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VINTAGE TRACTORS for sale. This weekend at the William Baule farm, 3N, 1E of Andover. For more information, call Linda at 612/709-0510.

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 Reierson, Superintendent, Frederick Area School District, PO Box 486, Frederick, SD 57441

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

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

Wednesday, September 9

School Breakfast: Ham and egg sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Soft shell taco, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hamburger with multi-grain bun, coleslaw, baked beans, ice cream sundae

Anniv: Clint & Audrey Jacobson

Birthday: Amanda Koens

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

Thursday, September 10

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

School Lunch: Meatballs, whipped potato, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Debbie Hein • Tami Herron • Robin Loeschke • Hannah Gustafson

11:00 am: St. John's Lutheran Luncheon

4:00pm: Boys Soccer hosts James Valley Christian 5:00pm: JH FB at Sisseton (7th at 5 pm, 8th at 6 pm)

5:00pm: Volleyball at Roncalli (7th/C at 5 pm, 8th/ JV at 6:30 pm)

Friday, September 11

Andover Threshing Bee

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

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans, broccoli and drip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot roast beef combination, carrots, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.



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Council increases contingency in lieu of budgeting items The city had to go back to the bank to borrow \$240,000 to pay the bills from the previous meeting

The city had to go back to the bank to borrow \$240,000 to pay the bills from the previous meeting through its line of credit.

"If we are going to bond the city, wouldn't it make more sense to borrow enough to get us back to square one?" asked Councilman Burt Glover. The general fund is \$529,445.21 in the red. That is borrowing from all of the trust funds.

"We are still going to have to be mighty tight with the finances for the next three years," said Finance Officer Anita Lowary. "By 2018 we should have money available to do more projects. In the past 20 years, you have replaced all but six blocks of water main, replaced 85 percent of the sewer main and have dug up a lot of the streets and built them from scratch. We should be proud of what we have done to make our community better."

Glover said, "Let's get our needs taken care of and not worry about spending the extra money,"

Instead of putting money into budget items, there was discussion of putting the money into a contingency fund. Then as the year progresses, if the money is available, a new cop car could be bought or other items could be purchased or the funds could be used to pay off some debt. The council gave first reading to the 2016 appropriation ordinance with a higher contingency fund.

Julie Schaller was requesting to put a fence around the Belden property to the north of her house. She would like to fence in the back area and then angle the corners to prevent sight restrictions. She would like to put the fence outside of the trees which would put it in the boulevard, seven feet from the curb and gutter. Mayor Scott Hanlon said he had talked with the Chief of Police and Mayou was not in favor of a fence. Mayou had stated it was a dangerous corner for a fence. The council did not authorize the fence.

The fees for the concrete were discussed. Currently there is a \$10 fee for pickups, \$20 for straight trucks and \$30 for tandem trucks and semis. An additional \$40 fee was added for semis and side dumps. These fees are above the rubble site permit.

A request for a stop sign on West Second Avenue at Garfield St. and Madison St. was denied. There are already 121 stop signs in Groton. The council will direct the police department to patrol the area more.

A commercial customer who has never been late, but they have a new girl working who did not know about the late penalty. The councilmen said no as they were never forgiven for a time or two they were late.

There was a short discussion on the truck route. There will be no change and Main Street will not be added to the truck route.

Roger Rix came before the council to talk about the West Ditch Drainage. There is 100 yards north of the railroad tracks where there is a foot raise in the grade. "We are interested in the project as far as the water shed is concerned," Rix said. "And I think it would help the city to drain a foot of water." He said it would help with the mosquito control and it would help move some water through town. "The watershed district would be a partner." It would have to be a city project as the city had opted out of the West Ditch Drainage project. "The water is backing up way up to a mile north of town," Rix said. Councilman Jay Peterson said people along the ditch have put up wood duck boxes. "Someone likes the water there otherwise they wouldn't put up the six or so wood duck boxes," Peterson said. The council took no action, but will look into options. Work would have to be done in the winter.

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Daily Parade @ 1:30pm Free Steam Car Rides Moonlight Steam Ride Fri. & Sat. Evening Antique Tractor Pull - Saturday @ 10:30am and Sunday non-competitive pull Heritage Craft Program - Saturday @ 10:30am Spark Show - Saturday @ Dusk Church Service - Sunday 9:30 am Steam Engine & Gas Tractor Threshing - After Parade Lumber Sawing Daily Free watermelon after parade on Saturday sponsored by Wells Fargo Kid's Tractor Pull after the parade The 2014 40th Anniversary Book is still available

Many more activities!

EXHIBITORS WELCOME





HERITAGE CRAFT PROGRAM Saturday at 10:30. All quilts welcome. This year featuring Log Cabin and Art Quilts/ Crafts. Closes at 3pm on Sunday

 Steam Engines

 Antique Gas Tractors
 Stationary Gas Engines

 Antique Cars
 Lumber Sawing
 Blacksmith Shop
 Heritage Crafts & Quilt Show
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BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2015 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors Betty Geist Township Clerk

Clark Thank You

THANK YOU TO all my family and good friends who brought me meals, sent cards, made calls, and prayed for me during my illness. Special thanks to Ginny; Bev, who drove me to ER with Marie and Rose; and my daughter, Jill, who came to take care of me. God bless you all! Mary Anne Clark (pd)



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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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34 units collected at Groton Blood Drive

Blood drive coordinator Kathy Sundermeyer had a very successful blood drive. The drive held in Groton on August 20th saw 31 people volunteer to donate blood and 26 were able to give. Eight people gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 34 products were collected. Two people gave blood for the first time.

According to, Fern Elofson Donor Recruitment Representative for United Blood Services, "Communities like Groton make a regional blood program work. People volunteer to donate when there has been a well organized campaign, informing the public of the need for blood."

Öthers who assisted were: Rose Locke. Space to hold the drive was provided by American Legion of Groton.

On behalf of the patients who benefited, United Blood Services appreciates all the thoughtful people who volunteered to help others by giving of themselves.

Blood is for sharing; you have truly given the "Gift of Life."

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Consumers Are Becoming Fed Up with Skyrocketing Drug Costs By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Late this summer the Food and Drug Administration approved two new drugs for lowering cholesterol. Repatha and Praluent are aimed at patients with very high cholesterol levels who haven't been helped by commonly used statins or other therapies. The new drugs' debut was marked by the usual hype touting the wonders of the latest pharmaceuticals.

"I can tell you there is a lot of hope on the part of our patients," said Dr. Seth Martin, associate director of the lipid clinic at Johns Hopkins. "There is such a high need for these medications."

This new drug launch, though, was different from others I've seen. This time there was serious concern from insurers, state Medicaid programs and others about the price tag for both drugs, which are expected to cost between \$14,000 and \$15,000 per year. Patients take an injection of the drug every two weeks at a price of around \$560 for each shot. Multiply that by the millions who will take the drug, and that's a good chunk of change by any standard.

"The approval of Repatha is another example of a breakthrough medication with too high a price tag," says John Rother, who heads the National Coalition on Health Care and its Campaign for Sustainable Rx Pricing.

Rother's campaign has had some success raising public awareness about the high cost of medicines spurred on no doubt by the rising prices for generic drugs and the increasingly common practice among insurers of shifting the cost of expensive specialty drugs (those for complex, chronic, and costly conditions) to patients themselves by requiring them to pay high deductibles and high coinsurance. Coinsurance for specialty drugs can mean paying between 30 and 50 percent of a drug's price out of pocket.

No wonder consumers are asking, "What's going on here?" The latest Kaiser Health Tracking Poll offered some surprising findings. Seventy-two percent of Americans think drug costs are unreasonable. About the same percentage said drug companies put profits before people. While about three-quarters of those questioned said paying for their medicines was easy, one quarter did not, especially those with low incomes and those who use a lot of drugs.

The poll findings are significant considering that historically Americans have been in love with new drugs and medical devices and have been willing to pay almost any price for them.

That love affair may be cooling as the cost implications of Sovaldi, the \$84,000 drug to treat hepatitis C, and the ever-increasing price of medicines to treat common diseases like diabetes begin to sink in. This summer the California Association of Health Plans estimated that even though hepatitis C drugs are very effective, to treat just 10 percent of the 175,000 patients who have coverage from insurance programs

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run by the state---such as Medicaid and the state employees plan---would cost California \$1 to \$2 billion for one year.

The cost for treating diabetes is zooming up, too. In its latest drug trend report Express Scripts, the pharmacy benefit manager, found that for the fourth year in a row spending on all diabetes drugs was higher per person per year than it was for any other class of traditional drugs. The reason: Some people take three or four different diabetes medications, and more people are taking them.

What's the solution? While the answer up until now has been "let the market prevail," the Kaiser poll discovered that large numbers of Americans both Democrats and Republicans favored greater transparency in how drug makers set their prices.

A handful of states are calling for drug makers to disclose the costs of manufacturing and developing their pharmaceuticals for drugs that cost more than \$10,000 for a course of treatment. Some states are trying to limit what consumers pay by capping the amount insurers can charge them for coinsurance and copayments, flat dollar amounts. The drug industry opposes these efforts.

Perhaps the more important question is whether these state initiatives will make drugs cheaper. Many experts including Rother don't think so. "The underlying cause is the incredibly steep prices that are unsustainable regardless of how we handle the insurance," he says. "The problem is not who pays but that drugs cost too much."

The Kaiser poll found that more than 80 percent of Americans want the government to negotiate prices of drugs for Medicare, something the law forbids thanks to lobbying pressure from pharmaceutical companies. Negotiations are precisely what drug makers fear.

But if more drugs with \$84,000 price tags show up, something has to give. Will the public make high drug prices a campaign issue?

What are your experiences with high drug prices? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Today in Weather History September 9, 1961: A young girl in Bullhead in Corson County was killed by lightning in the afternoon

while walking on the highway and her younger brother was slightly injured.

September 9, 1983: High winds from the late evening into the early morning hours of the 10th blew through east central South Dakota damaging crops, downing hundreds of trees, breaking windows, damaging roofs and buildings, downing power poles and damaging vehicles. Gusts to 75 mph in Huron moved a semi-trailer one-half block. Scattered power outages of up to 24 hours were reported in numerous areas as branches fell across power and telephone lines. Thirty power poles were downed in Kingsbury County alone. Corn, beans, and sunflowers suffered extensive damage in many areas with up to 50 percent losses reported. Gusts up to 90 mph were reported at Lake Poinsett, Lake Norden, and Estelline where roofs and shingles were ripped from buildings and numerous windows were broken. At Lake Poinsett, extensive damage was done to boats, docks, and automobiles.

1775: The Newfoundland hurricane, also known as the Independence Hurricane, killed more than 4000 mariners, mostly off the coast of Newfoundland. It has been speculated that this storm was a turning point in the American Revolution because most lives lost were British sailors.

1821: A tornadic outbreak affected the New England states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont on this day. Five tornadoes reportedly touched down from this event. One tornado in New Hampshire had a path width of a half mile and tracked an estimated 23 miles. This tornado killed at least 6 individuals, which could be the deadliest tornado in New Hampshire history.

1921 - A dying tropical depression unloaded 38.2 inches of rain upon the town of Thrall in southeastern Texas killing 224 persons. 36.4 inches fell in 18 hours. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1944 - The ""Great Atlantic Hurricane"" ravaged the east coast. The storm killed 22 persons and caused 63 million dollars damage in the Chesapeake Bay area, then besieged New England killing 390 persons and causing another 100 million dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1971 - Hurricane Ginger formed, and remained a hurricane until the 5th of October. The 27 day life span was the longest of record for any hurricane in the North Atlantic Ocean. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the central U.S. Thunderstorms in West Texas spawned four tornadoes in the vicinity of Lubbock, and produced baseball size hail and wind gusts to 81 mph at Ropesville. Thunderstorms produced hail two inches in diameter at Downs KS and Harvard NE, breaking car windows at Harvard. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Florence became a hurricane and headed for the Central Gulf Coast Region. Florence made landfall early the next morning, passing over New Orleans LA. Winds gusts to 80 mph were recorded at an oil rig south of the Chandeleur Islands. Wind gusts around New Orleans reached 61 mph. Total property damage from Florence was estimated at 2.5 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - The first snow of the season began to whiten the mountains of Wyoming early in the morning, as for two days a moist and unusually cold storm system affected the state. By the morning of the 11th, a foot of snow covered the ground at Burgess Junction. Thunderstorms developing along a cold front crossing the Ohio Valley produced severe weather in Indiana during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Strong thunderstorm winds blew down a tent at Palestine injuring seven persons, and frequent lightning interrupted the Purdue and Miami of Ohio football game, clearing the stands. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2013: Historic rainfall occurred in northern Colorado from September 9 to September 16 and resulted in severe flash flooding along the northern Front Range of Colorado and subsequent river flooding downstream along the South Platte River and its tributaries. The heaviest rain fell along the Front Range northwest of Denver on September 11-12.



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Isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible for parts of eastern SD and western MN. Very little rainfall is anticipated with these storms. Otherwise, today will be the warmest day of the remainder of the work week. Much cooler air settles in Thursday and Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather High: 74.3 at 5:29 PM

High: 74.3 at 5:29 PM Low: 48.1 at 5:56 AM High Gust: 17 at 3:26 PM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 101° in 1931

Record High: 101° in 1931 Record Low: 26° in 1898 Average High: 75°F Average Low: 49°F Average Precip in Sept.: 0.67 Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16 Average Precip to date: 16.89 Precip Year to Date: 16.96 Sunset Tonight: 7:56 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:05 a.m.



Veather Forecast for Wed, Sep 09, 2015, issued 4:31 AM EDT OC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center repared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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HONORABLE HUSBANDS

Two longtime friends met at a class reunion. One turned to the other and asked, "Has your husband lived up to his promises?"

"Oh yes," she answered quickly. "He said that he wasn't good enough for me and has spent the last fifteen years proving it."

What makes a good husband and a husband good? The letter to the Ephesians describes a model for us: "You husbands must love your wives with the same love that Christ showed the church." At first, that may seem almost impossible. When carefully considered, however, it has great meaning and significance. This love that Paul speaks of has three elements in it: sacrifice, care and equality.

The sacrificial love mentioned here means that the husband must be willing to give up - sacrifice, if necessary - his life for his wife if it is in the best interest of the marriage. Nothing will ever be so important to him that his individual pursuits will overshadow her well-being. His goals will always include her and he will care for her physical needs as if they were his own "for husbands must love their wives with the same love we have" in Christ.

Prayer: Father, may Your Spirit trouble and convict us husbands until we love our wives as Scripture insists. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

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News from the Associated Press

Sioux Falls police say parked truck causes \$200K in damage

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a parked semi-truck with failed brakes caused more than \$200,000 worth of damage in Sioux Falls after rolling down a hill and striking a half dozen cars in a parking lot.

Sioux Falls police say the truck was parked on West 38th Street to support a crane doing maintenance work at Augustana University's Kirkeby-Over Stadium.

When the truck's brakes failed at about 5 p.m. Tuesday, it rolled down a hill toward the north side of the Good Samaritan Society building, striking six unoccupied vehicles and pushing one of them into the building. No injuries were reported.

Police say the operator of the semi was cited for safeguarding an unattended vehicle.

Senator, transportation advocate to be honored in Mitchell

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state senator from Mitchell is going to be inducted into the South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation said Tuesday that a banquet for state Sen. Mike Vehle will be held Oct. 8 in Mitchell. Vehle will be the 84th South Dakotan to be inducted.

Vehle has served in the Legislature for 11 years. The department says in his tenure, the Republican has led efforts to address the state's long-term transportation funding needs.

He has chaired the Senate Transportation Committee and, most recently, Vehle pushed in this year's legislative session to drastically increase funding for South Dakota's ailing roads and bridges.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has said he can't think of another legislator who has committed such an effort to a single issue.

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Man wants his seized tigers, other exotic animals returned KANTELE FRANKO, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The owner of six tigers and four other exotic animals that were seized by the state and were moved from a holding facility to sanctuaries across the country asked a court on Tuesday to order that they be returned.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture overstepped its authority last month by relocating the animals to facilities in Arizona, Florida and South Dakota without notifying owner Kenny Hetrick, his attorney said in a Wood County Court filing. Hetrick wants the animals returned to the state holding facility in Reynoldsburg or to his property near Toledo.

"ODA has violated their own transfer order, (Hetrick's) constitutional rights and all sense of good faith and fair dealing," attorney Karen Novak wrote, noting that Ohio's law on dangerous animals doesn't address multiple transfers of seized creatures.

Department spokeswoman Erica Hawkins has said the animals — including a bear, a leopard, a cougar and a liger (part lion, part tiger) — were moved for their benefit after they spent seven months in what was meant to be a temporary holding facility and it became clear they needed more space. She said veterinarians who saw the animals also recommended the move.

She said the department retains custody of the animals but they're being cared for under contract at sanctuaries in Tampa, Florida; Spearfish, South Dakota; and Valentine, Arizona.

Hetrick's attorney on Tuesday filed subpoenas for records, pictures, test results or other information kept about his animals by the out-of-state facilities.

The Department of Agriculture said the animals would remain at those sanctuaries until the resolution of Hetrick's court challenges over their seizure and his attempts to get permits to keep them.

Hetrick's court filing raises concerns about health problems he says several of the animals experienced after they were taken.

The department took Hetrick's animals from his small, roadside sanctuary after concluding he ignored warnings that he needed a permit and that his cages weren't secure enough to prevent escape.

His attorney alleges he has been treated differently than other owners who were found to have compliance problems under Ohio's tightened regulations for exotic animal ownership, which were enacted after a suicidal man released dozens of animals, including African lions and Bengal tigers, from his Zanesvillearea farm in 2011.

Hawkins has said the deadline passed and the law doesn't allow the state to issue the permit Hetrick sought.

Kansas State says it will pay fine after band performance DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

Kansas State will pay a \$5,000 fine and its marching band will perform without its director later this season as part of self-imposed sanctions following a routine that turned into a widespread social-media meme over the weekend.

The school also said Tuesday it would require approval of all future halftime shows after the Big 12 warned of potential sportsmanship and ethical conduct violations.

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The controversy erupted after Saturday's space-themed halftime show during the team's home opener against South Dakota. One formation featured the Kansas State band forming the University of Kansas mascot and a phallic-looking Starship Enterprise crashing into it.

Kansas State president Kirk Schulz quickly 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."

"Our response has nothing to do with any perverted social media," Kansas State athletic director John Currie said Tuesday. "Our response is solely the fact we portrayed the disintegration of the Jayhawks by the Starship Enterprise."

Currie said that was deemed by the Big 12 office to be an unsportsmanlike act.

Kansas State came under scrutiny last season when fans rushed the court after a victory over the Jayhawks in men's basketball, with some physically jostling players. The school responded this fall by asking students picking up football tickets to sign a sportsmanship code of conduct.

"This is very significant as it relates to the new sportsmanship rules," Currie said. "I believe that the Big 12 Conference and our university and our president are trying to be leaders in sportsmanship. That is a significant aspect of this."

The entire episode generated thousands of responses on Twitter, ranging from humor to outrage. Even actor William Shatner, who portrayed Captain Kirk on "Star Trek," chimed in on his Twitter account after the sanctions were announced Tuesday: "I think it's time for the @Big12Conference leaders to step down and get their eyes checked. What a travesty!"

Currie said school officials reached out to their counterparts at Kansas, but he does not believe that the University of Kansas or its band was ever in contact with the Big 12.

"Frankly, bands have been poking fun at each other for hundreds of years. I can remember growing up and hearing different fight songs that criticize rivals and all that stuff," Currie said. "The reality of it is that as things have evolved over the years, things get amplified."

Currie said the fact that Kansas State was playing South Dakota, rather than Kansas, made the use of the Jayhawk mascot as a central part of the show an exercise in poor taste.

"It would have been different if it was a coyote out there or something like that," he said. "I understand the historical joshing that goes back and forth, but Saturday was about K-State and all the stuff going on. It was about our band and how hard they work, our students and everybody that goes into making K-State such an incredible atmosphere."

Nearly 19,000 South Dakotans buy coverage under health law

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal health officials say nearly 19,000 South Dakota residents have signed up and paid for health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the new enrollment numbers Tuesday. The figures are through June 30.

The federal report shows that 87.5 percent, or more than 16,600 of those who secured plans in South Dakota, qualified for a tax credit. That's higher than the national average of nearly 84 percent.

The credits averaged \$224 per month in South Dakota, while the national monthly average is \$270.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision earlier this summer upheld insurance subsidies in all 50 states. The federal government reports a total of 9.9 million people were enrolled in plans obtained through the exchanges nationwide.

Famous South Dakota saloon destroyed by fire; cause unknown

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota saloon that billed itself as the "world's largest biker bar" and was the subject of a reality TV show was destroyed early Tuesday by a fire that may have gained momentum when it hit an adjoining distillery containing 500 gallons of grain alcohol.

Volunteer firefighters found heavy smoke when they responded to the Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis

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around 12:30 a.m., and the main building was gutted less than three hours later. No injuries were reported. The bar, which featured such amenities as zip lines, musical stages and rental cabins, had been the subject of the truTV series "Full Throttle Saloon," which aired for several seasons starting in 2009.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, and a representative of the state fire marshal's office in Rapid City had been on scene and was expected to return later Tuesday.

Shawn Barrows, Sturgis' assistant fire chief, said firefighters tried to get inside the bar but heavy heat and smoke forced them to battle the blaze from the outside in heavy winds.

"We tried making access through the west side walk-in doors, but they were locked," Barrows told the Rapid City Journal. "We came around to the front-side garage doors on the north side of the building and cut a hole in it to make entry to the building."

Barrows said a Meade County sheriff's deputy told him the distillery contained 500 gallons of grain alcohol. Some 45 firefighters fought the blaze, and their efforts were complicated by the lack of fire hydrants or a ready water supply at the site. Water had to be trucked in and held in holding tanks.

Saloon employee Dean Mauldin, who was looking over the smoldering wreckage on Tuesday morning, said it gave him a sick feeling.

"Eleven years of my life burned up right here," he said.

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In AP interview, Clinton says no need to apologize for email choice: 'What I did was allowed'

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday she does not need to apologize for using a private email account and server while at the State Department because "what I did was allowed."

In an interview with The Associated Press during a Labor Day campaign swing through Iowa, the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination also said the lingering questions about her email practices while serving as President Barack Obama's first secretary of state have not damaged her campaign.

"Not at all. It's a distraction, certainly," Clinton said. "But it hasn't in any way affected the plan for our campaign, the efforts we're making to organize here in Iowa and elsewhere in the country. And I still feel very confident about the organization and the message that my campaign is putting out."

Yet even in calling the inquiry into how she used email as the nation's top diplomat a distraction, Clinton played down how it has affected her personally as a candidate.

"As the person who has been at the center of it, not very much," Clinton said. "I have worked really hard this summer, sticking to my game plan about how I wanted to sort of reintroduce myself to the American people."

Hundreds surge past police near Hungarian border, march north in latest move of migrant crisis

ROSZKE, Hungary (AP) — Hundreds of angry and frustrated asylum-seekers broke through police lines Monday near Hungary's southern border with Serbia and began marching north toward Budapest, while Britain and France pledged to take in tens of thousands more refugees to try to ease the crisis.

As European leaders debated how to share responsibility for the more than 340,000 people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia who are already seeking refuge, Germany promised to spend billions of euros in extra aid for those already there and those yet to arrive. France weighed whether increased airstrikes against Islamic State militants would help to stem the flow of those fleeing Syria.

But the Hungarian prime minister scoffed at a proposed quota system for refugees in the 28-member European Union, saying it wouldn't work unless Europe first secured its borders.

Hungary's inability to control the flow of people across its southern border with Serbia was on graphic display Monday. Crowds who had grown tired of waiting for buses at Hungary's first migrant holding center

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near the border village of Roszke tore down flimsy police tape, advanced down a country road and walked around rows of police trying to block them. Officers offered no resistance as about half of the 500-strong crowd reached the M5 highway that connects Serbia and Hungary. They headed north along the shoulder, raising their arms and chanting "Germany! Germany!"

Police merely walked beside them as a lone helicopter monitored the marchers' progress north as darkness fell. The highway was blocked for nearly 50 kilometers (30 miles) as a precaution.

US dentist in lion hunt that prompted outrage says he acted legally, will return to work

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota dentist whose killing of Cecil the lion sparked a global backlash emerged for an interview in which he disputed some accounts of the hunt, expressed agitation at the animosity directed at those close to him and said he would be back at work within days.

Walter Palmer, who has spent more than a month out of sight after becoming the target of protests and threats, intends to return to his suburban Minneapolis dental practice Tuesday. In an interview Sunday evening conducted jointly by The Associated Press and the Minneapolis Star Tribune that advisers said would be the only one granted, Palmer said again that he believes he acted legally and that he was stunned to find out his hunting party had killed one of Zimbabwe's treasured animals.

"If I had known this lion had a name and was important to the country or a study obviously I wouldn't have taken it," Palmer said. "Nobody in our hunting party knew before or after the name of this lion."

Cecil was a fixture in the vast Hwange National Park and had been fitted with a GPS collar as part of Oxford University lion research. Palmer said he shot the big cat with the black mane using an arrow from his compound bow outside the park's borders but it didn't die immediately. He disputed conservationist accounts that the wounded lion wandered for 40 hours and was finished off with a gun, saying it was tracked down the next day and killed with an arrow.

An avid sportsman, Palmer shut off several lines of inquiry about the hunt, including how much he paid for it or others he has undertaken. No videotaping or photographing of the interview was allowed. During the 25-minute interview, Palmer gazed intensely at his questioners, often fiddling with his hands and turning occasionally to an adviser, Joe Friedberg, to field questions about the fallout and his legal situation.

Guatemalans' distaste for political establishment extends to presidential election

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — A citizen revolt against Guatemala's political establishment that helped oust former President Otto Perez Molina in the midst of a corruption scandal appears to have continued at the ballot box.

Voters choosing a new president Sunday rendered the pre-scandal favorite to third place, possibly shoving him out of the runoff in favor of a former television comedian with no political experience.

But they showed their lukewarm enthusiasm for the entire slate of 14 candidates who most considered as representing the status quo in the small Central American country. The leader going into the Oct. 25 runoff, Jimmy Morales, only got 24 percent of the vote with nearly 98 percent of ballots counted Monday.

Longtime politician Manuel Baldizon, who was widely expected to be the next president before the customs corruption scandal took down top government officials, was in a fight to make the runoff, virtually tied with former first lady Sandra Torres at 19.6 percent. He trailed Torres by less than 1,000 votes of more than 5 million cast.

"This is the political collapse of Manuel Baldizon that no one could have imagined," said Daniel Haering, professor at the University of Francisco Marroquin government school. "From now on, Guatemalan politicians are going to have to respond to various political demands of the people."

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Courting unions on Labor Day, Obama grants paid leave to contractors, laments GOP policies BOSTON (AP) — Courting unions on Labor Day, President Barack Obama denounced Republicans for a

BOSTON (AP) — Courting unions on Labor Day, President Barack Obama denounced Republicans for a "constant attack on working Americans" and said he was using his executive power to force federal contractors to give paid sick leave to their employees.

Obama was met with resounding applause at a major union rally and breakfast in Boston on Monday when he said he had signed the executive order aboard Air Force One as he flew in to mark Labor Day. He said Republicans who claim the mantle of middle-class protectors are talking big, but they "have to walk the walk."

Obama said opponents of his economic policies "won't let facts or evidence get in their way."

"You just wait, you look up at the sky and prosperity will come raining down on us from the top of whatever high-rise in New York City," he said sarcastically. "But that's not how the economy works." He added that the GOP's mindset has been "wrecking the economy for a long, long time."

The Labor Day gesture to workers' groups came as Obama works to smooth over tensions with the labor movement over his trade agenda. Major unions are opposing Obama's push for sweeping new trade deals with Asia and Europe, with some threatening to work against Democrats who voted to support those talks in Congress. Unions have warned that the deals could lead to the widespread job elimination. Obama has signed a law providing money to retrain workers if their jobs get shipped overseas.

AP PHOTOS: Children are most vulnerable in 24 hours of European migration

PARIS (AP) — In the human tide of Arabs, Asians and Africans seeking refuge from war and poverty in Europe — it's often the children that suffer the most.

As French President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel agree on a plan for spreading the migrant load across the continent, many thousands of children have already arrived on the European mainland, often suffering from lack of water, food, and unpredictable weather conditions.

Associated Press photographers captured 24 hours of a crisis that shows no sign of ending — such as a Syrian boy, lying semi-naked on a concrete floor suffering from the effects of a heat wave on the Greek island of Lesbos. The boy was at a protest by migrants and refugees demanding faster processing by authorities and the issuing of travel documents.

Another young Syrian boy was pictured wrapped with a thermal blanket after arriving on Lesbos with others aboard a dinghy from Turkey. Volunteers helped the dozens of dripping and shivering children from the dinghy to the safety of the European shore.

Greece's caretaker government says at least two-thirds of the estimated 15,000 to 18,000 refugees and economic migrants are stranded in "miserable" conditions on the Aegean island and will be ferried to the mainland in the next five days.

Voters in Ohio show an even keel after a turbulent summer for 2016 presidential campaign

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The unexpected rises of billionaire Donald Trump and socialist Bernie Sanders. Signs of weakness for Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton. Curiosity about the future of Vice President Joe Biden.

It's been a summer of political chaos.

Yet in Ohio, the nation's most reliable general election bellwether, voters are taking a more measured view of a race they ultimately may decide.

"It's all just chatter," said Judith Anderson, 40, a Democrat from Cincinnati. "We're a ways out." Anderson was one of the more than 50 voters interviewed by The Associated Press the week before

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Labor Day in Ohio, which along with Florida will be one of the most coveted states in the 2016 election.

AP Analysis: Skepticism greets Palestinian leader Abbas' claims he may retire, cut Israel ties

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — With paths to Palestinian statehood blocked, President Mahmoud Abbas is warning he's fast-tracking his retirement and hinting he will announce dramatic policy changes at the United Nations this month, including a more confrontational relationship with Israel's right-wing government. The 80-year-old leader's comments in recent meetings have unleashed a swirl of questions.

If he is serious, who would succeed him? If he's not, what's his agenda? And would any of it bring the Palestinians closer to statehood as Washington and the rest of the world now appear transfixed by the ongoing war against the Islamic State group, the Iranian nuclear deal and the refugee crisis of the Syrian civil war?

Here is a look at what is shaping up to be a tempestuous fall in Palestinian politics.

On an overwhelmed Greek island, nerves fray among stranded migrants, police and residents

MYTILENE, Greece (AP) — It was supposed to be the first step on their journey to Western Europe. But now thousands of migrants are mired in despair, anger and frustration on the scenic Greek island of Lesbos.

After perilous sea voyages from neighboring Turkey, they have been stranded here for days, some for nearly two weeks, running out of money and desperate to get to mainland Greece and continue their route.

The island of some 100,000 residents has been transformed by the sudden new population of some 20,000 refugees and migrants, mostly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan — and the strain is pushing everyone to the limit.

Fights break out among the migrants as they wait in long lines for hours in the summer heat and humidity, after days without showers. Families, sleeping on the streets, wander the seaside promenade of Mytilene, Lesbos' capital, asking at the swanky cafes and restaurants to use their bathrooms or charge phones. The small police force, overwhelmed by the numbers, charges in at any sign of trouble, beating crowds with batons to break them up.

"We escaped from ruin to be met with more ruin here," said Mohammed Salama, a 45-year-old Syrian. He fled the Damascus suburbs where fighting has raged for years, seeking a refuge so he can bring his four daughters and pregnant wife who remained behind.

Deaths of Gulf Arab troops in Yemen highlight boots-on-theground role, escalate conflict

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A deadly attack late last week on soldiers from oil-rich Gulf states deployed in Yemen as part of a Saudi-led coalition fighting the country's Shiite rebels may well have been designed to break the coalition's will. If that was the aim, it backfired.

Instead, the killing of dozens of troops — most of them from the United Arab Emirates — has upended much of the ambiguity about the U.S.-backed coalition's boots-on-the-ground role in Yemen and is prompting the alliance to intensify what has effectively become a proxy war against Iran.

In the eyes of many across the Sunni-ruled Gulf states, Yemen — with its Iranian-backed Houthis — has become a key battleground in a Middle Eastern twist on the Cold War domino theory: if Iran cannot be checked in Yemen, the thinking goes, it could ramp up the pressure in Shiite-majority Bahrain and elsewhere in the region.

The missile assault on Friday struck an ammunition depot in the Yemeni province of Marib, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of the capital, Sanaa.

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Hardest hit in the attack was the UAE, a federation of seven states that includes Dubai and the oil-rich capital, Abu Dhabi, which lost 45 soldiers. Ten Saudis were killed in the blast too. Bahrain also lost five soldiers, though it was not clear if they were killed in the same incident.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 2015. There are 113 days left in the year. **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Sept. 9, 1965, Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers pitched a perfect game against the Chicago Cubs at Dodger Stadium. Final score: 1-0.

On this date:

In 1543, Mary Stuart was crowned Queen of Scots at Stirling Castle, nine months after she was born. In 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1893, Frances Cleveland, wife of President Grover Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter, Esther, in the White House; it was the first (and, to date, only) time a president's child was born in the executive mansion.

In 1919, some 1,100 members of Boston's 1,500-man police force went on strike. (The strike was broken by Massachusetts Gov. Calvin Coolidge with replacement officers.)

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) was incorporated by the Radio Corp. of America.

In 1948, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) was declared.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that ended up claiming 43 lives.

In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Zedong died in Beijing at age 82.

In 1986, Frank Reed, director of a private school in Lebanon, was taken hostage; he was released 44 months later.

In 1997, Sinn Fein (shin fayn), the IRA's political ally, formally renounced violence as it took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future. Actor Burgess Meredith died in Malibu, California, at age 89.

Ten years ago: Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown, the principal target of harsh criticism of the Bush administration's response to Hurricane Katrina, was relieved of his onsite command. A Nevada couple pleaded guilty in San Jose, California, to all charges related to planting a human fingertip in a bowl of Wendy's chili in a scheme to extort money from the fast food chain. Hosni Mubarak was declared winner of Egypt's first contested presidential vote.

Five years ago: A natural gas pipeline explosion killed eight people and destroyed dozens of homes in the San Francisco suburb of San Bruno, California. Iran said it would free Sarah Shourd, one of three American hikers held for more than 13 months on spying accusations, as an act of clemency to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. (Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal were sentenced in August 2011 to eight years in prison, but were released the following month.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama met privately with congressional leaders at the White House to discuss his plan for taking action against Islamic State militants. Former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown glided to an easy win in the Republican primary for Senate in neighboring New Hampshire (he ended up losing in November to incumbent Sen. Jeanne Shaheen). Apple unveiled its long-anticipated smartwatch as well as the next generation of its iPhone.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Sylvia Miles is 81. Actor Topol is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons is 73. Singer Inez Foxx is 73. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 70. Rock singer-musician Doug Ingle is 69. Country singer Freddy Weller is 68. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Joe Theismann is 66. Rock musician John McFee (The Doobie Brothers) is 65. Actor Tom Wopat is 64. Actress Angela Cartwright is 63. Musician-producer Dave Stewart is 63. Actor Hugh Grant is 55. Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., is 52. Actor-comedian Charles Esten (formerly Chip) is 50. Actress Constance Marie is 50. Actor David

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Bennent is 49. Actor Adam Sandler is 49. Rock singer Paul Durham (Black Lab) is 47. Actress Julia Sawalha is 47. Model Rachel Hunter is 46. Actor Eric Stonestreet is 44. Actor Henry Thomas is 44. Actor Goran Visnjic (VEEZ'-nihch) is 43. Pop-jazz singer Michael Buble' (boo-BLAY') is 40. Country singer Joey Martin (Joey + Rory) is 40. Latin singer Maria Rita is 38. Actress Michelle Williams is 35. Actress Julie Gonzalo is 34. Neo-soul singer Paul Janeway (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 32. Actress Zoe Kazan (TV: "Olive Kitteridge") is 32. Country singer-songwriter Hunter Hayes is 24.

Thought for Today: "A heretic is a man who sees with his own eyes. " - Gotthold Lessing, German dramatist-critic (1729-1781).