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Wednesday, January 13

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, bread sticks, tri taters, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Adam Franken, Ben Schaller, Chuck Johnson, Elizabeth Abernathy, Ellen Leonhardt, Lance Hawkins, Monte McNickle.

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

8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Simmons Middle School

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with parents

Thursday, January 14, 2016

NO SCHOOL

Skating Rink to open at 1 p.m.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Jay & Linda Johnson

Birthdays: Austin Anderson, Jesse Howard, Margaret Padfield, Jennifer Thompson.

6:00pm: Wrestling Triangular at Sisseton (with Webster)

6:30pm: GBB hosts Clark-Willow Lake

Friday, January 15, 2016

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

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas,

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

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Mustangs beat Lady Tigers in low scoring game

Groton's Lady Tigers shot 15 percent from the field and had 20 turnovers as Waubay-Summit defeated the Tigers last night, 34-20. It was tied at three after the first period with Waubay-Summit taking an 11-6 first half lead and a 19-12 lead at the end of the third quarter. The Mustangs made 25 percent of their field goals as neither team could make their shots.

Waubay-Summit's 1-3-1 zone defense forced the Tigers to shoot from outside and the shots were not falling. The Tigers only had 10 offensive rebounds. Groton out-boarded the Mustangs, 32-30. Katie Koehler had 10 rebounds. Carly Wheeting had three of the team's seven steals and had the Tigers had 14 personal fouls and three assists. Waubay-Summit had 13 turnovers, six of which were in the first quarter, seven steals and eight assists.

Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with nine points followed by Carly Wheeting with six, Katie Koehler three and Miranda Hanson two. Kelsey Pearson led the Mustangs with 12 points followed by Nicolette Knneland with nine, Jaclyn Blutorn six, Dana Bury four and Sammi Swanson three.

The Mustangs won the junior varsity game, 28-19. Jenny Doeden, Taylor Holm and Sam Menzia each had four points, Miranda Hanson three and Payton Maine and Jenny Doeden each had two points.

Groton, now 7-2, will host Clark-Willow Lake on Thursday.



Featured left to right are Jessica Bjerke, Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler in Groton's game last night in Groton with Waubay-Summit. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)

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High Games: Vickie Kramp 196, Penny Stolle 187, Arlowyn Spencer 169

High Series: Vickie Kramp 504, Penny Stolle 472, Vicki Water 463

The Life of Mickey Padfield



Services for Michele "Mickey" Padfield, 65, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 14th at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Mickey died January 9, 2016 at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Michele Lynn was born on January 24, 1950 in Britton to Harvey and Cora (Dinger) Morris. She attended and graduated from Hecla High School in 1968. Mickey attended a year of college before taking a job at Riverside Supper Club in Ludden, ND. She worked there for 5 years. On February 18, 1975 she was united in marriage with Arista "Chuck" Padfield at the United Methodist Church in Aberdeen. The couple made their home in Hecla for a short time, and later lived in Aberdeen from 1977-1989. During this time, Mickey and Chuck were blessed with two sons. When they moved to

Groton in 1989, Michele began working alongside her husband at Groton Area School and was employed there at the time of her death.

Mickey was a member of the United Methodist Church in Groton. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter.

Celebrating her life is her husband, Chuck of Groton, her children, Joey (Sabrina) Padfield of Aberdeen, Randy (Rebecca) Padfield of Aberdeen and their daughter, Peyton Rose, her siblings: Ivan (Erika) Morris of PA, Melvin (Harriet) Morris of CT, Eleanor Walters of Iowa, Dorothy Hammond of CO, Richard (Dorothy) Morris of Sioux Falls, a sister-in-law, Lila Morris of Aberdeen and brother-in-law, Francis Maly of Forman, ND.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, Roger Morris and Jerry Moris and her sister, Rozilla Maly.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Kitchen Staff Members at Groton Area School.

Casketbearers will be Jesse Maly, Kevin Maly, Ryan Scepaniak, Brent Padfield, Logan Blake and Chad Morris.

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Today in Weather History

1886 - A great blizzard struck the state of Kansas without warning. The storm claimed 50 to 100 lives, and eighty percent of the cattle in the state. (David Ludlum)

1888 - The mercury plunged to 65 degrees below zero at Fort Keough, located near Miles City MT. The reading stood as a record for the continental U.S. for sixty-six years. (David Ludlum)

1912 - The temperature at Oakland, MD, plunged to 40 degrees below zero to establish a state record. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Dry and mild weather prevailed across the country. Nineteen cities in the Upper Midwest reported record high temperatures for the date, including Grand Island NE with a reading of 67 degrees. (National Weather Summary)

1988 - A fast moving cold front ushered arctic cold into the north central and northeastern U.S. Mason City IA reported a wind chill reading of 51 degrees below zero, and Greenville ME reported a wind chill of 63 degrees below zero. Winds along the cold front gusted to 63 mph at Rochester NY, and a thunderstorm along the cold front produced wind gusts to 62 mph at Buffalo NY, along with snow and sleet. (National Weather Summary)

1989 - Friday the 13th was bad luck primarily for the south central U.S. as an upper level weather disturbance spread a mixture of snow and sleet and freezing rain across Texas and Oklahoma. Snowfall totals in central Oklahoma ranged up to 8.5 inches at Norman. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A winter storm in the southwestern U.S. produced more than a twelve inches of snow in the mountains of California and Nevada. In northern California, Huntington Lake was buried under 40 inches of snow, and up to 20 inches was reported in northeastern Nevada. Heavy rain soaked some of the lower elevations of California. Gibraltar Dam CA was drenched with 5.33 inches of rain in two days. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Gale force winds produce squalls with heavy snow in the Great Lakes Region. Totals in northwest Pennsylvania ranged up to eleven inches at Conneautville and Meadville. Barnes Corners, in western New York State, was buried under 27 inches of snow in two days. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016


1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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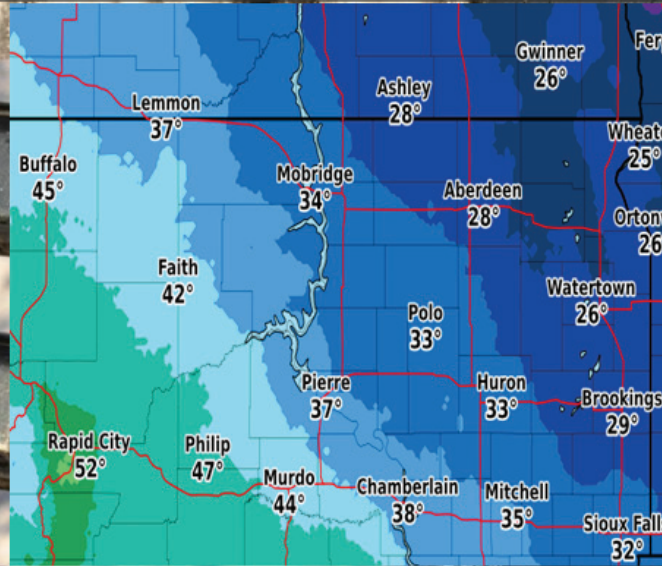
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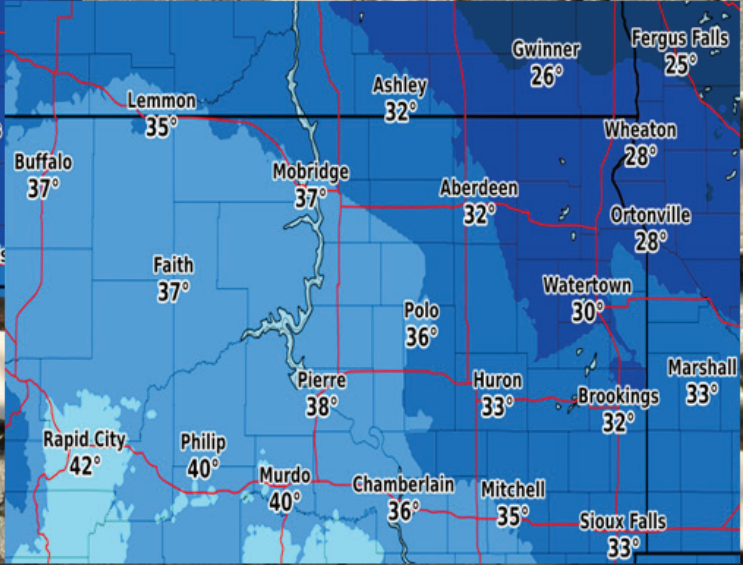
Mild Today – Thursday

Arctic Air Returns Friday








↑ Today's High Temps ↑



↓ Thursday High Temps ↓

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Mild air will dominate our weather today and Thursday before arctic air makes its way back into the region. There may be some light accumulations during this transition back to colder temperatures late Thursday/early Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 10.6 at 11:05 PM

Low: -9.7 at 7:12 AM

High Gust: 17 at 6:23 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 56° in 1987

Record Low: -40° in 1912

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.23

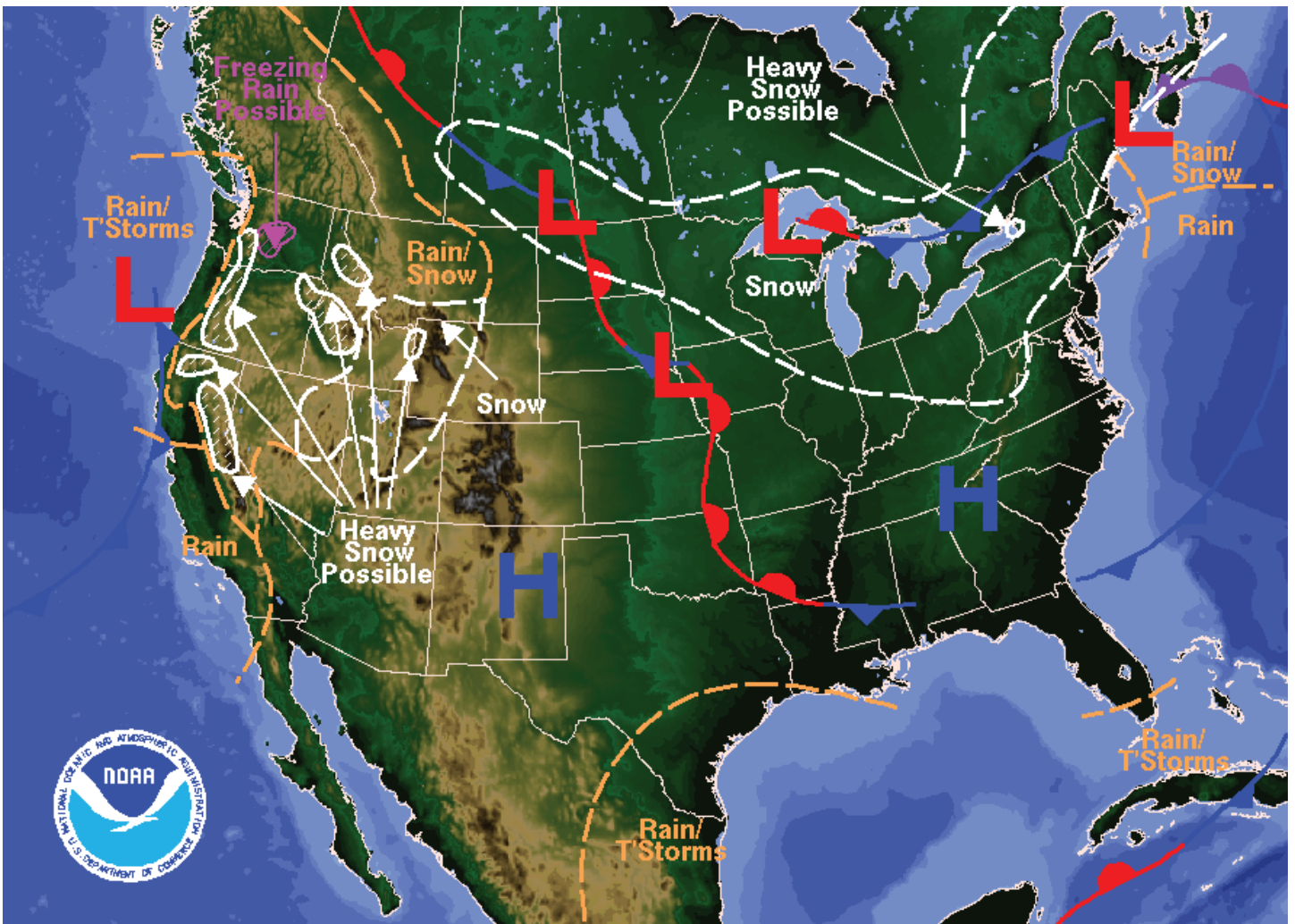
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.23

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:13 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:10 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jan 13, 2016, issued 2:44 AM EST
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FORGOTTEN BY EVERYONE

Hattie Hollowell, at eighty-three, became known as, "The Forgotten Woman." She spent three years and four months in a New York City jail, overlooked by the prison system and never brought to trial. Her lawyer ignored her. Her family abandoned her. Her friends forgot her. However, when this tragedy was discovered, the legal machinery moved rapidly and she was released.

Perhaps there are days when we feel alone, deserted, unimportant, and ignored. It seems as though we make no difference to anyone. We are convinced that we are doomed to be forsaken by everyone forever.

God's Word tells of the time when the Israelites felt forsaken by God. It was then that Isaiah reminded them that God could no more forget them than a loving mother could forget her little child. What a wonderful thought and marvelous truth: God Himself promises us that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Whenever we feel forgotten or forsaken by God, we need to stop and correct our thinking. Remember, He knows the number of hairs on our head, the hurts of our hearts, and each little bird that falls from a tree. Perhaps it is us who have forgotten or forsaken Him.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to take You at Your Word when You promise never to leave us or forsake us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 49:14-15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

Korean War vets throughout South Dakota honored with medal

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Hundreds of Korean War veterans in South Dakota have been honored for their service.

Veterans received an Ambassador of Peace medal from the Korean government at ceremonies in the Capitol Rotunda and in counties around the state on Tuesday.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard also received a medal, for his role in finding Korean War veterans throughout the state. He said the ceremony was a way to show the vets that they aren't forgotten.

State Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry Zimmerman says South Dakota is the first state to host such an event, with state officials and South Korean dignitaries gathering to pay tribute to the Americans who fought in the war.

A total of 466 South Dakota veterans were honored, 158 of them in the Pierre ceremony.

South Dakota congressional delegation reacts to Obama speech

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Members of South Dakota's all-Republican congressional delegation say President Barack Obama needs to focus more on solving the nation's problems.

Obama gave his final State of the Union speech Tuesday night, using it to summon an affirmative vision of his administration and for the future.

Sen. John Thune said South Dakotans don't want to hear about Obama's legacy — they want to hear his ideas for addressing issues such as the economy.

Sen. Mike Rounds said he thinks an "overwhelming majority" of South Dakotans are dissatisfied with the direction of the country, and that Obama's speech "lacked any serious ideas for working together."

Rep. Kristi Noem said the picture painted by Obama in his speech "is a starkly different image than what most people see in their own backyard."

US Citizenship & Immigration Leader to speak on ID security

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services leader will speak in Rapid City Wednesday on ID security.

Document Management Division Chief Jared Goodwin will give an overview of his secure identification document and printing program at 11 a.m. on the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology campus.

Goodwin's Document Product Division was renamed the Document Management Division in 2013, when he assumed the additional responsibilities for the printing, inventory management and distribution of all USCIS public use and secure forms.

The presentation is sponsored by the Center for Security & Anti-Counterfeiting Technology. The center was established in 2014 by researchers from the School of Mines, the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University to facilitate research efforts to thwart counterfeiting.

SD chief justice to deliver State of Judiciary message

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The chief justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court is set to deliver his annual State of the Judiciary message to a joint session of the Legislature.

Chief Justice David Gilbertson's speech is scheduled for Wednesday.

His address will focus on the issues that have affected the judiciary over the last year and the Unified Judicial System's goals for this year.

Last year, Gilbertson proposed evaluating the financial abuse of the elderly in South Dakota.

He also discussed measures that he said were making a difference in South Dakota. They included a

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program to attract attorneys to rural areas and an overhaul of the state's criminal justice system that lawmakers approved in 2013.

Gilbertson was appointed to the high court in 1995 and has served as chief justice since 2001.

Tuesday's Scores

The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 62, Tiospa Zina Tribal 41
Andes Central/Dakota Christian 52, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 42
Arlington 47, Deuel 37
Canton 70, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 50
Clark/Willow Lake 59, Deubrook 33
Colman-Egan 46, Castlewood 42
Corsica/Stickney 62, Mitchell Christian 42
Custer 67, Lead-Deadwood 43
Dell Rapids 50, Sioux Falls Christian 47
Estelline 48, Great Plains Lutheran 32
Gregory 48, Wagner 37
Harding County 89, Dupree 46
Highmore-Harrold 95, Faulkton 47
Huron 50, Pierre 48
Ipswich 64, Edmunds Central 26
Irene-Wakonda 54, Alcester-Hudson 44
Lemmon 59, Bowman County, N.D. 54
Lennox 61, Elk Point-Jefferson 47
Lower Brule 88, Sunshine Bible Academy 15
Miller 62, Redfield/Doland 59
Mitchell 64, Brookings 53
Mobridge-Pollock 73, McLaughlin 52
Parker 77, Dell Rapids St. Mary 33
Pine Ridge 73, Oelrichs 51
Rapid City Christian 79, Bison 36
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 86, Kimball/White Lake 47
Scotland 56, Centerville 46
Sioux Falls Lincoln 55, Yankton 34
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 68, Sioux Falls Washington 62
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 55, Harrisburg 49, OT
Sioux Valley 52, Hamlin 44
Sisseton 61, Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta, Minn. 57
Spearfish 68, Belle Fourche 30
Sturgis Brown 75, Hill City 54
Tea Area 74, Tri-Valley 59
Vermillion 66, Bon Homme 45
Warner 64, Britton-Hecla 54
Wilmot 70, Florence/Henry 69
Winner 54, Valentine, Neb. 35

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 70, Tiospa Zina Tribal 27
Andes Central/Dakota Christian 59, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 48
Bowman County, N.D. 43, Harding County 37

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Brookings 53, Mitchell 34
Centerville 56, Scotland 49
Chamberlain 52, Lyman 45
Chester 61, Marion 28
Estelline 52, Great Plains Lutheran 38
Eureka/Bowdle 57, Langford 35
Faith 67, Moorcroft, Wyo. 21
Flandreau 67, Garretson 36
Freeman 78, Bon Homme 36
Harrisburg 36, Watertown 26
Herreid/Selby Area 46, Leola/Frederick 29
Hot Springs 45, Edgemont 27
Ipswich 57, Edmunds Central 16
Little Wound 94, Bennett County 19
McCook Central/Montrose 63, Hanson 53
Menno 42, Canistota 37
Philip 51, Kadoka Area 29
Pierre 65, Huron 46
Redfield/Doland 70, Miller 44
Sioux Falls Lincoln 78, Yankton 70
Sioux Valley 49, Hamlin 41
Spearfish 55, Belle Fourche 43
Sunshine Bible Academy 48, Lower Brule 35
Timber Lake 56, McIntosh 38
Todd County 82, White River 47
Upton, Wyo. 44, Newell 27
Vermillion 43, Madison 42
Wagner 73, Gregory 28
Wakpala 47, Aberdeen Christian 41
Warner 53, Britton-Hecla 25
Waubay/Summit 34, Groton Area 20
Waverly-South Shore 50, Elkton-Lake Benton 47
Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, Minn. 64, Rosholt 28
Winner 69, Valentine, Neb. 25

Daugaard wants sales tax increase to boost low teacher pay

JAMES NORD

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers should pass a half-cent sales tax increase to improve South Dakota's lowest-in-the-nation teacher pay so it's competitive with neighboring states, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Tuesday in his State of the State address.

The sales tax increase would raise more than \$100 million in the upcoming budget year, most of which would be put toward helping raise the state's target average teacher salary to \$48,500 per year. If approved, it would be the first permanent increase to South Dakota's sales tax rate of 4 cents per dollar in nearly half a century.

About \$62.4 million from the sales tax hike would go toward teacher salaries, and about \$40 million in additional revenue from the increase would go to property tax relief, according to the governor's office.

"This is the year," Daugaard told lawmakers in his speech on the first day of the 2016 legislative session. "This is the year to get out of last place. This is the year to act."

It takes two-thirds support to pass a tax hike through the Legislature, and it could face opposition among Republicans in both GOP-held chambers.

"To do two tax increases in a row, back-to-back is tough," House Majority Leader Brian Gosch said, referring to fuel tax increases that lawmakers approved last session for road and bridge funding.

But pressure has mounted to raise teacher pay, which a state task force studying education funding said is the lowest of the 50 states and District of Columbia. South Dakota's average teacher pay of \$40,023 in 2013-14 lagged an average of the six states that border it by \$11,888 a year and was \$8,643 behind the next lowest neighbor, North Dakota, according to the group.

Daugaard also wants to encourage efficiency from school districts, and will push incentives to share services across districts. He's also proposing to reinstate caps on school reserve funds so that new state dollars are actually used to increase teacher pay.

The proposal sends the message that the state needs to do everything it can to attract and retain teachers and that "it's no longer acceptable to be 51st," said Mary McCorkle, president of the South Dakota Education Association, a more than 5,000-member education professionals' organization.

South Dakota's Democratic legislative leaders also welcomed Daugaard's plan to put new revenue toward teacher pay, but said more money is necessary.

Democrats proposed a 1-cent sales tax increase — with a corresponding exemption on food — to put about \$130 million toward a target average teacher salary of \$50,000 and other programs.

On other issues, the governor again exhorted legislators to consider an expansion of the Medicaid health coverage program for disabled and low-income people. Daugaard's position a departure from other Republican governors nationally who have declined to expand because they oppose President Barack Obama's federal health overhaul.

But Daugaard has said the state's costs for expansion would have to be covered by savings in part by expanding access to services that are fully funded by the federal government. That would free funds for boosting potential enrollment by about 50,000 residents.

The deal needs the backing of the federal government, the Legislature and South Dakota's Indian tribes, who are a key part of the plan. Tribal members would see more accessible and improved health care if the changes go through, according to a group Daugaard established to study expansion.

The governor asked skeptical Republican lawmakers to reserve judgment on the expansion plan until the state receives final word from the federal government. The Republican governor said he shares some of their concerns.

In response to a murder-suicide last year involving two employees of a Platte-based educational cooperative, Daugaard said he has asked Lt. Gov. Matt Michels to lead an effort to review the state's oversight of outside entities that manage grants for the state.

South Dakota corn and soybean farmers harvest record yields

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) The South Dakota Corn Growers Association says South Dakota corn and soybean farmers harvested record yields in 2015.

A new USDA report says the state's average corn yield was 159 bushels per acre, breaking the old record of 151 bushels per acre set in 2009. South Dakota's corn crop was the second largest all-time at 800 million bushels.

Soybean production is estimated at a record high 236 million bushels, with an average yield of 46 bushels per harvested acre, also a record. Those marks break the previous records, which were set last year.

Corn Growers President Keith Alverson says the state's farmers benefited from timely rains and near-ideal growing conditions most of the season.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service released its official annual crop production report Tuesday.

17-year-old girl dies in 1-vehicle crash in Pierre

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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have released the name of a 17-year-old girl killed in a one-vehicle crash in Pierre.

The Highway Patrol says Kalle Jackson of Pierre failed to negotiate a turn early Tuesday and the car she was driving hit a light pole. Jackson was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Highway Patrol says Jackson was the only one in the car, and she was wearing a seat belt.

SD top sunflower-producing state for the 3rd straight year

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The National Sunflower Association says South Dakota is the top sunflower-producing state for the third straight year.

The state's 1.23 billion pounds of production is the highest since 1999. Planted area in South Dakota increased 27 percent, and yield increased 179 pounds to a record high 1,858 pounds per acre.

North Dakota's production increased 26 percent, mostly due to an increase in yield that is the third highest on record. Record high yields were also achieved in Kansas and Nebraska.

Nationwide, the USDA report on 2015 sunflower crop production shows record high yields in both oil-type and confection sunflower.

National Sunflower Association executive director John Sandbakken says that's great news for sunflower producers.

Democrats say Daugaard's teacher pay plan not bold enough

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House Minority Leader Spencer Hawley says the plan needs to be bolder. Democrats propose a 1-cent sales tax increase with a corresponding exemption on food. That would put about \$130 million toward a target average teacher salary of \$50,000.

Spearfish man sentenced for sex crimes in Guatemala

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Spearfish man has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for traveling to Guatemala to engage in sex acts with boys.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken sentenced 53-year-old Richard Melanson after a daylong hearing Monday in which two minors testified. Viken said the boys had been "treated like pieces of meat."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah Collins said Melanson chose an impoverished part of Central America to exploit. Defense attorney Gary Colbath unsuccessfully argued for a lesser sentence, saying Melanson didn't physically threaten his victims.

Melanson said the trips to Guatemala were part of fulfilling fantasies related to a midlife crisis. He said he knew what he was doing was wrong.

A Homeland Security investigation concluded Melanson traveled to Guatemala in 2007, 2008 and 2010. Melanson pleaded guilty last August.

\$4.7M field house planned at Sioux Falls' Howard Wood Field

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls School Board has approved a \$4.7 million contract for a new field house at Howard Wood Field.

The project includes updated locker rooms and shower facilities, meeting space, and space for athletic trainers to work.

Construction is expected to begin this summer, following the state track meet. The facility should be

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ready for the fall 2017 football season.

The project was first scheduled in 2012 but the school district ran into financial roadblocks including state budget cuts and initial bids that came in too high.

The existing field house was built about 50 years ago and remodeled about 30 years ago.

National champion NDSU tops final FCS polls of season

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Five-time national football champion North Dakota State University is the unanimous No. 1 team in the final FCS polls of the season.

The Bison on Saturday beat Jacksonville State 37-10 for a fifth straight title. They top both the final coaches poll and the final STATS media poll.

NDSU rival South Dakota State made the top 20 in both polls — finishing 16th in the coaches poll and 15th in the media poll. The Jackrabbits made their fourth consecutive appearance in the FCS playoffs this past season.

The University of North Dakota received votes in both polls but did not crack the top 25.

Police: Burglary suspect returned to get iced tea bottle

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. (AP) — Authorities in Florida say a suspected burglar was arrested after returning to a crash scene to retrieve a bottle of iced tea, fearing it would be used as evidence.

Local news outlets report 23-year-old Bryan Lindon is charged with burglary of an unoccupied residence and grand theft.

Authorities say Lindon and another person are suspected of breaking into a Cooper City home Tuesday morning, then trying to break into another residence in Pembroke Pines.

Police arrested a 17-year-old suspect in Pembroke Pines, but say Lindon fled in a stolen car and crashed into a truck.

Broward Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Gina Carter says Lindon was arrested after returning to the scene for the tea, which she says Lindon probably thought was DNA evidence.

It's unclear whether he has an attorney.

Michigan National Guard, FEMA help Flint amid water crisis

ROGER SCHNEIDER, Associated Press

DAVID EGGERT, Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Members of the Michigan National Guard are headed to Flint to help dole out bottled water, filters and other supplies to residents dealing with a drinking water crisis that began months ago.

Gov. Rick Snyder activated the National Guard late Tuesday, and some members were expected to arrive as soon as Wednesday to assist state authorities and volunteers in the distribution effort.

Flint's tap water became contaminated with too much lead after the city switched its water supply in 2014 to save money while under state financial management. Local officials first declared a public health emergency in October in response to tests that showed children with elevated levels of lead.

On Tuesday, Snyder also requested support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in coordinating a recovery plan with other federal agencies that have the programs, authorities or technical expertise to help. FEMA appointed a disaster recovery coordinator to assist, spokesman Rafael Lemaitre said.

More than 30 Guardsmen will be in place by Friday, enabling American Red Cross volunteers to join the door-to-door efforts that began Tuesday instead of staffing sites where residents can pick up free bottled water, filters, replacement cartridges and home water testing kits.

Genesee County sheriff's Capt. Casey Tafoya said volunteers and police hoped to get to 500 to 600 houses a day in a city of about 99,000 residents with an estimated 30,000 households.

State troopers and sheriff's deputies escorted eight teams as they trudged through cold temperatures

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and 3 inches of snow, with more falling. Flyers were left at homes where no one answered, giving the location of where to pick up the items later.

"We plan to go every day this week, and we'll continue until everyone has safe drinking water," state police Lt. Dave Kaiser said.

Flint police meanwhile warned people to be wary of scammers. Chief James Tolbert said his department has received reports of people selling water filters even though filters are being distributed for free.

"It is unconscionable that some residents would try to take advantage of others coping with this water situation," Tolbert said.

For more than a year, water drawn from the Flint River leached lead from old lines into homes after the city switched its drinking water. Exposure to lead can cause behavior problems and learning disabilities in children.

Flint has since returned to Detroit's system for its water, but officials remain concerned that damage to the pipes caused by the Flint River means that lead could continue to impair supply. They also want to ensure monitoring protocols are properly followed.

The state auditor general and a task force created by Snyder have faulted the Department of Environmental Quality for not requiring Flint to treat the river water for corrosion and belittling the public's fears. The agency's director stepped down last month.

The task force also raised concerns about a lack of organization in responding to the disaster.

Snyder, who has also faced criticism, said Monday that the water situation is a "crisis" and last week declared an emergency.

The Republican said that since October, more than 12,000 filters have been distributed, more than 2,000 blood tests have been done — uncovering 43 cases of elevated lead levels — and more than 700 water tests have been conducted.

"I trust the good men and women of the National Guard will jumpstart the Snyder administration's lack-luster response to this public health crisis," Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich, D-Flint, said in a statement. "Sadly, myself and many leaders of my community have advocated for this type of response for months."

U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, a Democrat who represents the Flint area, said: "It is the state's ultimate responsibility to act and make it right. Flint residents are the victims in this crisis and they deserve a more urgent response equal to the gravity of this crisis."

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. IRAN SAYS ALL 10 DETAINED AMERICAN SAILORS FREED

The U.S. Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet had no immediate comment or confirmation of the release.

2. OBAMA IN CAMPAIGN FORM IN FINAL STATE OF THE UNION

The president looked at times like he was still campaigning during his address, eager to challenge biting criticism from GOP presidential hopefuls.

3. MEXICO MOVING RECAPTURED DRUG LORD FROM CELL TO CELL

The prison now has 24-hour video surveillance of Guzman including all parts of his lockup.

4. WHO DRAWS PORTRAITS OF PARIS VICTIMS

When a Syrian war refugee saw reports of the Nov. 13 attacks in the French capital, she recognized her own story of brutality and decided to sketch the faces of some of those who were killed.

5. WHY LEBANON NOW TURNS BACK SYRIA REFUGEES

Beirut reverses an open-door policy for Syrians that allowed them to enter the country and reside there relatively unencumbered.

6. PERFORMANCE OF DAVID BOWIE MUSICAL IN NYC BECOMES MEMORIAL

Fans who bought "Lazarus" tickets to celebrate the Thin White Duke's music instead find themselves

mourning his passing.

7. WHAT SANDERS AD BURST COINCIDES WITH

It matches the candidate's rise in preference polls in Iowa and New Hampshire, the first two states where voters will weigh in on the 2016 election.

8. NEVADANS LONG FOR POWERBALL

The state that features slots in almost every grocery store and bar is one of six that shuns the lottery, fearing it would undercut the casino industry.

9. RAZZIES NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

"Fifty Shades of Grey" is all tied up with "Pixels," "Jupiter Ascending" and "Paul Blart Mall Cop 2" for the most nominations as the worst in cinema.

10. NFL FOOTBALL RETURNING TO LA

The St. Louis Rams are moving back to Los Angeles and the San Diego Chargers will have the option to join them in a shared stadium.

Israeli military: Airstrike targets Gaza militants, 1 killed

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Israeli military carried out a rare airstrike in Gaza on Wednesday, targeting a group of Palestinian militants placing explosives along the border and killing one of them, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

The Israeli military said its aircraft located the group along Gaza's northern border with Israel as they were planning to detonate an explosive device against Israeli troops on the other side. "Forces guarding the border with Gaza face a growing threat from hostile terror groups attempting to destabilize the situation on the ground," said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a military spokesman.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said a 31-year-old man was killed in the strike and three others were wounded. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group affiliated with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah group, later identified the deceased as a member, saying he was targeted while planting explosives.

In a separate statement, Salah Bardawil, an official from Gaza's ruling Islamic Hamas movement, said Israel was "playing with fire" in the airstrike. He did not elaborate.

The airstrike marked a rare flare-up along the Gaza border, which has remained largely calm since a devastating 50-day summer war in 2014.

Some clashes have erupted along the border in recent months but most of the confrontations and violence has taken place in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Palestinian attacks on Israeli civilians and soldiers have killed 24 people in recent months.

At least 141 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since mid-September. About two-thirds of them are said by Israel to be attackers. The others were killed in clashes with troops.

Today in History

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Today is Wednesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2016. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1966, Robert C. Weaver was nominated to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon B. Johnson; Weaver became the first black Cabinet member.

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

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In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in poverty in a New York hospital at age 37.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," (zhah-KOOZ') was published in Paris.

In 1915, a magnitude-7 earthquake centered in Avezzano, Italy, claimed some 30,000 lives.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1976, Sarah Caldwell became the first woman to conduct at New York's Metropolitan Opera House as she led a performance of "La Traviata."

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minnesota, at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 2014, a shooting at a Wesley Chapel, Florida, movie theater left Chad Oulson, 43, dead; retired Tampa police captain Curtis Reeves, 71, is accused of killing Oulson during what authorities said was an argument over Oulson's texting.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush met with Germany's new chancellor, Angela Merkel, at the White House. A U.S. Army OH-58 Kiowa helicopter went down near Mosul after coming to the aid of Iraqi police under hostile fire; its two pilots were killed. A U.S. missile strike in Pakistan killed a relative of al-Qaida's No. 2 leader Ayman al-Zawahri (AY'-muhn ahl-ZWAH'-ree) and a terror suspect, but also 13 residents, prompting outrage among Pakistanis.

Five years ago: Vice President Joe Biden became the first top U.S. official to visit Iraq since the country approved a new Cabinet; Biden emphasized to Iraqi leaders that the U.S. wanted nothing more than for Iraq to be free and democratic. A funeral was held in Tucson, Arizona, for 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, the youngest victim of a mass shooting that also claimed five other lives and critically wounded Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

One year ago: Pope Francis brought calls for reconciliation as well as justice as he arrived in Sri Lanka at the start of a weeklong Asian tour. In an emotional act of defiance, Charlie Hebdo resurrected its irreverent and often provocative newspaper, featuring on the cover a caricature of a weeping Prophet Muhammad holding a sign reading "I am Charlie" with the words "All is forgiven" above him.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Frances Sternhagen is 86. TV personality Nick Clooney is 82. Comedian Rip Taylor is 82. Comedian Charlie Brill is 78. Actor Billy Gray is 78. Actor Richard Moll is 73. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 62. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 61. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 57. Actor Kevin Anderson is 56. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 55. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 55. Country singer Trace Adkins is 54. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 52. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 50. Actress Traci Bingham is 48. Actor Keith Coogan is 46. TV producer-writer Shonda Rhimes is 46. Actress Nicole Eggert is 44. Actor Ross McCall is 40. Actor Michael Pena is 40. Actor Orlando Bloom is 39. Meteorologist Ginger Zee (TV: "Good Morning America") is 35. Actress Ruth Wilson is 34. Actor Julian Morris is 33. Actor Liam Hemsworth is 26.

Thought for Today: "Never underestimate your power to change yourself; never overestimate your power to change others." — H. Jackson Brown Jr., American writer.