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Sunday, January 24

Anniv: Ron & Doris Anderson

Birthdays: Curtis Furman, Jami Larson, Meta Pray

3:00pm: JK-8th Grade Open Gym

3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

5:00pm: Open Gym for 6th-12th grades

Monday, January 25

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

School Lunch: Quesadilla, mixed vegetables, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Debra Olson, Marc Hanson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: BBB at Northwestern: C game at 6:30 (no JV), varsity to follow

7:00pm: School Board meeting

Tuesday, January 26

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

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

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

4:00pm: JHBBB host Warner (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00)

6:30pm: BBB host Hitchcock-Tulare

Wednesday, January 27

FFA State Degree Review/Star Interviews at Webster

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice,

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Paul Irvin Kosel and Justin Olson
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Coming up this week at gdilive.com

Monday, Jan. 25: Boys' Basketball at Northwestern (Varsity only)

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Boys' Basketball hosting Hitchcock-Tulare (Varsity only)

Thursday, Jan. 28: Girls' Basketball at Sisseton (Varsity only)

Friday, Jan. 28: Boys' Basketball hosting Sisseton (JV and Varsity)

Saturday, Jan. 29: Girls' Basketball at Gettysburg (Varsity only)

Saturday, Jan. 29: Groton Wrestling Tournament

Sunday, Jan. 30: 2 p.m. Performance of the Carnival of Silver Skates

Ready to bring your heart and expertise to a team that feels more like a family? Bring your passion for patient care to the Golden LivingCenter in Groton. The Groton facility is now hiring for CNAs and Nurses. They have new wages with an excellent benefits package. All shifts are open. Join the team today by calling Jessica at 397-2365. The Golden LivingCenter of Groton is looking for you!

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Arlington Wrestling Tournament

Team Scores

1. Brookings 211.5
2. Parker 153.5
3. Wessington Springs 112.0
4. Lyman County 109.0
5. Flandreau 105.0
6. Sioux Valley 102.0
7. Warner/Northwestern 75.0
8. Marion/Freeman 50.0
9. Groton Area 37.5
10. Kingsbury County 36.0
11. Britton/Hecla 34.0
12. Tiospa Zina 17.0
13. Alcestor/Hudson 14.0
14. Ipswich/Leola 7.0



Trevor Pray lost to Aaron Elijah from Sioux Valley. Trevor took 4th.

126 Results

- 1st Place - Jacob Puppe of Brookings
2nd Place - Dalton Bodewitz of Marion/Freeman
3rd Place - Aaron Elijah of Sioux Valley
4th Place - Trevor Pray of Groton Area

1st Place Match

Jacob Puppe (Brookings) 23-4, Sr. over Dalton Bodewitz (Marion/Freeman) 27-8, So. (MD 10-0).

3rd Place Match

Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 19-4, Jr. over Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 15-3, Jr. (MD 11-3).

Trevor Pray scored a technical fall over Cody Uthe, Lyman County, 15-0; then he scored a major decision over Trevor Stene, Alcestor/Hudson, 8-1; he was decisioned by Dalton Bodewitz, Marion/Freeman, 5-1; he came back in the wrestlebacks to pin Jacob Montis, 3:36; and in the third place match he lost by major decision to Aaron Elijah, Sioux Valley, 11-3.

145 Results

Grady O'Neill was pinned by Alec Bultje, Sioux Valley, 0:21; and he was pinned by Nick Brandner, Ipswich/Leola, 1:16.

170 Results

Guaranteed Places

- 1st Place - Si Flatten of Flandreau
2nd Place - Brady McManus of Lyman County
3rd Place - Logan Wolter of Wessington Springs
4th Place - Wyatt Locke of Groton Area

1st Place Match

Si Flatten (Flandreau) 26-6, Sr. over Brady McManus (Lyman County) 25-14, Sr. (MD 14-0).

3rd Place Match

Logan Wolter (Wessington Springs) 9-14, So. over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 1-10, Fr. (Fall 3:39).

Wyatt Locke was pinned by Si Flatten, Flandreau, 2:49; he pinned Geoff Dunkelberger, Parker, 3:27; and in the third place match, he was pinned by Logan Wolter, Wessington Springs, 4:39.



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285 Results

1st Place - Eddie Miller of Brookings

2nd Place - Riley Schmiedt of Wessington Springs

3rd Place - Brandyn Anderson of Groton Area

4th Place - Logan Barboza of Flandreau

1st Place Match

Eddie Miller (Brookings) 14-1, Jr. over Riley Schmiedt (Wessington Springs) 17-9, Jr. (Fall 3:37).

3rd Place Match

Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 18-6, So. over Logan Barboza (Flandreau) 17-10, Sr. (DQ).

Tournament

Brandyn Anderson pinned Jadeon Biggers, Lyman County, 0:28; he was pinned by Riley Schmiedt, Wessington Springs, 3:24; he in the wrestlebacks he pinned Steven Holt, Sioux Valley, 0:29; and he placed third as his opponent, Logan Barboza, Flandreau, was disqualified.



Wyatt Locke wrestling Logan Wolter from Wessington Springs. Wyatt lost by a pin and got 4th place.

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Keeping Americans Safe a Top Priority

South Dakotans, like many Americans, are increasingly worried about our national security here at home, as well as the security of our men and women in uniform who are bravely fighting our enemies abroad. More than half believe we are becoming less secure, and 67 percent of Americans think our fight against ISIS is going poorly, according to recent polls. I firmly believe that providing for the defense of our nation is a top priority of the federal government. If the majority of Americans don't feel safe – that's a problem.

Following President Obama's announcement that the U.S. would allow an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees into its borders, I heard from many concerned South Dakotans. Like me, they are worried that ISIS members may pose as Syrian or Iraqi refugees in order to infiltrate our borders and attack our homeland. We have a long tradition in this country of welcoming immigrants and refugees. However, my top concern remains keeping South Dakotans and all Americans safe. Until officials are able to process the large number of refugees expected with a high degree of confidence that they will not pose a threat, we should not be allowing this group of refugees in to the United States.

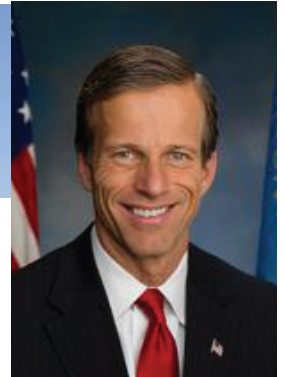
ISIS has made it clear that they are willing to infiltrate countries via refugee programs. We already know that one of the terrorists involved in the Paris attacks last year came through Syria under the refugee program. Additionally, a terrorist who entered Turkey through their refugee program recently killed 10 German tourists in a suicide attack in Istanbul. In the U.S., our top intelligence officials have publicly expressed concern that we don't have all the information necessary to properly vet Syrian refugees to make sure they don't have ties to terror organizations. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey told the House Committee on Homeland Security last fall that the U.S. government may not have the ability to thoroughly vet all Syrian refugees coming into the United States. This is unacceptable.

The Senate recently tried to bring up the American SAFE Act, a bill to enhance the procedures for vetting refugees from Syria and Iraq. The American SAFE Act would have suspended the admission of Syrian and Iraqi refugees into the United States until the nation's top security officials can declare each refugee does not pose a threat to the United States. Unfortunately it was blocked by Senate Democrats, despite passing the House with strong support.

Late last year, Congress took an important step to make the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) more secure. This program, which is used by approximately 20 million foreigners annually, now requires individuals from the 38 participating countries to have passports embedded with a chip to thwart counterfeit passports and validate travelers. Additionally, it increases vetting procedures for nationals from one of the VWP countries wanting to visit the United States if they have visited Syria, Iraq or other countries of concern after 2011. While this is a positive step, more must be done.

Above all, we need bipartisan cooperation in the Senate and the White House to make certain our borders are secure and the safety of American citizens is our top priority.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Keeping Environmental Bureaucrats out of Your Tackle Box

I've been a vocal opponent of the Obama Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) over-intrusion into the American people's lives. Perhaps the most egregious example came in the form of the agency's Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule that turns nearly every body of water – no matter how large or small – into Washington's jurisdiction. Imagine a farmer or rancher in South Dakota with a small ditch or creek that runs through his or her farmland or a small puddle that's created by a summer storm. Under WOTUS, that farmer or rancher might need the EPA's permission to complete certain day-to-day tasks or build necessary structures like pole barns or fences.

As crazy as that sounds, if the liberal wing of the president's party and EPA bureaucrats had their way, they'd even regulate the tackle South Dakotans use to reel in walleyes from the Missouri River and ban the lead ammunition they use to bag ringnecks in the prairie. These Washington environmental bureaucrats are already reaching into South Dakotans' backyards through WOTUS, which we're fighting hard to rein in, and there's absolutely no reason why they should reach into their tackle boxes and hunting vests as well.

I've fought for years to block potential bans that could have a big impact on outdoor recreation in our state and around the country. Alternative kinds of tackle can cost as much as 20 times more than traditional tackle, which is a huge expense for everyone from the recreational angler to the most seasoned sportsman. We should be doing all we can to encourage more young people to participate in outdoor activities like hunting and fishing, not price them out of these sports or provide a disincentive to join.

I fully support sensible regulation that protects the outdoors for future generations, but some of the things the EPA has suggested just go too far. Thankfully, last year Congress passed and the president signed legislation that included my provision to permanently block the EPA from an outright ban on lead ammunition used in the field. That's a good first step, but solves only half of the problem. I'm glad my provision that would extend this regulatory prohibition to fishing tackle recently cleared an important hurdle in the Senate and is one step closer to enactment. I'll be working hard this year to make sure we get this common-sense proposal to the president's desk.

While it might be an uphill fight, taking on the EPA one out-of-touch regulation at a time is worth it. The concrete jungle that is Washington, D.C., and the bureaucrats that inhabit it need a little South Dakota straight talk from time to time, which will help reinforce the message that we don't need the EPA pushing into every facet of our lives.



Coach Meyer

Some of the most influential people in my kids' lives have been their coaches, and I think that's true for a lot of folks. All three of our kids have been blessed to be on teams led by incredible coaches who taught them lessons they could use on and off the court. It's what a good coach does.

In 2014, we lost one of South Dakota's greatest coaches, Don Meyer. Coach Meyer served as head basketball coach at Northern State University in Aberdeen for 11 seasons. In 2009, he became college basketball's winningest coach, and by the time he retired, he clocked in more than 900 victories. Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to participate in a ribbon cutting for the Don and Carmen Meyer Center of Excellence at the Avera Cancer Institute in Aberdeen. It was an incredible honor to be there and recognize a coach that each of us could learn something from – whether we play basketball or not.

For those who may be unfamiliar with his story, Coach Meyer got in a terrible car accident in 2008 with injuries so significant that his lower left leg had to be amputated below the knee. During that surgery, they found cancer.

One of my favorite things he left behind was his "2nd Ten Commandments." His words offer incredible perspective for anyone battling a serious illness. Like so many of his lessons as a coach, however, these commandments could apply to each of our lives. I won't go through all of them in this column, but I did want to share a couple of highlights.

He started out his list with these two commandments: "Thou shall not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities. Thou shall not be fearful, for those things we fear never come to pass." We live in an ugly world and it's hard to not jump to worry and fear. Whether you or a family member is battling cancer, facing a job loss, or trying to change Washington, we ought to keep our focus on action, not fear. Our attention should be on what we have control over and the steps that can be taken to make a positive change.

Coach Meyer goes on to write in his fourth commandment: "Thou shall face each problem as it comes; you can only handle one at a time anyway." Advice each of us could use from time to time.

His seventh commandment: "Thou shall not try to relive yesterday for good or ill. It is forever gone; concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now." So many people today struggle with living in the now. We're constantly on our phones or social media. It takes us out of the moment. Put it all aside – if even for a few hours a day – and live in the now.

Coach Meyer's tenth commandment is my favorite: "Thou shall count thy blessings; never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings adds up to a big one."

Coach Meyer was a blessing to South Dakota and the basketball community. As I stood up to recognize him at the recent ribbon cutting, I couldn't help think about the legacy he has left for us. It is my hope that those facing serious illnesses – whether at the Don and Carmen Meyer Center of Excellence or any of South Dakota's excellent medical facilities – can find inspiration and even comfort from his story of resilience and faith.

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Strengthening The South Dakota Retirement System

Over the last several years, various states have been considering pension reform to address funding shortfalls. Some have looked at increasing employee contributions. Others have considered raising their retirement age or lowering benefits. Pennsylvania is now attempting to deal with \$50 billion in unfunded pension obligations and a funded status of only 60 percent. Their plan is to make cuts that will affect current workers' retirement benefits.

According to the Milliman Public Pension Funding Study, which evaluates the largest 100 pension funds in the nation, some plans are faring even worse than Pennsylvania's – Indiana Teachers at 50 percent funded, Chicago Municipal Employees Pension at 42 percent, Connecticut State Employees at 41 percent, Illinois State Employees at 37 percent and, worst of all, the Kentucky Employees Retirement Fund at 25 percent.

South Dakota is among the states considering pension reform this year, but unlike other governments, we aren't experiencing a crisis. In fact, South Dakota's Retirement System is consistently among the best-funded retirement systems in the nation. We measure our funded status at the end of each fiscal year. As of June 30, the South Dakota Retirement System was 104 percent funded.

Virtually all government employees in South Dakota fall under the South Dakota Retirement System. This includes all public school teachers in our state, all public university professors and employees, all state employees, and many county and city employees – all under the S.D. Retirement System. Third grade teachers in Canton, snowplow drivers in Mobridge, social workers in Winner, university professors in Madison, police officers and firefighters in Rapid City – all in the one plan.

At its December board meeting, the SDRS Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new retirement design for new public employees who begin work after June 30, 2017. The new design accommodates longer life expectancies, adds variable hybrid benefits and eliminates inequitable subsidies. Those who fall under the new design will not be subsidizing members of the current design. Both designs will be self-sustaining.

Unlike reforms in other states, this change will not affect current employees – not now, and not when current employees retire. It will not impact those who are already retired. And this change will not require additional contributions from employees or employers. The Board's recommendation is under consideration by the Legislature this session.

I am proud of how we have responsibly managed the South Dakota Retirement System. Thanks to the conservative management of the Retirement System Board of Trustees, the outstanding performance of the SD Investment Council, and the cooperation and support of all stakeholders, our pension plan is sound.

I am equally proud that we are considering reforms now, when we are in a position of strength. South Dakota is not waiting for a crisis to tackle this issue. We're taking this on now so the benefits of our future teachers, social workers and firefighters remain secure. South Dakotans act with responsibility and with foresight. As some would say, "It's how we roll."

Growing in Agriculture

By Lucas Lentsch, Secretary of Agriculture



Agriculture is a risky business. From the whims of weather to the often unpredictable nature of the commodity and livestock markets to the cost of inputs, there is much in agriculture we can't control. Because of the uncertainty, it's important to take the time to manage the things we can control. One thing all families involved in agriculture can do is take the time to sit down and discuss how your farm, ranch or agriculture related business will transition from one generation to the next.

An important first step is preparing a team of advisors and putting together a schedule of succession planning meetings—a decision this important often can't be

made after only one discussion. Your succession planning team may include legal counsel, an accountant, a lender and those invested in the current and future success of your family operation. Sometimes those individuals extend beyond family. In some cases, families decide that the best course of action is bringing in a third party to run the operation, whether that's a young producer, just starting out and looking for a place to call home, or a neighbor looking to expand. Succession planning conversations won't be easy, but they are essential to the health of a sustained operation.

Unfortunately, health related events or untimely deaths happen in families. When life happens or tragedy hits, it is especially important that families already have a plan in place to answer the important questions. Planning now for the "what if" moments, allows all parties involved to focus on the present rather than worrying about the future.

As we start a new year, I ask every farm and ranch family to take the first step on this journey. Ask your lender, accountant or lawyer for recommendations of whom to work with. There are a number of professionals that help families work through these questions and can provide important advice and insight; however, it is most important that you find the one that works for you and your family.

If your family has done this challenging work already, congratulations to you for making it a priority. If succession planning has been on the "to do list" for some time—I encourage you to plan now. Don't wait any longer. Your family has worked too hard to leave so much uncertain.

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Groton Area School District #06-6 School Board Meeting January 25, 2016 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.
- OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:
1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
 2. Program Overview Presentations Mathematics...G. Kjellsen, J. Kjellsen, D. Johnson
Social Sciences...S. Wanner, S. Thorson, M. Johnson
 3. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
 4. Continued discussion on long-range facilities planning.
 5. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Proposals: AC – Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs (Amend); AC-E(1) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Complaint Form (New); AC-E(2) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to Superintendent Form (New); AC-E(3) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to School Board (New); ACAA – Sexual Harassment (Amend); ACAA-E(1) Sexual Harassment Complaint Form (New); ACAA-E(2) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to Superintendent (New); ACAA-E(3) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to School Board (New); BBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment (Amend); BDDC – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Amend); CIA – Principal Evaluations (New); EBCD – Emergency Closings (Amend); GBAA – Veterans Preference (New); GCD – Professional Staff Hiring (Amend); GCN – Professional Teaching Staff Evaluation (Amend); JHG – Reporting Child Abuse (Amend); JO – Student Records (Amend); JO-E(1) – Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA – Student Directory Information (Amend); JOA-E(1) – Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA-E(2) – Student Directory Information Opt Out (Amend); KL – Complaint Against School Employee (Amend); KL-E(1) – Complaint Against School Employee Report Form (New); KL-E(2) – Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to Superintendent (New); KL-E(3) Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to School Board (New)
 6. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report
- NEW BUSINESS:
1. Review Highway 37 Project Plans and consider "Offer and Statement of Compensation" from South Dakota Department of Transportation and authorize Board President to sign related documents.
 2. Consider options for purchasing new school bus for FY17 and, if necessary, review bid specifications for school bus and authorize Business Manager Weber to advertise for bids, and set date for bid opening [Recommend Monday, February 22 at 2:00 PM].
 3. Discussion on Doney Field signage.
 4. Discussion on Donor Recognition Boards in Arena Lobby.
 5. Amend work agreement for Karin Bartell from 7.0 hours/day to 7.5 hours/day effective January 18, 2016.
 6. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.
- ADJOURN

South Dakota's Visitor Industry Sets All-Time Records for Visitor Spending and Economic Growth in 2015

PIERRE, S.D. – Record visitor spending in 2015 translates into the largest impact South Dakota's economy has ever seen from the visitor industry.

According to a study by Tourism Economics,* visitor spending reached \$3.78 billion in 2015, supporting a total of \$5.9 billion in business sales in the state and contributing \$2.4 billion in GDP to South Dakota's economy. Tourism's contribution to the state economy grew 6.1 percent in 2015. These dollars flow through the South Dakota economy, supporting more than 52,000 jobs and generating more than \$270 million in state and local tax revenue.

Visitor spending increases were being seen early on in the peak tourism season and late into the fall, making for a solid year for tourism businesses across the state. In addition, the 75th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and the 50th anniversary of the Buffalo Roundup played a significant role in media coverage, visitation and ultimately spending.

"Everything we do, from national parades, to social media, to media relations efforts, to traditional marketing, comes together to make a difference," said Jim Hagen, Secretary of the Department of Tourism. "These numbers are proof that all of the tourism industry's efforts are paying off in a huge way."

Additional 2015 indicators and economic impact stats:

- 13.7 million – number of visitors that came to South Dakota
- 2.1 percent - increase in hotel occupancy (outpaced national occupancy growth of 1.8%)
- 1.5 million – number of visits to www.TravelSouthDakota.com.
- 21 million – number of emails delivered to travelers interested in South Dakota
- \$12.6 million – amount of advertising value earned through domestic and international public relations efforts
- 4.2 million – record-setting number of visitors to South Dakota's national parks
 - o 1 million of these visitors were in July alone
- 700,000 – Number of people who stopped at the Interstate Information Centers

"Gas prices are predicted to stay low and surveys show that Americans continue to plan to take their family vacations in the new year," said Gov. Dennis Daugaard. "Add in the centennial of the National Park Service and the 75 year anniversary of Mt. Rushmore's completion, and we know that South Dakota will draw thousands of visitors to our parks and to our state in 2016."

To view the full Tourism Economics report, visit www.SDVisit.com.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary Jim Hagen.

SDSU Extension Releases 2016 Pest Guides

BROOKINGS, S.D. - SDSU Extension recently released the South Dakota 2016 Pest Management guides, which are available for free at <http://iGrow.org/store> under Downloads.

The guides provide recommendations for controlling weeds, insects and diseases in the following crops:

- * Alfalfa & Oilseeds - including canola, flax, safflower, sunflowers
- * Corn
- * Soybeans
- * Wheat - and other cereal grains including barley, rye, oats, durum, millet, triticale

"These guides have been completely updated for 2016," said Paul O. Johnson, SDSU Extension Weed Science Coordinator. "There are several new products that have new names and corresponding changes made to the labels such as: rates for the chemicals, rotation restrictions, additive rates and products."

Johnson added that the prices for the products however are similar to last year.

Sponsors that have made the guides free of charge possible include: the South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion council, The South Dakota Wheat Commission, the SDSU Extension IPM Program, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and the SDSU Extension WEED Project.

Without these sponsors the South Dakota Pest Management guides could not be updated each year.

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Today in Weather History

January 24, 1972: Snowfall of a dusting to as much as 8 inches accompanied by 30 to 40 mph winds resulted in widespread blowing and drifting snow across much of South Dakota. Many roads were blocked by the heavy drifting. Visibilities were near zero at times. Many activities were cancelled or postponed.

January 24, 1985: Blizzard conditions associated with an Arctic front moved into western Minnesota and northeast South Dakota during the afternoon and continued into the evening. The blizzard brought travel to a standstill. Winds increased to 40 to 60 mph. Many roads were closed due to drifts of snow. Temperatures fell rapidly behind the front with wind chills of 30 to 50 below zero overnight. There were a number of accidents and stranded motorists. Many vehicles went into the ditch with many people stranded. The National Guard was called upon to search for stranded motorists. Portions of northeast South Dakota experienced near blizzard conditions as wind speeds gusted to near 60 mph with dangerous travel conditions.

1940: A record breaking 19.9 inches of snow fell in Richmond, Virginia on this day. The storm, which began on the 23rd, produced a total of 21.6 inches of snow for the Richmond area. The headline in the Richmond Times-Dispatch was "Blizzard Sweeps State, Bringing Deep Snow; Public Schools Closed."

1967: A tornado outbreak across the Central U.S. was the furthest north ever recorded in the winter up to that time. Severe weather occurred across a good portion of southeast and east central Iowa. Two inch hail fell at Armstrong and over two dozen tornadoes were reported. Five miles north of Fort Madison, one fatality occurred from a tornado along with six injuries. A tornado causing F4 damage killed 3 people and injured 216 in St. Louis County, Missouri. Tornadoes also affected parts of northern and central Illinois. One strong tornado in Mason County killed one person and injured three others. Another tornado moved across the Champaign-Urbana metropolitan area, injuring five people. Other strong tornadoes were reported across Carroll County in Mt. Carroll, where 12 people were injured, and near Gladstone in Henderson County. Funnel clouds were reported across the southwest section of Chicago, IL. High winds gusting to 48 mph caused a wall of a building under construction to collapse killing one and injuring four others. Iowa had never recorded a tornado in January before this outbreak. 32 total tornadoes occurred, 14 of them in Iowa. Nine twisters occurred in Missouri, 8 in Illinois and 1 in Wisconsin.



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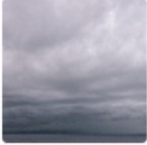






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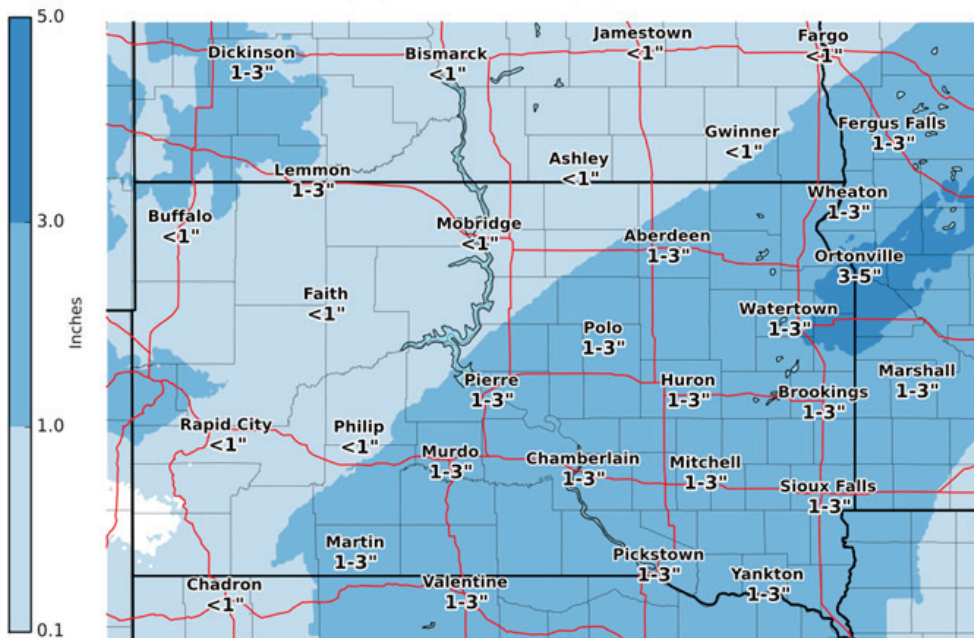
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Cloudy	Snow Likely then Snow	Chance Snow then Slight Chance Snow and Blustery	Cloudy and Blustery then Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 26 °F	Low: 21 °F	High: 25 °F	Low: 16 °F	High: 24 °F	Low: 13 °F	High: 34 °F



Expect Some Light Snow Sunday Into Monday



Expected Storm Total Snow Amounts Today -> Monday
Valid: 01/24/2016 12:00 PM - 01/25/2016 06:00 PM CST



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Light snow will develop across western South Dakota by this afternoon and spread over into central and northeastern South Dakota this evening and overnight, before ending from west to east on Monday. Light accumulations of generally a half inch to around 3 inches of snow is expected. Breezy northwest winds will also develop on Monday, creating areas of blowing and drifting snow.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 30.2 at 3:29 PM

Low: 11.2 at Midnight

High Gust: 32 at 1:05 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 60° in 1981

Record Low: -35° in 1915

Average High: 23°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.38

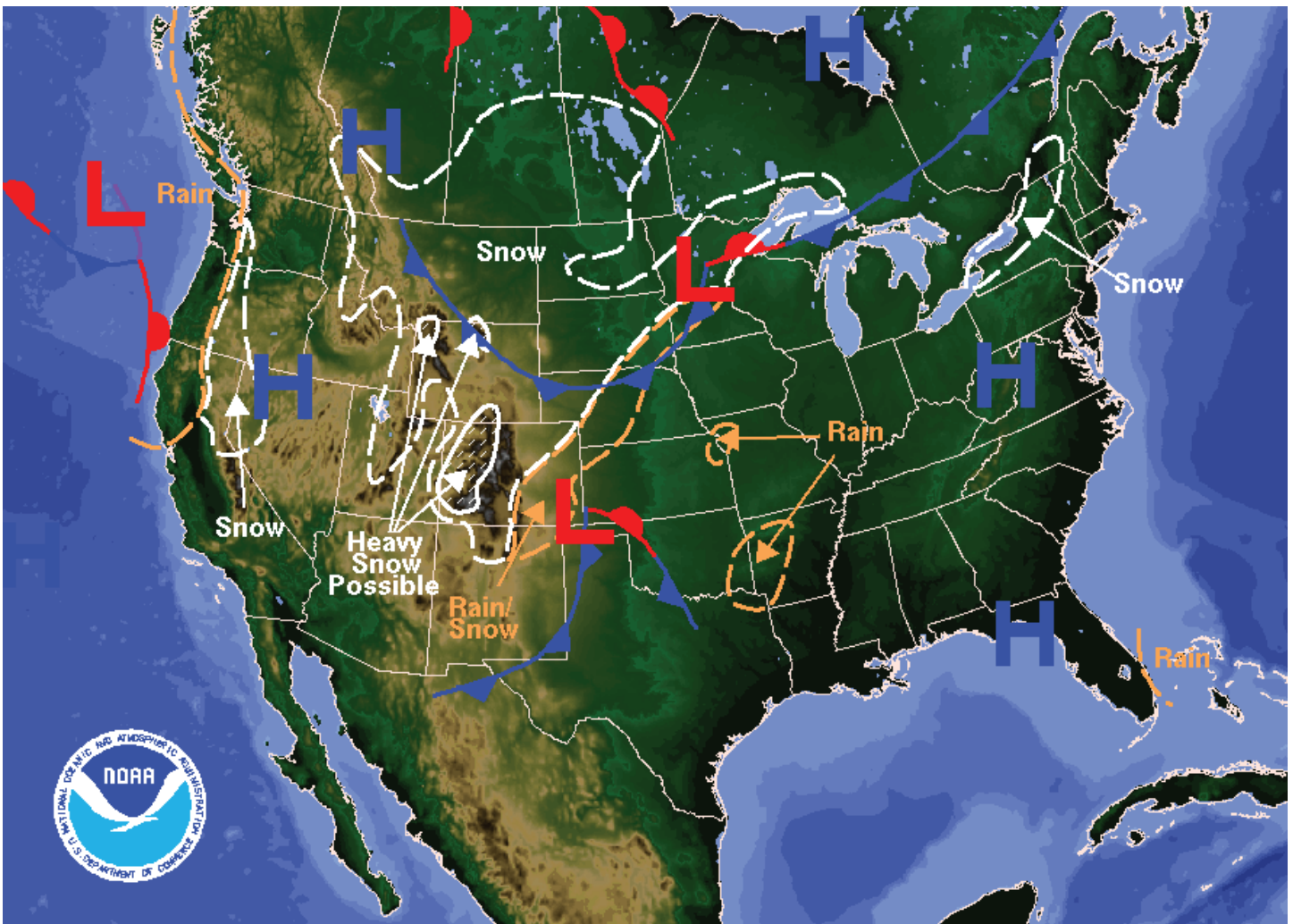
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.38

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:28 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:02 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jan 24, 2016, issued 3:10 PM EST
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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

When he was fifteen years old, he tried to catch a ride on a heavily loaded ice truck. He was unable to pull himself onto the moving truck and fell beneath the wheels. His left leg was badly crushed and the surgeon decided to cut it off. But fearing life without his leg frightened him and he begged him not to remove it.

The surgeon eventually agreed with him and the surgery very successful as well as the treatment that followed. However, they said to him, "Harold, you will never play football again. Your leg has been too badly damaged."

"Yes I will!" he protested. After his release from the hospital, he faithfully exercised every day. Not only did he return to play high school football, he set records in high school as the nation's highest scorer. He then went on to set many college and professional football records. To this day Harold "Red" Grange, the "Gallopig Ghost," is recognized as one of the nation's greatest athletes. Some sports writers have said that he is the definition of football and no one will ever again do what he did with a football.

Imagine with me, if you will, what you or I could do for Christ if we had his dedication and determination.

Prayer: Father, help us to be willing to make every and any sacrifice necessary to serve You faithfully with all of our hearts and souls. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

News from the Associated Press

South Dakota city police chief by day, bagpiper by night

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dave Kull has worked in law enforcement for nearly four decades, so perhaps it's no surprise that his musical instrument of choice is one embraced by fire and police brotherhoods for more than a century and a half.

By day, Kull serves as the chief of police of Brandon, a Sioux Falls bedroom community 12 miles northeast of the city. By night, the chief dons his kilt and laces up his Ghillie brogues to play bagpipes for Dakota District Pipes & Drums, a volunteer group that performs at festivals, funerals and other community events.

"Insanity, pure and simple," Kull jokes when asked why he started. Then he pauses and offers a more serious response. "I always just thought it was a neat sound."

For more than 18 years, Kull and Sioux Falls attorney Tom Parliman have served as the core of Sioux Falls-based Dakota District Pipes & Drums, which has "grown and shrunk and grown and shrunk again," Kull said.

The group is again growing, with seven pipers and three drummers belting out tunes during a recent Burns Night gathering honoring Scottish poet Robert Burns. Performances often double as recruiting events.

"We'll play an event and someone will come up and say, 'How do you get started in this?'" Kull said.

Dakota District Pipes & Drums has had an easier time attracting and retaining bagpipers than drummers, even though the bass drum and snares are commonly played by every high school band percussionist.

Parliman, a 35-year bagpiping veteran who serves as pipe major, said he knew he wanted to be a bagpiper as a child. His dad enjoyed big bands, but he was hooked on bagpipes the first time he heard the instrument during a parade.

Parliman has always loved the sound.

"Different people just like different music," he said.

When Kull first started learning to play about 19 years ago, Sioux Falls had no qualified instructors. So once a month he'd make the four-hour trek to Minneapolis, drop his wife off at her sister's house and attend his lessons.

The first step is to learn note fingering on a practice chanter, a foot-long reed instrument disconnected from the bags and pipes. The endeavor grows far more challenging when the player is expected to keep a steady airflow through the bag.

"Then you have to learn breathing and squeezing," Kull said. "Then someone comes along and says you have to march, too."

Parliman and Kull can now teach people to play the bagpipes right in Sioux Falls, and the non-profit group often brings in higher-level outside instructors from Winnipeg. Dakota District Pipes & Drums offers all of its lessons for free during its Monday practice session inside the VA Hospital's auditorium.

Students must make their first investment when it's time to buy their own set of pipes, which typically run about \$1,500.

"They have to buy their own pipe, but we usually front the kilt when they're coming into the band," he said.

And that's no small expense. The group sends the fabric and measurements up to a woman in Canada who hand stitches each garment at a cost of about \$400 per kilt. Bagpipers complete their outfits with a white dress shirt, a black vest, a black tie and Ghillie brogues, which are wingtip shoes with the tongue removed and extra-long laces that tie up the white kilt hose. Accessories include a sporran bag and a sgian-dubh, a small knife tucked into the hose.

The bagpipers have traveled to Winnipeg for competitions and have played funerals, weddings and Mount Rushmore Independence Day celebrations. St. Patrick's Day is a particularly popular time, although the group prefers to play indoor events rather than the city's annual parade.

"It doesn't play well in cold weather," Kull said.

South Dakota man supplies stagecoach for new Tarantino film

LETCHER, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man is showing off his handiwork closer to home as one of his creations is seen on silver screens around the world.

Doug Hansen owns the Hansen Wheel & Wagon Shop. One of his stagecoaches is featured in Quentin Tarantino's newest film, *The Hateful Eight*.

To recognize his work and to celebrate the film beginning its run in Mitchell, Hansen brought a "sister stagecoach" to the one used in the film to the Luxury 5 Cinemas in Mitchell on Friday.

Hansen tells *The Daily Republic* (<http://bit.ly/1WBiXoO>) that his clientele is typically museums, private collectors and corporate entities, though he does get tapped for show business occasionally.

He says usually companies will rent his coaches for a project, but said Tarantino bought the coach for his new movie.

Small press sees uptick in sales thanks to 'The Revenant'

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A small university press that holds the publishing rights to a historical novel on mountain man Hugh Glass is seeing a spike in sales thanks to the success of the film "The Revenant."

Staff members at the University of Nebraska Press say physical copies of Frederick Manfred's "Lord Grizzly" have surged nearly eightfold in the last few months and that e-book editions have similarly fared well.

Manfred's 1954 novel tells the story of Glass, who was mauled by a bear in northern South Dakota and survived. The story of Glass is now the basis for the Hollywood hit "The Revenant," which features Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hardy.

"The Revenant" is based on a 2002 novel of the same name. The film has received 12 Academy Award nominations.

Sioux Falls man accused now faces federal firearm charges

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man accused of possessing illegal weapons and explosives materials in his home is now facing federal firearms charges.

Twenty-nine-year-old Darren Kyle Zafft was arrested in December on multiple weapons-related charges. Now, a federal grand jury has indicted Zafft for possession of an unregistered firearm.

The *Argus Leader* reports (<http://argusne.ws/1K1pC9P>) authorities found five guns in his home for which there were no transfer or registration records.

The guns included two .22-caliber semi-automatic rifles, two 9 mm semi-automatic rifles and a .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

In December, police say at Zafft's home they found over 100 guns, including more than a dozen illegally modified rifles and shotguns. They also found two handmade silencers, multiple grenades, about 10,000 rounds of ammunition and \$20,000 cash.

Couple closing bookstore in downtown Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A bookstore in downtown Rapid City is closing after less than two years due to generally slow sales.

The owners of Van Norman Rare Books recently decided to scale back the business to an online presence. Robert and Erin Van Norman planned last week to auction off a portion of their large collection of books, antiques and collectibles.

Erin Van Norman told the *Rapid City Journal* (<http://bit.ly/1JnZPzP>) that the business initially did pretty well when it opened in July 2014, drawing interest from local and visiting bookworms to its central location in the heart of downtown.

The shop didn't figure to be a big moneymaker, Erin Van Norman said. The decision to close it, she said, came down to simple economics

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"There just wasn't enough foot traffic to make the time to be here worth it," she said. "It just wasn't economically feasible."

Opening the shop allowed the couple to consolidate and organize attorney Robert Van Norman's book collection. He has collected books for 35 years and had amassed about 15,000 volumes at the collection's peak.

The books filled every nook of the couple's Rapid City home, Erin Van Norman said. She said they'll be more selective in the books they buy.

"We're just trying to be bit more particular about the things we're acquiring," she said. "We're also at the age where we're trying to find out who we are in our older years."

The couple "really enjoyed the experience" of having the store, Erin Van Norman said.

"We're glad we did it," she said.

Cowboy poets gather in Nevada with eye on Oregon conflict

SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — As troubadours, fiddlers and scribes head to northeast Nevada for a national gathering to celebrate cowboy poetry and culture, the topic of the sometimes tenuous relationship between the Old West and the realities of the New West will be more than campfire conversation.

The 32nd National Cowboy Poetry Gathering opens Monday in Elko, a rural community halfway between Reno and Salt Lake City that is similar in its turbulent history to the place about 200 miles away in Oregon where a national wildlife refuge has been seized by armed men protesting federal ownership of land.

The weeklong festival features a slate of speeches and discussion panels about many of the wide-open spaces where conservation is a good word, but environmentalism sometimes is not; where patriotism is revered, but the U.S. government is often despised.

The keynote speech will be given Thursday by a world-renowned cultural and environmental historian who thinks government ownership of land can be a good thing, and it may be the only way to save some of the last great wild places where the Great Plains meet the Rocky Mountains.

Dan Flores' latest book, "American Serengeti: The Last Big Animals of the Great Plains," examines the similarity between the wildlife that still exists in the African grasslands and the American bison, antelope, wolves and grizzly bears that roamed the great expanse from the Missouri River to the Rockies when American explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark entered the wilderness in the early 1800s.

"Until we destroyed it, there was this other historic version of the Serengeti on the plains," Flores says in remarks prepared for the Elko gathering. "Between 1820 and 1920, in the largest destruction of animal life discoverable anywhere in the world history, we almost entirely wiped the Great Plains clear of its wildlife. The 19th century Great Plains was a slaughterhouse."

Flores said he isn't sure what to expect in Elko after talking with event organizers who requested he "leave the politics at the door as you go in."

"They engaged me in a conference call that, as I read it, was kind of a warning about the audience and about what you can say, and what is going to be controversial," said Flores, who was the chairman of Western History at the University of Montana from 1992 to 2014 and now lives outside Santa Fe, New Mexico. "The truth is, given the politics of modern America, almost everything you say about the West is controversial. I may be occupied by the militia by the end of the event, but I guess we'll find out."

Dave Roche, executive director of the Western Folklife Center in charge of the event, said they wanted a keynote speaker who could offer a cultural, social and environmental perspective on the Northern Plains and the American West.

"We don't take a political side, but at the same time, we don't step away from the real issues that are working their way in one way or another through the community, and the Western community in general," Roche said.

The ongoing standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns, Oregon, was organized by the sons of Cliven Bundy, a southern Nevada rancher who staged a similar show of force in 2014 at his

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ranch where he continues to graze cattle on federal land without a permit. They urged Oregon ranchers to renounce U.S. ownership of public land at a ceremony over the weekend and plan to open up the 300-square-mile refuge for cattle this spring.

Such conflict is nothing new to the people of Elko County, or as the leaders of the "Shovel Brigade" called it nearly two decades ago, the "Republic of Elko." In January 2000, the same week as the 16th annual Cowboy Poetry gathering, more than 1,000 people marched through town with parade floats and pickups filled with 10,000 shovels in a protest against the Forest Service in a battle over who should control a remote grave road in a national forest — a legal fight that continues 16 years later in federal court in Reno.

Charlie Seemann, who directed the folklife center for 16 years before he retired in 2014, said at the time "the shovel thing" put him in an awkward position, but that he understood the frustrations of cowboys, miners and others who work the land.

"Just living in this open space, doing the job they do, they have to be self-reliant," he said back then. "They don't like to be told what to do."

Seemann doesn't anticipate any tension at this year's gathering as a result of "the Oregon occupation situation."

"There will probably be private conversations among folks," he said, but "the gathering is a place that is so much about camaraderie and friendship that it tends to defuse these things."

Deadwood hopeful about possible HBO series reboot

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Deadwood is looking forward to a possible movie reboot of the HBO series named after the small South Dakota community.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1ZGBS1g>) reports that an HBO spokeswoman has confirmed that discussions are underway for a movie follow-up of the popular "Deadwood" series.

Lee Harstad of the Deadwood Chamber and Visitors Bureau tells the newspaper that local officials are encouraged by the news. He says he hopes a "Deadwood" movie would revive excitement over the series and attract more visitors to the historic gambling town.

The original series ran on HBO from 2004 to 2006. Harstad says there was "definitely a recorded economic boon" when the series aired.

6 soldiers from the SD Guard return home to Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Six soldiers from the South Dakota Army National Guard returned home to Rapid City on Saturday from an eight-month deployment to Afghanistan.

The Guard's Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command has been overseas to provide aerial reconnaissance and surveillance in support of U.S. and coalition ground commanders. The detachment is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists which operate the C-12 King Air.

A Saturday-morning ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility at Rapid City Regional Airport drew South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the Guard's adjutant general.

This was the third mobilization for the unit, which deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008 and 2011.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 48, Harrisburg 34

Bennett County 67, Philip 37

Crazy Horse 83, Wakpala 50

Crow Creek 60, Todd County 59

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Dakota Valley 76, Lawton-Bronson, Iowa 36
DeSmet 50, Waverly-South Shore 47
Flandreau 60, Parker 53
Gayville-Volin 55, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 22
Hot Springs 54, Lead-Deadwood 29
Huron 51, Yankton 41
Little Wound 88, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 70
Miller 75, McLaughlin 49
Newell 72, Rapid City Christian JV 50
Pierre 55, Brookings 48
Red Cloud 72, Custer 33
Sioux City, East, Iowa 55, Sioux Falls Lincoln 47
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 63, Rapid City Stevens 48
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 64, Rapid City Central 50
Sioux Falls Washington 60, Marshall, Minn. 55
Tea Area 78, Canton 70
Wagner 67, Avon 33
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
Seventh Place
Estelline 54, Dell Rapids St. Mary 47
Fifth Place
Lake Preston 57, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 34
Third Place
Arlington 42, Deubrook 32
Championship
Elkton-Lake Benton 49, Colman-Egan 44
Hanson Corn Palace Classic
Canistota 71, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 61
Chester 60, Corsica/Stickney 44
Clark/Willow Lake 60, Parkston 53
Hanson 60, Sully Buttes 48
Langford 43, Alcester-Hudson 32
Maple River, Minn. 50, Sioux Valley 45
St. Thomas More 60, Vermillion 51
Warner 62, White River 50
Midco Shootout - DSU
Bridgewater-Emery 62, Wynot, Neb. 60
Freeman 72, Ellsworth, Minn. 57
Hills-Beaver Creek, Minn. 62, Viborg-Hurley 51
Menno 55, Bon Homme 44
St. Francis Indian 62, Ipswich 53
Winner 57, Tri-Valley 48
Mobridge Big Bob Classic
Pine Ridge 74, Mobridge-Pollock 48
Panhandle Conference Tournament
Third Place
Hay Springs, Neb. 62, Edgemont 53
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Aberdeen Central 48, Harrisburg 34
Arlington 56, Estelline 52

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Lead-Deadwood 48, Hot Springs 28
Lemmon 60, Dupree 39
Little Wound 53, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 47
McIntosh 49, Harding County 39
McLaughlin 59, Miller 51
Oelrichs 46, Upton, Wyo. 33
Philip 58, Bennett County 15
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ECC Classic
Rosholt 46, Great Plains Lutheran 29
Waubay/Summit 33, Waverly-South Shore 25
Wilmot 35, Florence/Henry 22
Mobridge Big Bob Classic
Eureka/Bowdle 39, Linton-HMB, N.D. 30
Herreid/Selby Area 52, Mobridge-Pollock 48
Panhandle Conference Tournament
Fifth Place
Hay Springs, Neb. 46, Edgemont 34
Southern Plains Conference Tournament
Seventh Place
Gregory 51, Stanley County 32
Fifth Place
Colome 54, Kadoka Area 50
Third Place
White River 58, Lyman 56
Championship: Jones County 43, Burke/South Central 35

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Daum leads South Dakota State over South Dakota 79-75

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Mike Daum scored a career high-tying 23 points, Jake Bittle added 21, and Scott Nagy earned his 400th career victory as South Dakota State outlasted South Dakota 79-75 on Saturday.

Daum added 11 rebounds to notch his second career double-double for South Dakota State (16-5, 5-2 Summit League). He went 4 of 4 on 3-point attempts — all in the second half — as the Jackrabbits scored 51 points in the second compared to a 28-point first-half output.

His last make put South Dakota State up by five with 2:11 left.

Bittle's eight free-throw makes and 11 attempts were both career highs.

South Dakota (10-11, 2-5) got within three with 25 seconds left, but Trey Norris missed two field goals in the final 15 seconds and the Coyotes couldn't take advantage when SDSU's George Marshall stepped on the sideline with the ball with 10 seconds left.

Norris scored 12 points and had five assists.

Great timing as gentle sunshine follows 1-day record snow

VERENA DOBNIK, Associated Press

BEN NUCKOLS, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A mammoth blizzard that paralyzed Washington and set a single-day snowfall record in New York City gave way Sunday to brilliant sunshine and gently rising temperatures, enabling millions to dig out and enjoy the winter.

The timing could not have been better: The heaviest snow began falling Friday evening, and tapered off just before midnight Saturday. Millions heeded calls to stay home, enabling road crews to clear snow and ice. Grimy cities were blanketed, making for lovely scenes with unfamiliar terrains.

"It feels like old times when there weren't any cars," said Taylor Scheulke, an associate producer at National Geographic television who made a 36-hour time-lapse video of snow piling up outside her Washington home and posted it on YouTube.

Waist-high piles of white blocked Manhattan bus stops, forcing riders to wait on the streets, inches from traffic. Judy Tenenbaum refused to risk it, instead walking a dozen blocks on the Upper West Side to reach a stop where a plow had cleared at least some of the snow.

"I decided, I don't want to die," she said before boarding a bus to the YMCA.

The storm dropped snow from the Gulf Coast to New England. The heaviest official report was 42 inches, in Glengary, West Virginia, but the record accumulations in the nation's capital and its largest city brought life to a standstill, stranding tens of thousands of travelers and forcing many events to be cancelled.

More than two-dozen deaths were blamed on the weather, initially mostly in car crashes. Others died while shoveling snow; some succumbed to heart problems, others to carbon monoxide poisoning.

In Passaic, N.J., on Sunday, a mother and year-old son watching their family shovel snow from the apparent safety of their car died because the snow blocked the tailpipe; her 3-year-old daughter, also in the car, was in critical condition, The Record reported.

David Perrotto, 56, met a similar fate in Muhlenberg Township, Pennsylvania, Saturday night after a passing snowplow buried him inside his car as he was trying to dig it out.

The storm dropped 26.8 inches in Central Park, the second-most recorded since 1869 and just short of 26.9 inches set in February 2006. But the 26.6 inches that fell on Saturday was the city's record for a single day.

Washington's records were less clear. The official 3-day total of 17.8 inches measured at Reagan National Airport was impossibly short of accumulations recorded elsewhere in the city. An official total of 22.4 inches landed at the National Zoo, but since some of that fell Friday night, it might not have beat the city's single-day record of 21 inches, set on Jan. 28, 1922.

The Zoo was making hearts sing in other ways — even though the grounds remained closed through Monday, an online video of its giant panda Tian Tian making snow angels got more than 48 million views.

Joining the fun, Jeffrey Perez got more than half a million views of his own online video, after climbing

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into a panda suit and rolling around in the snow outside his home in Millersville, Maryland.

Watching her young daughters frolic in the snow in Toms River, N.J., Mary Desmond joked that they had made it through the storm "without killing any one."

"With little ones the cabin fever is really strong," she said. "They were really excited that it finally snowed here and wanted to play in it."

Coastal cities saw some flooding, but as predicted, the impact was nothing like Superstorm Sandy.

Roofs collapsed on a church in Pennsylvania and a historic theater in Virginia, causing no injuries. The roof also fell in on a barn outside Frederick, Maryland, which got a total of 33.5 inches. That one killed some of the cows a farmer had herded inside.

"It kills me because I killed them by putting them in the barn," Douglas Fink said. "I was trying to protect them, but they probably would have been better off just standing outside."

The winds reached hurricane-force of 75 mph at Dewey Beach, Delaware, and Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, the weather service said. From Virginia to New York, sustained winds topped 30 mph and gusted to around 50 mph. What's more, there were bursts of thunder and lightning.

Complications were still in store for the Monday morning commute. With more than 7,000 weekend flights canceled, air travel remained messy. But with 30 hours or more to restore power and clear streets after the last flakes fell, millions of people expected to be able to slog back to work.

That didn't stop the House of Representatives from postponing votes until February, citing the storm's impact on travel.

United Airlines said limited service might begin later Sunday in New York City, and Baltimore-Washington International Airport expected some arrivals late in the day, but other Washington-area airports were expected to closed, and some airlines began cutting Monday service.

In New York, Bruce Springsteen canceled his Sunday concert at Madison Square Garden, but Broadway shows were resuming on the Great White Way after going dark at the last minute on Saturday.

With gorgeous blue skies and sunshine, the day was just right for snowball fights. More than 600 people RSVP's to organizer Aaron Brazell's invite on Facebook.

"I knew people would be cooped up in their houses and wanting to come outside," he said as he was beamed by multiple blasts of perfectly soft but firm snow.

"I like the snow because it's a great equalizer. It puts everyone in the same place at the same time, Mepi Myers said as she walked to brunch in Baltimore. "People who normally wouldn't call out to each other are helping their neighbors."

Nuckols reported from Burke, Virginia. Contributors include Associated Press writers William Mathis, Scott Mayerowitz and Jake Pearson in New York; Alex Brandon and Lolita C. Baldor in Washington; Jessica Gresko in Arlington, Virginia; and Juliet Linderman in Baltimore.

Major East Coast airports slowly resume service

The Associated Press

Airports in New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore were resuming some service Sunday, a day after a punishing blizzard dumped two feet or more of snow and brought transportation to a standstill along the East Coast.

The major airlines intended to resume service throughout the region by Monday, though hundreds of flights then have been canceled.

Nearly than 12,000 flights were canceled from Friday through Monday as states from New England to North Carolina wrestled with a massive snow dump.

All told, 3,458 flights scheduled for Sunday and 699 flights for Monday had been canceled, according to flight tracking service FlightAware. With 3,100 flights failing to take off Friday and 4,511 being grounded on Saturday, the total of flights grounded was 11,768 for the four-day period.

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Broadway's back; power's still out for thousands in South

The Associated Press

Broadway turned the stage lights back on, rail service was expected to resume in New York, and emergency travel bans were lifted Sunday in Washington, D.C., and Maryland following a historic snowstorm that dumped 2 feet or more on some major cities. But thousands were still without power in the Carolinas and major roadways such as the Pennsylvania Turnpike had not completely reopened. More than 45 million people, meanwhile, had watched a video of one of the Smithsonian National Zoo's four pandas enjoying the snow. A look at the storm's impact by state:

DELAWARE

Delaware Gov. Jack Markell has lifted a driving ban he had imposed as a winter storm brought blizzard conditions to the mid-Atlantic region. The ban was lifted at 10 a.m. Sunday, but Markell said a state of emergency remains in effect. He urged residents to stay off the road unless they have a compelling reason to drive, so that snow plows could continue working without interference. With the passage of the storm, hazardous weather warnings have been lifted, but a coastal flood advisory was in effect for New Castle County until 1 p.m. Sunday, with minor flooding possible at high tide. Meanwhile, Markell planned to take an aerial view by helicopter Sunday afternoon of southern Delaware areas that were affected by coastal flooding during the storm.

GEORGIA

Northeast Georgia began thawing out Sunday after getting blanketed with 8 inches of snow, said National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Leary. The snow hadn't completely disappeared, however, because temperatures were still close to freezing, he said. Across the state, 945 customers were still without power Sunday, according to Georgia Power spokeswoman Ashley Stukes. The bulk of the outages were in the northeast part of the state due to constant snowfall and freezing rain. Since the storm began early Friday, crews have restored power to more than 125,000 customers statewide, Stukes said.

KENTUCKY

Motorists got stuck overnight Friday on Interstate 75 south of Lexington as wrecks and blowing snow brought traffic to a halt. Officials went from vehicle to vehicle, checking on marooned drivers; distributing water, fuel and snacks; and helping people get to shelters set up at churches and public schools along the highway. But some drivers said they were too far away to make it to the shelters. The road reopened early Saturday. Elsewhere, a transportation worker died while plowing snow-covered highways near Bowling Green, and a man died when his car collided with a salt truck.

MARYLAND

Despite the high winds and tremendous volume of snowfall there was only one reported death in Baltimore, and officials aren't even sure it's snow-related, said Bob Maloney, Baltimore Director of the Office of Emergency Management. A travel ban in the city and along a 34.7-mile stretch of interstates has been lifted, but officials still urged residents to not venture out onto the roads if not necessary. Maryland Emergency Management Agency spokesman Ed McDonough said I-270 and I-70 from I-81 in Washington County to the Baltimore Beltway had reopened as of 7 a.m. Sunday.

In western Maryland, meanwhile, a barn roof collapsed under the weight of heavy snow Saturday morning in the unincorporated community of Ijamsville, killing some of the several dozen beef cattle that had been herded inside to ride out the storm, said cattle owner Douglas Fink. Fink said he wasn't sure how many had died. He said most of the cattle escaped before the collapse, but he hasn't been able to count them because they're huddling close together.

NEW JERSEY

Most major highways in New Jersey had been cleared by early Sunday, including the Garden State

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Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike. Nonetheless, reduced speed limits were in place on most of those roadways, and drivers were being urged to use extra caution and to avoid travel if possible. Officials say roads should be in good shape for the Monday morning commute. Residents in southern New Jersey's coastal towns continue to deal with flooding caused by the weekend's major snowstorm. Minor to moderate flooding occurred during Sunday morning's high tides, mostly in Atlantic and Cape May counties, Gov. Chris Christie said. Officials said the waters were starting to recede by late Sunday morning. No major damage from the flooding was reported, and only some residents were displaced.

NEW YORK

All rail service in and out of New York's Grand Central Terminal is expected to resume Sunday afternoon after a record-setting blizzard hammered the city. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says service on the Metro-North lines at outlying terminals in New York and Connecticut is scheduled to begin after noon. Service on the Long Island Rail Road remains suspended. The MTA says the goal is to bring back service for the Monday morning commute. Three people died while shoveling snow in New York City, where over 25 inches of snow in Central Park marked the third-largest snowfall since record-keeping began in 1869, police and weather officials said. All Broadway shows — both matinees and evening performances — were given the green light to go on as normal Sunday after New York state officials lifted their travel ban. Bruce Springsteen postponed a show set for Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

NORTH CAROLINA/SOUTH CAROLINA

About 50,000 customers in the Carolinas remain without power as the sun is creeping out across two states hit by the first wave of the massive winter storm. On Sunday morning, Duke Energy reports that about 48,000 customers are without electricity in North Carolina, and another 1,700 in South Carolina. Forecasters expect some of the accumulation to thaw Sunday afternoon as temperatures climb above 32 degrees. But overnight, temperatures will dip back below freezing in many areas. In North Carolina, a man was charged with killing a motorist who stopped to help after the suspect's car slid off an ice-covered road. Jail records show 27-year-old Marvin Jacob Lee of Claremont was at the Catawba County jail Saturday on a murder charge pending a court appearance Monday. Multiple news media organizations reported Lee had run off an icy road when a passing truck with three men stopped to help around nightfall Friday. Sheriff Coy Reid said Lee became agitated and the men called police to come help Lee, who then started shooting.

OHIO

A teenager sledding behind an all-terrain vehicle was hit by a truck and killed Friday, the State Highway Patrol said. The truck failed to yield at a traffic light and hit the sled, which the ATV was pulling in Wheelersburg, the highway patrol said.

PENNSYLVANIA

State authorities say they hope to quickly reopen a section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Pittsburgh where hundreds of vehicles were stranded during the massive winter storm. More than 500 cars, trucks and buses — including those carrying the Duquesne (doo-KAYN') University men's basketball team and the Temple University gymnastics squad — got stuck there Friday night as the storm hit. Officials hoped to have the turnpike section reopened by mid-afternoon Sunday, said Turnpike chief executive officer Mark Compton. Only 20 tractor-trailers remained on the turnpike section in Somerset County, Gov. Tom Wolf said Sunday. He said the drivers voluntarily stayed with their trucks and were "all safe and ready to get going." vowed "an extensive after-action review" of how the situation developed and how officials responded to it.

TENNESSEE

Two people were killed as cars slid off icy roads. One vehicle plummeted down a 300-foot embankment

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Wednesday night, killing the driver, whose husband survived and climbed up over several hours to report the wreck. Nashville saw its heaviest snowfall in nearly 20 years as the storm caused gridlock on streets and highways in Middle Tennessee. Eight inches of snow fell at Nashville International Airport, the most since Nashville logged 8.7 inches of snow on March 19, 1996.

VIRGINIA

Firefighters evacuated tenants from 24 apartments in two northern Virginia apartment buildings after one partially collapsed and the other showed signs of weakening early Sunday, Prince William County officials said. They said the cause of the collapse appeared to be snowfall of approximately 28 inches during the past 36 hours in Manassas. No residents were hurt. One firefighter suffered a cut to the face, and about 65 people were displaced. The county says arrangements are being made to shelter them. A man was killed on Saturday in a single-vehicle crash in Virginia Beach that police blamed on speed and icy road conditions, and Virginia Tech filmmaker Jerry Scheeler died Friday while shoveling snow outside his new house in Daleville, local news media reported Sunday. On Saturday, the state medical examiner's office confirmed three other storm deaths. Snow, ice and gusting winds made the roof collapse at a Donk's Theater, a historic venue near the Chesapeake Bay, building officials said. The theater opened in 1947 and was known as Home of Virginia's Lil' Ole Opry.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Transportation crews in the nation's capital were hoping to make major roads passable Sunday and also to tackle secondary roads, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser said. Bowser said the city's public schools, attended by nearly 49,000 students, would be closed Monday. She said officials were still assessing whether city government offices would open. Mass transit in the nation's capital was still shut down; officials expected to have an update by Sunday afternoon. The federal government closed its offices at noon Friday, and it wasn't immediately clear what the plans were for Monday. President Barack Obama, hunkered down at the White House, was one of many who stayed home. But a video of one of the Smithsonian National Zoo's four pandas enjoying the snow there was a bright spot amid the storm clouds, drawing 45 million views on Facebook as of Sunday.

WEST VIRGINIA

The massive blizzard that dumped several feet of snow in parts of West Virginia has been a blessing for the state's ski industry. Nearly 90 percent of the trails are open at three ski areas, with a snow base ranging from 2 feet to more than 3 feet. The resorts were reporting strong business Sunday, with downhill skiers and snowboarders flocking to the slopes. Excellent conditions were also reported for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Magnitude-6.8 quake jolts Alaska; 1 home explodes

MARK THIESSEN, Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A magnitude-6.8 earthquake knocked items off shelves and walls in south-central Alaska and jolted the nerves of residents in this earthquake-prone region. But there were no immediate reports of injuries.

One home was extensively damaged and an entire neighborhood was evacuated after a gas leak was reported, Kenai Police Chief Gus Sandahl said Sunday morning.

The earthquake struck about 1:30 a.m. Alaska time and was centered 53 miles west of Anchor Point in the Kenai Peninsula, which is about 160 miles southwest of Anchorage, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. About two hours later, a magnitude-4.3 aftershock hit the Cook Inlet, the agency said. A slightly stronger aftershock — magnitude-4.7 — hit the Cook Inlet at 5.29 a.m.

In the community of Kenai, located on the Kenai Peninsula, about 30 homes were evacuated after a gas leak was reported.

A responding police officer extinguished a fire that started in a house. But flames started coming under

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a wall, and the officer backed off to let firefighters finish the work, Sandahl said.

A home neighboring the one that was on fire then exploded hours after the quake, Sandahl said. All firefighters and gas utility workers were accounted for, and there were no reports of injuries.

Crews were "definitely still trying to resolve the gas issue," Sandahl said nearly eight hours after the earthquake.

A shelter was set up at the Kenai Armory for those evacuating their homes, and Sandahl said there were about 20 people there.

The earthquake was widely felt by residents of Anchorage. But the Anchorage and Valdez police departments said they have not received any reports of injury or significant damage.

Vincent Nusunginya, 34, of Kenai said he was at his girlfriend's house when the earthquake hit.

"It started out as a shaking and it seemed very much like a normal earthquake. But then it started to feel like a normal swaying, like a very smooth side-to-side swaying," said Nusunginya, director of audience at the Peninsula Clarion newspaper. "It was unsettling. Some things got knocked over, but there was no damage."

There were reports of scattered power outages from the Matanuska Electric Association and Chugach Electric in the Anchorage area. The Homer Electric Association reported on its website that about 4,800 customers were without power early Sunday in the Kenai Peninsula.

The Alaska Department of Transportation reported on its Facebook page that there was road damage near the community of Kasilof, on the Kenai Peninsula.

Andrew Sayers, 26, of Kasilof was watching television when the quake struck.

"The house started to shake violently. The TV we were watching fell over, stuff fell off the walls," he said. "Dishes were crashing, and we sprinted toward the doorway."

Later, he was driving to his mother's home when he came across a stretch of K-Beach road that was damaged in the quake.

"We launched over this crack in the road. It's a miracle we didn't bust our tires on it," he said.

Sayers took video of the road damage.

Fire departments in Kenai, Anchorage and other communities received calls about the quake.

Alaska response personnel staffed the State Emergency Operations Centers in Anchorage and called communities that could have been impacted by the earthquake, Jeremy Zidek, the spokesman for the Alaska Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, said in an email to The Associated Press.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough reported some damage, but didn't request additional assistance within 90 minutes of the quake, Zidek said.

The hashtag #akquake was trending early Sunday on Twitter, where people were sharing their experiences of the quake and posting photos of items that had fallen off walls and shelves.

After reaching his mother's house, Sayers checked on his grandparents, who live about a mile away.

"No damage, except their Christmas tree fell over," he said.

A tsunami is not expected as a result of the earthquake, the National Weather Service said.

Problems in Detroit, Flint show rift over emergency managers

COREY WILLIAMS, Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Darnell Earley didn't come up with the plan to channel corrosive river water into Flint's old lead-lined water pipes, causing a health emergency. And he certainly can't be blamed for the Detroit school system's decaying facilities and wrecked finances, which have prompted teacher boycotts this month.

But the 64-year-old budget expert was in charge of Flint's city government and the Detroit schools at key points in their recent turmoil, and that has made him a focal point of anger about Gov. Rick Snyder's use of "emergency managers" to temporarily run public entities in Michigan that are hopelessly in debt.

Earley, who had a 40-year career in public administration in Michigan, was one of seven outside controllers appointed in the last five years to fix foundering cities or school districts, and he was clearly one of Snyder's go-to guys, getting two of the toughest cases in Flint and the Detroit schools.

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In October 2013, he took over control of Flint, a majority black city of 100,000 north of Detroit where more than 40 percent of the population was below the poverty line. He was the third of four managers sent in to cut costs and deal with the city's \$13 million deficit.

Earley seemed like a perfect fit for the blue-collar city. He grew up as one of nine children in an African-American family in Muskegon Heights, a small community along Lake Michigan, the son of an auto factory worker and a homemaker. He worked his way through college at Grand Valley State University and earned a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

He also knew Flint. He worked as city administrator in 2001 and served a short stint as Flint's temporary mayor in 2002, as part of a career that also included a stint as city manager in Saginaw.

However, the personal connections didn't defuse the tension in seizing control of all fiscal decisions from locally elected officials.

"They don't listen to nobody," longtime Flint City Councilman Scott Kincaid said of emergency managers. "They don't care about the community. They just care about fixing the finances." Kincaid and others said the managers' tendency to ignore local complaints played a role in the water fiasco, since residents had complained about taste and color of the water.

Whenever Flint City Council members wanted to speak with Earley, they would have to get appointments, said Councilman Wantwaz Davis.

"We couldn't just walk in his office," Davis said. "He's egotistical, very arrogant. Whenever he sets his mind to something, it's going in that direction."

Another emergency manager, Louis Schimmel, who temporarily ran the cities of Hamtramck, Ecorse and Pontiac, defended Earley, saying bruised feelings are unavoidable.

In a city like Flint, he said, "You're dealing with multiple problems and you don't have very much help."

During Earley's 16 months as Flint's emergency manager, the city went ahead with a plan to save money by switching its water supply from the Detroit system to a new pipeline consortium, and to use Flint River water until the new pipeline was ready. However, anti-corrosion agents were not added to the salty river water, causing metal leaching in city pipes and dangerously elevated lead levels among some residents. The state declared an emergency and began distributing bottled water.

Earley declined to speak to The Associated Press, but he defended his work Sunday on WDIV-TV.

"I don't look at it in terms of blame. ... I came along at a time when this project was already underway and it fell to me to oversee implementation of it," he said of using the river. "More facts like that need to be sought out instead of just trying to find someone or something to blame for it."

But some local officials say he shares in the responsibility.

"Darnell and the people in public works and finance in the city believed they could save between \$6 million and \$8 million. ... And this is what we've got because of that," said Kincaid, who has served on the city council for 30 years.

Snyder praised Earley when he announced his appointment as emergency manager for Detroit's schools a year ago. "Darnell Earley has a track record of success and can guide the district as we work collectively and collaboratively to turnaround the fiscal crisis and ensure a quality education for the city's school children that they need and deserve."

But teachers union officials say he hasn't responded well enough to their complaints about leaky roofs, rodents and mold in school buildings. Snyder has proposed a legislative bailout for the schools. Earley has said he understands teachers' frustrations, but criticized their organized sick-outs.

"He would say 'yeah, yeah,' but he never did anything to diffuse what was going on or showed teachers that he respected them," said Detroit Federation of Teachers President Ivy Bailey.

"You send Mr. Earley from Flint to Detroit. He mismanaged Flint and now he's mismanaged Detroit's schools," Bailey said. "That is horrific."

Figure Skating program uses picture of wrong Twin City

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The event program for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Minnesota gained a bit attention on social media for all the wrong reasons after St. Paul's mayor noticed it features a photo of the other Twin City.

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The program, which includes a welcome letter from St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, features a photo of the Stone Arch Bridge — a landmark in neighboring Minneapolis.

The mayor, who is used to the perception that St. Paul is the lesser of the Twin Cities, took it in stride. He tweeted a photo of the mix-up on Friday, writing, "Our plans to take over @cityminneapolis have been compromised."

The Star Tribune (<http://strib.mn/1ZJkqt6>) reports that U.S. Figure Skating spokeswoman Renee Felton says the mistake was an "honest and unfortunate one" that meant no disrespect to St. Paul.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2016. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 1984, Apple Computer began selling its first Macintosh model, which boasted a built-in 9-inch monochrome display, a clock rate of 8 megahertz and 128k of RAM.

On this date:

In 1742, Charles VII was elected Holy Roman Emperor during the War of the Austrian Succession.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg) was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (However, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg.)

In 1935, beer was first sold in cans in Richmond, Virginia, by the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Co.

In 1942, the Roberts Commission placed much of the blame for America's lack of preparedness for Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders.

In 1945, Associated Press war correspondent Joseph Morton was among a group of captives executed by the Germans at the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in Austria.

In 1961, a U.S. Air Force B-52 crashed near Goldsboro, North Carolina, dropping its payload of two nuclear bombs, neither of which went off; three crew members were killed.

In 1963, a U.S. Air Force B-52 on a training mission crashed into Elephant Mountain in Maine after encountering turbulence and losing its vertical stabilizer; seven of the nine crew members were killed.

In 1965, British statesman Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1975, the extremist group FALN bombed Fraunces Tavern in New York City, killing four people. Pianist Keith Jarrett performed The Koeln Concert in Germany. Comedian Larry Fine, of "Three Stooges" fame, died in Los Angeles at age 72.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

In 2005, Authorities in Iraq said Sami Mohammed Ali Said al-Jaaf, an al-Qaida lieutenant in custody, had confessed to masterminding most of the car bombings in Baghdad. The United Nations broke with years of protocol and commemorated the 60-year anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, directly linking its own founding with the end of the Holocaust in some of the strongest language ever.

Ten years ago: Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito won a 10-8 party-line approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee. Armed men seized two German engineers from a car in northern Iraq (both were later released). Tap dancer Fayard Nicholas died at age 91; actor Chris Penn died at age 40.

Five years ago: A suicide bomber blew himself up in Moscow's busiest airport, killing 37 people; Chechen separatists claimed responsibility. In his second court appearance, Jared Lee Loughner (LAWF'-nur) pleaded not guilty in Phoenix to federal charges he'd tried to kill U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and two of her aides in a Tucson shooting rampage that had claimed six lives. An emotional Oprah Winfrey publicly introduced her

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newly found sibling, a half-sister identified only as "Patricia" who was given up for adoption by Winfrey's mother nearly 50 years earlier, when the talk show host was 8 years old.

One year ago: President Barack Obama condemned the murder of Japanese hostage Haruna Yukawa by the Islamic State group and called for the immediate release of another Japanese hostage, journalist Kenji Goto. Parts of the Northeast got their first real taste of winter as a storm dumped rain, sleet and snow as it moved up the coast. "Birdman" received the Producers Guild of America's highest film award.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Maren (Film: "The Wizard of Oz") is 97. Actor Marvin Kaplan (TV: "Top Cat") is 89. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 80. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 77. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 75. Singer Aaron Neville is 75. Actor Michael Ontkean is 70. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 66. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 66. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 65. Actor William Allen Young is 62. Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 58. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Theo Peoples is 55. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 53. White House budget director Shaun Donovan is 50. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 49. Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sleepy Brown (Society of Soul) is 46. Actor Matthew Lillard is 46. Actress Merrilee McCommas is 45. Blues/rock singer Beth Hart is 44. Actor Ed Helms is 42. Actor Mark Hildreth (TV: "Resurrection") is 38. Actress Tatyana Ali is 37. Rock musician Mitchell Marlow (Filter) is 37. Actor Justin Baldoni (TV: "Jane the Virgin") is 32. Actress Mischa Barton is 30.

Thought for Today: "I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom." — Bob Dylan.