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Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

Daily Themes

Monday--MS/HS is Opposite Gender Day; Elementary is Camo Day

Tuesday--MS/HS is Toga Day; Elementary is Sports Day

Wednesday--MS/HS is Tacky Tourist Day; Elementary is Pajama Day

Thursday--MS/HS is Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniors-white, Sophomores-blue, Freshmen-yellow, 8th grade-red, 7th grade-green, 6th grade-purple, Staff-pink); Elementary is Holiday Dress-up Day.

Friday--Spirit Day

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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Friday, September 18

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, watermelon, peanut butter brownie, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Eddy & Virginia Nehls

Birthdays: Teresa Davies • Melissa White • Bret Fliehs

7:00pm: FB at Milbank

Saturday, September 19

Anniversary: Morgan and Ginger McNickle

Birthdays: Lanny Torguson • Diann Morehouse

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

1:00pm: Girls soccer host Garretson

3:00pm: Boys soccer host Freeman Academy

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

Sunday, September 20

Anniversaries: • Chuck & Sheila Johnson • Loren & Crystal Wheeler

Birthdays: • Marjory Townsend • Jordan Fliehs

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

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

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, September 21

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

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, whipped potato, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and



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60th Anniversary

Eddy and Virginia Nehls of Groton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 18th. Greetings may be sent to 406 N. Lincoln St., Groton SD 57445

Milbank Area edges

Groton Area in volleyball

It does not get any closer than this. Groton Area's volleyball team went to Milbank Thursday night and lost a 3-2 match in a very competitive contest. Groton Area won the first game, 26-24, and the second game, 25-22, then lost the third match 25-23, the fourth, 26-24 and the final game 15-11.

In serving, Groton Area was 95 of 108 with nine ace serves. Katie Koehler was 26 of 26 with six ace serves and Audrey Wanner was 17 of 17 with one ace serve.

In sets, Groton Area was 172 of 173 with 41 assists. Marlee Jones was 166 of 167 with 41 assists.

Groton Area was 121 of 146 in spikes with 49 kills. Wanner was 50 of 58 with 23 kills and Josie Doeden was 31 of 40 with 19 kills.

Groton Area had 11 blocks with Doeden having six and Carly Wheeting three. Groton Area had 122 digs with Koehler having 46 and Doeden 23.

Groton's next match will be at Warner on Tuesday.

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Spirit of Dakota Award Nominees 2015

The 2015 nominees for the Spirit of Dakota Award embody the traditional values that are recognized by the award transformed into twenty-first century careers and vocations. Our communities are strengthened by the teachers and organizers, gardeners and farmers, storytellers and singers, care givers and home makers. These honorable tasks have been performed in communities across this region for centuries, sometimes without choice as a way of survival, sometimes for less respect than was deserved, but often by ones like these women who are led by dedication and love. These nominees have all brought joy and renewal to their communities and those around them, and are a pleasure to know better through this opportunity.

"Just a coach" is as complete a description as referring to someone as "just an angel." Coaching is such a huge undertaking, and so important in the lives of the youth and families in a community. Heather Christensen is the founder and coach of Sioux Falls Baby Dollz. In this case "coach" means a great deal. She has demonstrated personal sacrifice, strength of character, deadly blocking skills, an understanding of tough love and determination. She has trained and educated her team, and the families of these children ages seven to seventeen, about the sacrifice, patience and understanding that makes an effective team. Heather Christensen embodies the mission of the SF Baby Dollz "to empower, build self-confidence and develop athleticism in children ages 7-17".

She touches many lives positively as she provides experiences and inspiration for so many members of the adult Roller Dollz, and Sioux Falls Baby Dollz, as well as the first competitive travel team, the SoDak Attack. These youngsters learn about their power when they work together and the strength they have that is too often left untapped. They also learn responsibility for others and commitment to care for everyone from their coach who often arranges rides for players and finds equipment when unavailable to members from economically tight backgrounds in her role as "gear guru."

Coaching for Heather is a volunteer activity that she embraces whole-heartedly. She chose to be self-employed so she could stay at home running Sweet Baby Jane Blankies and More and raise their son, Henry, who is four, and coaching her beloved sport of roller derby.

How many kids want to grow up to sell Fireworks? And how many parents would shake their heads and say "no, not possible." And yet the Finn Fest in Frederick wouldn't be the same without Finish Line Fireworks, or without Krysti Mikkonen, owner, for that matter. In addition to setting off awesome explosives, Krysti is founder of Frederick Forward, and a very dedicated co-chair of the organization, facing challenges and obstacles with positive energy and a can-do spirit. Economic development is important to all our South Dakota communities, and leadership makes the difference between projects that move communities forward and projects that barely get done. Among other activities, Krysti is a leader who was instrumental in getting Frederick named a Horizon Community.

Krysti is a booster for many school/community projects. She has a web business called WSI, We Simplify the Internet. She and her husband, Lonny, have an organic farm where "keeping things natural and local" is stressed. And raising two sons and two daughters keeps her going strong.

After 97 years of sacrifice, work and joy, Vivian Opsal's resume is pretty impressive. When she moved back to Sisseton with her third husband she went to work to help support the family, their church and the community. She and her late husband volunteered for years at the Kasyoki Christian Academy since it was founded in 1992. She worked as a secretary and bank teller, Sunday school superintendent and teacher, women's ministries leader and taught the Missionettes and Youth Ministry. She still crochets baby caps for the local hospital and donates her time and crafts, like 100 embroidered towels for her church building fundraiser. Vivian has given the gift of song to others through The Meadowlarks, a local singing group, and in the church choir. And her greatest gift, of her friendship and fun-loving nature has gone to her community for decades.

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Every community has its unique stories, which unfortunately are not always saved and shared. It takes a storyteller to breathe life into the tales and gossip to make each community come alive through reflection, perspective and talent. Mary Alice Woster Haug is a storyteller, no minor job.

She has spent years teaching and mentoring others to tell their stories, which is not just a recording of one's life, but a chance to learn and grow from the process of self-examination and evaluation, determining reason and purpose to one's life. She has served others by sharing her talents at SDSU and other universities, but her own stories are more than recordings. They are an exploration of faith and meaning, purpose and responsibility. After writing retreats with Linda Hasselstrom, one of our state's cultural treasures, she worked on a collection of essays about living in Korea which metamorphosed into the book *Daughters of the Grasslands*, where she looked at her own childhood on a family farm in Lakota country, and her ties to her mother, "revealing the pain and love behind the stoic façade many rural Dakotans affect."

Storytelling is a life's work rather than a job. Mary Alice Woster Haug is the force behind so many people, her students and co-workers, being able to hold onto what is real in the fictional world we inhabit, and then share and preserve this world of Dakota.

A few years after the polio vaccine (1953) changed our cultural fears, Ruth Eilers received her BS in nursing. Today, those in assisted living and nursing homes remember the iron lungs and crippling effects of the disease, but few others do. All this time, all these years, have been filled with nurses like Ruth caring for, helping cure, and comforting those who face illness and fatal diseases, not to mention abrasions, bumps and rashes. Caring nurses have touched all our lives, and in Huron for the last thirty plus years Ruth has taken care of many as Director/Nurse at the Huron Adult Day Services. Ruth Eilers has not only worked in nursing but has chosen to volunteer much of her time to the sick and elderly when funds weren't there to pay for the work so essential to health and well-being of Huron's citizens.

And then there's her smile. So much joy, assurance and concern are constantly expressed in her beautiful smile of friendship and happiness. Often, it's because the birds are so cute and entertaining, outside the windows of her home or the Senior Center, where she installed an elevated wheel chair accessible flower and vegetable garden, which even welcomes squirrels. Her love of birding and gardening enhances all the spaces around her. Ruth is an active member and volunteer in many other organizations and has been the recipient of awards and gratitude for her sacrifice and persistence.

Being a home maker has always been part of the tradition of women in the Dakotas. Barb Garcia has taken it to a whole new level with her book *Make Your Move, A Guide to Home Ownership* and her dedication and work as Community Development Manager for Rapid City. She has worked for years in the banking and credit counseling arena to help people find ways to make their homes their own, a life changing move for so many people. Barb has demonstrated leadership in her community through the Strengthening Families Task Force, Bank on Rapid City, and the Neighborhood Restoration Loan Program.

Barb has been praised by Renee Parker, Executive Director of the United Way of the Black Hills, Malcom Chapman of the Chapman Group, Mayor Sam Kooiker of Rapid City and numerous co-workers and recipients of her important work.



Birth: Lily Grace Wood

Lily Grace Wood was born on August 13, 2015 to Jessica and Drew Wood in Blue Springs, Missouri. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. Grandparents are Dale and Joyce Grenz of Groton and Jim and Marsha Wood of Marshall, Missouri. Great-grandparents are Elmer and Ruby Ketterling of Aberdeen.

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Today in Weather History

September 18, 2000: Late September near record or record heat occurred across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Aberdeen, Kennebec, Pierre, and Wheaton all set record highs for the day. Aberdeen and Wheaton set record highs of 95 degrees. Kennebec rose to a record high of 99 degrees while Pierre rose to 104 degrees on this day in 2000. Some of the near record highs occurred at Timber Lake and Mobridge with 92 degrees and 97 degrees, respectively.

1926 - The great "Miami Hurricane" produced winds reaching 138 mph which drove ocean waters into the Biscayne Bay drowning 135 persons. The eye of the hurricane passed over Miami, at which time the barometric pressure reached 27.61 inches. Tides up to twelve feet high accompanied the hurricane, which claimed a total of 372 lives. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

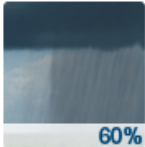
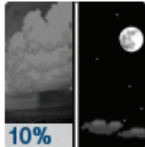





1987 - Early morning thunderstorms in northern Texas produced wind gusts to 65 mph at Sulphur Springs, and 2.50 inches of rain in one hour at Commerce, which caused widespread street flooding. Bonham TX received 4.50 inches of rain which also resulted in widespread street flooding as Pig Branch overflowed its banks. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A strong cold front produced severe thunderstorms in the north central U.S. High winds behind the cold front gusted to 92 mph at Fort Collins CO, and up to a foot of snow blanketed the mountains of Montana, with seven inches reported at Great Falls. High winds in Colorado caused three million dollars damage. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

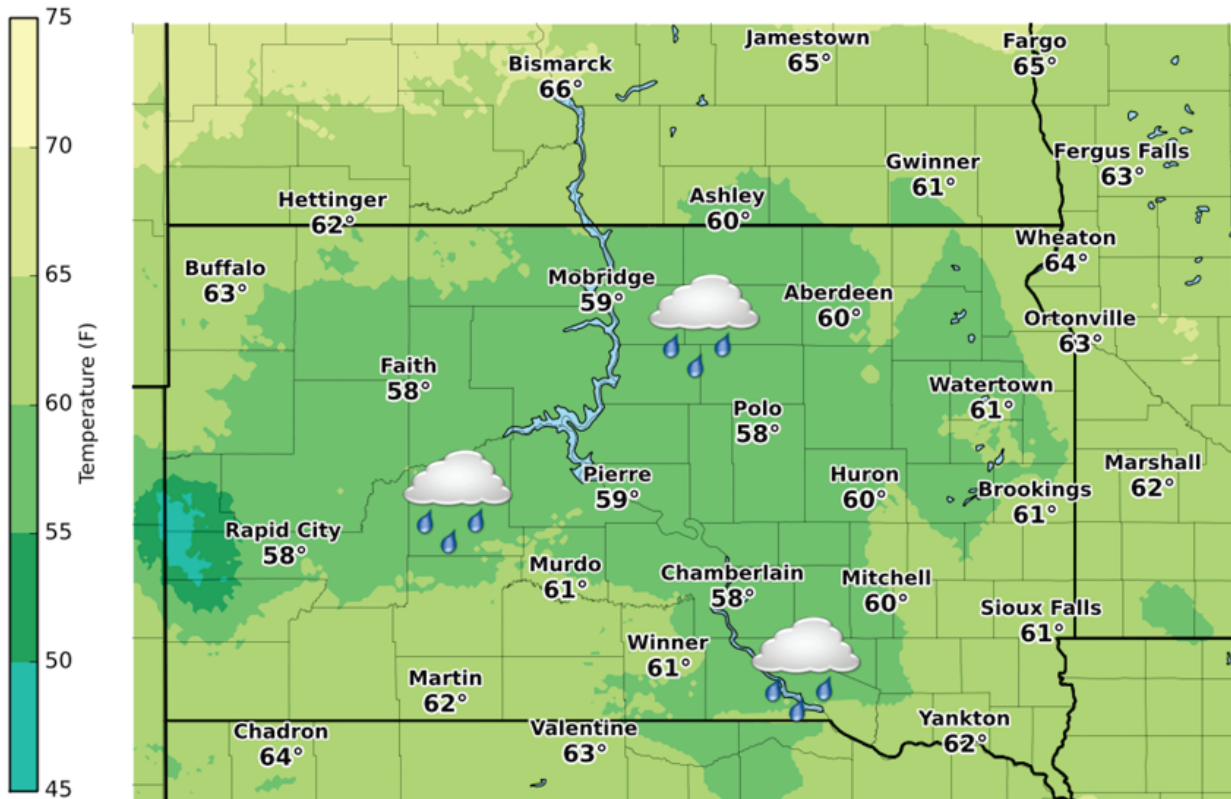
1989 - Hurricane Hugo hit Puerto Rico, producing wind gusts to 92 mph at San Juan, and wind gusts to 120 mph at Roosevelt Roads. Hugo produced a storm surge of four to six feet, and northeastern sections of the island were deluged with more than ten inches of rain. Hugo claimed the lives of a dozen persons in Puerto Rico, and caused a billion dollars damage, including 100 million dollars damage to crops. Thunderstorms representing what remained of Hurricane Octave continued to bring heavy rain to the valleys of northern California. Heavier 24 hour rainfall totals included 3.15 inches at Redding, and 2.66 inches at Red Bluff. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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| Today | Tonight | Saturday | Saturday Night | Sunday | Sunday Night | Monday |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shows Likely | Slight Chance Shows then Mostly Clear | Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Sunny | Mostly Clear | Sunny |
| High: 60 °F | Low: 38 °F | High: 71 °F | Low: 46 °F | High: 78 °F | Low: 53 °F | High: 82 °F |

Showers and Cool Temperatures Today Valid: September 18, 2015



National Weather Service
Aberdeen SD
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Low pressure moving across the region today will bring showers along with clouds and cool temperatures. Highs will only rise into the upper 50s to low 60s. Rainfall amounts are expected to be less than a half inch for most places, with the highest amounts over central South Dakota and lesser amounts over northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota.

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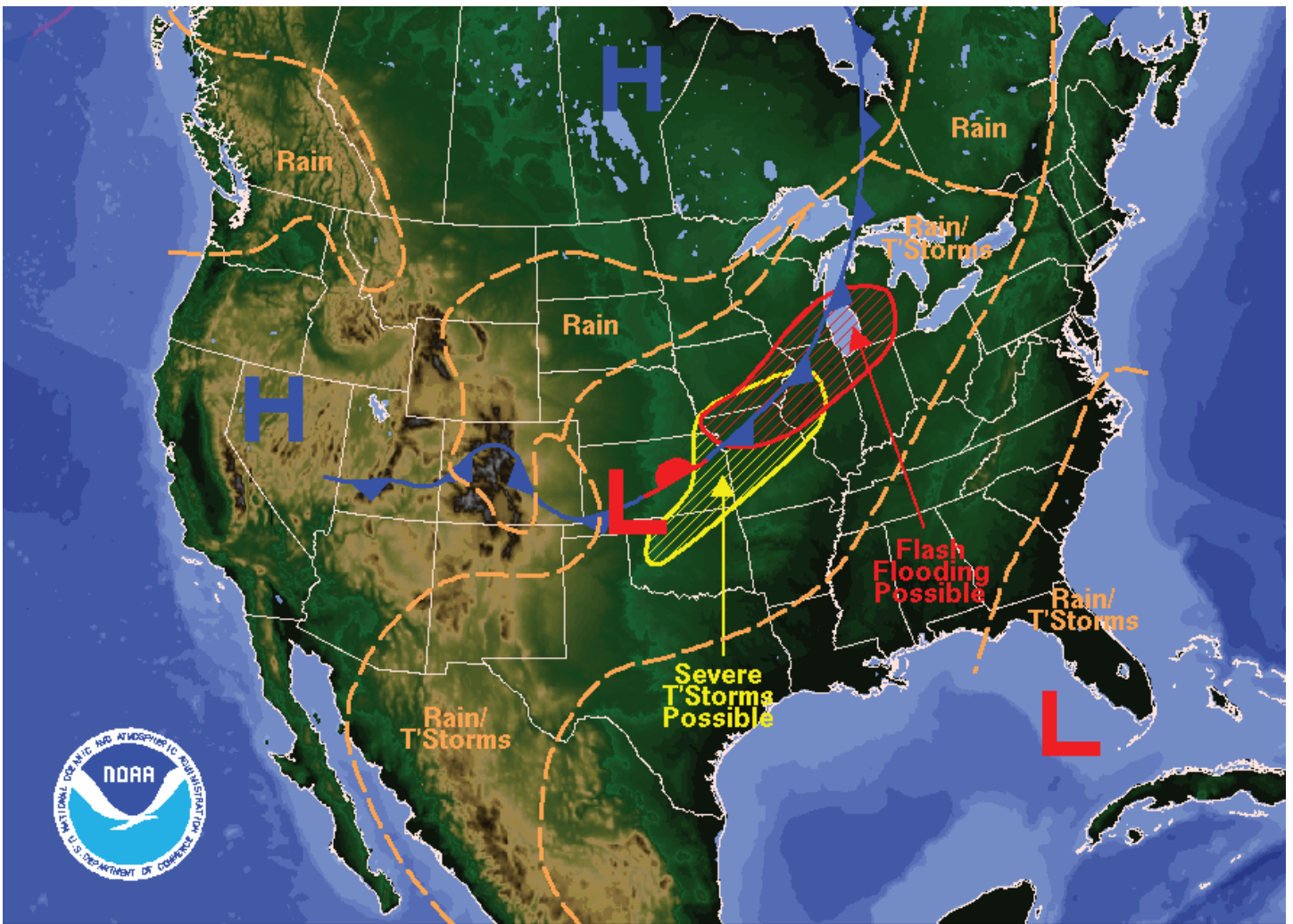
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 75.4
Low: 52.6
High Gust: 26
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 2000
Record Low: 22° in 1896
Average High: 71°F
Average Low: 45°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 1.34
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16
Average Precip to date: 17.63
Precip Year to Date: 16.96
Sunset Tonight: 7:39 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:16 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 18, 2015, issued 4:43 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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REMAIN FAITHFUL

Years ago I fulfilled one of my lifelong dreams when I visited Yellowstone National Park. Many told me of the majesty and power of the geysers as they exploded into the air, sending steam and spray skyward.

The geyser that fascinated me the most was not the largest geyser nor the tallest geyser nor did it spout water higher than the other geysers. It is the world's most famous geyser: Old Faithful! It is famous because of its faithfulness.

There are times when we envy others for the skills and talents that God has given them. We resent them for the things that they can do and the things we cannot do. We become angry with God for blessing them more than we think He has blest us. We become filled with jealousy and bitterness and believe that God has "His favorites." Not true! He gives us each of the talents we need to do what He has designed for us to do. It is not about favorites but about faithfulness.

In the end, it's never about favorites but about faithfulness. It is always about doing what God has called us to do to honor and glorify Him!

Prayer: We ask, Father, that no matter what You call us to be or do, we will remain faithful to You forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Revelation 2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

News from the Associated Press

Military operations begin at expanded bomber training area

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The first military flying operations are set to begin at an enormous bomber training area over the northern Plains approved this spring after years of consideration.

A spokeswoman for the 28th Bomb Wing out of Ellsworth Air Force Base said operations are scheduled to start Friday at the expanded Powder River Training Complex.

The airspace stretches over the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming and is the largest training airspace over the continental U.S.

The airspace will be used by B-1 bombers at Ellsworth in South Dakota and B-52 bombers at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

U.S. Sen. John Thune says the airspace is essential to national security and will save on will fuel costs.

Critics have said the bombers will disrupt rural communities and businesses and scare livestock.

Platte community remembers family after deadly house fire

PLATTE, S.D. (AP) — Hundreds of people turned out for a service to remember a South Dakota family of six who appear to have died in a house fire.

The Thursday night memorial was held at the Christian Reformed Church in Platte, where the blaze occurred in the early morning hours at the home of Scott and Nicole Westerhuis and their four children.

Authorities didn't immediately name the fire victims, but Platte-Geddes School Superintendent Joel Bailey said local agencies informed him that the family had perished.

Local, state and federal officials are investigating the cause of the fire. Platte Fire Chief Rick Gustad told The Daily Republic that the house was "pretty well destroyed" when firefighters arrived. He says that's uncommon.

About 1,200 people live in Platte, about 110 miles west of Sioux Falls.

Body in South Dakota park identified as missing Nebraska man

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A body found in Badlands National Park in southwestern South Dakota has been identified as a Nebraska man missing since July.

According to a news release from the park, a coroner identified the victim Thursday as 39-year-old Joshua Jacobsen of Laurel. The cause of Jacobsen's death has not been determined and remains under investigation.

Authorities believe Jacobsen entered the park on July 12. His vehicle was found in a campground on July 17.

The multiagency search for the victim was called off in August, but park officials began a search of the Sage Creek Wilderness area after hikers spotted a backpack and other personal items Tuesday evening. His body was found Wednesday.

State's agricultural mediation program recertified by USDA

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's agricultural mediation program has been recertified by USDA's Farm Service Agency.

The department says mediation is an alternative method of resolving agricultural disputes. The department is authorized to mediate disputes that involve debtor and creditor, federal lands, oil and gas and water drainage. Certain areas of the mediation program are partially funded by a USDA grant.

Department finance and mediation administrator Terri LaBrie says the program has been around since the 1980s, although it has evolved over the years and added additional areas to mediate.

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Mediation is mandatory for any agricultural credit dispute over \$50,000. Mediation for water drainage, federal lands and oil and gas are all voluntary.

Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Huron, 25-22, 25-14, 25-17
Arlington def. DeSmet, 25-19, 27-25, 25-15
Belle Fourche def. St. Thomas More, 25-11, 25-18, 25-18
Bennett County def. New Underwood, 25-16, 25-23, 25-22
Bon Homme def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-19, 25-20, 20-25, 25-21
Brookings def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 9-25, 25-16, 27-29, 25-22, 19-17
Colman-Egan def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-14, 25-15, 25-14
Custer def. Lead-Deadwood, 21-25, 25-21, 17-25, 25-23, 15-12
Dakota Valley def. Canton, 25-11, 25-5, 25-7
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Estelline, 25-18, 25-16, 25-7
Ethan def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-6, 25-21, 25-18
Flandreau def. Flandreau Indian, 25-9, 25-22, 25-16
Hamlin def. Britton-Hecla, 25-22, 25-11, 25-9
Hanson def. Avon, 25-16, 25-12, 25-22
Harding County def. Hulett, Wyo., 25-17, 25-17, 25-21
Hemingford, Neb. def. Edgemont, 25-23, 25-13, 25-20
Hill City def. Sturgis, 25-19, 25-16, 25-27, 25-23
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-16, 25-21, 25-20
Jones County def. Stanley County, 25-19, 25-14, 25-19
Kimball/White Lake def. James Valley Christian, 19-25, 25-22, 25-20, 32-30
Leola/Frederick def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-22, 25-18, 25-22
Little Wound def. Todd County, 25-16, 25-11, 25-16
Madison def. Beresford, 24-26, 25-10, 25-18, 25-12
Marshall, Minn. def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-17, 24-26, 25-12, 20-25, 15-11
McCook Central/Montrose def. Menno, 25-20, 25-9, 25-19
Milbank Area def. Groton Area, 24-26, 22-25, 25-23, 26-24, 15-11
Miller def. Faulkton, 25-21, 23-25, 18-25, 25-22, 15-7
Mobridge-Pollock def. McIntosh, 25-19, 25-15, 25-20
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Mitchell Christian, 25-14, 25-14, 25-17
Northwestern def. Ipswich, 25-7, 25-15, 25-18
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Lake Preston, 25-9, 25-10, 25-17
Parker def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-18, 25-9, 25-6
Parkston def. Lennox, 19-25, 25-22, 17-25, 25-18, 15-11
Potter County def. McLaughlin, 25-17, 25-9, 25-4
Red Cloud def. St. Francis Indian, 25-15, 20-25, 25-17, 25-9
Redfield/Doland def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-15, 25-19, 25-19
Rosholt def. Hendricks, Minn., 25-20, 25-20, 22-25, 25-11
Sioux Falls Christian def. Wagner, 22-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-20
Sioux Valley def. Castlewood, 25-11, 25-16, 25-18
Sisseton def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-19, 25-14, 24-26, 25-16
Spearfish def. Douglas, 25-16, 25-17, 25-16
Timber Lake def. Dupree, 25-12, 20-25, 25-13, 25-16
Tri-Valley def. Dell Rapids, 22-25, 25-15, 25-9, 25-19

Tripp-Delmont/Armour def. Freeman, 25-12, 25-14, 25-16
Viborg-Hurley def. Bridgewater-Emery, 23-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-21
Waubay-Summit def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-14, 25-15, 25-20
Webster def. Deuel, 23-25, 26-28, 25-19, 25-18, 17-15
West Central def. Garretson, 25-14, 25-16, 25-22
Wilmot def. Florence/Henry, 25-16, 21-25, 25-23, 17-25, 15-9
Wolsey-Wessington def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-5, 25-8, 25-10
Baltic Triangular
Baltic def. Gayville-Volin, 25-10, 25-12, 25-27, 25-15
Baltic def. Freeman Academy, 12-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-23
Freeman Academy def. Gayville-Volin, 25-14, 25-18, 25-13
Boyd County Triangular
Burke/South Central def. Boyd County, Neb., 24-21, 22-25, 25-21
Stuart, Neb. def. Burke/South Central, 25-22, 25-13

Sheriff: Multiple deaths in fire at South Dakota home

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An early-morning fire engulfed a rural home in South Dakota where a couple and their four children lived, leaving multiple people dead, authorities said Thursday.

Charles Mix County Sheriff Randy Thaler said firefighters were called around 5:30 a.m. to the home of Scott and Nicole Westerhuis, about 3 miles south of Platte, about 110 miles west of Sioux Falls. A preliminary investigation revealed "multiple victims," but they are not yet identifiable, Thaler said.

Platte-Geddes School District Superintendent Joel Bailey said local agencies informed him Thursday morning that the couple and the children, who attended school in the small district, died in the fire. He said the students killed were Kailey, a third-grader; Jaeci, a fifth-grader; Connor, an eighth-grader; and Michael, a high school sophomore.

Scott and Nicole Westerhuis worked for Mid-Central Educational Cooperative, a Platte-based education organization that provides speech, language and hearing services to several area school districts. Scott Westerhuis served as the organization's business manager for about 15 or 16 years, and Nicole Westerhuis served as assistant business manager for about 8 years, said Dan Guericke, the cooperative's director. Both were great people and highly valued employees, he said.

The couple attended Northern State University in Aberdeen and returned to Platte sometime after graduation.

"Scott and his wife grew up here," Guericke said. "Their parents were here. They came back to raise their children here."

All Platte-Geddes students were dismissed after school officials learned of the tragedy. The state Department of Education reports the district had 467 students enrolled as of fall 2014.

Bailey said school counselors from the district and surrounding areas, along with local church youth group leaders, were on hand at the schools to help students, teachers and staff with their grief.

"I can be proud of the way everybody came together and supported the students and faculty," Bailey said.

Community members were planning a special gathering for the family Thursday night at a church.

Guericke said the Westerhuises were an extremely solid, close-knit family.

"They were involved with coaching their teams, worked with their youth groups at church," he said. "They were very involved with their children."

Thaler said the South Dakota Fire Marshal, South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Platte fire and police departments are assisting with the investigation into the blaze.

Feds to pay \$940M to settle claims over tribal contracts

MARY HUDETZ, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The Obama administration has agreed to pay hundreds of Native American tribes nearly \$1 billion to settle a decades-old claim that the government failed to adequately compensate tribes while they managed education, law enforcement and other federal services.

The Interior Department announced the proposed \$940 million agreement in Albuquerque on Thursday along with leaders from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Zuni Pueblo and Ramah Chapter of the Navajo Nation. They were among the lead plaintiffs in a contract-dispute lawsuit filed on behalf of more than 600 tribes and tribal agencies. They brought the case in 2012 before the U.S. Supreme Court, where justices ruled for the tribes.

They had argued underfunded federal contracts dating as far back as the 1970s often left them to face shortfalls as they tried to meet critical needs in their communities, ranging from health services to housing.

The settlement still must be approved in federal district court.

"Deep and painful cuts were made every year," said Val Panteah, governor of Zuni Pueblo, resulting in what he described as "a financial death spiral" for his community in eastern New Mexico. He said poverty, inadequate health care and education present major challenges for the pueblo.

Oglala President John Yellow Bird Steele said the \$940 million negotiated with the government was a fair settlement for tribes.

The Interior's proposed payout would represent the latest in a series of recent major settlements addressing years of legal disputes between tribes and the federal government.

"When the plaintiffs in this case forced the administration to confront an issue that had festered for decades, the administration embraced the principle that the plaintiffs won in court," said Kevin Washburn, the Interior Department's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. "We have fully funded these costs ever since."

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said she expected the case would be fully settled in 2016 if there aren't appeals. After that, tribes seeking compensation under the settlement could receive funds within a month of filing their claim, according to lawyers for the tribes.

At a minimum, a tribe could be compensated \$8,000 for a year of underpaid contracts as part of the lawsuit. However, numerous tribes could expect to receive six- to seven-figure payouts, said Michael Gross, a lawyer representing the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Ramah Navajo Chapter in New Mexico.

The Navajo Nation stands to gain \$58 million — the largest sum for a single plaintiff under the settlement — in light of claims federal agencies shorted the tribe on numerous contracts for nearly a decade.

Unlike the \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement — named for Elouise Cobell of Browning, Montana — Congress does not have to approve the settlement. Instead, the money would come from a judgment fund of the Treasury Department, Washburn said.

In the Cobell case settled in 2010, the government was sued for lost royalties owed to generations of individual Indian landowners.

It remains the largest government settlement in U.S. history, while a \$554 million settlement last year with Navajo Nation leaders over mismanagement of resources on the sprawling, 27,000-square-mile reservation is the government's largest agreement of its kind with a single tribe.

"From the tribes' perspective, underfunding of contract costs is another broken promise," Washburn said.

Since 1975, tribes have been able to opt into federal contracts under the Indian Self-Determination Act, gaining oversight of Bureau of Indian Affairs programs meant to fulfill the government's trust obligations to Native Americans established through treaties and other agreements.

The policy change ended an era of broad BIA oversight on reservations and gave control of critical programs to tribes.

"We started gaining control of our own destiny. But the federal government found a way to undermine us on this process too" said Panteah of Zuni Pueblo. "The BIA blamed Congress. Congress blamed the president. And we were stuck in the middle."

State permit changes for large feedlots get favorable marks

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Environmental and livestock groups gave largely favorable marks Thursday to a plan to update standards for protecting South Dakota's water supply from manure and waste produced by large-scale animal feeding operations.

The state Department of Environment and Natural Resources held an informational explanatory meeting on the revisions it is drafting to the state's permit for large livestock operations. They could be completed by January.

Updates range from requiring more information about the ownership of an operation — people with at least a 10 percent stake would be disclosed — to requiring feedlots to meet new standards for conservation plans used by livestock operations. Those plans in part deal with managing manure spread on fields as fertilizer to protect state waters, said Kent Woodmansey, administrator of the agency's Feedlot Permit Program.

"Our goal is to prevent water pollution," he said. "The intent is to set the standards to protect surface and groundwater from the manure and wastewater that's generated."

Todd Wilkinson, president of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, said the proposal is "pretty reasonable." Wilkinson said he anticipates the permit revisions will go smoothly "with some minor tweaking."

"It's a process that needs to happen periodically, he said. "Producers like me are very concerned about protecting the environment because that's where we make our living."

There are about 420 permitted concentrated animal feeding operations in South Dakota, nearly all in the eastern part of the state.

Kathy Tyler, a member of environmental group Dakota Rural Action, gave the draft permit a "B+." Tyler said the organization would meet to discuss changes to propose before the permit heads to a formal review process. Dakota Rural Action had originally raised concerns that they weren't included in drafting the revisions.

Tyler said she's pleased that it would be a violation of a newly created state permit if a livestock facility discharges waste, though producers can do so in certain situations if they operate under a different permit.

The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources could make the decision about whether to approve the changes by January. The alterations stem from changes in federal regulations, updated conservation standards for the livestock operations and as a result of suggestions from South Dakota farmers and others, Woodmansey said.

Rapid City police say death of man appears to be homicide

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Rapid City say a 56-year-old man has died in what appears to a violent assault.

Officers responded to a parking lot near the intersection of East Boulevard North and East Philadelphia Street shortly before 3 a.m. Thursday and found dead man lying in a pool of blood. The man has been identified Edward Lowry, of Rapid City.

Police Capt. James Johns says police are still early in the process but notes that it's "very clearly" a homicide investigation.

Authorities are urging anyone with information to contact police.

UND adding 2 video boards to Betty Engelstad Sioux Center

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — The University of North Dakota is adding two video display boards to the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

The facility on the Grand Forks campus hosts basketball and volleyball. Officials say the LED video boards will provide replays and other displays.

UND Athletics and Ralph Engelstad Arena are financing the \$600,000 project. South Dakota-based Daktronics Inc. is providing the boards. Daktronics makes and services video display systems for customers

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around the world, including several professional sports teams in the U.S.

The display boards in the UND arena will be 20 feet wide and 10 feet tall. They'll replace existing scoreboards. Installation is to begin in May and finish before the start of the 2016-17 seasons.

Survey suggests economy slowing in rural parts of 10 states

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A new survey suggests that the economy will slow down in rural parts of 10 Western and Plains states in the months ahead.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss says weak crop and energy prices are hurting profits across the region.

The Rural Mainstreet Index dipped into negative territory at 49 in September from August's 50. Any score below 50 suggests that factor will decline.

Farmers are delaying big purchases if they can because of the environment. The farm equipment sales index remained at 14.2 in September.

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

Rapid City man dies 2 days after falling off pickup tailgate

CAMP CROOK, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man injured in an incident involving a pickup truck in Harding County has died of his injuries.

The Highway Patrol says 26-year-old Jared Weischedel was injured Sunday night in Camp Crook when he was riding on the tailgate of a pickup truck and fell off. Authorities say he died on Tuesday in a Rapid City hospital.

The patrol is continuing to investigate the incident.

3 arrested after 2 armed robberies at Sioux Falls stores

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux falls police have arrested three men after armed robberies at two convenience stores.

Three masked men walked into a Freedom Valu Center store about 2 a.m. Thursday, wielding a handgun and demanding money.

Officers responded to another armed robbery report at a Holiday Stationstore about 3:30 a.m. An officer stopped a vehicle as it left the area, and the three men inside matched the description of the suspects.

Police say they also found items stolen from both stores.

The 18-, 19- and 20-year-old suspects were arrested on robbery, assault and weapons charges.

10 Things to Know for Today

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

1. WHAT TRUMP DIDN'T DO AT A TOWN HALL

The Republican presidential front-runner declines to challenge a questioner in New Hampshire who incorrectly states that Obama is a Muslim and "not even an American."

2. SERBIA ANGERED BY CROATIAN MOVE

Croatia closes all of its border crossings with Serbia except for one after straining to cope with some 13,000 refugees who entered the country after Hungary closed off its border in the last two days.

3. HOW CURRENT WAVE OF MIGRATION COMPARES HISTORICALLY

The number of refugees globally stands at a record 60 million, and draws comparisons with World War II, yet it pales to the internal movement within China, where about 253 million rural farmers have moved to cities for work.

4. HOUSE BILLS MAY MOLLIFY CONSERVATIVES

GOP leaders are on track to pass a measure targeting Planned Parenthood and another curbing some abortion procedures.

5. WHY THE FED HAS YET TO RAISE RATES

Economists say the central bank needs to see a stable dollar, steady oil prices and a stronger job market before it would consider raising interest rates.

6. WHO IS CRITICIZING POPE

Francis plans to meet with Cuba's president and its priests, its young and its sick, its churchgoers and its seminarians. But not its dissidents, sparking bitter critiques.

7. COMMUNITIES MAKING EFFORTS TO BECOME 'DEMENTIA FRIENDLY'

As recognition, diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as Alzheimer's increases, U.S. cities are embracing efforts to make it easier for the stricken in their everyday interactions.

8. WOMEN MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SOME MILITARY ROLES

The Marine Corps is expected to ask that women not be allowed to compete for several front-line combat jobs, inflaming tensions between Navy and Marine leaders.

9. HE. SHE. ZE. THEY.

Many colleges now let or encourage transgender, genderqueer students choose their pronouns.

10. BRONCOS SHOCK CHIEFS WITH LATE RALLY

Denver cornerback Bradley Roby returns Jamaal Charles' second fumble 21 yards for a touchdown with 27 seconds remaining, stunning Kansas City 31-24.

AP News in Brief

Trump declines to correct town hall questioner who says Obama is Muslim

ROCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump has declined to correct a questioner at a town hall event who incorrectly stated that President Barack Obama is Muslim and said he'd be "looking at" claims of militant training camps on American soil.

Trump, who has a history of making controversial remarks about immigrants and other groups, was kicking off a town hall event Thursday evening in Rochester, New Hampshire — his first since Wednesday's second Republican primary debate.

"We have a problem in this country. It's called Muslims," said the first man Trump called on to ask a question. "We know our current president is one. You know he's not even an American."

Trump, who was a driver of the "birther" movement that claimed Obama wasn't born in the U.S, first responded with feigned exasperation — "We need the question," he said, to laughs — but let the man continue.

"We have training camps growing where they want to kill us. That's my question," the questioner continued. "When can we get rid of it?"

Croatia shuts most Serbia border crossings, unable to handle migrant influx, angering Belgrade

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Croatia closed all but one of its border crossings with Serbia after straining to cope with more than 13,000 migrants who have entered the country after Hungary closed its border.

Huge numbers of people surged into Croatia after Hungary erected a barbed wire-fence and took other tough measures to stop them from using it as a gateway into Western Europe. Croatia represents a longer and more difficult route into Europe, but those fleeing violence in their homelands had little choice.

Many of the migrants are Syrians and Iraqis fleeing war, who are seeking safety and prosperity in Germany and elsewhere in Western Europe.

Serbian officials, fearing the closure in Croatia would block thousands of migrants inside the country,

protested Zagreb's move. Aleksandar Vulin, Serbia's social affairs minister, said Serbia will take Croatia to international courts if the international border crossings remain closed, arguing that it should have been prepared for the influx.

"We will not pay the price of someone else's incapability," Vulin said. "I am sorry to see that Croatian humanity and solidarity lasted just two days."

Compared to past waves, migrants seeking new lives abroad face less welcome, more danger

The people streaming into Europe are the faces of a world on the move, more so now than at any other time in recent history. Last year, the United Nations announced that the number of displaced people worldwide had surpassed 50 million for the first time since the end of World War II. It's now nearly 60 million.

Yet migration is also a story as old as man — and in this case, woman and child. Here is a snapshot of today's migration to Europe in the context of history and geography.

A WORLD AT WAR

Today's migration, a wave that has grown since the Arab Spring in 2011, is perhaps most often compared with the flight of refugees after World War II. It's impossible to calculate accurately, mainly because we now have much better data and tracking systems than even a decade ago. But the U.N. reports that the number of displaced people during World War II exceeded 50 million — which is less than now, but at a time when the world's population was smaller.

House bills hit Planned Parenthood, some abortion doctors as GOP leaders try averting shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders hope House passage of bills targeting Planned Parenthood and curbing some abortion procedures will mollify fractious conservatives demanding a face-off with President Barack Obama that could trigger a federal shutdown.

The GOP-run chamber was on track to approve the two measures Friday, despite White House veto threats and opposition from most Democrats. One would block Planned Parenthood's federal funds for a year. The other would inflict criminal penalties on doctors who don't try saving infants born alive during abortions.

The bills were a reaction to videos showing Planned Parenthood officials casually describing how they provide researchers with tissue from aborted fetuses. The debate also underscored how the age-old fight over abortion could affect next year's elections because it touches emotional hotspots among each side's most loyal partisans and could be pivotal as each party tries wooing female voters.

"It's about preserving a pipeline of funding to the nation's largest abortion provider," Rep. Martha Roby, R-Ala., said of Democrats arguing that Planned Parenthood provides irreplaceable health services for women. "We all get that. So let's drop the phony women's health charade."

"This bill is spiteful, it's mean-spirited and it is cruel," Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., said of the measure halting Planned Parenthood's funds. "It tells millions of low-income Americans, 'Forget your health, you can just die.'"

Here's what the Federal Reserve wants to see before raising interest rates from record lows

WASHINGTON (AP) — So what will it take for the Federal Reserve to finally raise interest rates?

The U.S. economy is now in its seventh straight year of expansion. It's growing at a steady if unexciting 2.2 percent annual rate. Unemployment has sunk from a 10 percent peak to a reassuring 5.1 percent. Auto and home sales have accelerated.

Yet on Thursday, Fed officials declined to lift rates from record lows.

The decision left some Fed watchers mystified over what the central bank needs to see to begin phasing out a policy it launched in 2008 to help save a collapsing economy. Many consumers and businesses wouldn't even likely feel the consequences of a single rate hike, at least not immediately. And Yellen has stressed that the Fed's rate increases would be modest and gradual.

At a news conference, Yellen declined to spell out what exactly would give the Fed enough confidence to raise the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other — from near-zero.

Pope Francis plans to duck dissidents in Cuba, spawning bitter criticism from opposition

HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis plans to meet with Cuba's president and its priests, its young and its sick, its churchgoers and its seminarians as he travels around the island starting Saturday. But not its dissidents.

The absence on Francis' agenda of any meeting with the political opposition has sparked bitter critiques from dissidents who say they feel let down by an institution they believe should help push for greater freedom in Cuba.

"He should exert more pressure," said Antonio Rodiles, head of the hardline group Estado de SANTS. "In many cases political systems have come under international pressure that has resulted in change, and that's what needs to be happen with Cuba."

Papal observers say it's likely Francis will speak strongly to Cubans about the need for greater freedom in their country and may speak to President Raul Castro in private about the same topic. But in shying from meetings with dissidents, the pope is hewing largely to the Cuban Catholic Church's strategy of advocating for change within bounds laid out by the communist state rather than pushing the system to change as John Paul II did in Eastern Europe. There is no one Cuban officials consider more out of bounds than the country's dissidents, whom they call mercenaries paid by the U.S. government and Cuban-American interest groups in Miami.

Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said this week that Francis had not accepted any invitations to meet with dissidents, and well-known opposition members told The Associated Press they have received no invitation to see him.

Communities look to become 'dementia friendly' to help make life easier for those affected

WATERTOWN, Wis. (AP) — Shirley Strysick sometimes forgets she's met someone two hours prior or that she's no longer a nurse.

So the 90-year-old is living in a nursing home in Watertown, about 50 miles west of Milwaukee. And lucky for her it's in a city trying to make life easier for those with dementia.

Watertown and the state of Minnesota are helping lead the push nationally for communities to become "dementia friendly." The Watertown effort includes a "Memory Cafe," a monthly coffee-shop support and social group for people with dementia and their caretakers.

"Everybody was very pleasant and I never heard anyone say, 'Well that's a stupid thing' or criticize you," said Strysick, after attending a recent meeting.

In Minnesota, a website offers advice on how to be dementia friendly and includes downloadable documents, training videos and statistics.

Taliban storm mosque, killing 16 people during brazen attack on air base in northwest Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — The Pakistani Taliban launched a brazen assault on a military base on the outskirts of the northwestern city of Peshawar early Friday, storming a mosque inside the sprawling compound and killing 16 worshippers during prayers.

The attack triggered an hours-long firefight with Pakistani troops at the base, during which an officer and two guards were also killed, officials said. The Pakistani forces said they killed 13 of the attackers but

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it was unclear how many were involved in the assault.

The attack was a major blow for Pakistan's military, which stepped up operations against the militants following a horrific Taliban attack last December at a Peshawar school that killed 150 people, mostly children.

In Friday's assault, the attackers first stormed the guard room of the Badaber base, established in 1960s as an air force facility but mostly used as a residential place for air force employees and officers from Peshawar, according to air force officials.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa said 13 attackers were killed by the security forces. He said the attack was quickly repulsed and that the "bodies of the slain terrorist" were lying on the ground in the base compound.

Buffalo Wild Wings ending TV ads featuring comedian who said he lied about Sept. 11 attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Buffalo Wild Wings will stop airing TV commercials featuring comedian Steve Rannazzisi, who said this week that he lied about being in the World Trade Center during the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Upon careful review, we have decided to discontinue airing our current television commercials featuring Steve Rannazzisi," the Minneapolis company said in a statement Thursday.

The New York Times first reported Rannazzisi's admission earlier this week. Rannazzisi, who is also a star on the FXX show "The League," has said in the past that he was working as an account manager for Merrill Lynch on the 54th floor of one of the World Trade Center towers when it was hit with a plane. He and described the "pandemonium" he witnessed when he ran out into the street.

In an interview with comedian Marc Maron, Rannazzisi also said six of the 10 members on a basketball team he played on died.

This week, Rannazzisi said on Twitter he was in fact working in another part of the city, and not at the World Trade Center.

Manning leads Broncos to tying touchdown before fumble return lifts them past stunned Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — All those doubters who kept saying that Peyton Manning was washed up, that his arm strength was depleted and his drive for championships diminished?

He silenced them along with everyone else in Arrowhead Stadium on Thursday night.

Manning calmly led the Broncos to a tying touchdown in the final minute, then watched from the sideline as Denver cornerback Bradley Roby returned Jamaal Charles' fumble 21 yards for another score with 27 seconds left to cap a stunning 31-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

"The talk doesn't really get to me," said Manning, who threw for 256 yards and three touchdowns along with a pick-six. "I don't read a lot of papers and watch a lot of analysis. But obviously, you get friends and teammates and it seems to make them quite angry.

"Obviously, it's nice when guys on your team, and your friends and family have your back. But it doesn't affect me," he added. "We're 2-0 and played two really good teams."

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, September 18, the 261st day of 2015. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 18, 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

On this date:

In A.D. 14, the Roman Senate officially confirmed Tiberius as the second emperor of the Roman Empire, succeeding the late Augustus.

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In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1810, Chile made its initial declaration of independence from Spain with the forming of a national junta.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1931, an explosion in the Chinese city of Mukden damaged a section of Japanese-owned railway track; Japan, blaming Chinese nationalists, invaded Manchuria the next day.

In 1940, Harper and Brothers published "You Can't Go Home Again" by Thomas Wolfe, two years after the author's death.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold (dahg HAWM'-ahr-shoold) was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1965, the situation comedies "I Dream of Jeannie" and "Get Smart" premiered on NBC.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1984, retired U.S. Air Force Col. Joe Kittinger became the first person to complete a solo balloon flight across the Atlantic Ocean as he landed in Italy, four days after leaving Maine.

In 1990, the city of Atlanta was named the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics. The organized crime drama "GoodFellas," directed by Martin Scorsese, had its U.S. premiere in New York.

Ten years ago: Tropical Storm Rita formed southeast of the Florida Keys. Millions of Afghans defied a Taliban boycott call and militant attacks to vote for a new parliament. German conservative challenger Angela Merkel's bloc won the most votes in elections, but fell short of a clear mandate to govern. "Everybody Loves Raymond" won the Emmy for best comedy in its final season; first-year hit "Lost" was named best drama.

Five years ago: Despite Taliban rocket strikes and bombings, Afghans voted for a new parliament in the first election since a fraud-marred ballot cast doubt on the legitimacy of the embattled government. During his visit to Britain, Pope Benedict XVI apologized to five people who'd been molested by priests as children in his latest effort to defuse the sex abuse crisis shaking the Roman Catholic Church.

One year ago: In a show of solidarity with Ukraine, President Barack Obama welcomed the new president of the embattled former Soviet republic, Petro Poroshenko, to the White House. Congress cleared the way for the U.S. military to train and equip Syrian rebels for a war against Islamic Group militants. Home Depot said a data breach that lasted for months at its stores in the U.S. and Canada had affected 56 million debit and credit cards. Don Spirit, a convicted felon living in Bell, Florida, fatally shot his six grandchildren and his daughter before killing himself. Voters in Scotland rejected independence, opting to remain part of the United Kingdom in a historic referendum. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews, Scotland, ended years of male-only exclusivity as its members voted overwhelmingly in favor of inviting women to join. Will Radcliff, 74, who'd built a multi-billion-dollar global business from flavored, icy Slush Puppie drinks, died in Cincinnati.

Today's Birthdays: Voice actress June Foray is 98. Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 82. Actor Robert Blake is 82. Former Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 82. Actor Fred Willard is 82. Actor Eddie Jones is 81. Gospel singer Bobby Jones is 77. Singer Frankie Avalon is 75. Actress Beth Grant is 66. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 66. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 65. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino is 63. College Football Hall of Famer and retired NFL player Billy Sims is 60. Movie director Mark Romanek is 56. Baseball Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg is 56. Alt-country-rock musician Mark Olson is 54. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 53. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv Devoe and New Edition) is 48. Actress Aisha Tyler is 45. Former racing cyclist Lance Armstrong is 44. Opera singer Anna Netrebko is 44. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 44. Actor James Marsden is 42. Actress Emily Rutherford is 41. Actor Travis Schuldt is 41. Rapper Xzibit is 41. Comedian-actor Jason Sudeikis is 40. Actress Sophina Brown is 39. Actor Barrett Foa is 38. TV correspondent Sara Haines is 38. Actress Alison Lohman is 36. Actors Taylor and Brandon Porter are 22. Actor C.J. Sanders is 19.

Thought for Today: "Make your mistakes, take your chances, look silly, but keep on going. Don't freeze up." - From "You Can't Go Home Again" by Thomas Wolfe (1900-1938).