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Carnival of Silver Skates Pictures at GHS Arena
Anniv: Steve and Julie Schaller
Birthdays: Brina Chriss, Michael Patton.
3:00pm: JK-8th Grade Open Gym
3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (Choir serves)
5:00pm: 6th-12th Open Gym

Monday, January 18, 2016

School Breakfast: Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.
Martin Luther King Day
Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice and chow mein noodles, broccoli, Waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Aaron Nyberg, Kelly Flemming, Natalie Cassanova.
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center
7:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Literature Circle

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It's hard to believe that it has been 20 years that the Groton Daily Independent has been going, but I must confess, I don't think I have ever missed two days in a row with a daily paper. I do apologize. It seems that time is getting very crowded, especially now that we are doing the livestreaming of Groton activities.

It has been a struggle getting it going, but we are making headway. During the past week, we have invested in a new camera, new microphones, a broadcasting unit and two data plans. In addition, we are currently borrowing a sound mixer and will be getting our own this week. If the funds are available, we may even get a wireless microphone where we can do interviews away from the camera as the camera as a really good zoom to it. Not to mention that we have a new partner in the program with Justin Olson, who has been doing the play-by-play of the games. When my two

girls are able to come, they are also involved as Julianna takes pictures and Jeslyn helps with the camera operation. It has become a full blown production when we broadcast the games.

People have known the difference in video and audio quality as time as progressed. Of course, we had an extremely busy week to start this program with games last week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Good grief - nothing like jumping into the fire. This week should be a little easier with games on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are even thinking about broadcasting the finals of the Robotics Tournament in Groton on Saturday.

It has been fun, but time consuming, especially with the original set-up of the cameras and trips to Aberdeen to work out the bugs on the sound system. There is also the prep work before each game, like printing off a player list so I can keep stats and print off the team schedules. Also to try and make some changes in ads and get them pre-recorded.

Then when we arrive, I call it putting up the Christmas tree! And it almost looks like one. We start with a tripod, mount the camera on that and the "star" at the top is the broadcasting unit that connects to the internet. Then there are the numerous cords that have to be attached. It's like separating strings of lights.

For those of you have seen us at home games, we take up the whole table at the top on the east side. The road games are more challenging as we often times do not have a table so we set up on the bleacher, yet.

This past week, we have also purchased a domain name that is directly pointed to our streaming site. Instead of the long and cumbersome name of www.livestream.com/gdi, you can now just type in your browser gdilive.com. And when you get to that page, make sure you click on the FOLLOW button. That way you will be notified of future upcoming events.

And don't forget to thank the sponsors for making these broadcasts possible. It's not a cheap proposition on my part or on their part. It's more like teamwork and we are happy to make these broadcasts of Groton activities possible. While the main emphasis is on basketball, we will be doing music concerts and other events as well. It's another way to showcase the talent that we have at GHS.

Okay, so back to the paper. I ran out of time Friday morning and Friday afternoon was spent in Aberdeen and a sound place. Saturday proved to be much more challenging with Jeslyn having skating practice, then off to get their Silver Skates costumes, then to Aberdeen for Julianna's volleyball match and then to Redfield for the game. When I got home, I simply crashed on the couch. I can't image what it's like for parents that have two kids going in two different directions at the same time.

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Girls beat Cyclones, boys drop two games



Katie Koehler and Charity Kabwe battle for the loose ball. (Photo buy Julianna Kosel)



Hunter Lerew gets around Clark-Willow Lake's Noah Huber to pass off the ball. (Photo buy Julianna Kosel)

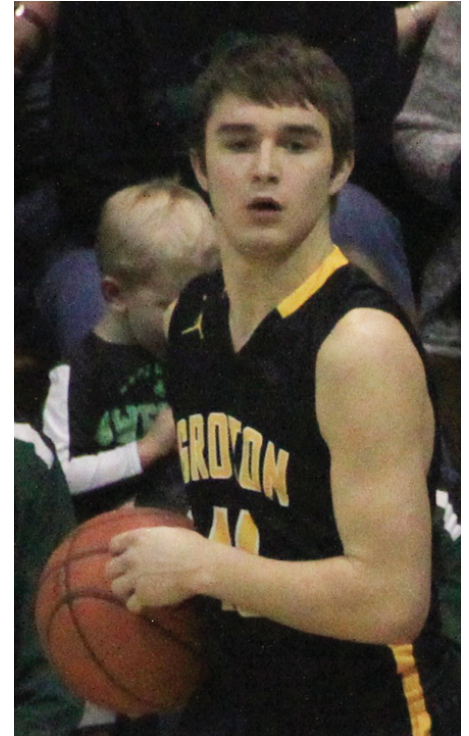
Groton's high school basketball teams split a pair of games with Clark-Willow Lake this past week. On Thursday, the Lady Tigers won at home, 51-29, and the boys lost at Clark Friday night, 60-47. Then on Saturday, the boys took on Little Wound at the Redfield Classic where the Mustangs won, 68-56.

It was all Groton Area in the first half as the Shabazz boys

combined for 20 points which included six three-pointers and Adam Herman had two three-pointers for six points. But the Cyclones shut down the shooting in the second half, limiting the Shabazz boys to five points and Herman was scoreless in the second half. Sean Schuring was also scoreless in the second half as he scored his four points in the first half.

The Tigers were 13 of 26 in shooting in the first half while Clark-Willow Lake was nine of 21. Groton led, 18-12, after the first quarter and 34-23 at half time. The Cyclones outscored Groton Area, 20-6, in the third period to take a 43-40 lead at the end of the third quarter, and they outscored the Tigers, 17-7, in the fourth quarter for the win.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Bennett Shabazz with 11, Hunter Lerew had eight, Adam Herman six, and Sean Schuring and Aaron



Adam Herman gets ready to pass off the ball. (Photo buy Julianna Kosel)

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Audrey Wanner puts up this shot with Lauren Wheeting holding off the defense. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



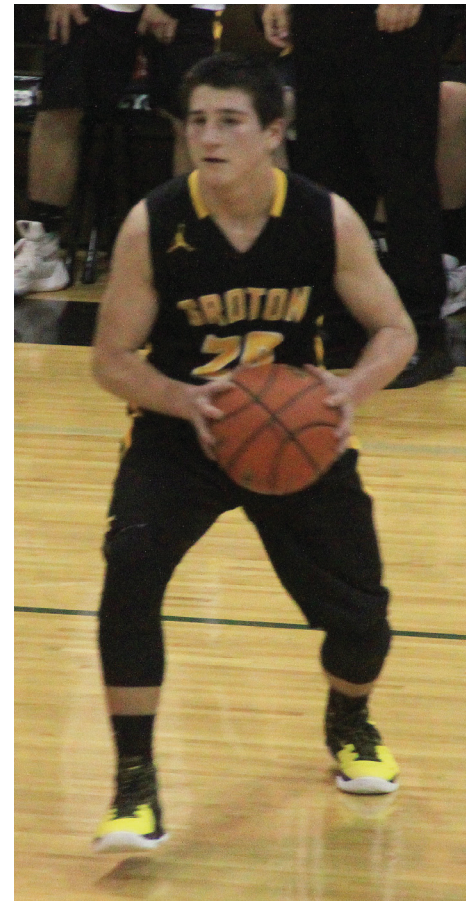
Harleigh Stange brings the ball up-court. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Serverson each had four points.

In the first half, Groton Area made 52 percent of its field goals while Clark-Willow Lake made 40 percent. In the second half, the Tigers cooled to 28 percent and the Cyclones warmed up to 56 percent. The Tigers were two of six in free throws for 33 percent off of Clark-Willow Lake's 12 team fouls. The Cyclones were six of 11 from the line off of Groton Area's 15 team fouls. Lerew had two blocks and Bennett Shabazz had one for Groton Area and Braxton Hartley had one for Clark-Willow Lake. The Tigers had 18 turnovers, eight of which were steals. Clark-Willow Lake had six turnovers, two of which were steals. Groton had nine assists with Schuring having three. Schuring had seven of the team's 28 rebounds while Noah Huber had six of Clark-Willow Lake's 26 rebounds.

The Cyclones were led in scoring by Dylan Miles with 17 points followed by Rory Forest with 12, Noah Huber had 11, Braxton Hartley nine, Bradyn Rusher had six and Jacob Prouty added five points.

Clark-Willow Lake won the junior varsity game, 35-24. The Tigers held a 12-11 lead with 1:52 left in the first half, but then the Cyclones put on a full court defense and the Tigers turned the ball over several times. Tylan Glover led the Tigers with 10 points followed by Marhsall Lane with five, Treyton Diegel had three and Brandon Keith, Jackson Oliver and Austin Jones each had two points.



Brady Keith looks for an open teammate. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Clark-Willow Lake's girls kept the game interesting in the first half with the game tied at seven after the first quarter and there were three lead changes in the second quarter as Groton held an 18-17 lead at half time. Groton Area scored nine unanswered points in the third quarter to take a 39-26 lead at the break. The Tiger defense held Clark-Willow Lake to a single basket in the fourth quarter as the Tigers went on to win, 51-29.

Coach Shaun Wanner said he was happy with the game. "I told the girls they had to fight their way out of dejection and to get more determination. We can preach all we want, but only they can fight their way back." The Lady Tigers had lost two back-to-back games, but determination made its way to the forefront. After the first half, Wanner said, "We switched to a triangle and two and then a box and one to shut down their shooters," Wanner said. "Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange and Jessica Bjerke did a good job on the triangle and two. Miranda Hanson also did some running and she hit three threes for us. I'm proud of how our girls rebounded from Tuesday's game."

Coach Greg Kjellsen, said, "I think this was our best game of the year. We just have to keep up on the intensity and not allow the other team back in the game."

Carly Wheeting led the Lady Tigers with 15



Sean Schuring gets in the middle of the action under the basket. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Jessica Bjerke puts up this jump shot. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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points followed by Audrey Wanner with 14, Miranda Hanson nine, Katie Koehler seven, Harleigh Stange four and Jessica Bjerke two.

The Cyclones were led by Janae Kolden with 13 points followed by Angela Young with seven, Raegan Florey had five and Jen Tonak added four points.

The Lady Tigers made 38 percent of their field goals and were four of seven from the line for 57 percent. Groton Area had 33 rebounds with Wheeting having 11, Wanner and Bjerke each had three of the team's 11 assists, Wheeting had four of the team's nine steals, Wheeting had one block and the Tigers had 13 turnovers and 15 team fouls.

Clark-Willow Lake won the junior varsity game, 31-26.



Bennett Shabazz passes the ball to Aaron Severson under the basket. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Groton Area Scoring: Payton Maine eight, Alex Stange five, Taylor Holm and Sam Menzia with four each, Miranda Hanson three and Portia Kettering two.

Clark-Willow Lake Scoring: Charity KaBoue led the Cyclones with 15 points.

Then on Saturday, the boys battled Little Wound at the Redfield Classic. The Tigers jumped out to a 6-0 lead and did trail, 12-10, after the first quarter. The Tigers scored six straight points to take a 16-12 lead and opened up a 23-17 lead midway in the second quarter. Little Wound quickly rallied to take a 29-25 lead and led at half time, 29-28. Groton tied the game at 29, but the Warriors went on a 15-point run to take a 47-31 lead. Little Wound led after the third quarter, 49-35.

It was even for most of the fourth quarter with the Tigers closing to within 10 at 66-56. Little Wound went on to win, 68-56.

Groton Area made 39 percent of its field goals in the first half, but cooled off to 25 percent in the second half. Little Wound made 36 percent of its field goals in the first half, and warmed up to 41 percent in the second half.



Emily Locke jumps up to get the ball as she passes over a little high, but she caught it. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 25 points as he made four three-pointers in the fourth quarter. Bennett Shabazz had 12 points with 10 of those coming in the first half. Adam Herman finished with six points. Sean Schuring made five points before going out of the game from an injury. Aaron Severson had four points and Brandon Keith added three.

Four players hit fouble figures for Little Wound with Robert Shangreaux having 17, Tex Janis 14, Jeremiah Hopkins 13 and Shilo Tallman 11. Others adding points were Michael Breve with six, Ethan Mills four, Darrell Looks Twice two points and Ash Featherman added one point.

Little Wound controlled the boards, 50-42. The Mustangs had 16 offensive rebounds while Groton Area had 10. Leading rebounders for Groton Area were Bennett Shabazz with 11 and Adam Herman had eight. Tex Janis had 11 rebounds for Little Wound and Shilo Tallman had nine.

Groton Area had 20 turnovers with 12 of them being steals. Little Wound had 20 turnovers with 12 of them being steals as Bennett Shabazz had six steals. Hunter Lerew had one block while Shangreaux had two and Ethan Mills one for Little Wound.

The Tigers made 15 of 30 in free throws for 50 percent off of Little Wound's 24 team fouls. Little Wound made 12 of 21 free throws for 67 percent off of Groton's 17 team fouls.

The Tigers are now 4-4 on the season and will travel to Ipswich on Tuesday. Little Wound goes to 8-2 and will host Rapid City Douglas on Friday.



Seric Shabazz is double teamed by Clark-Willow Lake's Braxton Hartley (11) and Dylan Miles (32).

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Carly Wheeting puts up this shot in heavy traffic under the basket. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Lana's Annals

**Lana
Greenfield
District 2
State
Representative**

Greetings to all from our State Capitol. Session has officially begun! On Tuesday we heard Governor Dugaard's State of the State address. One of the highlights of his speech was as follows: increasing the sales tax by a half cent to fund teachers with the goal of getting our average South Dakota teacher pay up to 48,500 dollars. It would be placed on a sliding scale and schools that have higher student-teacher ratios would stand to get more money. As time goes along, we will see what this means for our smaller area schools, who cannot meet the ratio of 14:1. It is important that every school district is treated fairly.(May I note that the large school lobbyists are already there in full force.) Other topics addressed was Medicaid Expansion, more oversight of organizations that administer state and federal grants,(well needed), and placing more focus on workforce development.

Day 2 we heard from Justice Gilbertson who spoke on our teen courts and juvenile diversion programs and the success ratio of each. It is the hope that with programs such as these, we can place our youth on the right path in making healthy choices. He also explained the importance of the results which came of the summer study on elder abuse, involving physical, emotional, and financial abuse of our senior citizens.

Day 3 we heard the State of the Tribes address. Leader Fraser presented a picture of the problems the tribes experience, especially with youth, meth use, and teen suicides on the reservations. They are looking for guidance and help from South Dakota people and programs to eliminate this epidemic.

We legislators especially enjoyed attend the Korean War Veterans ceremony, which was held in the rotunda. South Korean leaders were on hand to present medals to our deserving soldiers as a token of appreciation of their sacrifices during the Korean War. I was proud of our local soldiers and families who were able to attend. Thank you for your service.

I am pleased also to have Katie Miller of Groton serving as a page in our chamber. She is doing a wonderful job and hopefully learning more about our legislative process.

As we go forth, many bills will be loaded into the hopper. Some will move on, and some will not. As we vote on the fate of each bill, I want to ask that you keep us apprised to your thoughts and keep us in your prayers. Hopefully my votes will focus on the betterment of South Dakota as I have taken an oath to protect and serve. My duty is not to enrich certain interest groups but to look at all people and how each proposed law will impact the entirety of the residents of this state.

I can be reached at rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us or lane.greenfield@gmail.com. You can also call 773-3851 during session. Until next week, stay well and warm!!

Rep. Greenfield



National Security: A Top Concern Left Unaddressed at the State of the Union **By Senator Mike Rounds**

In the President's final State of the Union Address, many of us had hoped to hear him propose serious ideas for reaching across the aisle to address the challenges our country faces. Instead, we heard more of the same rhetoric that has failed to produce the kind of results the American people are looking for. It's no surprise only 23 percent of our country thinks we are headed in the right direction. The VA is broken, Obamacare is failing, manufacturing has shrunk, our debt has skyrocketed and new regulations being promulgated by this administration are crushing the American dream.

Perhaps most importantly, our national security has taken a hit over the past seven years. During his State of the Union Address, President Obama had an opportunity to lay out a plan to mitigate growing world threats. Instead, he ignored the dangers posed by Iran which was holding 10 U.S. service members as prisoners at the time, meanwhile touting his reckless nuclear deal with Iran.

He also failed to lay out a clear and concise plan to defeat ISIS. This is particularly noteworthy given a recent CBS/New York Times poll showing that 67 percent of Americans think our fight against ISIS is going "poorly." Americans are right to be concerned. The Islamic terror group continues to maintain significant strength and was the perpetrator or inspiration for recent attacks that killed both civilians and law enforcement officers in Paris, San Bernardino, Istanbul and Jakarta. Yet the president continues to believe our current course of limited action is working.

While we often focus on conflicts in the Middle East, it's important that we not ignore military aggression and human rights violations occurring elsewhere in the world. I recently cosponsored a bill that would impose broad new sanctions against individuals involved in North Korea's nuclear program and proliferation activities, as well as officials involved in overseeing the regime's continued human rights abuses.

I also joined a number of my Senate colleagues in a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry regarding his recent assurances to the Iranian Foreign Minister that new Visa Waiver Program (VWP) restrictions wouldn't impact Iranian interests. The VWP changes were enacted last month to help make certain terrorists cannot enter our country through loopholes in our system. Iran is the world's largest state-sponsor of terrorism and yet this administration is seeking to assure them they will not be negatively impacted by new restrictions for foreigners coming into the U.S. We should not be apologizing to anyone for seeking to keep American citizens safe.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I frequently hear from top military leaders and experts on the national security risks we currently face. As we move forward, we must continue to closely monitor bad actors, including ISIS, Iran and North Korea, to make certain we are taking or are fully prepared to take necessary action to defend our country and our allies.

We live in an increasingly dangerous world. The president would be wise to take threats to the U.S. and our interests more seriously.

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Report from Pierre from Rep. Dennis Feickert, District 1

The first week of the 91st Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature has quickly come to a close. I am proud and humbled to serve you in District 1 which includes parts of northern Brown County, Marshall, Roberts, and Day County. This is my fourth term and last term in the House of Representatives. (I will be term limited and ineligible to run in the House in 2016.) As all first weeks of the Session, it is an especially hectic time. Most committee work was confined to state agencies' presentations. I serve on the House Agriculture and House Transportation committees.

No other topic dominates the agenda of Democratic legislators more than providing adequate funding to our public schools. We believe that education is the key to economic opportunity in the state of South Dakota. The Governor also put his focus on this topic in the State of the State speech and has already started traveling around the state discussing his plan.

The Democratic Caucus also released a Comprehensive Report on Education Reform which offers a new 1 penny sales tax dedicated to education but would exclude food. We believe that this would provide for a sustainable, long term funding source, while removing the major burden of the sales tax, especially for low income people. Groceries are exempt from the sales tax in ALL of the surrounding states including Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

The State of the Judiciary speech by Chief Justice Gilbertson provided a focus on expansion of alternative courts and sentencing. There are now 12 alternative sentencing programs in South Dakota, including five drunken driving courts and seven drug courts. Chief Justice Gilbertson also advocated for more resources going into addiction treatment saving great costs compared to incarceration.

For the first time in our state's history in addition to the State of the State remarks by the Governor, and the State of the Judiciary by the Chief Justice, the legislature held a Joint Session to listen to the State of the Tribes. This powerful message was delivered by Harold C. Frazier, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chair. In addition to influential words about the power of individuals to overcome racism and work together to build a stronger state for all of our citizens, Chair Frazier chose to emphasize health care in his remarks. There are inadequacies in the current Indian Health System (IHS). Reservation hospitals are faced with limited care options, emergency rooms have closed, and preventative programs for suicide prevention or drug and alcohol treatment are inadequate. Medicaid Expansion offers a solution.

Medicaid Expansion has been an on-going conversation the previous three legislative Sessions and we need to work together to actually produce results this year. 48,000 South Dakotans remain without insurance and live one accident or illness away from bankruptcy. The proposal that the federal government is reviewing would expand Medicaid eligibility to any SD citizen at or below 138% of the federal poverty guidelines. It would save money by stimulating the economy and in turn create additional state revenues. It would reduce the costs of emergency visits paid by county and state agencies. Finally and perhaps most importantly, it would ensure that the federal government fulfills treaty obligations and provides healthcare to Native Americans, both saving the state money and providing more access and better care than the current system is able to provide.

In addition to tackling teacher pay and Medicaid Expansion, this Session must focus on another important issue: Government Ethics. Democrats will again propose good government measures aimed at a more open, accountable government. Corruption has negatively affected our state's reputation at the expense of taxpayers. EB-5 has hurt our economic development efforts and may still have serious financial consequences as past investors go to court for damages. The Gear Up scandal has hurt our students, schools, and Tribal communities and left all of us wondering WHO was watching the \$62 million in federal grant dollars that were channeled through state government for Gear Up. Is it any wonder that South Dakota ranks 47th worst for government corruption according to a 2015 study by the Center for Public Integrity? Whether through intention or neglect, current scandals are not minor accidents. Democrats are proposing good government measures like an independent state ethics commission and limits on no-bid contracts. We would also like to see stronger rules regarding conflict of interest. This has been proposed by Democrats in the past and killed by the Republican super majority. If there truly are no wrong-doings, that finding

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will only be trusted by the public through a completely independent investigation. South Dakota is one of the very few states without a state ethics commission and the recent tragedies make it imperative that something happens this year, in this legislative session.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you, the residents of District 1. Please feel free to contact me at rep.feickert@state.sd.us or call me at 605-216-3451 with any questions, concerns or comments. If you plan to travel to Pierre during the legislative session, please let me know as I would be honored to meet with everyone from back home in District 1.

GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 18, 2016 – 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Gravel bids
- 4) DOT deed and easement – Hwy 37 project
- 5) Future of the Jail
- 6) Appoint P&Z member
- 7) 2nd Feb meeting date – 18th or 19th
- 8) Authorize Shawn Lambertz to
 - a) Mar 1 & 2 – Watertown – Electric Supt Conf
 - b) Mar 21 – Aberdeen - Management Workshop
- 9) 2016 Election information

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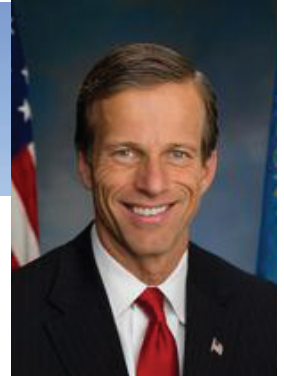
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President Obama's Distorted View of Reality

By Sen. John Thune

Year after year, President Obama has used his annual State of the Union address to lecture the American people about his government-knows-best approach, and this year was no different. The president painted a rosy picture of the economic well-being of America's middle class and his supposed success on the world stage. The president's distorted view of reality left many people scratching their heads, wondering which America he was actually talking about.

On President Obama's watch, we have experienced the worst economic recovery since the Eisenhower administration, with stagnant wages and millions dropping out of the labor force as the lasting trademark of the Obama economy. American families are seeing their dreams for the future erode, as they struggle under ever-increasing government burdens and a lack of economic opportunity, and any serious discussion of the state of our union needs to address these challenges and offer solutions. Unfortunately, the president failed to do either.

Then there are the burdensome regulations the Obama administration has imposed, which have made it more challenging for businesses large and small to grow and create jobs. The Obama Environmental Protection Agency in particular has done more than its fair share to make things difficult for Americans. Again and again, I've heard from South Dakota farmers and ranchers, homeowners, and small businesses about the difficulties they're facing thanks to the Obama EPA's massive new regulations.

If the president's record on the economy and middle-class opportunity is bad, his record on foreign policy is even worse.

During the president's last year in office, the White House says, "we can show the world what is possible when America truly leads." Republicans couldn't agree more that America should truly lead – the problem is that the president's first seven years in office have generally been distinguished by a lack of leadership.

In June, former President – and fellow Democrat – Jimmy Carter described President Obama's successes on the world stage as "minimal." "On the world stage, just to be objective about it as I can," Carter said, "I can't think of many nations in the world where we have a better relationship now than we did when he took over." Neither can I, and that's a real problem.

Rather than substantively addressing any of these major problems in his State of the Union address, the president took a victory lap and spiked the football on his presidency. But the American people clearly don't think there's much to celebrate, nor do they think America has "made extraordinary progress on the path to a stronger country and brighter future," as the administration believes it has.

While President Obama might be satisfied with where America finds itself, Republicans believe there is much more work yet to be done. The president still has 12 months remaining in his presidency, and it's our hope that he spends each month working with us to make the American people's lives better.



Paula Jensen

Jensen joins Dakota Resources staff

Paula Jensen, an experienced grant researcher and writer, funds developer, and community coach, joins Dakota Resources as the Resource and Community Development Director. Dakota Resources is a champion for rural communities and a catalyst for economic development throughout rural South Dakota. Their four core initiatives focus specifically on capital development, leadership development, entrepreneur development and housing development.

According to Dakota Resources President Beth Davis, Jensen's role with the organization will be resource development, community coaching and implementation of Dakota Resources programs that identify the unlimited potential waiting to be cultivated in rural communities.

"Paula will fortify our coaching team and help communities identify real solutions and wisely invest resources that result in sustainable community development," Davis said. "She will also strengthen our organization's ability to garner resources and strengthen partnerships, greatly enhancing our ability to serve rural South Dakota."

Prior to joining Dakota Resources, Jensen spent over eight years as the Funds Development Director at GROW South Dakota, a statewide nonprofit organization that provides programs and loan products to advance housing, community and economic development.

"So often as rural communities, we limit our beliefs and say we don't know how, we don't have enough money or we don't have time. I believe our rural communities are filled with the right people who

have the ability to do the right thing to create vital rural places." Jensen said. "With the help of Dakota Resources, together we can create the communities we want to live in through the investment of time, expertise, and finances."

Jensen's new job with Dakota Resources involves helping South Dakota communities thrive through leadership, vision and understanding —something she believes is vital to our state.

"I believe the future success of rural South Dakota depends on the development of homegrown leaders who are driven to create a new vision for their communities," she said. "Living in a rural community helps me connect in a very authentic way with other community champions and allows me to share my expertise in resource and community development to advance other rural places."

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The Year To Act On Education A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

The 2016 Legislative Session began this week. This year, I am proposing that South Dakota address the issue of teacher pay.

We all know that the key to student achievement is an effective teacher. We also know that South Dakota's teacher salaries are lowest in the nation and have been for decades.

South Dakota competes with our surrounding states for teachers, and we are falling further behind them. Ten years ago, South Dakota's average teacher salary was about \$2,000 behind North Dakota. We were 51st and they were 49th. Montana was 47th and Nebraska was 42nd.

Today, we are still closest to North Dakota among our surrounding states. But the gap is \$8,000. We still rank 51st. North Dakota moved from 49th to 36th. Montana moved from 47th to 28th. Nebraska moved from 42nd to 32nd.

If South Dakota wants to maintain high student achievement, we need a new generation of high quality teachers.

To address this need, I am proposing a one half cent increase in the state sales tax. This will fund a new school funding formula that will move South Dakota's average teacher salary from \$40,000 to a target average of \$48,500. At that level, South Dakota will be competitive with surrounding states.

The new funding formula will fund schools based on a target average salary of \$48,500 and on a target student-to-teacher ratio for each district. That is not a measure of class size – it is a measure of all instructional staff per student.

Here is what the state is offering schools: the state will give school districts enough funding to pay the target salary, if the district reaches the target student-to-teacher ratio.

This new formula will create a more transparent funding system, based on actual costs. State policymakers will be able to see that schools receive enough money to pay their costs. At the local level, the new formula will lead to informed conversations about how local decisions impact a school's ability to reach the target average salary.

As we ask schools to pay teachers more, we must also give them tools to be more efficient. My plan includes several measures to allow schools to become more efficient and save money. An expansion of the Statewide Center for e-Learning at Northern State University will make more high-quality online courses available to students, at no cost to their home schools.

The state will also expand successful programs that encourage sharing of services. For example, the state already negotiates centrally for Internet broadband access, and provides that service to schools. This saves schools more than it costs the state. We can expand this approach to other areas, such as purchasing, payroll administration or software licensing.

The introduction of new funding also allows the state to correct inequities. Under our current formula, property taxes are equalized across districts, so children receive uniform education, regardless of property values in their districts. However, the formula does not equalize some revenue sources, such as wind farm taxes, bank franchise taxes, the gross receipts tax on utilities and traffic fines. My proposal will treat all

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of these sources like property taxes, so that all schools are treated fairly.

The one half cent will generate \$40 million in new revenue beyond our needs, however, so I am also proposing that this excess be dedicated to property tax relief. My plan imposes caps on school reserves funds, and limits future growth of property taxes for capital outlay. These are positive steps that benefit taxpayers and ensure that the funds we spend benefit today's students.

We all want what is best for our children. We want to provide them with a quality education. And we know that requires a strong workforce of great teachers. This is the year to act.

\$50,000 Powerball Prizes Claimed

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota's two \$50,000 Powerball winners from the world record \$1.5 billion Powerball drawing on Jan. 13, 2016 have claimed their winnings.

Shannon Larson of Sioux Falls picked up her \$50,014 prize from the Sioux Falls Lottery office and Charles Austin of Rapid City redeemed his \$50,004 prize at the Rapid City Lottery office on Jan. 14, 2016. In addition to matching four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball for the game's third prize, both players also won additional prizes on other play lines of the same ticket. The odds of winning \$50,000 playing Powerball are 1:913,129.

Larson's winning ticket was purchased at Kum & Go #620 on N. Sycamore in Sioux Falls while Austin purchased his lucky ticket at Common Cents #105 on Sheridan Lake Road in Rapid City. Both stores will receive a \$1,000 bonus for selling winning tickets.

The \$6,000 Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Sioux Falls for the Jan. 13 drawing remains unclaimed. Winning numbers are 5, 11, 15, 19, 24 and the Wild Card is the Ace of Clubs. The odds of matching all five white ball numbers and not the Wild Card to take home the game's second prize are 1:126,579. The winner has 180 days to claim their prize.

Powerball is sold in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$40 million for the next drawing on Sat., Jan. 16, 2016. Wild Card 2 is played only in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The jackpot currently sits at \$270,000 for Saturday's drawing.



Stop the Stream of Regulations By Rep. Kristi Noem

In 2015 alone, the U.S. government put more than 79,000 pages of new regulations in the federal register. Add these to the list of existing regulations and the economic impact amounts to more than \$1.8 trillion or about \$15,000 per household annually. The stream of costly federal regulations needs to stop.

One of the most controversial regulations finalized in 2015 was the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the U.S." rule, or WOTUS. The Clean Water Act enables the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to regulate so-called "navigable waters." In the EPA's latest WOTUS rule, however, the federal agency broadened the definition of navigable waters to include ditches, prairie potholes, and even seasonally wet areas. Changing a few words around may seem minor, but it can have a huge impact.

As written, WOTUS could become one of the largest federal land grabs in our lifetime. Everyday tasks – like treating your lawn for mosquitos, putting up a fence in your backyard, or spraying your crops for disease – could become federally regulated activities that carry fines worth upwards of \$30,000 per day if a farmer or homeowner is found in violation.

With a potential impact that significant, it's no wonder why thousands of people have shared their outrage over WOTUS. The EPA did its best to camouflage that anger, however. In fact, a December 2015 Government Accountability Office report found the EPA engaged in "covert propaganda" to create the illusion of grassroots backing. Not only did they violate the public trust, they broke the law. They must be held accountable for their actions.

On January 13, Congress put our stamp of approval on a bill that would stop WOTUS from taking effect. The final step is to get the President to sign on, which frankly, is unlikely. While a presidential veto is all but certain, I wasn't going to be discouraged from pursuing our agenda. We need to keep pushing forward the initiatives that are important to South Dakota and the country.

Even if the President fails to understand the burden WOTUS puts on families, farmers, and small businesses, a federal appellate court has put a temporary, nationwide suspension on the rule's implementation. One way or another, I'm committed to stopping this EPA expansion.

I know that sometimes the burden of federal regulations can be difficult to see – especially if they don't impact us or our work directly. But the reality is that federal regulations, like WOTUS, stunt America's growth and threaten the opportunities ahead. Bureaucrats need to be reined in.

Already this year, the House has passed legislation to reduce the overall cost of current federal regulations by 15 percent. Our legislation, H.R.1155, would do this by forcing federal agencies to search for unnecessarily burdensome regulations, report them to Congress, and then eliminate them for good. We've also passed legislation requiring bureaucrats to better communicate the purpose and impact of proposed regulations. You have a right to know what they're doing in clear, succinct language.

These bills build on legislation we passed in 2015 which would force any major regulation to get approval from Congress before being implemented. We need to give the people a bigger voice in this process.

2015 was a record-setting year for federal regulations. By one group's count, more than 3,300 rules and regulations were finalized. It's gotten out of control. Too much power is being concentrated in the hands of federal bureaucrats and it's costing hardworking families dearly. We have to reverse course, and I'm hopeful that will begin with stopping the EPA's new WOTUS rule.

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GROTON LIONS CLUB

The Groton Lions Club had its Christmas potluck, and January monthly meeting, Thursday evening, January 14.

Dave Pigors, past president; led the business session.

Michelle Mullenburg, Lions Snow queen chairman; sent her written report. The Groton Lions assisted the Kiwanis Club with this annual event.

Lee Schinkel will get baby gifts to members Paul Taylor, Greg Heilman, Joshua and Elizabeth Johnson, and their families.

Topper Tastad reported that Sunday, June 12, will be the Show 'n Shine car show, at Terry Thompson's farm. Topper also reported on a proposed Groton directory.

Pastor Elizabeth Johnson gave some details about the Kids Against Hunger project, to be held in Aberdeen, in March. Groton Emmanuel Lutheran and Methodist youth groups will be working at this. A monetary contribution was made to this cause.

Greg Heilman will chair the annual Easter egg hunt, in March.

Michelle will again chair the annual spring rummage sale.

Marti Seurer proposed Ryan Quiggle for membership, and Lee proposed Jeff Bompous for membership. Both Ryan and Jeff were voted to become new members of the Groton Lions Club.

President Chris Frost, past president Lee; and Topper Tastad were voted upon, to be the club's delegates to the state convention, in Aberdeen, January 30-31.

Pray, Anderson win both matches at Sisseton

Groton's grapplers went to Sisseton were Groton Area, Webster Area and Sisseton had a triangular.

In the Sisseton match, Trevor Pray wrestled at 132 pounds and he pinned Norvin Moreno in 3:25. Grady O'Neill at 145 pounds was pinned by Logan Grimm, 1:47. Wyatt Locke at 182 pounds was pinned by Vincent Herberg in 1:31. Brandyn Anderson at 285 pounds pinned Kaeden Metz in 1:33.

In the Webster match, Trevor Pray wrestled at 126 pounds where he decisioned Joey Hubsch, 9-3. Wyatt Locke wrestled at 182 pounds where he was decisioned by Tristen Bent, 3-2. Brandyn Anderson, at 285, pinned Chase Sigdestad in 37 seconds.

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Today in Weather History

January 17, 1996: Two to as much as fifteen inches of snow, high winds from 40 to 60 mph, and cold arctic air resulted in blizzard conditions and extreme wind chills from 40 below to 70 below for central, north central, and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota from the middle morning of the 17th to the early evening of the 18th. Most schools, federal, state, and county offices were closed. Also, various activities were canceled. Travel was extremely difficult due to the near zero visibility with some vehicles stranded. Highway 12 from Webster to the Minnesota border and Interstate-29 was closed on the 18th. Hundreds of people were stranded with some people stranded in their vehicles. Some pheasants and wildlife were lost due to the snow packed so hard they could not dig out. Some snowfall amounts included, 2 inches at Highmore, 3 inches at Pierre and 9NE Reliance, 5 inches at Mobridge, Presho, Roscoe, 10SE Stephan, and Ree Heights, 6 inches at Tulare, 7 inches 12W Tulare and 5E 3S Faulkton, 8 inches 11E 2S Hosmer and at Doland, 9 inches at Mellette, Aberdeen, and Redfield, and 10 inches at Eureka and Britton, and 12 inches at Wilmot, Rosholt, and Ortonville, Minnesota. Fifteen inches occurred at Wheaton, Clinton, and Graceville. The extreme wind chills along with some blowing snow continued across central and north central South Dakota into the early evening of the 18th.

January 17, 2012: Below are some very rare lake effect Waterspouts. Chris Westcott took these pictures in the vicinity of Lower Brule. The waterspouts are formed from the instability that is created when the air that is associated with the relatively warm open waters of the Missouri River interact with the extremely cold air located just above the surface. These types of waterspouts have a very short lifespan and generally dissipate just as quickly as they form. Chris said that at one time there were 6 of them.

January 14, 1916: Record cold continued on this date in weather history in 1916 across central and northeast S1817 - A luminous snowstorm occurred in Vermont and New Hampshire. Saint Elmo's fire appeared as static discharges on roof peaks, fence posts, and the hats and fingers of people. Thunderstorms prevailed over central New England. (David Ludlum)

1893 - The mercury dipped to 17 degrees below zero at Millsboro, DE, to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1972 - A single storm unloaded 77.5 inches of snow at Summit, MT, to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - Strong chinook winds caused severe wind damage in Boulder, CO. Wind gusts to 118 mph was recorded on the roof of the Environmental Research Laboratories (ERL), and a wind gust to 137 mph was measured atop the roof of the NCAR building (in the southwest part of the city, 600 feet above ground level). The high winds uprooted trees and damaged roofs. (Storm Data)

1987 - A winter storm spread snow from the Southern Rockies into the Middle Mississippi Valley and southwestern sections of the Great Lakes Region, and freezing rain across Texas and Oklahoma. Snowfall totals ranged up to 16 inches at Tulia TX, with 12 inches at Wellington KS. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A Pacific storm battered the southern coast of California. Winds gusting to 65 mph uprooted trees in San Diego. Los Angeles reported an all-time record low barometric pressure reading of 29.25 inches. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong chinook winds along the eastern slopes of the Rockies gusted to 90 mph near Rollinsville CO, and reached 94 mph near Big Timber MT. Heavy snow blanketed parts of the Upper Mississippi Valley, with eight inches reported in Douglas County WI. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Twenty cities across the southeastern half of the country reported record high temperatures for the date. Record highs included 61 degrees at Williamstown PA and 85 degrees at Brownsville TX. Evening thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds from eastern Texas to Mississippi. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2010 - A series of strong Pacific storms impacted Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah from January 17th through 23rd, leaving behind several feet of snow across the higher terrain and breaking numerous lowest barometric pressure records across the region. Sunrise Mountain, Arizona received 77 inches of snow, while Mammoth Lakes, California received 90 inches. (NCDC)

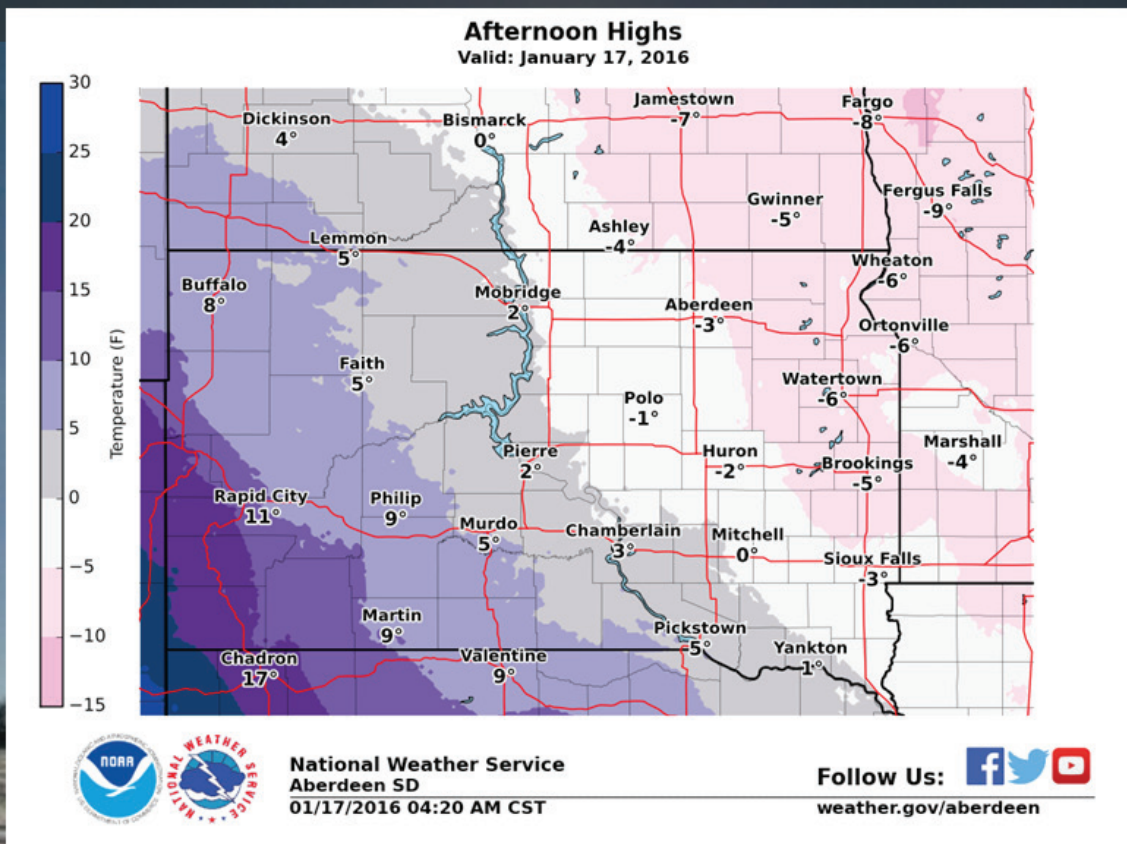
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Today	Tonight	M.L.King Day	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
Cold	Decreasing Clouds	Cold	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow 50%	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 0 °F	Low: -24 °F	High: 2 °F	Low: -8 °F	High: 14 °F	Low: 7 °F	High: 20 °F



Arctic Chill Continues



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With temperatures in the single digits and teens below zero - wind chill values this morning will be as cold as 40 below! Do not expect much of a warm up today with highs in the single digits above and below zero. Readings will dip into the teens and 20s below zero overnight as well. Good news though - temperatures will make a slow recovery during the upcoming work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 3.0 at Midnight

Low: -18.2 at 11:56 PM

High Gust: 22 at 10:07 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 48° in 1947

Record Low: -32° in 1997

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.28

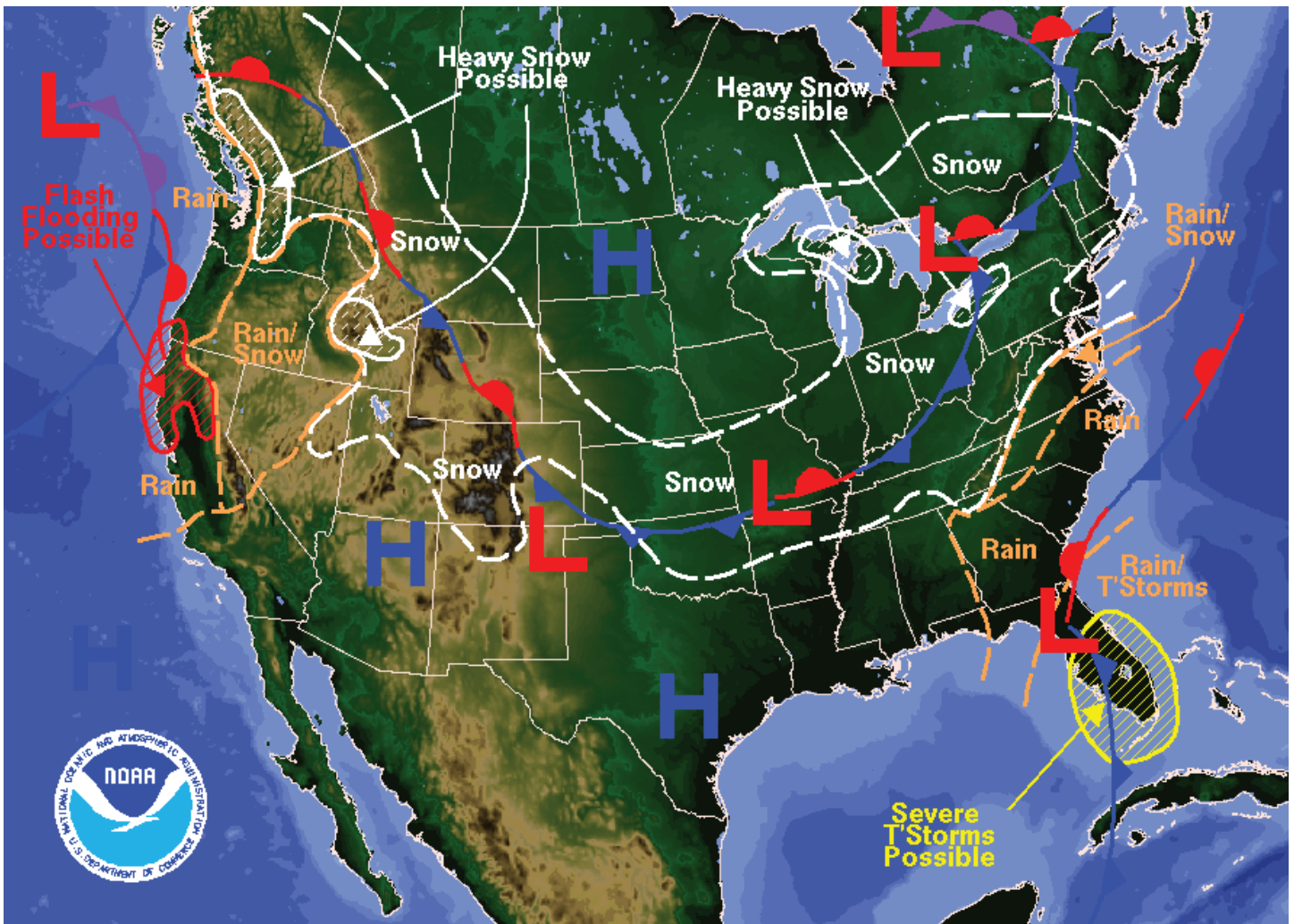
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.28

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:18 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:08 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jan 17, 2016, issued 3:37 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE INVISIBLE TUG

A young boy was lying on the soft grass looking intently into the sky. He had a slight squint in his eyes as though he was searching for something. An elderly gentleman walked by and asked, "What are you looking for, son? What's up there?" "A kite, sir," came the reply. "But, I can't see it," said the man. "Neither can I," said the boy. "But every now and then I can feel a tug."

Like the boy and his kite, we may not be able to see God at work all the time, but every now and then we can feel Him tugging at the strings of our heart. We are surrounded by many magnificent displays of His presence, but they become commonplace, ordinary and sometimes just there.

But then a lovely flower appears unexpectedly, or we see a brilliant sunrise or sunset or a smile from a friend. When we least expect it, we receive a note of encouragement from a friend. When we are struggling with the difficulties of life we recall a verse of Scripture. We can sense His power in a thunderstorm or His energy in a bolt of lightning.

God is everywhere, tugging at our hearts waiting for us to see Him and wanting us to know He is with us.

Prayer: Lord, open our eyes to see You, our ears to hear You, our hearts to love You, and our lives to serve You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 19 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Man sentenced for arranging meeting with girl for sex

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Attorney's Office in South Dakota says a 27-year-old Guatemalan man has been sentenced to 3 years 10 months in prison after pleading guilty to using a cell phone to arrange meeting a 15-year-old girl for sex.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Jose Joaquin Oxlaaj was indicted for use of interstate facilities to transmit information about a minor on May 5 and pleaded guilty on Oct. 27. He was sentenced this past week.

Prosecutors say Oxlaaj responded to an advertisement on the website Skout. They say he sent text messages with his cell phone and agreed to meet at a hotel in Sioux Falls to have sex with a 15 year-old girl. Officers arrested him after finding him with his cell phone and more than \$900 in cash.

Officials: Animal health lab upgrades would protect industry

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

Due in part to the avian influenza virus that led to the death of millions of turkeys and chickens across the country last summer, South Dakota is laying the groundwork to upgrade its only animal health laboratory, a move that veterinary officials say is crucial in helping the state's big agriculture industry weather future outbreaks.

Veterinary and agriculture officials say though the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory in Brookings responded quickly and effectively to the bird flu — even helping labs in Minnesota and Iowa — the nearly 50-year-old facility lacks the space and design to handle new outbreaks and the security measures to effectively protect researchers.

"I think there was a little shock and awe across the livestock industry (following the outbreak) about how susceptible we've become in this modern world to these really deadly pathogens," said Barry Dunn, the dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South Dakota State University, where the lab is located.

The university has been studying how to best update and expand the lab and is working with an architecture and design firm to estimate the costs of renovations that would emphasize capacity, safety and modernization. Gov. Dennis Daugaard has included over \$1.5 million in his 2016 budget proposal that would cover the costs of continuing the study.

The lab runs daily food safety tests while also diagnosing animals from across the state and researching a variety of new and emerging diseases.

Since its last renovation, the lab has added four new sections, including molecular diagnostics and DNA sequencing, neither of which existed in 1993. All of these advances in technology have led to space constraints, and some worry that any massive animal disease outbreak could overwhelm the lab with the volume of tests needed from animal producers.

"Being able to have rapid access to testing in the event of a disease, might be the difference between a farm being allowed to market its product or not being able to move (its animals)," State Veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven said.

Lab officials hope that in addition to helping them effectively handle an emergency outbreak, the renovations will increase the biosecurity of the facility, ensuring the safety of lab personnel who handle dangerous diseases. Currently, they're not permitted to store and research diseases that the federal government classifies as "select agents," such as bird flu and foot and mouth disease, meaning they're more dangerous for humans.

"It's kind of like having an isolation room in a hospital. You could maybe do without it — but it's a really good idea to have one," lab director Dr. Jane Christopher-Hennings said. "You don't want to take the risks involved in not having one."

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It remains to be seen whether the sought-after renovations will be funded after the design study is complete in the next year, but Oedekoven and SDSU officials are hopeful the state will see it as a worthy investment.

Nathan Sanderson, the governor's director of policy and operations, said Daugaard wants to make sure the state has the facilities in place to meet the needs of the livestock industry and other stakeholders, but stopped short of promising funding.

"I think it's really going to depend on the outcome of the proposal," he said.

Oedekoven, who relies on the lab, has long pushed for renovations, saying that people don't often consider the behind-the-scenes role the lab plays in the health of state residents and their pets as well as food safety.

"So, this is a lot of money that's everyone looking for," he said, "but they need it to do what everyone is expecting them to do."

Experiment Farm Corporation holding annual meeting

WAGNER, S.D. (AP) — The Southeast South Dakota Experiment Farm Corporation will hold its annual meeting in Wagner on Jan. 26.

The event begins with a short business meeting, followed by several speakers discussing topics important to production agriculture in South Dakota and surrounding areas.

SDSU Extension Sustainable Cropping Systems Specialist Peter Sexton will highlight current research at the center near Beresford. Other topics include the death of El Nino, a grain market outlook, breaking down the Veterinary Feed Directive, agriculture advocacy and cover crops.

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. at the Two Spurs Steakhouse on West Highway 46.

Rosebud man sentenced for stabbing over handshake

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Attorney in South Dakota says a 22-year-old Rosebud man was sentenced to 18 months in prison after being convicted of stabbing a man in the back over a handshake he deemed too hard.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Rodney Roubideaux pleaded guilty on Oct. 7 to assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

Prosecutors say Roubideaux was drinking at a home in Ring Thunder on May 9 when he became agitated and complained that an individual shook his hand too hard. They say that after an argument, Roubideaux stood by himself in the corner of the kitchen before turning quickly and stabbing the man in the back with a kitchen knife.

Roubideaux was turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 55, Brandon Valley 46
Alcester-Hudson 54, Dell Rapids St. Mary 29
Belle Fourche 77, Wright, Wyo. 68
Bridgewater-Emery 64, Viborg-Hurley 36
Burke/South Central 31, Gayville-Volin 25
Campbell County, Wyo. 70, Rapid City Stevens 64
Centerville 66, Avon 52
Chamberlain 54, Bon Homme 43
Crazy Horse 58, Santee, Neb. 54
Eureka/Bowdle 48, Edmunds Central 41
Flandreau 70, Flandreau Indian 49
Freeman Academy 53, Scotland 45

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Hamlin 63, Castlewood 44
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 63, Bison 50
Irene-Wakonda 66, Platte-Geddes 44
Langford 74, Great Plains Lutheran 35
Lemmon 61, Tiospaye Topa 42
MOC-Floyd Valley, Iowa 81, Sioux Falls Christian 69
Newell 50, Wall 28
Sioux Falls Washington 63, Brookings 57
St. Francis Indian 62, Todd County 56
Tiospa Zina Tribal 60, Britton-Hecla 57
Upton, Wyo. 69, Edgemont 28
Watertown 67, Yankton 55
White River 47, Colome 45
Wyndmere-Lidgerwood, N.D. 48, Summit 20
281 Conference Tournament
First Round
Highmore-Harrold 62, Hitchcock-Tulare 52
James Valley Christian 72, Sunshine Bible Academy 31
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 75, Iroquois 30
Wolsey-Wessington 72, Wessington Springs 38
Border Clash
Garretson 72, Luverne, Minn. 65
Vermillion 56, Hills-Beaver Creek, Minn. 34
Jones County Tournament
Stanley County 48, Lyman 44
Seventh Place
Bennett County 61, Jones County 42
Fifth Place
Philip 57, Kadoka Area 52
Marshall Tournament
Marshall, Minn. 48, Sioux Falls Lincoln 40
Pheasant Shootout
Aberdeen Christian 51, Ipswich 42
Little Wound 68, Groton Area 56
Redfield/Doland 78, Leola/Frederick 38
Warner 59, Tea Area 57
Sanford Classic
Dakota Valley 55, Rock Valley, Iowa 53
Fergus Falls, Minn. 59, Sisseton 38
Winner 55, Aberdeen Roncalli 48
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
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Britton-Hecla 50, Tiospa Zina Tribal 36
Campbell County, Wyo. 63, Rapid City Stevens 60
Castlewood 51, Hamlin 44
Chamberlain 66, Bon Homme 36
Eureka/Bowdle 45, Edmunds Central 20
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McLaughlin 60, Red Cloud 56
Rapid City Christian 34, Newell 25
Santee, Neb. 53, Crazy Horse 28
Sioux Falls Lincoln 64, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 49
Timber Lake 63, Harding County 41
Todd County 52, St. Francis Indian 50
Watertown 45, Yankton 39
Waverly-South Shore 45, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 20
White River 76, New Underwood 65, OT
Border Clash Tournament
Fulda, Minn. 28, Vermillion 65
Hills-Beaver Creek, Minn. 53, Canistota 37
Hanson Corn Palace Classic
Crofton, Neb. 46, St. Thomas More 43
Dell Rapids 48, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 35
Deubrook 54, Jones County 36
Hanson 63, Warner 36
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 45, McCook Central/Montrose 28
Sioux Valley 57, Elk Point-Jefferson 53
Sully Buttes 39, Ethan 35, OT
Viborg-Hurley 71, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 54
West Central 58, Waubay/Summit 32
Sanford Classic
Dakota Valley 80, Rock Valley, Iowa 62

9 more Indiana turkey farms infected with bird flu

HUNTINGBURG, Ind. (AP) — Turkeys tested positive for bird flu at nine more Indiana farms near the location where authorities first confirmed a strain different from the one that ravaged the U.S. poultry industry last summer, Indiana authorities said on Saturday.

Farmers began euthanizing turkeys at the new farms even before final results of whether the birds were infected with the H7N8 strain, said Denise Derrer, spokeswoman for the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Final results are expected soon from a government laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

The nine farms are located in Dubois County, about 70 miles from Louisville, Kentucky. All of the new infections are within a quarantine area set up around the first farm and that area has been expanded to four neighboring Indiana counties — Martin, Orange, Crawford and Daviess.

Confirmation of new bird flu cases alarmed industry officials after the rapid spread of the H5N2 virus last year led to the deaths of about 48 million turkeys and chickens, and drove egg prices higher.

“We are very concerned and trying to figure out strategies to contain it,” Derrer said of the outbreak.

She said officials are trying to determine how many birds will have to be euthanized at the nine farms. The state animal health board website said one of the farms had 12,000 turkeys and another 23,500. It did not give figures for the other seven. All 60,000 turkeys at the first farm have been euthanized.

It isn't clear whether the mild winter weather played a role in the current outbreak of the virus, state and federal officials said. The H7N8 virus has not yet been found in wild birds, suggesting that the virus could have developed in wild birds that spent the winter in southern Indiana, USDA spokeswoman Andrea McNally said Friday.

Research has shown that wild birds' northern migration introduced the H5N2 virus, which began to accelerate from farm to farm last spring.

While the H7N8 strain is highly contagious for birds, the USDA said no human infections from the viral

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strain have been detected.

Indiana's poultry industry brings in \$2.5 billion a year, Derrer said, adding that the state leads the country in duck production, is No. 3 in egg production and fourth in turkeys. Dubois County is Indiana's top poultry producer with 1.4 million turkeys, she said.

The Indiana farm where the strain was first found is associated with Farbest Farms, a company that produces about 15 million turkeys a year and has contract growers in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. Derrer declined to say if the new infections also were on farms linked to the company.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence met Saturday with state and local officials at an incident command center set up since the outbreak. Pence emphasized in a statement that the poultry industry is vital to Indiana and authorities are "bringing all necessary resources to deal with this situation."

North Dakota St. fends off S. Dakota State 68-57

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Paul Miller scored 17 points with four 3-pointers and he and Dexter Werner slammed the door on a late rally as North Dakota State defeated South Dakota State 68-57, upending the preseason Summit League favorites.

Two-time defending Summit champion NDSU (13-6, 3-2) saw its double-digit lead shrink to 64-57 after South Dakota State's George Marshall scored with 45 seconds remaining. The Bison quickly broke SDSU's press with Werner throwing down a dunk, and Miller drained a pair of free throws to ice the win.

The Jackrabbits (14-5, 3-2), missed twice and Miller grabbed the last rebound as NDSU, picked to finish second in the Summit, ran out the final 17 seconds.

Marshall topped the Jackrabbits with 16 points, Mike Daum notched his first career double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

The two teams shared the regular-season title a year ago before NDSU won the tournament, earning an NCAA bid. The Jackrabbits went to the NIT.

Money, tangled relations center of ex-officer's murder case

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

TAMMY WEBBER, Associated Press

COLOME, S.D. (AP) — Everybody knows Russell Bertram in this tiny prairie town of about 300, where the skyline is etched by a grain mill, city hall is the size of a one-bedroom apartment and there's too little traffic to justify a stoplight. The three tables in the back of the only gas station are as good a gathering place as the two bars down the street.

Bertram grew up here, raised three children here and, for a while, was the town's only law enforcement officer. Local phone books have included Bertrams for decades. And though he hasn't lived here for years, seemingly everyone heard the story of how Bertram's young fiancée was shot and killed in an unfortunate 2009 hunting accident the next county over.

But South Dakota prosecutors now claim the truth was far more sinister: that it was a murder, suggesting in court filings that it involved money, jealousy and tangled relationships spanning two countries. There was another odd twist: Four years after the shooting, he married the woman's sister.

It's a made-for-tabloid case so bizarre that few here, including many who know Bertram best, will talk openly about it as the 64-year-old police officer-turned-construction worker prepares to stand trial next month on first-degree murder charges.

"I've watched enough '48 Hours' and 'Dateline' to know how things get fixed," said Larry Bertram, one of the defendant's uncles, who's convinced that Russell Bertram is the target of overzealous prosecutors. Others say they don't know what to think, and don't want to anger his family.

Bertram said he was putting his 12-gauge shotgun back into his truck after shooting pheasants in October 2009 in Gregory County, just east of Colome and about 160 miles west of his Sioux Falls home, when it went off accidentally, striking 26-year-old passenger Leonila Stickney in the abdomen. County authorities ruled the death an accident after a brief investigation.

But several months later, the victim's estranged husband, David Stickney, received a startling letter: A

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life insurance company was processing a claim from Bertram, and wanted medical information.

Earlier that year, court records say, a \$750,000 life insurance policy had been taken out on Leonila Stickney, followed by a smaller policy with a \$150,000 accidental death benefit, with Bertram as the beneficiary. Stickney contacted the South Dakota attorney general's office's criminal division, setting in motion an investigation that led to a murder charge last fall.

From the beginning, some things just didn't seem right, said former Gregory County Sheriff Charlie Wolf. He said he questioned Bertram three times at the hospital and "wasn't satisfied with the way he acted," describing him as oddly emotionless. He said Bertram claimed Stickney had grabbed the barrel of the shotgun and said, 'Kiss me,' while pulling it toward her.

"But the only way I would feel comfortable charging him with anything other than a reckless discharge was if he admitted that he shot her on purpose," Wolf told The Associated Press, adding that he's glad state investigators got involved.

Prosecutors have said little about their case. But court filings suggest they'll attempt to portray Bertram as a man who was jealous and abusive toward his ex-wives, someone who needed money. Defense attorneys declined to talk to the AP, but filed motions seeking to bar evidence involving life insurance or mortgages.

That leaves many unanswered questions, including about the victim, who moved to South Dakota from the Philippines 12 years ago, and her younger sister, Melissa, who became Bertram's wife.

Leonila married David Stickney, then 66, in the Philippines in 2004 after the two had corresponded by mail, Stickney's attorney said. He was 45 years older. The two had a young son before the marriage foundered. They were settling their divorce when she became engaged to Bertram, and an autopsy found she was pregnant when she died.

The relationship wasn't well known among his family. Although the Bertram family gathers every year for Thanksgiving at the American Legion in Colome, even Bertram's closest relatives never met her.

Bertram's three previous wives all sought restraining orders before divorcing him, saying they were afraid. According to divorce records and interviews, he sometimes flew into rages and tried to use his law enforcement background to intimidate others. His third wife wrote that Bertram once told her that police wouldn't do anything if she called them.

Bertram also had difficulties with neighbors and on the job. He was banned temporarily from the manager's office at the trailer park where he recently lived in Sioux Falls after disputes there.

"He came over to the office screaming and yelling, 'I was chief of police!' like it mattered," said Vicky Foster, who manages the park.

Earlier, Bertram worked in Colome as a Tripp County sheriff's deputy for three years, then as a police officer in the community of Parker before he was asked to resign over complaints that he was harassing some residents, said former Parker mayor Ron Nelson. Bertram went on to become police chief in Harrisburg, a Sioux Falls suburb, until the department was dissolved in 2004 for financial reasons.

Bertram's latest marriage collapsed after his arrest last September. Melissa del Valle, Leonila's sister, filed for divorce, citing "extreme cruelty," according to court records.

But some Bertram family members describe a man who often helped others. Russell Bertram's nephew, Cody Bertram, remembered a time his parents didn't have a big enough vehicle to take him and his siblings to visit his grandfather at a hospital, so his uncle lent them a van and filled the tank.

"There was never a moment I felt unsafe with him," Cody Bertram said.

2 Powerball tickets worth \$50K sold in South Dakota claimed

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's two \$50,000 Powerball winners from the world-record \$1.6 billion Powerball drawing on Wednesday have claimed their winnings.

Lottery officials say Shannon Larson, of Sioux Falls, and Charles Austin, of Rapid City, have redeemed their prizes. They both matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball in Wednesday's drawing to win the game's third prize. The odds of winning \$50,000 playing Powerball are 1 in about 913,000.

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The stores that sold the \$50,000 winning tickets in South Dakota will each receive a \$1,000. The Powerball jackpot sits at \$40 million for Saturday's drawing.

Game, Fish and Parks holding habitat events for landowners

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is holding four weeks of workshops in Sioux Falls to give habitat information to landowners who are interested.

The department says the workshops will be held in February and March.

The events are called "Habitat University." They're meant to help landowners learn how to create winter cover, food plots and native grass seedings, among other areas of learning.

Andy Gabbert is a department habitat resource biologist. He says putting together workshops that can help farmers will help them get habitat information they're after.

Gabbert says there are programs and resources available to aid landowners who want to improve habitat on their land.

Gymnastics meet to draw 300 athletes to Spearfish

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Some 300 gymnasts will gather in Spearfish this weekend for a gymnastics tournament hosted by Black Hills State University.

The Spearfish Invite Saturday and Sunday at the Donald E. Young Center is drawing 14 gymnastics clubs from South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

The meet features athletes from recreational to the highest levels of the Junior Olympics.

Spearfish Gymnastics Academy is the host club. Academy coach Chris Summers says it's important to the athletes because they get to compete in front family, friends and gymnastics fans. He says such meets gives kids an opportunity to face tougher competition.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Watertown 51, Huron 38

Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, Minn. 58, Rosholt 46

Elkton-Lake Benton 45, Estelline 34

Spearfish 67, Pine Ridge 29

Timber Lake 78, Takini 47

Jones County Tournament

Consolation Semifinal

Kadoka Area 46, Jones County 36

Philip 40, Bennett County 38

Semifinal

White River 68, Stanley County 29

West River Tournament

Consolation Semifinal

Wall 65, New Underwood 59

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 45, Deuel 31

Hamlin 57, Sisseton 38

Lead-Deadwood 54, Hill City 35

Leola/Frederick 53, Eureka/Bowdle 28

Oakes, N.D. 73, Aberdeen Christian 27

Platte-Geddes 49, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 40

Webster 44, Redfield/Doland 42
281 Conference Tournament
First Round
James Valley Christian 38, Sunshine Bible Academy 23
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 56, Iroquois 9
Wolsey-Wessington 54, Wessington Springs 33

Residential fire in SD causes smoke visible from miles away

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The fire department in Sioux Falls says a propane heater that was too close to combustibles inside a garage caused the fire at a residential unit with four apartments on Friday.

No one was injured in the fire, but the smoke caused by the blaze reportedly could be seen from miles away.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue says firefighters responded to the blaze at the four-plex in southwestern Sioux Falls around 11:30 a.m. Friday. The structure has major fire and smoke damage.

All residents had already evacuated the building by the time firefighters arrived to the scene. Neighbors also shoveled snow off of a fire hydrant before emergency personnel arrived.

Emergency dispatchers received reports of heavy black smoke that could be seen from intersections miles away from the scene.

Group gets grant to help pet owners during, after disasters

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — An animal welfare group in Yankton has received a private grant to assist pet owners during and after disasters.

The New York-based American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on Friday announced that Heartland Humane in Yankton is among the recipients of disaster resiliency grants that are given to organizations in the Midwest every year. Twelve organizations including Heartland Humane will receive a share of nearly \$60,000.

The money granted to Yankton nonprofit is meant to be used for additional sheltering supplies to increase intake capacity during a disaster. Heartland typically cares for homeless, abused, neglected and stray animals.

Lacie Davis is the society's disaster response manager. Davis says the grants "will help prepare communities to rescue, shelter and care for their animals when disaster strikes."

Last South Dakota farm hit by bird flu to start selling eggs

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — The last poultry farm still recovering from last year's deadly bird flu outbreak has begun producing eggs again and plans to start stocking local stores shortly.

Scott Ramsdell, the CEO of Flandreau-based Dakota Layers, said Friday that their eggs will be on local store shelves within a week. He said they're at about 35 percent of their normal production and estimated they won't be back to full production until September.

"It really helps boost morale when you start being able to put some eggs back through and hopefully get back to the norm," he said.

The bird flu led to the deaths of 1.7 million turkeys and chickens in South Dakota and took a toll financially on the state's farmers and processing plants.

The strain that led to deaths of over 50 million birds nationwide hasn't been seen in months, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Friday that a different bird flu strain had been confirmed at a commercial turkey farm in southwestern Indiana.

Dakota Layers has bolstered biosecurity in the wake of the virus, and Ramsdell said they're not taking any chances. The company no longer processes eggs laid at facilities other than its own, it has set up three biosecurity zones at its facility and employees who process eggs are required to shower and change clothes when they enter and leave the premises.

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Ramsdell said the company has moved its administrative services offsite and is even considering investing in devices to ward off birds flying by.

"I thought we were pretty good before, but now it's even higher," he said.

Dakota Layers was the only egg-laying chicken operation to be affected in the state. All nine of the state's affected turkey farms had restocked by August.

Ramsdell said Dakota Layers tried to retain all of its employees by having them take on tasks such as cleaning or construction, but that it ultimately had to lay off some of them. He said the company has about \$450,000 worth of birds and expects to be back to \$1.3 million by September, when it should be able to hire more workers.

Ramsdell said he feels for the owners of the Indiana farm experiencing the latest outbreak.

"It just scares the heck out of me," he said. "You just can't imagine how devastating it is to a business. You can assume, you can anticipate for it, but when it hits, there's no plan to prepare you."

Police: Handgun found in student's backpack was loaded

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say the stolen gun that was found in the backpack of a 16-year-old high school student on Thursday was loaded.

Authorities on Friday released more details about the incident at Lincoln High School. They said the gun was stolen from an unlocked car in October in Sioux Falls.

Police have said a fellow student noticed the boy acting strangely on Thursday, and the boy took off running after a teacher confronted him. A school resource officer caught up with him and found a 9 mm handgun in his backpack.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the boy is facing multiple counts including having a firearm on school grounds and possession of firearm with altered serial number.

The boy's name won't be released because he is a minor.

Lawmakers mull changes to budget process for transparency

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers are looking at changes to how they set South Dakota's budget that advocates say should give the public more opportunities to weigh in.

A legislative committee approved the changes Friday. They now go to the full House and Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Corey Brown says the rule changes mean lawmakers would decide how much money the state has to spend earlier in the session.

The Republican says during the economic downturn, legislators wanted to wait to get the latest economic information possible. But he says the extra information doesn't change much.

The rule shifts also stretch appropriators' consideration of the budget over two weeks, a process that happens much more quickly now.

Brown says that means the public and legislators have a better chance to engage in the budget.

Sioux Falls teenager on trial in killing of teen after chase

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls teenager accused of killing another teen after a car chase is on trial in adult court.

Conner Hanson is charged with murder in the January 2015 killing of 18-year-old Anthony Gabriel. Hanson was 17 at the time.

Defense attorney Jeff Larson told jurors during opening statements Thursday that Gabriel was the aggressor in the incident and that Hanson was defending himself.

Prosecutor Randy Sample said Hanson and a co-defendant put on bandannas before Gabriel was shot, and said "you don't mask up to commit self-defense."

Co-defendant Robert Montes earlier pleaded guilty to being an accessory and agreed to testify against Hanson, in return for prosecutors dropping murder and manslaughter charges.

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Authorities identify Redfield man killed in crash near town

REDFIELD, S.D. (AP) — The Highway Patrol has identified a Redfield man who died in a two-vehicle crash east of the city.

Authorities say 26-year-old Timothy Schreier failed to stop at a stop sign at an intersection on U.S. Highway 212 late Wednesday morning, and his car was struck by a pickup truck.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the pickup suffered only minor injuries.

No one hurt in small fire in Sioux Falls apartment building

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — No one was hurt in a small fire that prompted the evacuation of a three-story apartment building in Sioux Falls.

Firefighters responded about 3:30 a.m. Friday and within minutes extinguished the fire that was confined to one room in one apartment.

The building was evacuated as a precaution and cleared of smoke. The occupant of the apartment where the fire occurred was the only one displaced. He was getting help from the Red Cross.

There was no immediate word on the cause of the fire.

Governor appoints 2 to state's aeronautics commission

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed two new members to the state's Aeronautics Commission.

The governor selected Dan Noteboom of Corsica and Dave Luers of Pierre to sit on the commission.

Noteboom is president of Noteboom Implement and is an avid pilot. He replaces Pat Hatch, who retired at the end of his term, and will serve a three-year term.

Luers is a semi-retired businessman and holds a private pilot's license for both single and multi-engine aircraft. He replaces Richard Pearson, who resigned early from the commission. His term expires in October.

State Fair theme is 'Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels'

HURON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Fair will be sporting the theme "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels" in 2016.

The state Department of Agriculture announced the new fair theme on Thursday.

State Fair Director Peggy Besch says the large number of thrilling experiences at the fair range from seeing a favorite live concert to showing cattle.

Besch says people know that they're at the State Fair when they hear squeals of excitement from friends or kids on carnival rides.

She says the new theme for 2016 packages the whole fair going experience in a fun and whimsical way. The event is known for livestock shows, 4-H exhibits, rides and entertainment, among many other draws.

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Alcester-Hudson 64, Akron-Westfield, Iowa 48

Beresford 59, Centerville 53

Bon Homme 58, Bloomfield, Neb. 50

Castlewood 59, Great Plains Lutheran 45

Chester 65, Baltic 43

Ethan 59, Freeman 51

Faulkton 62, Edmunds Central 36

Flandreau Indian 68, Freeman Academy 48

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Gayville-Volin 40, Viborg-Hurley 32
Hankinson, N.D. 54, Rosholt 45
Harding County 66, Rapid City Christian 57
Herreid/Selby Area 98, Highmore-Harrold 80
Ipswich 66, Northwestern 52
Iroquois 59, Sunshine Bible Academy 22
James Valley Christian 71, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 65
Mitchell Christian 41, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 31
Parkston 51, Wagner 36
Pierre 74, Mitchell 60
Rapid City Central 74, Sturgis Brown 35
Scotland 54, Avon 47
Sioux Falls Washington 65, Sioux Falls Lincoln 50
St. Thomas More 60, Custer 39
Sully Buttes 53, Miller 35
Todd County 46, Chamberlain 45
Tri-Valley 58, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 50
West Central 74, Garretson 36
West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa 51, Canton 42
Jones County Tournament
First Round
Colome 69, Jones County 22
Lyman 64, Kadoka Area 33
Stanley County 72, Philip 35
White River 70, Bennett County 45
West River Tournament
First Round
Edgemont 48, New Underwood 45
Faith 51, Moorcroft, Wyo. 32
Hot Springs 66, Wall 44
Upton, Wyo. 67, Newell 31

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 61, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 27
Akron-Westfield, Iowa 47, Alcester-Hudson 40
Andes Central/Dakota Christian 37, Mitchell Christian 33
Arlington 49, Lake Preston 42
Brandon Valley 48, Brookings 40
Burke/South Central 49, Colome 25
Canistota 52, Dell Rapids St. Mary 46
Canton 52, West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa 40
Chester 46, Baltic 35
Dakota Valley 71, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, Iowa 42
DeSmet 62, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 31
Deubrook 48, Colman-Egan 35
Elkton-Lake Benton 48, Estelline 38
Faulkton 56, Edmunds Central 12
Groton Area 51, Clark/Willow Lake 29
Hanson 64, Parker 40
Kimball/White Lake 59, Gregory 19
Lennox 42, Vermillion 36
Little Wound 60, Pine Ridge 57

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Mitchell 55, Pierre 54
Potter County 61, Dupree 46
Red Cloud 76, Douglas 60
Sioux Falls Washington 60, Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City, Iowa 46
Sioux Valley 51, McCook Central/Montrose 45
St. Thomas More 63, Custer 43
Stanley County 39, Bennett County 26
Sully Buttes 63, Miller 25
Sundance, Wyo. 37, Harding County 32
Tea Area 63, Sioux Falls Christian 55
Viborg-Hurley 66, Gayville-Volin 57
Wagner 52, Parkston 24
Warner 48, Wilmot 42
Waubay/Summit 45, Florence/Henry 41

South Dakota State beats IPFW 92-76

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — George Marshall scored a career-high 28 points and Deondre Parks tied his career best with 26 and South Dakota State snapped IPFW's seven-game winning streak with a 92-76 victory over the Mastodons on Thursday night.

Marshall was 11 of 22 from the floor and Parks 9 of 17 as the Jackrabbits (14-4, 3-1 Summit) shot 51.5 percent, making 9 of 22 3-pointers and outrebounding IPFW 42-38.

Max Landis had five 3-pointers and scored 23 points and John Konchar added 22 plus 13 rebounds for the Mastodons (14-5, 3-1), who shot 35 percent. They made 12 of 29 3-point attempts.

The Jackrabbits led by one at halftime, trailed briefly early in the second half and built a 13-point lead with 10:40 to go. IPFW cut it to four, 73-69, before Parks scored four points in a 9-2 run for an 11-point lead with 4:19 remaining. The lead stayed in double figures.

Cheyenne River Sioux leader talks roads, Medicaid in speech

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Cheyenne River Sioux Chairman Harold Frazier denounced racism, applauded the governor's pursuit of Medicaid expansion and urged lawmakers to provide more funding for roads in Indian Country on Thursday in the first address to a joint session of the Legislature from a South Dakota tribal leader.

State and tribal officials called the speech "historic." Leaders from other South Dakota tribes, including the Crow Creek, Lower Brule and Oglala Sioux also attended the event, where Frazier spoke of the difficulties tribal members face across the state.

"We are born pure of heart. How we treat each other is taught and learned," Frazier said in the inaugural State of the Tribes address. "It is time we re-learned to treat each other with the respect that's deserved rather than with hatred and racism. Only then can we become nations working together for the health and welfare of our people."

He asked the state to help fund county roads on the reservations, recalling that a tribal councilman had joked that driving on one felt like he was "shooting a machine gun."

"We drive it every day, we live it every day, and that's what gets us by ... is humor," he said. "If you don't have that humor, you're going to have a sense of hopelessness."

He lamented the suicides that have plagued South Dakota tribes and discussed efforts to fight methamphetamine use on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, including the tribe's commitment to dis-enroll and banish for life anyone convicted of dealing, making or trafficking the drug.

He also noted the "health crisis" that tribes are facing and said that the often-criticized Indian Health Service has continually failed Native Americans.

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Frazier asked state lawmakers to consider how proposed laws impact Native Americans in South Dakota before they cast their votes.

Tribal officials took the opportunity in front of state legislators to back the proposed expansion of Medicaid, which provides health coverage to disabled and low-income people. Frazier, who mentioned the expansion in his speech, and Crow Creek Sioux tribal Chairwoman Roxanne Sazue wore buttons saying it "makes sense for South Dakota."

Oglala Sioux tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele, who spoke ahead of Frazier, called expansion a "win-win" for the state and the tribes.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has said the state's costs for expansion would have to be covered by savings in part by expanding Native Americans' access to services that are fully funded by the federal government through Medicaid. 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 the 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.

Democratic Sen. Troy Heinert, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, said the address felt historic. Republican Rep. Don Haggar, who pushed to establish the "monumental" event, said he believes it will continue.

"One hundred and twenty five years, (and) we've never done it, so I'd say it's pretty historic," Heinert said.

Wind Cave sets modern-day visitation record in 2015

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — Wind Cave National Park says it set a modern-day visitation record in 2015.

Park officials say visitation at the world's sixth-longest cave was up 9.8 percent to about 109,000 people. It's the highest since 1971, before tours were limited to 40 people.

More than 70 percent of the visitation occurred between June 1 and Sept. 1. The busiest days were Tuesdays and Wednesdays and days with rain.

More than 138,000 people visited the cave in 1968. Because of the park limiting tour sizes and rerouting Highway 385 to bypass the park visitor center, park staff believe the historic 1968 figure will never be exceeded.

Park Superintendent Vidal Dávila says the National Park Service is celebrating its centennial this year, and the park is looking at possibly breaking the record again.

Police: 16-year-old student brings handgun to school

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say they arrested a 16-year-old student for bringing a stolen gun to school.

Lincoln High School Principal Valerie Fox says no students were threatened or harmed. The school was not placed on lockdown, and classes continued as normal.

Police say a fellow student noticed the boy acting strangely on Thursday, and the boy took off running after a teacher confronted him. A school resource officer caught up with him and found a 9 mm handgun in his backpack.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the handgun was stolen in Sioux Falls and had an altered serial number.

The boy's name was not released.

Authorities: Man dies in Pennington County detox facility

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says a 56-year-old man was found dead on Thursday morning in the safe bed wing of the City-County Alcohol and Drug Program Detox facility in Rapid City.

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The sheriff's office says there's no reason to suspect foul play, and the man's name is being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Authorities say the beds are available to those who need a short term place to stay in a warm, safe environment, but do not want to utilize the treatment services provided by detox.

The investigation has been turned over to the Rapid City Police Department.

Dell Rapid student obtains protection order against teacher

DELL RAPIDS, S.D. (AP) — A student has obtained a protection order against a high school band teacher in Dell Rapids who apparently has since been put on leave.

Court documents say the teacher sent sexually explicit messages to the female student via Facebook last month. A judge granted the student a protection order.

The teacher has not been charged with a crime. KSFY-TV reports that a Feb. 9 hearing is scheduled on whether the protection order will be extended.

The Argus Leader newspaper went to the teacher's home for comment and was referred to the school district. KSFY-TV reports that the school district on Wednesday sent a voicemail to parents about "an alleged improper incident involving a school district employee and student," saying the employee has been placed on leave.

Size of Dakotas winter wheat crop down from previous year

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — This year's winter wheat crop in the Dakotas is smaller than the previous year's. The Agriculture Department estimates South Dakota's crop at 1.1 million acres, down from 1.4 million acres.

North Dakota's crop is projected at 190,000 acres, down slightly from 200,000. Winter wheat is a minor crop in North Dakota, where spring wheat and durum wheat dominate.

Winter wheat is seeded and emerges in the fall, goes dormant over winter, begins growing again in the spring and is harvested in the summer.

Nationally, this year's crop is estimated at 36.6 million acres, down from 39.5 million.

State general fund could run \$23.5M deficit in fiscal 2019

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A long-range financial forecast from Gov. Dennis Daugaard's administration projects that South Dakota could have a roughly \$23.5 million deficit in the state's main bank account for budget year 2019.

The projections released this week extend beyond the upcoming fiscal year, which is the main focus of lawmakers' budgeting this session in Pierre.

The tool allows lawmakers to look past the budget cycle at hand when making financial decisions.

The forecast predicts general fund revenues will increase from about \$1.5 billion in the current budget year to roughly \$1.59 billion in 2019.

But spending is expected to grow from roughly \$1.5 billion to more than \$1.61 billion in the same period.

The state's general fund is also projected to have an \$11.2 million shortfall in budget year 2018.

Powerball tickets worth \$50K sold in Rapid City, Sioux Falls

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Separately, a Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Sioux Fall is worth \$6,000 in Wednesday's drawing.

Monday funeral scheduled in Mitchell for coach Gary Munsen

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Memorial services have been scheduled for longtime Mitchell High School basketball coach Gary Munsen.

Munsen died of a heart attack on Tuesday. He was 72. Bittner Funeral Chapel says his funeral is 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Corn Palace in Mitchell. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the Corn Palace.

Munsen coached for nearly half a century and won a dozen state titles in girls and boys basketball. He retired after the 2012 boys basketball season with a combined total of 902 wins.

Munsen will be buried in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in White Lake.

Same man allegedly tied to Fort Pierre, Aberdeen lockdowns

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a Gettysburg man is responsible for incidents leading to lockdowns in Fort Pierre and Aberdeen.

Stanley County officials locked down the courthouse in Fort Pierre for 1 ½ hours Wednesday after reports of a drug felon stealing ammunition and a knife from a Pierre store. The Capital Journal reports the Hughes County Courthouse in Pierre went on alert but didn't lock down.

The 30-year-old man was arrested three hours later on U.S. Highway 12 west of Aberdeen, but not before four Avera St. Luke's Hospital buildings in Aberdeen went on lockdown for an hour. The American News reports authorities believed the man might be a threat to staff.

It wasn't immediately clear if formal charges had been filed against the suspect, who was being assessed for mental illness.

2 dead, several injured after severe weather in Florida

TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

Severe weather sparked a pair of tornadoes that ripped through central Florida before dawn Sunday, officials said. A couple was killed and their son and four grandchildren were injured when one of the twisters destroyed their mobile home.

"I'm amazed to see anybody got out of this alive," said Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube during a news conference.

Steube said that the victims of the tornado in Duette were asleep in their mobile home when the tornado struck. Steven Wilson, 58, was killed immediately, while his wife, Kate, died from a heart attack after being taken to a hospital. Their son, also named Steven Wilson, crawled out of the wreckage and helped his four children out of the home. The children are between the ages of 6 and 10.

The younger Wilson and the children are being treated at a hospital. Their injuries aren't thought to be life threatening.

The National Weather Service in Ruskin, Florida, said a tornado touched down in Duette in Manatee County at 3:45 a.m.

Minutes later, another twister struck near the beach community of Siesta Key in Sarasota County.

Siesta Key is a barrier island known for its pricey condos and wide, gorgeous beaches. On Sunday morning, about 17,000 residents in the area were without power, the Sarasota County Emergency Management office said on its Facebook page.

Sarasota County officials reported damage to multiple homes near Siesta Key. At least one home was destroyed and a woman had to be pulled from the wreckage by first responders. Other damage reports include roofs being blown off homes.

The Sarasota Police Department early Sunday reported downed trees, minor flooding and mangled parking structures in the city.

Rodney Wynn, a NWS meteorologist, said a survey team determined that Duette, about 50 miles southeast of Tampa, was struck by a category EF2 tornado, with winds of between 111 mph and 135 mph.

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Teams were still surveying the tornado that hit Siesta Key, he said.

Tornadoes aren't unheard of in beach communities, but they aren't common either.

"It does happen, especial in an El Nino year," Wynn said. "It's not common, but it's very possible."

The Sarasota Police Department early Sunday reported downed trees and power lines and minor flooding. Officials in Tampa closed the Skyway Bridge, a major thoroughfare, Sunday morning for the second time since midnight after wind speeds reached up to 50 mph with wind gusts up to 60 mph.

'An American in Paris' star Leslie Caron visits Broadway

MARK KENNEDY, AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Leslie Caron carries a souvenir of making the classic 1951 film "An American in Paris" with her every day.

The 84-year-old French beauty wears a ring she bought with her first paycheck from the Gene Kelly film. Back then, she was a shy teenage ballerina and the jewelry she picked made a statement: A phoenix with a globe in its talons.

"It means I can grapple the world," the actress said late last week in the midst of a whirlwind trip to New York.

Two people who gazed reverentially at her ring in her hotel suite were two young dancers who know exactly how she must have felt — Robert Fairchild and Leanne Cope, currently starring in the lush Broadway musical "An American in Paris."

Like Caron, Fairchild and Cope are ballet dancers who spread their wings into another medium thanks to the power of the story set in post-war Paris with Gershwin songs.

"That's what changed your life," said Fairchild, a principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, speaking to Caron. "That's what changed our lives," he said, pointing to him and Cope, a first artist at The Royal Ballet.

When it was released, the film "An American in Paris" became an instant hit, winning the best picture Oscar. Caron skyrocketed to fame, appearing in such hit musicals as "Lili," "Daddy Long Legs" and "Gigi" before moving on to success in both comedies and dramas.

Caron hadn't ever intended on a career in film. "When I was told, 'Gene Kelly wants to meet you,' I wasn't impressed. I didn't even know who he was. 'Gene, who? Who is that?'"

More than 60 years later, Fairchild and Cope, who each took a leave from their ballet companies, made their own brave leaps out of the bubble of ballet and received Tony nominations.

Caron couldn't visit New York without seeing the musical adaptation of her most famous movie and she did on Tuesday, getting a standing ovation and flowers after being brought onstage.

"It was so cool to have you in the audience," said Fairchild. "There's a heightened obligation to bring it to you. What an incredible opportunity for us to have you there. It was amazing."

Caron, who almost blushed at the attention, replied; "It was an inspiring evening. I was really thrilled the moment the curtain went up."

During a 45-minute meeting, the three chatted about everything from onstage injuries — Cope suffered a concussion during one performance, Fairchild a calf injury — to how hard it is to capture dance on film. Caron recalled long hours dancing on concrete during the "An American in Paris" filming.

"We filmed a 30-second commercial two weeks ago and I found it the most difficult thing," said Cope. "It was so hard and it was for 30 seconds. That's all it was. I can't imagine filming what you did." (Caron replied: "I was very young.")

Both Fairchild and Cope recently marked the show's 300th performance but their time together is winding down. Fairchild will permanently return to New York City Ballet in March.

"You may come back to Broadway?" asked Caron.

"He will!" insisted Cope. "He's Mr. Broadway."

"Oh, I would love to," Fairchild answered. "If I can do both, God, I'll be happy."

As for Cope, bigger changes are in the works. The same day her show honored Caron, the English dancer resigned from the Royal Ballet, her home for the past 20 years and where her husband dances.

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"I feel like this is my world now," she said, tearing up. "I feel like it's time to make a change and do something new." She will stay with the show and then pursue Broadway career.

"I couldn't say no," she said. "And then, fingers-crossed, who knows? I mean, I never imagined this would happen, so who knows what's going to happen next."

Caron was encouraging: "You've been given an enormous gift," she said to the young dancer. "She has the discipline and open enough mind to take it in, learn and keep on growing."

It's no surprise that Caron was encouraging: She has a soft spot for Broadway and adores its depth, including "Hamilton," which she also saw ("It's staggering and so amusing.")

Did she ever want to make her own Broadway debut? "I do still — 80 years later," she said, laughing. "I think Broadway is the top. It's so rich, so full of mind-blowing shows."

Obama signs emergency order over Flint water

JEFF KAROUB, Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — President Barack Obama signed an emergency declaration Saturday that clears the way for federal aid for Flint, Michigan, which is undergoing a drinking water crisis.

The White House also said the Federal Emergency Management Agency will coordinate all disaster relief efforts to "alleviate the hardship and suffering" on residents. FEMA has been authorized to provide water, filters, cartridges and other items for 90 days. Flint can get up to \$5 million in direct funding, though the state must match 25 percent and more money can come through an act of Congress.

Republican Gov. Rick Snyder requested emergency and disaster declarations late Thursday, saying needs "far exceed the state's capability," and added that emergency measures could cost \$41 million. Snyder said Saturday that Obama denied the disaster declaration request based on the legal requirement that such relief is intended for natural events, fires, floods or explosions. Despite the legal limitation, the governor is considering an appeal to exhaust "every opportunity to provide resources" for residents, Snyder spokesman Dave Murray said.

The tap water in Flint, population 99,000, became contaminated after the city switched from the Detroit water system to the Flint River while a pipeline to Lake Huron is under construction. The corrosive water lacked adequate treatment and caused lead to leach from old pipes in homes and schools.

Flint returned to the Detroit system in October after elevated lead levels were discovered in children, and could tap into the new pipeline by summer. But officials remain concerned that old pipes could continue to leach lead, to which exposure can cause behavior problems and learning disabilities in children as well as kidney ailments in adults.

The National Guard has been distributing free water, filters and other supplies, and FEMA workers already were providing logistical and technical support.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow said she will push for long-term resources, and U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, also a Democrat, said residents "deserve every resource available to make sure they have safe water and are able to recover from this terrible man-made disaster created by the state."

The U.S. Justice Department is helping the Environmental Protection Agency investigate the matter, and state Attorney General Bill Schuette has opened his own probe, which could focus on whether environmental laws were broken or if there was official misconduct.

19-yr-old Florida man, first time player wins, \$2M Powerball

The Associated Press

Lottery officials say a 19-year-old central Florida man and first time lottery player used the numbers off someone else's unpurchased Power ticket to win \$2 million.

Frederick Walker said there was already a completed play slip at the Sav-A-Ton in Lake Mary where he purchased his ticket and decided to try his hand using those numbers.

He matched five numbers in Wednesday's drawing to win \$1 million, but added an extra feature which

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doubled his prize to \$2 million.

This recent series of Powerball rollovers has generated historically high jackpots, causing a bit of lottery fever across the country.

A small-town Tennessee couple bought one of three magic tickets splitting the world-record \$1.6 billion Powerball jackpot. But no one has produced the other winning tickets sold in Florida and California.

Hillary Clinton campaign deploys husband Bill very carefully

LISA LERER, Associated Press

KEENE, New Hampshire (AP) — Bill Clinton promised voters in 1992 that they'd be getting "two for the price of one" if they elected him to the White House — a presidential duo of the young Arkansas governor and his Yale Law-educated wife.

Nearly a quarter century later, the duo is back — but not quite the same.

As Hillary Clinton fends off a rising challenge from Bernie Sanders, his wife's campaign aides are grappling with how best to deploy what she has described as her "not-so-secret weapon."

Their answer: very, very carefully.

During campaign swings through Iowa and New Hampshire, Bill Clinton treaded fastidiously through tightly controlled campaign events. A natural-born chit-chatter, he was not giving interviews. When he stopped to talk with reporters after one recent event, campaign aides turned up the music, making a conversation all but impossible.

His remarks to voters have been relatively subdued: long on history, statistics and nostalgia. He's dodged questions about Sanders and Republican front-runner Donald Trump, who's been baiting the Clinton family with comments about the former president's past sexual improprieties

"I'm not going there," Bill Clinton said on Wednesday, when asked about Sanders at a campaign event in New Hampshire. "I came here to tell people why I thought Hillary should be president and her ideas are better."

While Bill Clinton remains a popular figure among Democrats, some of the key achievements of his administration form the basis of Sanders' critique against his wife — that she's too willing to compromise liberal ideals for political gain.

The Vermont senator has denounced his rival's policies on trade, same-sex marriage, crime and welfare cuts. He's made reinstating Glass-Steagall, a Depression-era banking law repealed under Bill Clinton's administration, a central attack line of his campaign.

"People don't have a long memory, but Bernie's doing his best to remind them," said Roger Hickey, a co-director of the liberal Campaign for America's Future. "People don't want a recycling of Bill Clinton's presidency. They want somebody who's willing to stand up to the billionaires and corporate power."

Clinton aides say those critiques miss the larger picture of wage growth, job creation and a balanced budget. In a debate last month, Clinton said she would turn to her husband for economic advice.

"He carries a message of peace and prosperity under his presidency and I think a lot of Americans would like to get back to those days," Clinton said in an interview on NBC's "Today Show" on Wednesday.

At an afternoon event in Keene, voters recalled the Clinton presidency fondly, as a time of prosperity.

"The best economic times for my family were when Bill Clinton was president," said Madeline Smeaton, a graduate student in Keene whose father lost her job in the Great Recession. "We were making a lot of money."

Still, some of those economic achievements face a skeptical re-examination within a party that's grown more liberal under the Obama administration.

Bill Clinton has said that he regrets approving the Defense of Marriage Act and the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that banned gays and lesbians from military service. He also has looked back with regret on signing the 1994 crime bill, which led to tougher sentencing for drug offenses.

"I signed a bill that made the problem worse," the former president told an audience at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's annual meeting in Philadelphia in July. "And I want to admit it."

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On Wednesday in New Hampshire, Bill Clinton detailed the economic growth under his administration, listing statistics on wage growth, the decline in poverty and insurance rates.

He walked voters through Hillary Clinton's policy priorities, stressing the need to invest in infrastructure, renewable energy, small business, college affordability and paid leave. And he sprinkled his remarks with his wife's foreign policy and domestic accomplishments as first lady, New York senator and secretary of state.

"Whatever I say about Hillary's plans, you're entitled to give it a little discount," he said. "But I ought to get some credit for knowing something about how to run the economy."

It's an argument similar to the one he made in 2007, when Hillary Clinton was fending off another insurgent challenger: then-Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. But unlike eight years ago, when his comments about Obama "playing the race card" angered black voters, he made no mention of his wife's primary opponent.

The only veiled criticism of Sanders came Friday in Coralville, Iowa, with a reference to Sanders' support for a single-payer health care system instead of the 2010 federal health care law, also known as Obamacare.

Saying that starting over on health care legislation was not politically viable, Clinton told voters, "We still need to live in the reality-based world."

In New Hampshire, some people said that while Bill Clinton was still a compelling messenger for his wife, they just weren't sold on her quite yet.

"He gave me every confidence that she'd be a great candidate and be a wonderful president," said Steve Taylor, a farmer from Plainfield, New Hampshire. "But Bernie is telling the truth about the economy."

Tennessee Powerball winners: No big changes to lives

ERIK SCHELZIG, Associated Press

ADRIAN SAINZ, Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The small-town Tennessee couple that bought one of three magic tickets splitting the world-record \$1.6 billion Powerball jackpot says they don't plan to quit their jobs or buy a new house.

Their daughter, however, wants a horse.

After appearing on national television, John Robinson and wife Lisa went to the Tennessee lottery headquarters in Nashville on Friday to have their winning ticket verified by lottery officials. The couple's lump sum payout is about \$327 million after buying the ticket for Wednesday night's drawing at a grocery store in their west Tennessee hometown of Munford, population 6,000. Two other winning tickets were bought in California and Florida.

At a news conference Friday, the Robinsons said they won't stop working and won't make any wild purchases. They'll pay off their mortgage and their daughter's student loans, but have no desire to move from their gray, one-story house in a close-knit community into a luxurious compound somewhere.

Lisa works at a dermatologist's office. John is a warehouse supervisor. Both plan to return to work Monday, they said. Friends and neighbors say the Robinsons are a hard-working, responsible family with the ability to humbly deal with their new fortune.

"That's what we've done all our lives, is work," John Robinson said. "You just can't sit down and lay down and not do nothing anymore. Because how long are you going to last? We do want to enjoy a little bit of our earnings, and maybe invest a little bit of it so our son and daughter will have it and they'll never need anything again."

No one has produced the other winning tickets, which overcame odds of 1 in 292.2 million to land on all six numbers at a Publix supermarket in Melbourne Beach, Florida, and a 7-Eleven in Chino Hills, California.

In California, any winnings not claimed within a year automatically go to the state's schools. Florida gives winners six months to come forward before transferring 80 percent of unclaimed prizes to an educational trust fund, and 20 percent into a pool for future lottery prizes.

Robinson said he reached out to his brother for help finding lawyers and financial planners before deciding to take the winnings in a single lump sum of nearly \$328 million, rather than let the lottery invest the prize and pay him 30 annual installments totaling an estimated \$533 million.

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Why pass up on a certain income totaling more than \$200 million?

"We're going to take the lump sum, because we're not guaranteed tomorrow," Robinson said. "We just wanted a little piece of the pie. Now we're real grateful we got the big piece of the pie."

The Robinsons said they have no plans to leave Munford, the town about 25 miles north of Memphis where they both went to high school.

Tennessee Lottery executive Rebecca Hargrove said the couple would get a "small check today for a few million," and collect the full lump sum in about 10 business days.

Robinson said earlier Friday that they would help certain friends, give to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, and donate to their church.

"I'm a firm believer in tithing to my church," Robinson said in an appearance on NBC's "Today" show.

The couple has a son, Adam, who works as an electrician, and a daughter, Tiffany, who lives nearby in her late grandparents' home.

Tiffany said she also wants a horse.

"My first thought was, I've always wanted a horse," she said. "I get a horse now. My dad always said, 'When I win the lottery.'"

Robinson carried the precious slip of paper to New York City and back before showing up at Tennessee's lottery headquarters. Their lawyer went with the family, as did their rescue dog, Abby, who snoozed through most of the excitement.

Lawyers who have represented other winners advise against going public until they have made plans with experts in tax law, financial planning, privacy, security and other safeguards to protect themselves and their winnings.

The Robinsons did ask for privacy Friday.

Munford's mayor, Dwayne Cole, had wished openly Thursday for an investment in the town, whose annual budget is \$3.67 million. He said Munford's needs include fire department equipment, an indoor athletic facility for local schools and a community gymnasium.

On Friday, Cole told the AP that they are not the kind to squander their money.

"They're small-town people who appreciate community, appreciate family values. They appreciate hard work. They are responsible. They've always lived within their means," said Cole, who owns an auto parts store in town.

"They have to understand, though, this is a big deal. This is not just a big deal for Munford. This is a big deal nationwide and worldwide. They understand that, I think. I hope they do," Cole added. "I believe they can deal with it. It may be totally overwhelming."

Robinson said he bought the winning ticket at his wife's request at the family-owned Naifeh's grocery on his way home from work Wednesday night, then went to sleep. His wife stayed up to watch the drawing, and started "hollering and screaming through the hallway saying, 'You need to check these numbers. You need to check these numbers,'" he said.

He did, four times, then thought: "Well, I'll believe it when the news comes on in the morning."

As for buying a bigger, more resplendent house, it appears to come down to practicality for John Robinson. "Big houses are nice," he said, "But also you gotta clean 'em."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2016. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 17, 1916, the Professional Golfers' Association of America had its beginnings as department store magnate Rodman Wanamaker hosted a luncheon of pro and amateur golfers in New York City. (The PGA of America was formally established on April 10, 1916.)

On this date:

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In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70. Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani (lee-LEE'-oo-oh-kah-LAH'-nee) to abdicate.

In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1946, the United Nations Security Council held its first meeting, in London.

In 1950, the Great Brink's Robbery took place as seven masked men held up a Brink's garage in Boston, stealing \$1.2 million in cash and \$1.5 million in checks and money orders. (Although the entire gang was caught, only part of the loot was recovered.)

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.) The Simon & Garfunkel album "Sounds of Silence" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sony Corp. of America v. Universal City Studios, Inc., ruled 5-4 that the use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs for private viewing did not violate federal copyright laws.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe (koh-bay), Japan.

In 1996, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine followers were handed long prison sentences for plotting to blow up New York-area landmarks. Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Texas, died in Austin at age 59.

In 2001, faced with an electricity crisis, California used rolling blackouts to cut off power to hundreds of thousands of people; Gov. Gray Davis signed an emergency order authorizing the state to buy power.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court protected Oregon's assisted-suicide law, ruling that doctors there who helped terminally ill patients die could not be arrested under federal drug laws. Hostage American reporter Jill Carroll appeared in a silent 20-second video aired by Al-Jazeera television, which said her abductors had given the United States 72 hours to free female prisoners in Iraq or she would be killed. (Carroll was freed unharmed on March 30, 2006.) California executed convicted killer Clarence Ray Allen a day after his 76th birthday.

Five years ago: Apple Inc. announced that its CEO, Steve Jobs, was taking his second medical leave of absence in two years. (Jobs died nine months later.) Rock promoter Don Kirshner, 76, died in Boca Raton, Florida.

One year ago: Pope Francis braved an approaching tropical storm to travel to the far eastern Philippines to comfort survivors of the deadly Typhoon Haiyan. Bill Cosby performed to a welcoming Denver audience, despite a protest by some 100 people chanting "Rape is not a joke!" and "No means no!" outside the Buell Theatre.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty White is 94. Former FCC chairman Newton N. Minow is 90. Actor James Earl Jones is 85. Talk show host Maury Povich is 77. International Boxing Hall of Famer Muhammad Ali is 74. Pop singer Chris Montez is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The Delfonics) is 71. Actress Joanna David is 69. Actress Jane Elliot (TV: "General Hospital") is 69. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sheila Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 63. Singer Steve Earle is 61. Singer Paul Young is 60. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 59. Singer Susanna Hoffs (The Bangles) is 57. Movie director/screenwriter Brian Koppelman is 55. Actor-comedian Jim Carrey is 54. Actor Denis O'Hare is 54. First lady Michelle Obama is 52. Actor Joshua Malina is 50. Singer Shabba Ranks is 50. Rock musician Jon Wysocki is 48. Actor Naveen Andrews is 47. Electronic music DJ Tiesto is 47. Rapper Kid Rock is 45. Actor Freddy Rodriguez is 41. Actor-writer Leigh Whannel is 39. Actress-singer Zooey Deschanel is 36. Professional dancer

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Maksim Chmerkovskiy (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 36. Singer Ray J is 35. Actor Diogo Morgado is 35. Country singer Amanda Wilkinson is 34. DJ/singer Calvin Harris is 32. Folk-rock musician Jeremiah Fraites is 30. Actor Jonathan Keltz is 28. Actress Kathrine (cq) Herzer (TV: "Madam Secretary") is 19.

Thought for Today: "The only thing wrong with immortality is that it tends to go on forever." — Herb Caen, American newspaper columnist (1916-1997).