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Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

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

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

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

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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.

Birthdays: Audrey Jacobson • Derrick Dobberpuhl

4:00pm: Girls Soccer host West Central (JV at 6 p.m.)

7:00pm: Football hosts Redfield-Doland

Saturday, September 12

WELCA fall workshop for officers at Frederick

Birthdays: • Cliff Pray • Doug Krueger • Tomas Yarborough • Alexa Nilsson • Craig Harms • Jared Poppen

9:30am: Cross Country at Milbank

10:00am: Boys Golf Tourney in Groton

1:00pm: Girls Soccer at SF Christian

3:00pm: Boys soccer at SF Christian

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

Sunday, September 13

Birthdays: • Richard Krueger • Tami Zimney • Toby Doeden • Patty Tastad

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, September 14

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit,



Dakota Outdoors

Erik Dean

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September 11, 12 & 13, 2015

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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

- Steam Engines
- Antique Gas Tractors
- Stationary Gas Engines
- Antique Cars
- Lumber Sawing
- Blacksmith Shop
- Heritage Crafts & Quilt Show
- Spinning & Weaving
- Toy & Doll Display
- Flea Markets
- Souvenir Store
- Food Concessions Daily
- Old Time Accordion Melodies by Robert Witt
- Carl M Johnson Memorial Free Tractor Giveaway

Gary & Linda Anderson

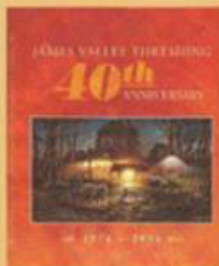


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BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

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

SOUTH DAKOTA IS A HAPPY PLACE

HURON, S.D. — Three percent of South Dakotans want to “head for the border,” according to a poll conducted by South Dakota Magazine during a 30th anniversary “Fair Tour” in August and September, but most of the respondents are tickled to be living here.

The magazine’s Yankton staff conducted the “Happiness Poll” at the Turner County Fair in Parker, Central States Fair in Rapid City and the State Fair in Huron, which just concluded.

Ashley Wagner, the magazine’s circulation director and unofficial poll statistician, said there were no statistical differences between the three sites. “Everywhere we went, we found that except for a few soreheads people are pretty happy with their lives in South Dakota.”

Here is the exact polling data from the lone question, which was “How Do You Rate Life in South Dakota.”

- 44% marked “paradise”
- 47% said it’s “plenty good”
- 6% voted for “satisfactory”
- 3% said “where’s the border, I’m leaving.”

Katie Hunhoff, the magazine’s editor, said the “Happiness Poll” might become an annual event. “Ninety-one percent said life is plenty good or paradise. We think it might be interesting to see if that number goes up or down in the years ahead.”

“There’s also a valid question of whether fair-goers are happier than people who don’t eat SDSU ice cream and pork sandwiches,” she said, “but the people we talked to seemed like a good cross-section of South Dakotans — except that country music fans might be over-represented. Our state fair booth was right next to Sherwin Linton’s stage.”

She said the poll also might be tainted by the philosophy of one respondent who said, “It’s paradise but let’s not tell anybody.”



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Monday
September 14, 2015

Social 6:00 PM
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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.

25th ANNUAL STATE YOUTH TALENT FINALS



L to R Kari Hanson - Brown County Fair Reinvite, 1st Sweepstakes, Kristen Lambert - Sioux Empire Fair, 2nd Sweepstakes, Kierra Abbas – Turner County Fair, Grand Award, Deni Zeeb & Maria Noyes – Sully County Fair, 3rd Sweepstakes

On September 7, 2015 at the South Dakota State Fair the crowd assembled enjoyed 9 different acts. These acts represented 7 different fairs or celebrations throughout the state. To become eligible to compete at the state level they won a competition at a local fair or celebration.

Prizes given at the State Contest were Grand Award of \$500.00 sponsored by Romeo Entertainment Group of Omaha, NE. 1st Sweepstakes of \$250.00 sponsored by Theatrical Media Services of Omaha, NE. 2nd Sweepstakes of \$150.00 and 3rd Sweepstakes of \$100.00 sponsored by South Dakota Association of Fairs & Celebrations. The South Dakota State Fair gave t-shirts to each participant. RaceWest Awards & Trophies from Ipswich, SD provided trophies for this year's contest. These sponsors have provided some outstanding prizes for this contest and we appreciate their support.

This is a great way to increase attendance at your event by hosting a contest as mom, dad and grandparents along with friends usually follow the performers to these types of events. If you need help putting together a contest for next year, please contact Janet Lehman – State Youth Talent Contest Coordinator – 605-397-8333 or sdafc@southdakotafairs.com.

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School Board Agenda

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting September 14, 2015 – 7:30 PM – GHS Conference Room

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of August 10, 2015 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
3. Approval of August District bills for payment.
4. Approval of August Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Marty Weismantel, Merle Harder
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
3. Determine official district depository beginning January 1, 2016.
4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and approve bus routes and salaries for 2015-2016 school year.
2. Consider transportation fees for robotics program.
3. Cast ballot for SDHSAA Division I Representative to the SDHSAA Board of Directors.
4. Consider request from Groton United Methodist Church for use of facility November 13-15th.
5. Amend teaching contract for Desiree Yeigh to include 9-12 instrumental music stipend of \$3,325.
6. Approve lane changes to certified teaching contracts by terms of negotiated agreement:
 - a. Julie Erdmann, BS+30 to MS+30; \$3,750
 - b. Anne Zoellner, BS+30 to MS; \$2,250
 - c. Susan Fjeldheim, BS+15 to BS+30; \$750
 - d. Meri Erickson, BS+30 to BS+45; \$750
 - e. Jill Helvig, BS+30 to BS+45; \$750
 - f. Renee Swisher, BS+30 to BS+45; \$750
 - g. Brian Schuring, BS to BS+15; \$750
 - h. Katie Miller, BS to MS; \$3,750
 - i. Mary Johnson, BS+15 to BS+30; \$750
 - j. Emily Eichler, BS+15 to MS; \$3,000
7. Approve amendments to Auxiliary Staff Work Agreements:
 - a. Angela Carlson, 6.75 hours/day to 7.00 hours/day.
 - b. Ryan Dix, 6.75 hours/day to 7.00 hours/day.
 - c. Jill Krueger, 6.75 hours/day to 7.00 hours/day.
 - d. Kami Lipp, 6.75 hours/day to 7.00 hours/day.
 - e. Glenna Remington, 6.75 hours/day to 7.00 hours/day.
 - f. Deb Tollifson, 7.25 hours/day to 7.50 hours/day.
8. Approve hiring Justin Hanson as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 2015-2016 at 8% of base salary.
9. Approve hiring Kelli Hanson as Basketball Cheer Advisor for 2015-2016 at 4.5% of base salary.
10. Approve hiring Kandi Weismantel, Special Education Paraprofessional, at \$10.50/hour, 7 hours/day.
11. Approve hiring Jaimie Mitchell, Special Education Paraprofessional, at \$10.50/hour, 7 hours/day.
12. Approve Open Enrollment #16-16 (Grade 7) from Sisseton School District.
13. Acknowledge receipt of Public School Exemption #16-03.
14. Acknowledge receipt of Public School Exemption #16-04.
15. Consider time change for September 28, 2015 Board Meeting due to Homecoming Coronation (7:30 PM).

ADJOURN

Today in Weather History

September 11, 1978: High winds to 65 mph damaged the roofs of several barns outside of Watertown during the early evening.

1949 - An early snowstorm brought 7.5 inches to Helena MT. In Maine, a storm drenched New Brunswick with 8.05 inches of rain in 24 hours, a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1961 - Very large and slow moving Hurricane Carla made landfall near Port Lavaca TX. Carla battered the central Texas coast with wind gusts to 175 mph, and up to 16 inches of rain, and spawned a vicious tornado which swept across Galveston Island killing eight persons. The hurricane claimed 45 lives, and caused 300 million dollars damage. The remnants of Carla produced heavy rain in the Lower Missouri Valley and southern sections of the Upper Great Lakes Region. (David Ludlum) (Storm Data)

1976 - Up to five inches of rain brought walls of water and millions of tons of debris into Bullhead City AZ via washes from elevations above 3000 feet. Flooding caused more than three million dollars damage. Chasms up to forty feet deep were cut across some roads. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - Thunderstorms caused flash flooding and subsequent river flooding in central Lower Michigan. Up to 14 inches of rain fell in a 72 hour period, and flooding caused 400 million dollars damage. (Storm Data)

1987 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Texas, and spawned three tornadoes. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 70 mph at Goodnight TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Snow blanketed parts of the Central Rocky Mountain Region and the Central Plateau, with ten inches reported at Mount Evans in Colorado. Smoke from forest fires in the northwestern U.S. reached Pennsylvania and New York State. Hurricane Gilbert, moving westward over the Caribbean, was packing winds of 100 mph by the end of the day. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Nine cities in the north central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Havre MT with a reading of 23 degrees. Livingston MT and West Yellowstone MT tied for honors as the cold spot in the nation with morning lows of 17 degrees. Thunderstorms produced hail over the Sierra Nevada Range of California, with two inches reported on the ground near Donner Summit. The hail made roads very slick, resulting in a twenty car accident. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992: Hurricane Iniki struck the island of Kaua'i with winds of 145 mph and a central pressure of 27.91 inches of mercury, making it a Category 4 hurricane. This is the strongest hurricane to strike the Hawaii Island in recent history.

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Patchy Frost then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 66 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 82 °F



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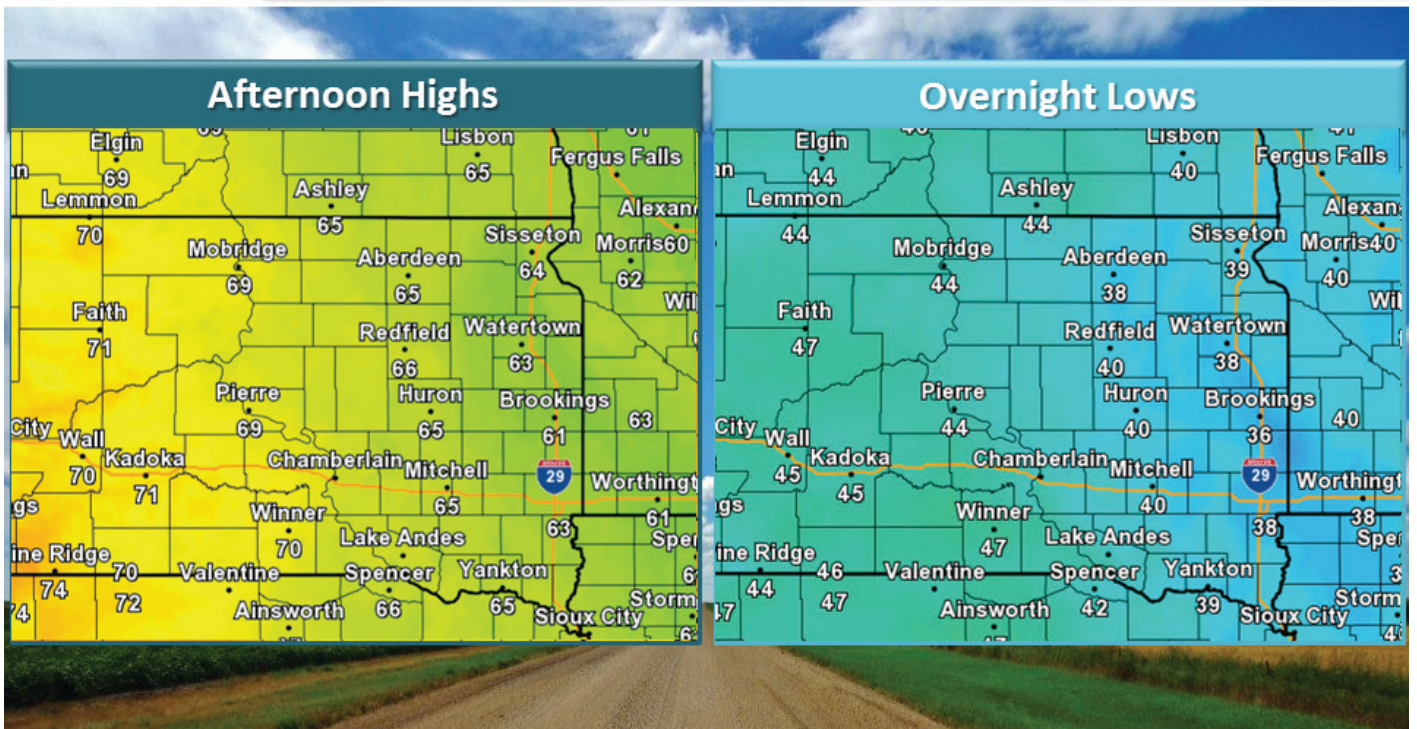
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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High pressure will remain over the region, allowing for light winds and cool temperatures. A gradual warming trend is expected through the weekend.

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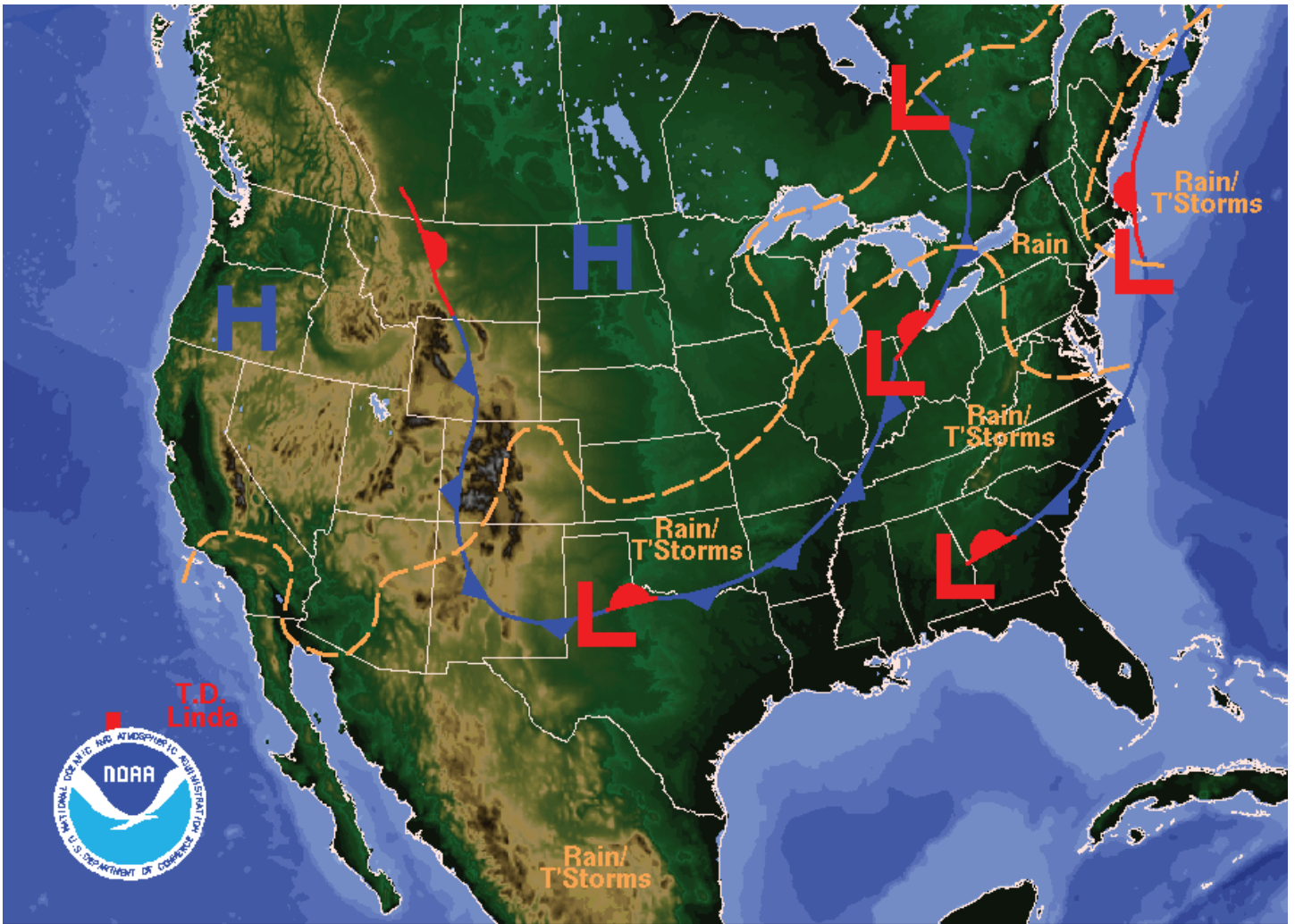
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 64.9
Low: 47.8
High Gust: 8
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1927
Record Low: 28° in 1940
Average High: 74°F
Average Low: 48°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 0.83
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16
Average Precip to date: 17.12
Precip Year to Date: 16.96
Sunset Tonight: 7:52 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:08 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 11, 2015, issued 4:40 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



IT'S ABOUT THE RIGHT CHOICE

Mountain climbing was a driving force in the life of Tim Hansel. On one of his expeditions he fell seventy feet and landed on his back and neck. The damage was severe. He fractured most of the vertebrae from his neck down his spine, crushed most of his discs, tore ligaments and broke many ribs. It was a miracle that he survived.

Following his accident, after surgery and many consultations, he was given less than an 8 percent chance that he would ever walk again. But he did not give up. He persevered and was able to walk, ride a bicycle and even play tennis. His experience with God in nature led him to found Summit Express, a unique ministry to provide encouragement to others.

Throughout the remaining years of his life, he was never free from pain. Once, in desperation, he prayed "Lord, I feel almost dismembered this morning from outrageous pain. Me with my desire to be agile and free am barely able to get out of my chair. Teach me to live in new ways, oh Lord. Teach me and show me Your ways in the midst of this."

What was his secret? He quoted Nehemiah 8:10, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Prayer: Lord, give us strength to overcome the trials of life through Your power and the hope we have in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said to them, "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

News from the Associated Press

Sanford Health to break ground on Imagenetics building

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dakotas-based Sanford Health is breaking ground Friday on a 100,000-square-foot medical genetics building in Sioux Falls.

Construction of the three-story Sanford Imagenetics center is expected to be completed in 2017.

Imagenetics is a program that integrates genomic medicine with primary care for adults. Its services will include general internal medicine, medical genetics, genetic counseling, cytogenetic and molecular genetic laboratories, radiology and patient access management.

The building will also have a new dialysis center and teaching space for the genetic counseling graduate program created in partnership with Augustana University.

Groundbreaking ceremonies are planned for late Friday morning.

Sanford Health is based in Sioux Falls and Fargo, North Dakota.

Governor asks for flags flown at half-mast Friday

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard is asking that flags are flown at half-mast Friday in observance of the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Nearly a decade and a half after hijacked planes hit the World Trade Center's twin towers, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the anniversary continues to be marked with observances around the country.

Daugaard has asked that residents of the state lower their flags in honor of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001,

Thursday's Scores **The Associated Press**

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Pierre, 25-18, 25-23, 25-17

Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-18, 25-12, 25-21

Arlington def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-12, 22-25, 21-25, 26-24, 16-14

Avon def. Centerville, 25-11, 25-19, 25-22

Bon Homme def. Platte-Geddes, 25-13, 25-16, 25-20

Brookings def. Huron, 25-20, 25-12, 25-23

Canistota def. Wessington Springs, 20-25, 25-14, 25-16, 25-21

Colman-Egan def. Castlewood, 29-27, 25-23, 25-23, 25-20

Colome def. Jones County, 25-16, 25-20, 25-16

Custer def. St. Thomas More, 25-21, 25-19, 25-21

Dakota Valley def. Beresford, 25-17, 25-13, 25-19

DeSmet def. Estelline, 25-10, 25-13, 25-12

Deubrook def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-21, 25-21, 25-22

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Canton, 25-21, 25-23, 25-8

Ethan def. Menno, 25-10, 19-25, 25-12, 25-15

Eureka/Bowdle def. McLaughlin, 25-16, 25-15, 25-18

Florence/Henry def. Langford, 25-11, 25-18, 25-13

Freeman Academy def. Hendricks, Minn., 25-7, 25-18, 25-9

Gayville-Volin def. Freeman, 25-8, 25-11, 25-14

Groton Area def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 22-25, 25-15, 25-17, 27-25

Harrisburg def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-11, 25-20, 25-9

Herreid/Selby Area def. Timber Lake, 23-25, 21-25, 25-11, 25-12, 15-5

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Hot Springs def. Douglas, 26-24, 15-25, 25-21, 25-22
Irene-Wakonda def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-16, 25-16, 24-26, 25-15
Kimball/White Lake def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-8, 25-13, 25-10
Lake Preston def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 28-26, 25-23, 28-26
Lead-Deadwood def. Hill City, 27-25, 25-21, 25-14
Lyman def. New Underwood, 25-9, 25-13, 25-14
Madison def. Lennox, 25-10, 17-25, 25-10, 25-22
Milbank Area def. Clark/Willow Lake, 18-25, 25-7, 25-16, 14-25, 15-10
Miller def. Ipswich, 25-18, 25-11, 25-6
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Hanson, 25-22, 23-25, 25-18, 25-23
Oelrichs def. Crazy Horse, 25-12, 25-22, 25-8
Philip def. Stanley County, 25-11, 25-14, 25-21
Potter County def. Faulkton, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22
Rapid City Stevens def. Rapid City Central, 25-11, 25-15, 25-16
Redfield/Doland def. Hamlin, 25-8, 25-23, 25-19
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Mitchell Christian, 25-22, 24-26, 25-19, 25-21
Scotland def. Marion, 25-18, 25-20, 22-25, 25-22
Sioux Falls Christian def. West Central, 25-14, 25-22, 25-21
Sisseton def. Deuel, 25-13, 25-22, 25-19
Spearfish def. Belle Fourche, 25-14, 25-10, 19-25, 25-22
St. Mary's, Neb. def. Burke/South Central, 25-10, 25-15, 25-11
Tea Area def. Dell Rapids, 25-21, 25-21, 25-14
Tri-Valley def. Vermillion, 25-23, 25-15, 25-22
Wagner def. Gregory, 25-14, 25-17, 25-14
Wall def. Kadoka Area, 25-21, 30-28, 25-12
Warner def. Northwestern, 23-25, 25-19, 25-21, 26-28, 15-8
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Waubay-Summit def. Waverly-South Shore, 22-25, 25-18, 25-22, 25-14
Webster def. Britton-Hecla, 25-11, 25-18, 25-20
Wilmot def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-12, 25-17, 25-17
Wynot, Neb. def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-15, 25-15, 25-11
Yankton def. Mitchell, 25-18, 25-15, 22-25, 19-25, 15-7
Big East Conference Tournament
First Round
Chester def. Flandreau, 25-7, 25-16, 25-9
McCook Central/Montrose def. Howard, 25-10, 28-30, 25-13, 25-10
Parker def. Garretson, 25-10, 25-12, 25-16
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Baltic def. Garretson, 25-14, 25-1, 25-20
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Chester def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-14, 25-18, 25-20
Sioux Valley def. Parker, 25-18, 18-25, 23-25, 25-23, 23-21

Board revokes medical license of former candidate Bosworth

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota medical board voted Thursday to revoke former Republican U.S. Senate candidate Annette Bosworth's medical license after weighing her felony conviction for election law violations.

The South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners members who voted unanimously decided to reject Bosworth's plea to keep her license. Some members recused themselves. Jurors found Bosworth guilty in May of perjury and filing false documents in relation to the state's 2014 Republican primary election.

During her criminal trial, Bosworth, 43, said she never intended to mislead anyone when she attested to signatures on campaign documents she didn't actually witness as required by state law. She was out of the country on a medical mission trip at the time.

Bosworth, who represented herself during the license proceedings, said that she has never denied those actions but argued they don't warrant taking away her livelihood and medical license.

Craig Kennedy, an attorney for the medical board staff, said that Bosworth's conduct makes her a threat to the public and said her conviction raises questions about whether she would tell patients the truth. He also argued that the board needs to protect confidence in the medical profession.

"The message the public will receive if Annette Bosworth is allowed to continue to practice medicine will be that the profession tolerates doctors who lie even to the extent of felonious perjury," Kennedy said to the board.

Bosworth, a doctor of internal medicine, said she doesn't believe she's a danger to the public.

"I am a good physician. That has never been questioned," Bosworth told the board. "I love being a physician, and I'm here fighting for that because I don't think that signing the petition for six signatures translates to me being a bad doctor."

Medical board staff recommended Bosworth's license be revoked after her sentencing in July, and Thursday's vote follows the recommendations of an independent hearing examiner who heard arguments in the medical license case later that month.

Medical board members voted without discussion to revoke Bosworth's license after a short period of private deliberation. Members ignored repeated requests for comment on the reasoning behind the decision.

Bosworth, who finished fourth of five candidates in the GOP primary last year, avoided prison when a judge gave her a suspended sentence, provided she complete three years of probation. The probation includes 500 hours of community service and covering court costs and paying for the county's costs of prosecution.

She is appealing to the state Supreme Court.

Bosworth argued during her trial that the prosecution was politically motivated, but her defense attorneys largely relied on the argument that Bosworth knew little about the political process and received bad advice from a consultant, who denied that.

"I prayed a dangerous prayer. I said, 'God use me,'" Bosworth told reporters after the hearing. "Tomorrow, I'll wake up and I'll do my devotions just like I always do, and I'll assess what I've got left and figure out how can I serve with those skills and those talents, how can I serve the best with what I've got left."

ATF investigates fire that destroyed famous South Dakota bar

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Federal authorities began investigating Thursday the cause of a fire that destroyed a popular South Dakota biker bar, but they cautioned their presence didn't necessarily indicate any criminal wrongdoing.

A team from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives started investigating the scene at the Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis, the loss of which is estimated at \$10 million.

At least two dozen agents are on the scene at the request of the state fire marshal's office.

Special Agent Robert Schmidt told The Associated Press their teams are often called to large incidents to give extra support to state and local investigators on scene.

"Oftentimes when the ATF gets called in, people think there's something suspicious. We're just another

resource for the state and local teams," he said.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan said the Fire Marshal's office decided to request the help of ATF due to the size of the fire. He said without federal help, it could take weeks to comb through all of the debris.

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.

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 owner Michael Ballard said in a statement on the bar's Facebook page that walking the grounds after the fire is "simply devastating."

The ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction over fires and arson.

NBA's Miller sues to recover money lost in Ponzi scheme

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Portland Trail Blazers forward Mike Miller has filed a lawsuit aimed at recovering what remains of \$1.7 million he said he lost in a Ponzi scheme.

The Argus Leader reports (<http://argusne.ws/1JZI3cx>) Miller seeks to recover his investment in RAHFCO Hedge Funds.

In 2013, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a complaint saying Randy Hansen of Sioux Falls, the public face of RAHFCO, and Vincent Puma of New Jersey concocted phony account statements that misrepresented their trading.

Authorities say RAHFCO promised huge returns to new investors and used their deposits to pay off others.

Miller's lawyer says his client has recouped a "substantial amount" of his \$1.7 million, but sued Puma for the rest Sept. 4.

Puma's attorney didn't immediately respond to a message Thursday. No home number was listed.

Pipe staged ahead of permits for proposed ND oil pipeline

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Mountainous piles of steel pipe are being staged across four states in anticipation of building the biggest-capacity pipeline proposed to date to move crude from North Dakota's prolific oil patch.

But stockpiling the pipe is a gamble for the Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners' Dakota Access Pipeline, a \$3.8 billion, 1,130-mile project that still needs approval from regulators in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.

"What the company does is at their own risk," said Julie Fedorchak, chairwoman of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The three-member panel has signaled its approval of the company's project in North Dakota, the pipeline's longest leg, but Fedorchak said a final decision is several weeks away.

If approved, the Dakota Access Pipeline would move at least 450,000 barrels of North Dakota crude daily through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois, where shippers can access Midwest and Gulf Coast markets.

Energy Transfer Partners announced the project last year, just days after North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple urged industry and government officials to build more pipelines to keep pace with the state's oil production. He said doing so will reduce truck and oil train traffic, curb natural gas flaring and create more markets for the state's oil and gas.

North Dakota is the nation's No. 2 oil producer behind Texas. It produces about 1.2 million barrels a day, with about half of it moved by rail. Recent derailments and fires involving North Dakota crude — including an explosion in Quebec two years ago that killed 47 people — have drawn criticism from lawmakers and the public about using trains to move oil.

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Energy Transfer Partners spokeswoman Vicki Granado said Thursday the company is optimistic the necessary permits will be obtained in all states, with construction expected to start late this year or early 2016. The company, which has the shipping commitments it needs from oil producers, hopes to have the pipeline running late next year.

Granado said so far Energy Transfer Partners has acquired 72 percent of the easements needed along the route, which crosses 50 counties in the four states. The company has said it would use the eminent domain process to acquire other easements if agreements with landowners can't be reached voluntarily.

The company said it has three storage yards in North Dakota, and two each in South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. Near Richardton, in western North Dakota, pipe began coming to a staging area along Interstate 94 a few weeks ago on mile-long trains, city commission president Frank Kirschenheiter said.

"It's quite a pile of pipe," Kirschenheiter said.

Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, said it's not uncommon for companies to stage pipe while still in the permitting process.

"In order to hit a timeline, they absolutely have to get that material ready in advance with the goal of obtaining permission so construction can start immediately," Kringstad said.

He said stockpiling pipe ahead of permits usually works out, but sometimes it can take years for the intended project to occur. For example, he said, Calgary-based TransCanada Inc. has had pipe stockpiled for several years for its multibillion-dollar Keystone XL pipeline, which has been stalled by environmental objections. That project would move Canadian tar sands oil to Gulf Coast refineries, as well as about 100,000 barrels of domestic oil daily from North Dakota.

Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, said he believes the Dakota Access Pipeline will be permitted, in part because it will be safer than moving the state's crude by train. The pipeline would replace at least four, mile-long oil trains daily, he said.

"We're confident of the project moving forward," Ness said. "There will always be naysayers but this is a great project and it will improve safety."

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHY OPPONENTS ARE SO RILED BY IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

They are outraged that Tehran, who they say is a state sponsor of terrorism, will be getting \$100 billion in relief from sanctions and claim that inspections will not be rigorous enough.

2. SCANT SYMPATHY FOR REFUGEES IN EUROPE'S EX-COMMUNIST EAST

Even mainstream political leaders in these countries describe those fleeing war and persecution as welfare opportunists, terrorists and carriers of disease.

3. AT GROUND ZERO, 9/11 ANNIVERSARY NOW BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

While the memorial will still be reserved for victims' relatives and other invitees during the morning ceremony, afterward, it will open to those who want to pay their respects.

4. JUDGE LEAVES DOOR OPEN TO RECONSIDER FREDDIE GRAY TRIALS

Defense attorneys can revisit their change of venue bid if an impartial jury cannot be seated in the city.

5. SHOCKED CITY ASSESSES FLOOD DAMAGE IN JAPAN

Officials say 22 people are missing after they lost contact with them following requests for rescue.

6. WHAT ISSUES POLICE BODY CAMERAS RAISE

While the recordings may help get to the truth of an incident, they also record distraught victims, grieving family members and citizens exercising their rights to free speech and civil disobedience.

7. WHERE DRAMA MIXES WITH CRIME IN PUBLIC RE-ENACTMENTS

Thailand's debate over their fairness and usefulness gets reignited when a key suspect in last month's Bangkok bombing retraced his alleged steps.

8. BIDEN UNSURE HE CAN COMMIT FULLY TO BE PRESIDENT

Asked about his 2016 decision on CBS' "The Late Show," the vice president says he may not have the emotional energy to run following his son's death to brain cancer.

9. NUNS BAKE ALTAR BREADS FOR PAPAL MASS IN PHILLY

Religious sisters at the suburban Monastery of St. Clare put in extra shifts for about two months to fill the order.

10. SAME OLD BRADY, GRONK IN NFL OPENER

Meanwhile, the opposing coach, Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin, raises suspicions about something untoward going on at Gillette Stadium.

AP News in Brief

House continues effort to derail Iran nuclear deal even though Senate handed Obama a victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is continuing to flex its muscles on the Iran nuclear deal even though the Senate has already sealed its fate in Congress.

Senate Democrats voted on Thursday to uphold the accord with Iran, overcoming heavy GOP opposition to hand President Barack Obama a victory on his top foreign policy priority.

A disapproval resolution for the agreement fell two votes short of the 60 needed to move forward as most Democratic and independent senators banded together against it.

House Republicans will continue on Friday to further eleventh-hour strategies to derail the agreement and Senate Republicans are promising a re-vote. But the Senate action all but guaranteed that any legislation disapproving of the deal will never reach Obama's desk. The Friday debate comes on Sept. 11, anniversary of the 2001 terror attacks.

Undeterred, Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Texas, said on the House floor that House Republicans are going to "use the judicial branch of the government" to prevent implementation of the deal, which gives Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for imposing restraints on its nuclear program.

Thousands trek to Vienna from border with Hungary after trains suspended

VIENNA (AP) — Thousands of people hoping for asylum in western Europe are trekking to Vienna from Austria's main border crossing point with Hungary, after rail traffic was suspended due to overcrowding.

The Austrian Federal Railways Press department says it no longer has the capacity to deal with the thousands of people at the Nickelsdorf crossing wanting to board trains daily to the Austrian capital. Once in Vienna, most have traveled on to Germany and other Western EU nations.

Rail service between Vienna and the Hungarian capital, Budapest, was already suspended Thursday. With no trains running, thousands of people set out Friday on the expressway linking the Nickelsdorf border crossing with Vienna, 60 kilometers (40 miles) away.

Austrian police official Hans Peter Doskozil says 7,500 people crossed into Austria at Nickelsdorf on Thursday.

Scant sympathy for refugees in European countries that once saw thousands escape communism

RIGA, Latvia (AP) — When Latvia last month decided to accept 250 of the tens of thousands of refugees seeking shelter in Europe, hundreds of protesters including elderly people and families with children rallied outside Parliament with placards warning that the foreigners would bring doom upon the Baltic country. A smattering of slogans spoke darkly of a threat to "white nations."

A similar demonstration featuring anti-Muslim slogans was held in neighboring Estonia against plans to

receive about 150 refugees from the Middle East and Africa this year.

While eastern Europe's new EU member states are being asked to absorb the fewest, they are putting up the fiercest resistance to plans to spread the refugees more evenly across the 28-nation bloc. Even mainstream political leaders in these countries have described refugees and migrants as welfare opportunists, terrorists and carriers of disease.

The Baltic countries, as well as Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, have all rejected mandatory refugee quotas, often with the argument that they don't want their relatively homogenous societies to become multicultural.

EU officials and human rights groups say they've been disappointed by the animosity toward asylum-seekers in countries from which hundreds of thousands of people fled communist dictatorships just decades ago.

At ground zero, Sept. 11 anniversary is now both private and public occasion

NEW YORK (AP) — After years as a private commemoration, the anniversary of Sept. 11 at ground zero now also has become an occasion for public reflection on the site of the terror attacks.

An estimated 20,000 people flocked to the memorial plaza on the evening of Sept. 11 last year, the first year the public was able to visit on the anniversary. The plaza will open three hours earlier after Friday's 14th anniversary ceremony, where victims' families will gather for what has become a tradition of tolling bells, observing poignant moments of silence and reading the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror strike.

"When we did open it up, it was just like life coming in," National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum President Joe Daniels said this week. While the memorial will still be reserved for victims' relatives and other invitees during the morning ceremony, afterward, "the general public that wants to come and pay their respects on this most sacred ground should be let in as soon as possible."

Nearly a decade and a half after hijacked planes hit the World Trade Center's twin towers, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the anniversary continues to be marked with observances around the country.

The Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville in western Pennsylvania is marking the completion of its visitor center, which opened to the public Thursday. At the Pentagon, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter and other officials will join in remembrances for victims' relatives and Pentagon employees.

Sunny skies reveal extent of devastation in flood-hit Japanese city; 22 remain missing

JOSO, Japan (AP) — Houses lean forward, knocked partially off their foundations. The worst-hit are gone, their still-intact blue-tiled roofs left sitting on debris-strewn mud. The floodwaters have receded somewhat, but a vast area of the Japanese city of Joso remains inundated by a sea of brown water.

As the sun came out Friday, shocked residents and officials began to take stock of the damage wrought the previous day when a rain-swollen river burst through its eastern bank, pouring in water so rapidly that many people could only clamber upstairs or to their roofs to escape.

"We survived but it looks like some of our soybeans and rice didn't," said Keiko Iita, 70, who spent the night with her husband and son on the second floor of their house.

She wore gloves and covered her face with a towel as she helped clean a neighbor's mud-coated barn. Farmers were clearing the mess in their fields and assessing the damage to their flattened soybean plants and other crops.

Two days of torrential rain caused flooding and landslides across much of Japan this week. At least two people died, a woman in her 60s who was found after a landslide hit houses in Kanuma city, and a woman in her 40s who was in a car that washed away in Kurihara city.

Officers charged in Freddie Gray case will be tried in Baltimore, but judge could reconsider

BALTIMORE (AP) — A judge ruled that six police officers charged in the death of Freddie Gray will be tried in Baltimore, but this could be just the beginning of defense attorneys' efforts to move their trials out of town.

Despite the days of riots, protests and a multimillion-dollar settlement that followed Gray's death, a fair trial can be held in Baltimore for the officers, Baltimore Circuit Judge Barry Williams ruled Thursday. But the judge left the door open for defense attorneys to revisit their change of venue bid if an impartial jury cannot be seated in the city.

Legal experts say it's likely the defense will continue to ask for the trials to be moved outside of the city.

Gray was a 25-year-old black man who died after being critically injured while in police custody in April. Gray was handcuffed, shackled at the legs and put in a van after he was arrested, and officers ignored his repeated pleas for medical attention, prosecutors have said. Gray died April 19, a week after his arrest.

His death prompted protests and rioting that shook the city and caused millions of dollars in damage, and has since come to symbolize the broken relationship between the police and the public in Baltimore.

Going beyond just the facts, ma'am: Body cameras raise issues for victims, innocent bystanders

WASHINGTON (AP) — The use of police body cameras is spreading to keep officers honest about using force against citizens. But how and when the public gets to see the footage is up for debate.

Videos of police shootings have become critical to determining what happened in situations that turn deadly. In some cases, strapping cigarette pack-size cameras to officers' uniforms has been framed as a way to curb police brutality and stem deteriorating trust in law enforcement.

It's not that simple. While the recordings may help get to the truth of an incident with police, they also record distraught victims, grieving family members, people suffering from mental illness and citizens exercising their rights to free speech and civil disobedience. Cameras may solve one problem but create others.

Existing laws that govern what information is released to the public are on the chopping block, as states try to strike the balance between a citizen's right to privacy and making officers answer for their actions.

The use of police body cameras is still in its infancy, with no official count for how many of the 18,000 state and local departments have turned to them. But dozens of agencies across the country are testing them, and many have plans to roll them out more broadly.

In emotional interview, Biden says he's unsure he can commit fully to be president

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden said he is overwhelmed at times by his son's death and unconvinced he could commit fully to being president, in an emotional interview that cast a deep pall over his deliberations about the 2016 presidential race.

Asked about his 2016 decision on CBS' "The Late Show," Biden said Thursday he'd be lying if he said he knew he was prepared to run following Beau Biden's death in May to brain cancer. With a level of candor seen rarely in politics, he recalled a breakdown of his emotions during a recent visit to a Colorado military base when a well-wisher yelled out the name of his son and referenced his decorated military service in Iraq.

"All of a sudden, I lost it," Biden said. "How could you — that's not — I shouldn't be saying this: You can't do that."

Biden's much-anticipated appearance on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" was expected to take on a light and comedic tone, but instead veered almost immediately into raw and personal territory. He said White House hopefuls must be able to promise voters they can commit their whole heart, soul, energy

and passion, and said, "I'd be lying if I said that I knew I was there."

"Nobody has a right, in my view, to seek that office unless they're willing to give it 110 percent of who they are. And I am, as I said, I'm optimistic, I'm positive about where we're going," Biden told Colbert. "But I find myself — you understand it — sometimes it just overwhelms you."

Out with the old...iPhones? 4 ways to reuse, resell, recycle last year's models

NEW YORK (AP) — Each year, Apple dazzles its devoted fans with faster, sleeker, more powerful iPhones with better cameras and a bevy of bells and whistles. So, what's to become of last year's model?

Instead of sentencing it to a lonely existence in a desk drawer, there are plenty of ways to reuse, recycle or resell older phones. Here are a few:

— DONATE TO CHARITY

Several charities accept old phones for donation, though it's worth remembering that these groups probably won't physically give your old phones to people in need. Rather, they work with phone recyclers and sell your donated phones to them.

A nonprofit group called Cell Phones for Soldiers will take your "gently used" phone and sell it to a recycling company. It will then use the proceeds to buy international calling cards for soldiers so they can talk to their loved ones back home.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2015. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 11, 2001, America faced an unprecedented day of terror as 19 al-Qaida members hijacked four passenger jetliners, sending two of the planes smashing into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania, resulting in nearly 3,000 deaths.

On this date:

In 1714, the forces of King Philip V of Spain overcame Catalan defenders to end the 13-month-long Siege of Barcelona during the War of the Spanish Succession.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon militiamen aided by Paiute Indians.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon. In a speech that drew accusations of anti-Semitism, Charles A. Lindbergh told an America First rally in Des Moines, Iowa, that "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were pushing the United States toward war.

In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1962, The Beatles completed their first single for EMI, "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You," at EMI studios in London.

In 1974, Eastern Airlines Flight 212, a DC-9, crashed while attempting to land in Charlotte, North Carolina, killing 72 of the 82 people on board. The family drama "Little House on the Prairie" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1984, country star Barbara Mandrell was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Nashville, Tennessee, that claimed the life of the other driver, Mark White.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show (rhymes with "how") of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb.

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In 1997, Scots voted to create their own Parliament after 290 years of union with England.

Ten years ago: Weeping relatives marked the fourth anniversary of 9/11 with prayers, solemn remembrances and heartfelt messages at the site where the World Trade Center collapsed. Japanese voters handed Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling coalition a landslide victory in elections for the lower house of parliament. Roger Federer blew away Andre Agassi 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1 to capture a second straight U.S. Open and sixth Grand Slam title. Sportscaster Chris Schenkel died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at age 82.

Five years ago: Speaking at the Pentagon, President Barack Obama appealed to the nation to honor the memory of the Sept. 11 victims by hewing to the values of diversity and tolerance. In New York, a morning ceremony of remembrance gave way to an afternoon of protests and counter-protests over a proposed Islamic center near ground zero. A gunman in rural eastern Kentucky killed five people before turning the shotgun on himself. Kim Clijsters won a second consecutive U.S. Open championship and third overall, easily beating Vera Zvonareva (zvahn-uh-RAY'-vuh) 6-2, 6-1. Actor Kevin McCarthy, 96, died in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

One year ago: In a joint statement, 10 Arab states promised to "do their share" to fight Islamic State militants, but NATO member Turkey refused to join in. South Korean teen Hyo-Joo Kim made history with the lowest round in a major tournament, a faultless 10-under 61 to open the Evian Championship.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Drake is 92. Former Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, is 91. Actor Earl Holliman is 87. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 76. Movie director Brian De Palma is 75. Singer-actress-dancer Lola Falana is 73. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 72. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 70. Actor Phillip Alford is 67. Actress Amy Madigan is 65. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 62. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 62. Actor Reed Birney is 61. Singer-songwriter Diane Warren is 59. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (Jay) Johnson is 58. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 58. Actor Scott Patterson is 57. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 57. Actress Roxann Dawson is 57. Actor John Hawkes is 56. Actress Anne Ramsay is 55. Actress Virginia Madsen is 54. Actress Kristy McNichol is 53. Musician-composer Moby is 50. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is 50. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 48. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 48. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeuw is 47. Actress Taraji (tuh-RAH'-jee) P. Henson is 45. Actress Laura Wright is 45. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 44. Blogger Markos Moulitsas is 44. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 40. Rapper Mr. Black is 38. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay) is 38. Rapper Ludacris is 38. Rock singer Ben Lee is 37. Actor Ryan Slattery is 37. Actress Ariana Richards is 36. Actress Elizabeth Henstridge is 28. Actor Tyler Hoechlin (HEK'-lihn) is 28. Country singer Charles Kelley (Lady Antebellum) is 34. Actress Mackenzie Aladjem is 14.

Thought for Today: "A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, American poet and essayist (1803-1882).