

Warner def. Sioux Falls Christian, 25-17, 25-15

Fifth Place

Central Minnesota Christian, Minn. def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-19, 25-17

Third Place

Sioux Falls Christian def. Milbank, 25-16, 20-25, 25-13

Championship

Unity Christian, Orange City, Iowa def. Warner, 25-14, 25-13

White River Triangular

Timber Lake def. White River, 25-13, 25-18, 25-17

Timber Lake def. Stanley County, 25-17, 22-25, 25-16, 25-19

Idaho State blanks Black Hills State 55-0

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Michael Sanders threw three touchdown passes to Madison Mangum and five overall to lead Idaho State over Division II Black Hills State 55-0 in a season opener on Saturday.

Sanders, a JC transfer, completed 15 of 18 passes for 278 yards before ending his day early. Junior Jakori Ford rushed for a career-high 201 yards on 24 carries as the FCS-ranked Bengals rolled up 710 yards offense.

Sanders threw touchdown passes of 41 yards and 9 yards to Mangum in the first 1:46 of the game.

Xavier Finney scored on a 1-yard run for a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter then Sanders connected again with Mangum. Sanders threw touchdown passes of 29 and 30 yards to Hagen Graves to finish the half ahead 42-0.

CJ Langlow returned a blocked punt for a score and Tanner Gueller hit CJ Hatchett with a TD pass to finish the scoring.

Flintstones park in South Dakota closing, gets new owner

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — A "Flintstones"-themed park in South Dakota is closing after the Labor Day weekend and being taken over by a new owner who will have to negotiate for the rights to keep using characters and scenes from the classic animated series.

Owner Joe Speckels said the Flintstones Bedrock City Theme Park and Camping Resort, which his family members helped build almost 50 years ago, was sold for \$1.5 million to hotel operator Custer Hospitality. The company will take over the 62-acre theme park, drive-in and campground from Speckels on Sept. 15.

"It's really been great. I've enjoyed it, but I'm tired," Speckels, 74, told KOTA-TV. "I'd like to get some rest."

The theme park in Custer was built by several men including Speckels' father, Eddie Speckels, and uncle, Woody Speckels.

Steve Olson, director of operations for Custer Hospitality, told the Rapid City Journal that the site will continue to be used as a campground. "And it's our intention to contact Warner Bros. to see if (the theme park) is something we can do," he said.

Members of Speckels' family broke off from the original park and opened the spinoff Flintstones Bedrock City in Williams, Arizona. Linda Speckels started operating that theme park with her husband, Francis Speckels, in 1972. She told The Associated Press in June that she's selling the attraction for \$2 million.

While the future of South Dakota's Flintstones theme park remains unclear, Joe Speckels said he's glad it will remain locally owned.

"They're good neighbors and a good part of the community," Speckels said of Custer Hospitality, which operates several hotels in the small southwestern South Dakota community. "I'm glad it didn't go out of state and I'm glad it went to someone who has an appreciation of what the Flintstones mean to the com-

munity.”

South Dakota meat seller to pay \$30,000 to state of Iowa

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota-based meat seller accused of employing deceptive trade practices must pay the state of Iowa \$30,000.

The Iowa attorney general's office said Sioux Falls-based Rancher's Pride violated the state's door-to-door sales act by failing to tell buyers about their right to cancel their order. A settlement was reached this week.

The company has agreed to comply voluntarily with the Iowa act, to be up-front about costs and fees, and to respond to customer complaints within 10 days in the future, the Argus Leader reported (<http://argusne.ws/1M2sOC0>).

Customers who pay more than \$25 for a product have a right to cancel within three days, and a business is obliged to offer a full refund within 10 days of getting a cancellation request.

“We received a number of complaints, and looking into them, we had a number of concerns about their practices,” said Geoff Greenwood, a spokesman for the attorney general's office.

A woman who answered a number listed for the company on Saturday told The Associated Press to speak with company officials during regular business hours.

In South Dakota, the consumer protection division of the attorney general's office has received 24 complaints about the company. Spokeswoman Sara Rabern said an investigation is ongoing but couldn't comment further.

The \$30,000 fine payment from the company will go into Iowa's consumer education and litigation fund.

Gay, straight couples to hold group wedding at Mt. Rushmore

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Gay and straight couples are converging on Mount Rushmore National Memorial to hold a large group wedding in celebration of this summer's U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing gay marriage.

The event, organized by women who challenged South Dakota's ban on same-sex marriages, is being held in the amphitheater of the memorial.

Nancy Rosenbrahn, who sued the state along with her wife Jennie, said she already knows of six couples who have received marriage licenses in South Dakota and plan to get married Sunday afternoon beneath the memorial.

She said couples who are already married will also be renewing their vows at the ceremony.

“I get to say ‘I do’ to my wife,” Rosenbrahn told the Argus Leader. “We had to run away, now we can do it in our home state. We're going to stand up in South Dakota and say the words we should have been able to say in our home all along.”

Rosenbrahn said they began planning in January to host the event at the memorial, “betting against all odds that the Supreme Court would rule in favor.”

About five weddings a year take place at the Borglum View Terrace, said Maureen McGee-Ballinger, a spokeswoman for the memorial. Sunday's event will take place in the amphitheater, which is allowed there because the ceremony is viewed as an exercise of the participants' First Amendment right, she said.

Having the ceremony in an area that Native Americans consider sacred also played a role in the planning, Rosenbrahn said. A Native American flute player will participate in the service along with readers of Native American descent.

“Look at the nature of what we won,” Rosenbrahn said. “We didn't win it just for white people. We won it for the Natives who are gay. The decision by the Supreme Court didn't call out a class of people or a race of people. This goes to everybody.”

South Dakota State holds on to knock off Kansas, 41-38

AMIE JUST, Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — The season-opener against Kansas meant almost everything to South Dakota State quarterback Zach Lujan, who played for the first time Saturday without his grandmother watching from the stands.

He certainly made it a memorable afternoon.

Lujan threw for 293 yards and three touchdowns, Isaac Wallace ran for 118 yards and another score and the Jackrabbits spoiled the debut of Kansas coach David Beaty with a 41-38 victory over the Jayhawks on Saturday.

"This one's for her," Lujan said of his grandmother, who passed away a week ago.

Jake Wieneke had eight catches for 160 yards and two touchdowns, and Brady Mengarelli also ran for a score as the Jackrabbits hung on after blowing most of a 31-7 first-half lead.

The Jayhawks got in range to attempt a tying field goal in the final seconds, but quarterback Montell Cozart fumbled the snap when he merely needed to spike it to stop the clock. The last few seconds ticked away and the Jackrabbits raced onto the field to celebrate.

"We preach when you're on the field, you have a chance to win the game," Jackrabbits coach John Stiegelmeir said. "We had some guys rise up with some big plays."

Cozart threw for 291 yards and a touchdown, though he also had an interception and lost a fumble. Junior college transfer Ke'aun Kinner ran for 157 yards and two scores.

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The Jackrabbits marched for an opening field goal, then picked off Cozart and nearly ran it back for a touchdown — which they got two plays later anyway.

Ryan Schadler returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown to get Kansas within 10-7, but the Jackrabbits answered with two more scoring drives. Both finished with TD passes to Wieneke as the sophomore wide receiver piled up five catches for 125 yards in the first half.

Cozart committed his second turnover of the half when he was stripped while scrambling, and Mengarelli scored on a 29-yard scamper to make it 31-7 early in the second quarter.

After tweaking a few things during halftime, the Jayhawks put together two long drives to open the second half. Kinner capped both with touchdown runs, the second a meandering, hip-shaking 29-yard scamper down the sideline in front of the Kansas bench.

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The Jackrabbits took over at their 25 and marched downfield in 10 plays, the biggest a pass from Lujan to tight end Dallas Goedert to convert fourth-and-5. Wallace plowed into the end zone two plays later to give the Missouri Valley school a 41-31 lead with 6:18 remaining.

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DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — All quarterback Montell Cozart had to do was grasp the snap and spike the ball, and give Kansas an opportunity for a tying field goal in coach David Beaty's debut.

Instead, the ball squirted onto the turf. Cozart quickly jumped on it. Time slowly ran out.

South Dakota State streamed onto the field to celebrate.

After blowing a big first-half lead, the Jackrabbits survived a frantic rally by the Jayhawks — and a tense few seconds at the very end — for a 41-38 victory Saturday.

"I felt like I got too lax," said Cozart, who threw for 291 yards and a touchdown in leading the comeback. "We work on clock situations all the time. When the ball hit me, I fumbled it."

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Not that the Jackrabbits didn't deserve the win. Zach Lujan threw for 293 yards and three touchdowns, Isaac Wallace ran for 118 yards and another score, and Jake Wieneke pulled down eight catches for 160 yards and two touchdowns as South Dakota State roared to a 31-7 lead.

Then held on when their Big 12 opponent mounted a charge.

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AP News in Brief

The Latest: Netanyahu says Israel 'too vulnerable' to absorb Syrian refugees and migrants

BERLIN (AP) — The latest news as countries across Europe cope with the arrival of thousands of migrants and refugees. All times local (CET):

11:30 p.m.

Israel's prime minister says his country is not indifferent to the plight of migrants and refugees flooding Europe, but that Israel is too vulnerable to absorb them.

Benjamin Netanyahu bemoaned the "human tragedy" of the victims of Syria's civil war and said Israel has aided them in various ways. But he added that Israel is too small a country, both geographically and demographically, to provide a haven for a large influx of migrants.

Merkel to hold crisis meeting with coalition partners as migrants stream into Germany

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel planned to discuss Europe's migrant crisis with her coalition partners Sunday, as Syrians, Iraqis and others fleeing war and persecution streamed into Germany for the second straight day.

The Christian Social Union, the socially-conservative wing of Merkel's center-right bloc, has criticized the decision to open Germany's borders to migrants and refugees stuck in Hungary, the dpa news agency reported.

Meanwhile, the center-left Social Democrats, the third member of Merkel's three-party coalition, urged swift humanitarian help for those trekking through Europe in search of a better life.

"No decent person can remain cold and dismissive in the face of such suffering," said Thomas Oppermann, a senior Social Democrat.

He added that refugees should be fairly distributed in Europe, and countries should not avoid their responsibilities. "Whoever refuses to do their part calls into question whether they can be part of Europe."

Thailand's military-installed legislature rejects draft of constitution, delaying elections

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's military-backed legislature on Sunday rejected an unpopular draft of a new constitution, delaying a return to democracy following a coup last year.

The junta-picked drafters had hoped the proposed charter would move the Southeast Asian country past almost a decade of political conflicts, but it was met with strong opposition on almost all sides of political divide.

The legislature appointed by the junta, known as the National Reform Council, voted 135 against vs. 105 in favor with seven abstentions. The rejection, although welcomed by many, still sets back a tentative plan for Thailand's transition to electoral democracy, with the military retaining substantial powers until a new constitution is drafted.

A new 21-member drafting committee will now be appointed with a mandate to write a new charter within 180 days. It also needs approval by the legislature and will be put to a referendum — meaning elections aren't likely until at least 2017, according to analysts, if the new draft is approved.

The government had previously said elections could take place late next year.

Guatemala voters choose new president amid fraud scandal from slate of the more of the same

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — An uncomfortable challenge confronts Guatemala's presidential candidates on Sunday: trying to win the votes of a nation that has put the last elected leader in court custody.

Most are old-guard candidates picked to run before energized prosecutors backed by a mass anti-corruption movement toppled the previous administration. Many voters are so skeptical that they campaigned for the election itself to be postponed to give them a new crop of choices.

Leading in most polls with roughly 30 percent backing is Manuel Baldizon, a wealthy 44-year-old businessman and longtime politician. His running mate is accused by prosecutors of influence trafficking, but as a candidate enjoys immunity from prosecution.

Baldizon's most competitive rivals are television comedian Jimmy Morales, who has never held elective office, former first lady Sandra Torres and Zulia Rios, the daughter of a former accused of genocide.

If none of the 14 candidates reaches 50 percent, a runoff will be held Oct. 25.

UK Labour Party rocked by 'Corbynmania' as old-school socialist dominates leadership campaign

LONDON (AP) — Britain's surprising new political star is a rumpled 66-year-old with a set of socialist ideas many thought had faded with the Cold War.

Jeremy Corbyn, the runaway favorite in a contest to lead the opposition Labour Party, opposes NATO and nuclear weapons, plans to apologize for the invasion of Iraq and wants to end austerity, heavily tax the rich and nationalize Britain's railways.

Opponents say the longtime lawmaker is a relic of the past who will drive away moderate voters. But to supporters — many of them young, new to politics and brimming with enthusiasm — his old-fashioned ideas are the future.

"It's a breath of fresh air," said 24-year-old Alex Anthony, holding an "I'm on team Jeremy Corbyn" sign outside a candidates' debate. "I'm sick and tired of the other candidates ignoring the fact that it wasn't ordinary people that created the financial crisis."

If Corbyn tops the leadership ballot when results are announced Sept. 12, it will mark an abrupt left turn for a Labour Party that has been moving toward the center for decades.

Clinton: Family paid State Department employee for email work while she was secretary of state

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Saturday that her family paid a State Department employee to maintain the private email server she used while secretary of state and compensated him "for a period of time" for his technical skills.

After picking up the endorsement of New Hampshire's senior senator, Democrat Jeanne Shaheen, Clinton was again pressed to answer questions about an issue from her time in the Obama Cabinet that has dogged her presidential candidacy.

"We obviously paid for those services and did so because during a period of time we continued to need his technical assistance," the Democratic front-runner told reporters after a campaign event.

Last week, that employee, Bryan Pagliano, told a House committee that he would invoke his constitutional right against self-incrimination if called to testify.

Last month, Clinton gave the FBI the server, kept in her New York home, that she used to send, receive and store emails while secretary of state from 2009 to 2013. Clinton has said she set up her own system, instead of using a State Department account, for the convenience of using a single hand-held email device.

Beyonce offers themes of female empowerment at Made In America festival in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Beyoncé sang her usual hits, changed multiple times and hit high notes at the Budweiser Made In America music festival in Philadelphia.

She also pulled more than ever from her Destiny's Child catalog, interpolated inspirational words from Maya Angelou and UFC fighter Ronda Rousey and told the feverish audience near the end of her 90-minute set : "I am so, so happy to celebrate my birthday with y'all."

Beyoncé, who turned 34 on Friday, headlined the first night of her husband's two-day music festival held on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Though Jay Z didn't join the pop diva onstage Saturday night, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams' presence was felt.

Sporting a light pink leotard and red knee-high boots, Beyonce kicked off her set with a slow rendition of "Crazy In Love." It eventually hit its normal tempo, but later she wove in "Bootylicious." And throughout her set, the audience watched her energetically perform "Say My Name," "Jumpin' Jumpin'" and dance slickly to lyrics from "Independent Women Part I."

"Where my survivors at?" she yelled before performing "Survivor."

AP PHOTOS: Myanmar athletes train amid traffic, keeping martial-arts tradition alive

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — A group of strongly built young men gathers early in the morning in the suburbs of Yangon to work on their fighting skills. Some of them jump on cast-off tires to warm up. Others stretch or punch the air.

All of them pause and make way when a rickshaw comes by, because their gym is the street.

The men are members of Yangon's White New Blood lethwei fighters club. Most come from rural areas of Myanmar, get fed by their coach and sleep in a nearby Buddhist monastery during their stay in Yangon preparing for fights.

Lethwei fighter-turned-coach Myint Zaw started the traditional fighter's club 15 years ago, after he retired from the sport.

The club is situated on the road in front of his house in a Yangon neighborhood of improvised tin and wooden structures. Most of the equipment is improvised as well, including weights strapped to a wooden bar. A tree wrapped with old tires serves as a punching bag, though now the gym has a real one as well.

In only meeting between college football's top 2 divisions, SEC West bests Pac-12 South

In the only meeting of the season between teams from the two best divisions in college football, the SEC West was best.

One game in September is unlikely to swing the votes when the College Football Playoff selection committee makes its final decisions in December, but Texas A&M sent a message Saturday night about how the SEC West stacks up against the Pac-12 South with a 38-17 victory against No. 15 Arizona State in Houston.

The Aggies were one of two unranked teams in the seven-team SEC West to start the season, but this was no upset. The Sun Devils are expected to contend for the Pac-12 South title and A&M, with a reworked defense under new coordinator John Chavis, worked them over.

"We weren't ranked, but we were favored," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "I don't understand that."

Early season rankings can be weird. The Aggies looked like a team that will be factor in the SEC West race. If not, that will only make the division look better.

Student's drone crashes into Commonwealth Stadium before

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Kentucky-Louisiana-Lafayette game

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A student's drone crashed into a part of newly renovated Commonwealth Stadium before the Wildcats faced Louisiana-Lafayette in the season opener, Kentucky officials confirmed Saturday.

School spokesman Jay Blanton said via email that the unmanned aircraft was recovered near the suite level. He added that there were no injuries to spectators or damages to the facility, which just underwent a \$120 million renovation.

Blanton said school officials have talked to the student and that police are considering what steps to take.

As skydivers parachuted on to the field carrying American flags before kickoff, the drone hovered behind the scoreboard over the west end zone. It was in airspace close to heliports at nearby UK Chandler Hospital and Baptist Hospital.

It was the second incident involving a drone at a sports event in the past week.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2015. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 6, 1925, the silent film horror classic "The Phantom of the Opera," starring Lon Chaney, had its world premiere at the Astor Theater in New York.

On this date:

In 1861, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant occupied Paducah, Kentucky, during the Civil War.

In 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on Oct. 29.)

In 1916, the first self-service grocery store, Piggly Wiggly, was opened in Memphis, Tennessee, by Clarence Saunders.

In 1939, the Union of South Africa declared war on Germany.

In 1943, 79 people were killed when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia.

In 1954, groundbreaking took place for the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in western Pennsylvania.

In 1966, South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd (fehr-FOORT') was stabbed to death by an apparently deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three U.S.-bound jetliners. (Two were later blown up on the ground in Jordan, along with a London-bound plane hijacked on Sept. 9; the fourth plane was destroyed on the ground in Egypt. No hostages were harmed.)

In 1975, 18-year-old tennis star Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum in the United States.

In 1985, all 31 people aboard a Midwest Express Airlines DC-9 were killed when the Atlanta-bound jetliner crashed just after takeoff from Milwaukee's Mitchell Field.

In 1991, the Soviet Union recognized the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Russian lawmakers upheld a decision by residents of Leningrad to restore the city's pre-revolutionary name, St. Petersburg.

In 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris.

Ten years ago: The California State Legislature became the first legislative body in the nation to approve same-sex marriages, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger later vetoed the bill. President George W. Bush and Congress pledged to open separate investigations into the sluggish federal response to Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans' broken levees.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama rolled out a long-term jobs program that would have exceeded \$50 billion to rebuild roads, railways and runways, and coupled it with a blunt campaign-season assault accusing Republicans of causing Americans' hard economic times. (The proposal ended up being

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blocked by Senate Republicans.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama, in an interview taped for NBC's "Meet the Press," said the surge of immigrant children entering the U.S. illegally had changed the politics surrounding the issue of immigration and led him to put off a pledge to use executive action that could have shielded millions of people from deportation. Witnesses in the Ukraine port city of Mariupol reported sustained explosions outside the city and a volunteer battalion of fighters said Grad rockets were fired at their positions little more than a day after a cease-fire between the government and Kremlin-backed separatists went into effect.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian JoAnne Worley is 80. Country singer David Allan Coe is 76. Rock singer-musician Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) is 72. Actress Swoosie Kurtz is 71. Comedian-actress Jane Curtin is 68. Country singer-songwriter Buddy Miller is 63. Actor James Martin Kelly is 61. Country musician Joe Smyth (Sawyer Brown) is 58. Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 57. Actor-comedian Michael Winslow is 57. Rock musician Perry Bamonte is 55. Actor Steven Eckholdt is 54. Rock musician Scott Travis (Judas Priest) is 54. Pop musician Pal Waaktaar (a-ha) is 54. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is 53. Rock musician Kevin Miller is 53. ABC News correspondent Elizabeth Vargas is 53. Country singer Mark Chesnutt is 52. Actress Betsy Russell is 52. Actress Rosie Perez is 51. Rhythm and blues singer Macy Gray is 48. Singer CeCe Peniston is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darryl Anthony (Az Yet) is 46. Actress Daniele Gaither is 45. Rock singer Dolores O'Riordan (The Cranberries) is 44. Actor Dylan Bruno is 43. Actor Idris Elba is 43. Actress Justina Machado is 43. Actress Anika Noni (ah-NEE'-kuh NOH'-nee) Rose is 43. Rock singer Nina Persson (The Cardigans) is 41. Actor Justin Whalin is 41. Actress Naomie Harris is 39. Rapper Noreaga is 38. Actress Natalia Cigliuti is 37. Rapper Foxy Brown is 37. Actress Lauren Lapkus is 30. Rock singer Max George (The Wanted) is 27.

Thought for Today: "The lesson of history is rarely learned by the actors themselves." - James A. Garfield, 20th president of the United States (1831-1881).