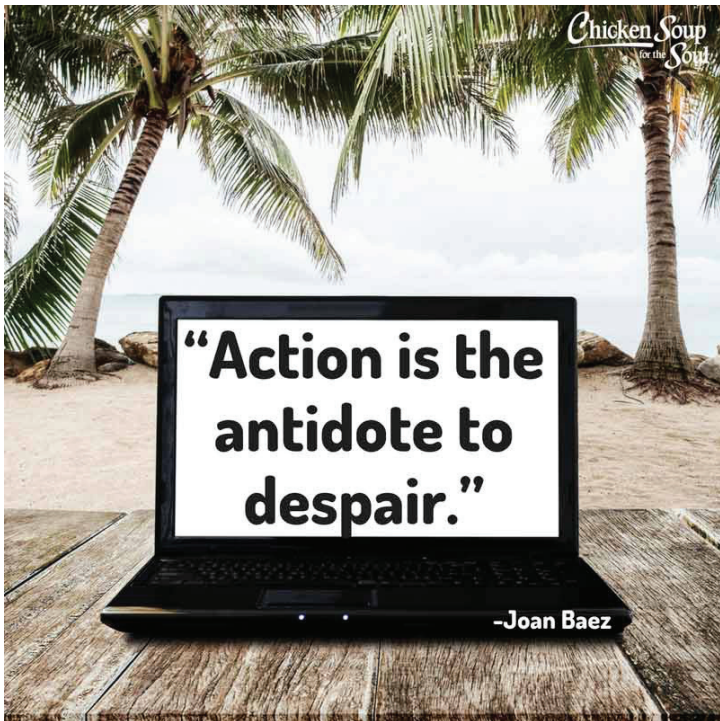


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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.



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Help Wanted

Dairy Queen in Groton has openings for part-time team members – day hours during the school year and can be year round, if desired. Flexible scheduling. Stop in to apply. 11 East Hwy 12, Groton, SD.

Janitor Wanted

The Groton Area School District has immediate openings for a full or part-time custodian. Position includes great benefits package. Apply at the Groton Area School District Office – 406 N 2nd Street. (0808.0823)



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I-29 Exit 332 Sisseton Southbound Ramp Closure

WATERTOWN, SD – The South Dakota Department of Transportation says the southbound on and off-ramps for Interstate 29 Exit 332/Sisseton will be closed to all traffic from Tuesday, Aug. 21, through Thursday, Aug. 23.

Motorists will need to use an alternate route for those three days.

The contractor will be reconstructing the southbound lanes through the exit.

Drivers are reminded to slow down through the construction zone and to be aware of flaggers, workers and equipment adjacent to the driving lanes. Motorists should also be prepared for suddenly slowing and merging traffic.

This reconstruction project includes grading, concrete paving, bridge chip seals and roadway lighting.

Michels Corp. is the prime contractor on this \$14 million project that has an overall completion date of Oct. 26, 2018.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or call 511.

TIMED ONLINE 9445 State Line Road, Frederick, SD 57441

AUCTION

OPENS: TUES., AUG. 21 / CLOSES: TUES., AUG. 28 2018

TRACTORS 2003 Case STX440 4WD 2005 John Deere 8420 MFWD Allis Chalmers 7040 2WD	GRAIN CART & GRAVITY BOX Brent Avalanche 1084 grain cart Minnesota 260 gravity box		
COMBINE & HEADS 2009 John Deere 9770 STS 2006 John Deere 635 flex head 2009 John Deere 612C chopping corn head	TRUCK 2004 Freightliner Classic XL tri-axle flat top sleeper 60"		
DRILL Great Plains grain drill, 20', 6" spacing, 3 pt., mounted gauge, rubber press wheels	TRAILERS 2013 Featherlite 8270 aluminum livestock trailer 2010 Timppte hopper bottom trailer 1996 Timppte hopper bottom trailer 1999 Doonan 502DB14 step deck trailer EZ-Trail 680 header trailer		
FERTILIZER CADDY Pattison CB1600 fertilizer caddy w/pump	LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT 1993 IHC 4900 truck (3) Vern's creep feeders 150 bu. Wheel loader livestock water tank		
DISCS John Deere 235 disc Sunflower disc John Deere 712 disc chisel	ATTACHMENTS MDS pallet forks for John Deere 840 loader Snow/silage bucket John Deere material bucket	PREVIEW: August 13-28 from 8AM-5PM LOADOUT: Thursday, August 30 from 8AM-5PM	
OTHER TILLAGE EQUIPMENT Landoll 7430 VT-Plus vertical tillage John Deere 726 mulch finisher Rite Way landroller, 42'	TIRES & PARTS (4) Skid steer loader tires Landoll disc blades & bearings John Deere grill guard (10) John Deere suitcase weights		

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Now why would I take pictures of signs this morning? It is not too often when they all have something in common at the same time. See if you can figure out what that is!



Groton City-wide Rummage Sale



**Saturday,
September 8th, 2018
8 am-3 pm**



*Sponsored by the
Groton Lions Club*

All listings are due by 5pm on August 29th to City Hall or email your listing to library@grotonsd.net, \$15 per listing

Listings will be available on Groton, SD Lions Club
Facebook Page and www.city.grotonsd.gov

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Fueling the Economy

I've supported ethanol for a long time – and for a lot of different reasons. Ramping up ethanol production expands commodity markets, helping support South Dakota farmers. The communities where ethanol production facilities are located receive tremendous economic benefits from the jobs and investments that are driven into the area. And every gallon of ethanol we produce is a gallon of oil we don't have to buy from the Middle East, strengthening our national security by moving us toward greater energy independence.

South Dakota has long been a leader in ethanol production. POET, which got its start in Scotland, South Dakota, is one of the world's largest ethanol producers – and they aren't the only producers in the state. This August, I had the opportunity to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Glacial Lake Energy's Mina location, which has grown quickly over the last decade and produced an economic impact of around \$400 million for the area. That is truly value-added agriculture.

While biofuel production has taken off in South Dakota, corn-based ethanol (and its soybean counterpart, biodiesel) still make up only a small portion of the overall fuel market. There are steps we can take to start closing that gap, however.

One of the first steps is expanding access. The Renewable Fuel Standard (or RFS) tells refineries how many gallons of renewable fuels should be blended into our overall supply. In other words, it helps get ethanol and biodiesel into gas pumps around the country. The Obama administration repeatedly fell short of meeting the legislative requirements, and former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt failed to make the adjustments needed in the new administration. While President Trump has expressed his commitment to maintaining a strong RFS, more must be done.

I've also encouraged the president to allow for year-round E-15. Most reading this understand that it's been a tough few years for agriculture. The situation's only been made more difficult by China's retaliatory tariffs on American commodities. I'm grateful the administration recognized the burden farmers and ranchers were bearing and offered some relief through USDA, but farmers don't want to have to rely on aid. We want trade. Expanding opportunities for ethanol production expands markets for South Dakota farmers, which is critically needed at this time.

Another way to help expand South Dakota's role in our fuel supply is through the tax code. For instance, tax credits have expanded the use of biodiesel at the pump. I've worked to champion legislation to extend the \$1 per gallon biodiesel tax credit.

South Dakota has always been a powerhouse when it comes to agriculture. We fuel America's bodies that way. But by pushing for expanded markets for our biofuels and increasing energy innovation, South Dakota can revolutionize the way we fuel both our vehicles and our economy.

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South Dakota Governor
Dennis Daugaard



Make It A Healthy School Year

Now that back-to-school season is here, I know parents have no shortage of items on their to-do lists. You have school supplies to buy, school lunch arrangements to make and new schedules to coordinate. With so much to do, I hope you will still be sure your children are up-to-date on their vaccines.

Childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles, whooping cough and chickenpox. Thanks to vaccines, most of these diseases have become rare in the United States. But many still exist here, and they can make children very sick, leading to days of missed school, missed work for parents, or, in serious cases, even hospitalization or death.

In 2014, the United States experienced 667 reported cases of measles in 27 states. That's the greatest number of cases since the year 2000. We have seen some cases this year as well, with 93 people from 19 states reported to have measles from Jan. 1 to June 16.

Outbreaks of whooping cough can occur at middle and high schools as protection from childhood vaccines fades. In 2016, there were 17,972 reported cases of whooping cough in the U.S., and as recently as 2012 there were over 48,000 cases. Without vaccines, these numbers would be much, much higher.

By ensuring your children are vaccinated, you help protect them from these kinds of outbreaks. You also help protect those who cannot receive vaccines – like newborn babies and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health issues. Finally, vaccinations help ensure that your children meet state requirements before entering the classroom.

You can check with your school or your child's doctor to learn what vaccines children need at a given age. For example, children who are 4 to 6 years old are due for boosters of four vaccines: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, also called whooping cough), chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) and polio. Older children need Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and MenACWY (meningococcal conjugate virus) vaccines. In addition, yearly flu vaccines are recommended for all children 6 months and older and the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine is encouraged for teens and pre-teens.

Vaccines are tested to ensure that they are safe and effective for children to receive at the recommended ages. Most insurance plans cover the vaccines needed for school entry and there is help available for families who do not have coverage. If you have questions or need more information, check with your physician or local community health office.

There is much on the horizon as children head back to the classroom. So enjoy the last few days of summer, but don't forget to vaccinate your children. Let's get our kids ready for a safe and healthy school year.

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What's going on in State Government this week

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Public Commitments; Public Meetings:

Thursday, August 23, 2 p.m. CDT, Pierre – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will be a guest on 1240 AM KCCR with Zach Nelson.

Tuesday, August 21, 9 a.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Lt. Gov. Matt Michels will be the keynote speaker at the DUI Court graduation at the Minnehaha County Courthouse in courtroom 6B.

Tuesday, August 21, 9 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Wheat Utilization Research and Marketing Development Commission will be holding a meeting at 116 N Euclid in Pierre. A full agenda can be found at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=110>. For more information, please contact the commission at 605-773-4645.

Tuesday, August 21, 11 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Railroad Board of the South Dakota Department of Transportation will hold an emergency meeting via conference call. Staff will be available in the Commission Room of the Becker-Hansen building located at 700 E. Broadway Ave. in Pierre. The public is invited to attend. For more information, visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Template.aspx?id=88>. For more information call 605-773-3265.

Wednesday, August 22, 1:30 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Brand Board will be holding a meeting at the Animal Industry Board office located at 411 S 4th St. in Pierre. For more information, please contact the Brand Board at 605-773-3324.

Thursday, August 23, 9 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Transportation Commission of the South Dakota Department of Transportation will hold a meeting in the Commission Room of the Becker-Hansen building located at 700 E. Broadway Ave. The public is invited to attend. To view the meeting agenda, posted 48 hours in advance, visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=96>. For more information call 605-773-3265.

Thursday, August 23, 9 a.m. CDT – The 9-1-1 Coordination Board meets at the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners building, 211 E. Prospect Ave., Pierre. A draft agenda will be posted soon. For more information, contact Shawnie Rechtenbaugh at 605-773-8145.

You Might Also Be Interested To Know:

Monday, August 20 - Tuesday, August 21 - The South Dakota Department of Agriculture will be collecting pesticide containers at the following locations. For a full schedule of container pick up times and locations, please visit http://sdda.sd.gov/ag-services/pesticide-program/container-recycling-waste-pesticide-collection-program/Gallery/2018collections_Final.pdf. For more information on these collections, please contact SDDA at 605-773-4432.

Monday, August 20 – Philip, Midwest Coop/Cenex, 8 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. CDT

Monday, August 20 – Murdo, Dakota Mill & Grain, 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. CDT

Tuesday, August 21 – Winner, Tripp County Recycling Center, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. CDT

Monday, August 20, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Smithfield will conduct walk-in interviews at Sioux Falls Job Service, 811 E. 10th St. Positions include production workers. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, August 21, to Thursday, August 23 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will hold itinerant office hours. Both job seekers and employers interested in receiving employment and career services at no cost may visit or call during these office hours. More information on programs and services is available at www.sdjobs.org. Itinerant office hours will be held at the following locations:

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· Tuesday, August 21, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. MDT, Rapid City – At Western Dakota Technical Institute, Lewis & Clark Hall, Room L212. For more information on programs and services, call Kevin Dary, Lynette Engle or Melanie Garstenschlager at 605-718-2956 during these office hours. Additional information available at www.sdjobs.org.

· Tuesday, August 21, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. CDT, Wagner – At the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 29775 Main Ave. For more information, call 605-487-7607, ext. 207 or 212, or visit www.sdjobs.org.

· Wednesday, August 22, 1 – 4:30 p.m. CDT, Wagner – At the City Hall, 60 S. Main. For more information, call 605-487-7607, ext. 207 or 212, or visit www.sdjobs.org.

· Wednesday, August 22, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Webster – At the Day County Court House basement, or call 605-345-4781 during these hours and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

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Tuesday, August 21 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP). JSAP is a workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. JSAP will be offered at the following locations:

· Tuesday, August 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – At 2330 N. Maple Ave. For more information, call 605-394-2296 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, August 21 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT

Timber Lake, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT

Webster, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT

De Smet, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT

Miller, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Wagner, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

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Wanblee, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

Salem, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT

Dupree, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT

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Wednesday August 22, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Sioux Falls VA Health Care System will be conducting walk-in interviews at Sioux Falls Job Service, 811 E. 10th St. Positions are for housekeeping aids. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Wednesday, August 22, 1 – 5 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Department of Revenue will host a motor vehicle dealer training seminar. The seminar will take place at the Capitol Lake Visitors Center, located at 650 E. Capitol Ave. This seminar is also available online via Skype. To register for this free seminar, visit <http://dor.sd.gov> then click on the Education tab. For more information, contact Courtney Dosch at 605-773-3311.

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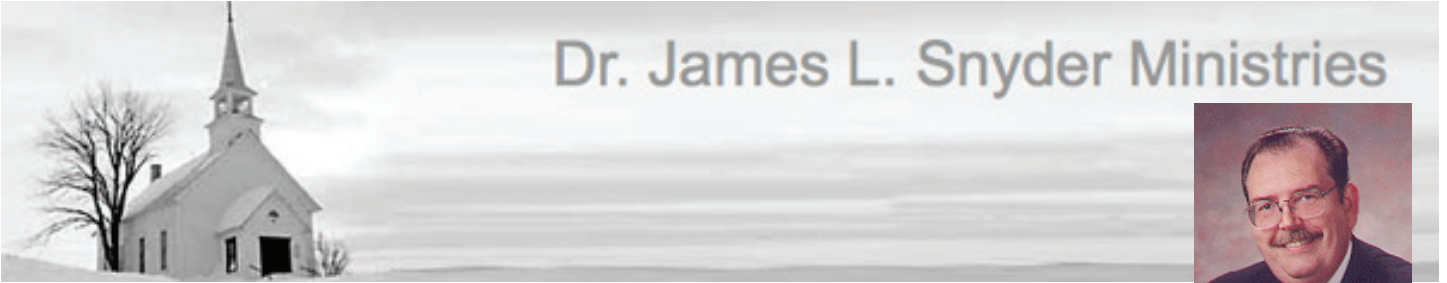
Thursday, August 23 – Bring Your 'A' Game to Work encompasses seven different skills including Appreciation, Attitude, Attendance, Appearance, Ambition, Accountability and Acceptance. These soft skills and a willingness to take direction are generally more desired by employers than the specific skills a particular job requires. Bring Your 'A' Game is being offered at no cost to businesses and individuals. For more information or to register online, visit http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx. The workshop will be offered at the following location(s):

· Thursday, August 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Mitchell – At Cornerstones Career Learning Center, 1315 N. Main St. Please register in advance for the class. For more information or to register, please call 605-995-8927. You may also register online at the link above.

Thursday, August 23, 12:30 – 2 p.m. CDT, Brookings – Aramark will conduct walk-in interviews at Brookings Job Service, 1310 Main Ave. S., Suite 103, every Thursday through August 30. For more information call 605-688-4350.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



If It Wasn't for Bad Luck

I am not the kind of person that dabbles in luck. [Knock on wood.] When something looks like a good gamble to me, I run from it as fast as I can. If it looks too good to be true, believe me, it probably is not true.

Luck has never been a friend of mine. The only luck I have ever had in life is when I conned a young lady into saying, "I do." That was 47 years ago and I have never had a luckier moment since. Each year I appreciate that lucky moment more.

Apart from that, I am not on the lucky side of the road.

It is not that I would not appreciate a lucky moment every now and again. It is just that I am not the lucky kind of a person that gets that kind of thing.

My father taught me that life is not built on luck, but rather on hard work. Then he would send me to the backyard to do the mowing. Looking back on that situation, I think he was pretty lucky that I did not know what he was talking about and went and mowed the grass for him.

I tried this on my son once and he came back and said, "Dad, the mower is broken I can't get it started." Lucky for him.

I do not know why people are so interested in luck. Whenever I go to a convenience store, there is a long line behind the lottery ticket counter buying their ticket for the week.

One time I stood back and watched people buy their lottery ticket and everyone's impression was they believed it was their lucky day and this was their lucky number.

I stopped one person and asked, "Do you buy lottery tickets often?"

The man looked at me and said very enthusiastically, "Yes, I buy them every week." Then he chuckled as he showed me his recent lottery ticket.

"How often," I queried, "have you won?"

He looked at me and his smile evaporated and he mumbled, "Never."

As I thought about that, I began to realize how lucky the lottery was that there were so many people that did not have any luck whatsoever except bad luck.

I begin to calculate how much it would cost a year to buy lottery tickets every week. It was rather an amazing amount and I began to think how much bad luck really cost people.

It is lucky for me that I do not play the lottery because all I would experience is bad luck.

A young friend of mine was telling me that he had no luck in the dating compartment of his life. "All I have," he complained, "is bad luck when it comes to dating."

Then he explained that he was going to try his luck at one of those online dating programs. I am totally unfamiliar with that kind of thing, but he said that it might be his lucky day if he just went in that direction. "Who knows," he smiled, "I just might get lucky."

Six months later, I saw him in the mall and ask him how his luck was with the online dating service.

He just looked at me and said, "So far all I've had is bad luck."

I thought about this for a moment. Which is worse bad luck; the lottery or the online dating service?

Although I am not an expert along this line, I think the best bad luck would be in the lottery.

As I processed these things, it occurred to me that I have been a rather lucky dude, in my time.

I was thinking of all the money I saved from not playing the lottery. That brought a smile to my face.

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Not losing money is rather a lucky thing as far as I am concerned. I like to think of myself as rather fugal when it comes to money.

Another thing my father said, "A penny saved is a penny earned." I think I know where he got that saying. However, when looking at it, it is very lucky to save a penny. Every time I go past the lottery window at the convenience store, I count my lucky stars that I am not having bad luck today.

Then I reminisced about the luckiest day of my life.

My friend had no luck at the online dating service. I, on the contrary, had all the luck in the world when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said to me, "I do." I do not know anybody luckier than me in this regard.

Now, I don't want this to get back to her, I'm hoping you'll keep my little secret, but every day of my life I am lucky to have her in my life.

I must confess that I do not believe she is as lucky as I am. After all, I do have a mirror in the bathroom. But I am lucky that she does not take me to task with that one.

Thinking about this I remembered what David said in one of his Psalms. "For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance" (Psalm 21:6).

Thinking about this a little more, I do not consider myself lucky. I consider myself to be blessed beyond words.

Zimmerman Named NASDVA Midwest District Vice President

PIERRE, S.D. – Larry Zimmerman, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs has been named the Midwest District Vice President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA). Officers and committee members for 2018-2019 were elected during their conference in Boston August 12-15.

As Midwest District Vice President, Zimmerman will represent Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin, while also serving on the NASDVA Executive Committee.

The NASDVA members represent all fifty states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. They are united by a common goal to make a difference in the lives of our veterans. These leaders are tasked by their respective Governors, State Boards and/or Commissions with the responsibility to address the needs of veterans regardless of age, gender, era of service, military branch of service. They are connected by the bonds of honorable service and united by their common goal to make a positive difference in the lives of our veterans.

Topics addressed during their conference included: opioid epidemic, addiction services, housing units for military veterans program, homes for veterans, fair housing for veterans, transition, suicide prevention services, healthcare, substance use and mental health disorders, concussion research, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, Home Base, National Wounded Vet Run, Engagement Approach by Team Red, White and Blue, Vet Center programs, memorial affairs, and family caregivers.

"NASDVA meets twice a year representing the nation and territories," said Secretary Zimmerman. "It is rewarding to be a part of a national organization with a voice that influences VA and congressional leaders."

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Today in Weather History

August 19, 1899: An estimated F3 tornado passed 3 miles north of Clear Lake. The tornado killed a man by flying debris as five homes, and many barns were destroyed.

August 19, 1983: Between 0155 and 0330 CST, thunderstorm winds blow through Brown County. At 0155, an estimated 64 mph wind gust was observed on the southeast corner of Warner. A 60 mph wind gust was measured at the Aberdeen Airport at 0218. By 0330 an estimated wind gust of 75 mph was observed in Ordway.

August 19, 1991: A thunderstorm produced about five inches of rain, strong winds, and hail in Ridgeview, Dewey County. Three grain bins were blown over. One of the bins hit a house causing considerable damage. Wind gusts were estimated to be 60 mph. High winds continued into Sully and Hughes Counties.

1788 - A small but powerful hurricane inflicted great havoc upon forests along a narrow track from New Jersey to Maine. A similar storm track today would cause extreme disaster in the now populated area. (David Ludlum)

1890: South Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania was hit by an estimated F3 tornado. About 400 buildings were destroyed in the industrial and poorer residential section of town. The death toll was 16 and damage was estimated at \$400,000.

1896: The famous Cottage City (Oak Bluffs) waterspout occurred off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. The vortex was 3,600 feet high, formed three times, and was well photographed. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the Boston Globe.

1969 - 'Never say die' Camille let loose a cloudburst in Virginia resulting in flash floods and landslides which killed 151 persons and cause 140 million dollars damage. Massies Hill VA received 27 inches of rain. (David Ludlum)

1986 - The temperature at San Antonio, TX, soared to an all-time record high of 108 degrees. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Thunderstorms moving out of southeastern Nebraska spread severe weather into eastern Kansas and western Missouri during the day. Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced hail three inches in diameter at Albion, and high winds which downed a large tent at Waterloo injuring a dozen persons. Thunderstorms in Kansas produced baseball size hail northwest of Topeka, and wind gusts to 80 mph at Fulton. Ten persons were injured in a thunderstorm at Princeton KS, and damage to crops in southern Franklin County KS was estimated at 3.5 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

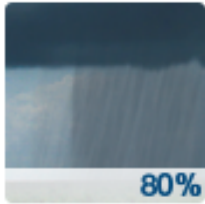
1988 - Raleigh, NC, reported a record hot temperature reading of 103 degrees. Afternoon thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced wind gusts to 75 mph in southern Pittsburgh County. Thunderstorms in Indiana produced 4.50 inches of rain at Morgantown. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Early morning thunderstorms deluged southeastern Delaware with six to ten inches of rain in four to six hours, with local reports of 13 to 20 inches of rain. Twenty-six major roads were closed or damaged, and fourteen bridges were washed out. Flooding caused nearly four million dollars damage to local businesses. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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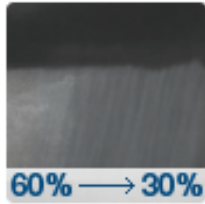
Today



Showers and
Breezy

High: 70 °F

Tonight



Showers
Likely then
Chance
Showers

Low: 53 °F

Monday



Sunny

High: 74 °F

Monday
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 50 °F

Tuesday



Mostly Sunny

High: 75 °F

Showers and Thunderstorms Today

- Highs only in the upper 60s to lower 70s
- Breezy north winds developing
- Locally heavy rain possible
- Rainfall persists for eastern areas into tonight

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Aberdeen, SD

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Low pressure moving across the region will bring a good coverage of showers and thunderstorms throughout the day, and even into the overnight hours. Eastern portions of the forecast area will see the rainfall persist into the nighttime hours. It will be cooler today, with highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s with breezy north winds developing. Locally heavy rainfall is possible for some areas, where amounts may exceed an inch or two.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 87.2 F at 3:49 PM

Heat Index:

Low Outside Temp: 56.4 F at 3:44 AM

High Gust: 24.0 Mph at 5:11 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 103° in 1976

Record Low: 34° in 2004

Average High: 82°F

Average Low: 56°F

Average Precip in Aug: 1.40

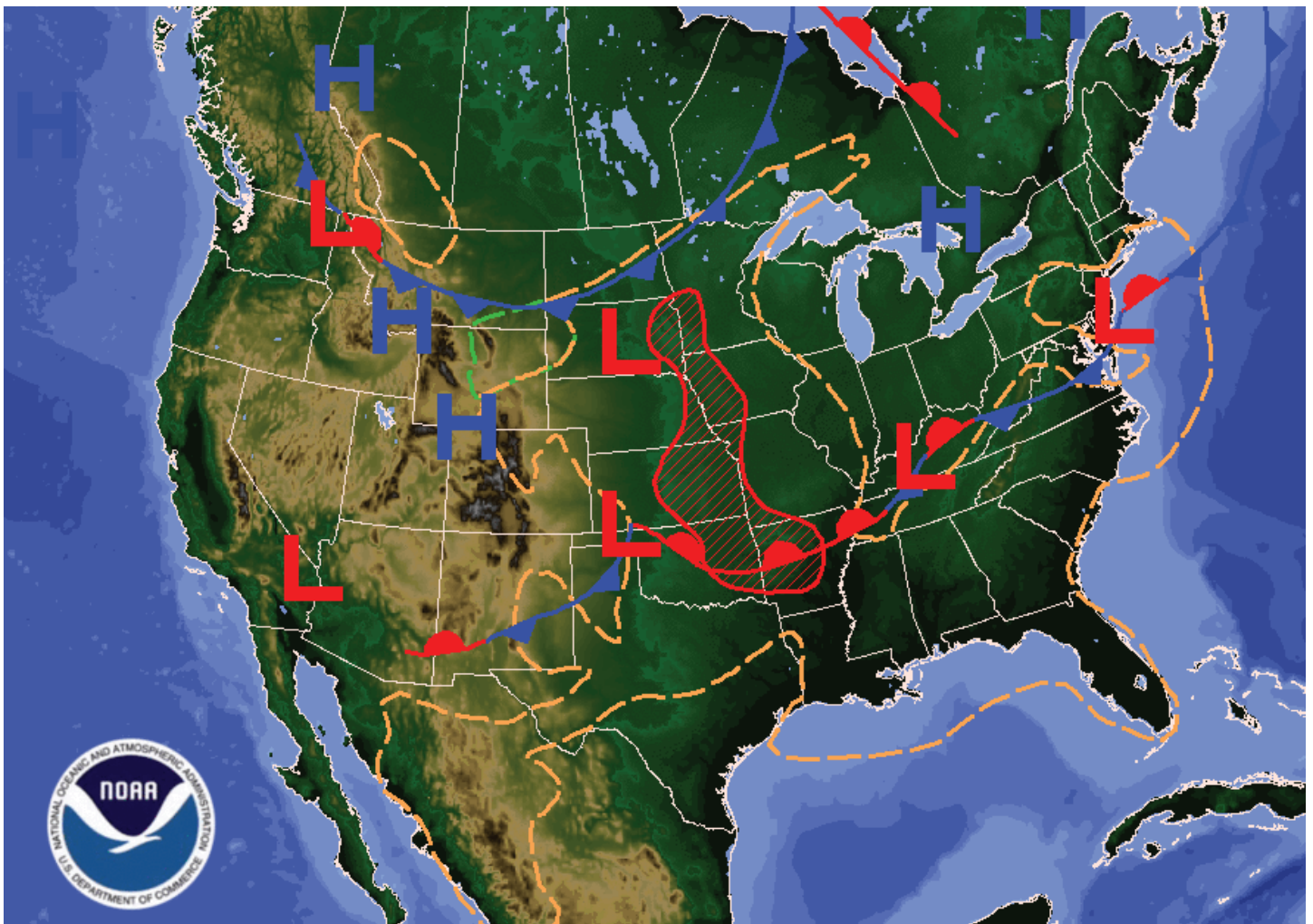
Precip to date in Aug: 0.25

Average Precip to date: 15.26

Precip Year to Date: 10.14

Sunset Tonight: 8:34 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:41 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Aug 19, 2018, issued 4:18 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Gallina with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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ALWAYS ON HIS MIND

Mrs. Hattie Hollowell is known as The Forgotten Woman of New York City. She spent three years, four months and sixteen days in jail without a member of her family, a friend or an attorney visiting her.

When she was finally discovered, an investigation revealed that she had never been brought to trial. Instead of being helped, she was forgotten and ignored by "the system." When she finally was discovered, the legal machinery moved swiftly to release her.

Others may forget and ignore us, but not the Lord. In Psalm 136:23 we read, He remembered us in our low estate and weaknesses. His faithful love endures forever.

One day Jesus was teaching a group of followers. He wanted to get them involved in his lesson, so He asked, What is the price of five sparrows? Then, He answered his question by saying, A couple of pennies? Not much more than that. He continued, And yet God does not forget a single one of them. And He even knows the number of hairs on your head. In fact, He knows all about you - your weaknesses, your wants, and even your worries. And never forget that He cares for every one of you!

If a little bird is the object of His love, how much more does He love each one of us, no matter who or what or where we are. We may be forsaken by our family and friends, but not the Lord. He remembers us in our low estate, and His faithful love endures forever.

Jesus promised, Remember, I am always with you!

Prayer: We thank You, Father, for the promise of Your presence and the fact that Your love for us will never end. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 136:23 He remembered us in our low estate and weaknesses. His faithful love endures forever.

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party

- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash
08-18-22-29-30
(eight, eighteen, twenty-two, twenty-nine, thirty)
Estimated jackpot: \$204,000

Lotto America
13-18-39-47-52, Star Ball: 2, ASB: 2
(thirteen, eighteen, thirty-nine, forty-seven, fifty-two; Star Ball: two; ASB: two)
Estimated jackpot: \$6.49 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$102 million

Powerball
24-34-52-61-67, Powerball: 16, Power Play: 3
(twenty-four, thirty-four, fifty-two, sixty-one, sixty-seven; Powerball: sixteen; Power Play: three)
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

Man killed in rollover crash in southeast South Dakota

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 28-year-old man died following a rollover crash in southeast South Dakota.

The South Dakota Highway patrol says the crash happened Friday night on U.S. Highway 18 near Delmont. The man's name has not been released pending notification of relatives.

The patrol says the man lost control of the 2001 Ford Explorer he was driving and the vehicle rolled several times. Authorities say he wasn't wearing a seat belt and was ejected.

It's unclear what caused the man to lose control of the vehicle.

He was taken to a hospital where he later died.

Trump says WH lawyer McGahn isn't 'a John Dean type 'RAT''

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP) — President Donald Trump is insisting that White House lawyer Don McGahn isn't "a John Dean type 'RAT.'"

Trump in a series of Sunday morning tweets is responding to a New York Times story reporting that McGahn has given hours of testimony to the special counsel investigating Russian election meddling.

Dean was White House counsel for President Richard Nixon during Watergate. He ultimately cooperated with prosecutors and helped bring down the Nixon presidency, though he served a prison term for obstruction of justice.

Trump says he allowed McGahn and others to testify. He says, "I didn't have to. I have nothing to hide....."

Trump is also calling the investigation "McCarthyism at its WORST," a reference to indiscriminate allegations made by Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s to expose communists.

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Annan leaves legacy of fighting for equality and rights

By EDITH M. LEDERER, Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Kofi Annan left the United Nations far more committed than it had been to combating poverty, promoting equality and fighting for human rights — and until his death Saturday he was speaking out strongly for nations working together to solve problems and worried about the rise of nationalism.

As secretary-general of the United Nations from 1997 to 2006, Annan saw as his greatest achievements the programs and policies he put in place to reduce inequality within and between countries, to combat infectious diseases and to promote human rights and protect civilians from war crimes including genocide.

He launched the U.N. Millennium Development Goals at a summit of world leaders in 2000 to cut extreme poverty by half, promote equality for women, ensure every child has a primary school education, reduce maternal and child mortality, and halt the spread of AIDS — all by 2015.

Those goals — only a few of which were fully achieved — were succeeded by an expanded list of U.N. Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 that adds issues such as climate action, affordable and clean energy, and promoting peace and justice. The updated list is a major focus of the U.N.'s current agenda.

As U.N. peacekeeping chief just before becoming secretary-general, Annan shared blame for the failure of U.N. troops he deployed to prevent the genocides in Rwanda in 1994 and in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica in July 1995.

When he became U.N. chief, Annan launched a doctrine of "humanitarian intervention" to prevent governments and leaders from massacring their own people. At a summit in 2005, over objections from some countries, 191 nations endorsed what has become known as the "responsibility to protect" civilians and head off the world's worst crimes, from ethnic cleansing to genocide. This doctrine is frequently cited — but to the dismay of U.N. officials, not often implemented.

Annan also saw as a major achievement the expansion of the U.N.'s work into partnerships with businesses, foundations, universities and civil society.

This led, for example, to the establishment of the Global Compact in 2001 where Annan asked corporate leaders to publicly commit to 10 principles in the areas of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption. More than 9,000 of the world's leading CEOs have joined the compact, which continues to attract new members, and "corporate responsibility" has become a key feature of the business world.

When Annan handed the reins of the U.N. to Ban Ki-moon, he said he would keep working on African issues, human rights, global warming and governance issues, and speak out from time to time when necessary. He told one farewell party: "You can take the man out of the U.N., but you can't take the U.N. out of the man."

Through his foundation and as a member and head of The Elders, the group of prominent former leaders founded by Nelson Mandela, Annan kept working — and speaking out.

At an editorial board meeting with The Associated Press in May 2017, he worried aloud about lost jobs and said many people worldwide had lost trust in political and corporate leaders and feared being left behind.

He said it was time for mainstream leaders to explain that innovation and artificial intelligence are taking away jobs and tell those who have lost jobs they are going to be retrained for the new economy that's coming.

"If we don't encourage leaders, first of all fresh people, to go into politics and we don't encourage the leaders to lead, we will create a situation which is normal," he warned. "When leaders fail to lead, the people lead and make them follow. But you don't know where they're going to lead you to — and they might even pull you back."

He also said U.S. President Donald Trump's go-it-alone foreign policy is weakening America, and stressed the importance of multilateralism and the perils of growing nationalism.

Only last month, Annan was tweeting about his concerns with the current state of the world.

"No nation can make itself secure by seeking supremacy over all others. We all share responsibility for each other's #security, and only by working to make each other secure can we hope to achieve lasting

security for ourselves," he said in a July 3 tweet that appeared aimed at the United States.

And on July 30, he tweeted: "Whether our task is fighting #poverty, stemming the spread of #disease or saving innocent lives from mass murder, we have seen that we cannot succeed without the #leadership of the strong and the engagement of all."

Annan believed in quiet, behind-the-scenes diplomacy but wasn't afraid to speak out when he thought necessary. He mentored a generation of U.N. officials including current Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and outgoing U.N. human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein.

The Jordanian diplomat said in a statement he once told Annan how everyone was criticizing him, and the former U.N. chief responded: "You're doing the right thing. Let them grumble."

"In a world now filled with leaders who are anything but that, our loss, the world's loss, becomes even more painful," Zeid said.

Edith M. Lederer has been AP's chief correspondent at the United Nations since September 1998.

Over 2 million Muslims begin annual hajj pilgrimage

By OMAR AKOUR, Associated Press

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — More than 2 million Muslims began the annual hajj pilgrimage at first light on Sunday in Saudi Arabia, circling the cube-shaped Kaaba in Mecca that Islam's faithful face five times each day during their prayers.

The five-day hajj pilgrimage represents one of the world's biggest gatherings every year, and is required of all able-bodied Muslims once in their life.

The hajj offers pilgrims an opportunity to feel closer to God amid the Muslim world's many challenges, including the threat of violence and extremists in the Mideast and the plight of Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya minority.

"We are very blessed by Allah to be in this place, and we pray to Allah to make the Islamic nations from the West to the East in a better situation," said Essam-Eddin Afifi, a pilgrim from Egypt. "We pray for the Islamic nations to overcome their enemies."

Muslims believe the hajj retraces the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad, as well as those of the prophets Ibrahim and Ismail — Abraham and Ishmael in the Bible. Muslims believe God stayed the hand of Ibrahim after commanding him to sacrifice his son, Ismail. In the Christian and Jewish version of the story, Abraham is ordered to kill his other son, Isaac.

The Kaaba represents the metaphorical house of God and the oneness of God.

Muslims circle the Kaaba counter-clockwise seven times while reciting supplications to God, then walk between the two hills traveled by Hagar, Ibrahim's wife. Mecca's Grand Mosque, the world's largest, encompasses the Kaaba and the two hills.

Before heading to Mecca, many pilgrims visit the city of Medina, where the Prophet Muhammad is buried and where he built his first mosque.

After prayers in Mecca, pilgrims will head to an area called Mount Arafat on Monday, where the Prophet Muhammad delivered his final sermon. From there, pilgrims will head to an area called Muzdalifa, picking up pebbles along the way for a symbolic stoning of the devil and a casting away of sins that takes place in the Mina valley for three days.

At the hajj's end, male pilgrims will shave their hair and women will cut a lock of hair in a sign of renewal for completing the pilgrimage. Around the world, Muslims will mark the end of hajj with a celebration called Eid al-Adha. The holiday, remembering Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son, sees Muslims slaughter sheep and cattle, distributing the meat to the poor.

Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki, the spokesman of the Saudi Interior Ministry, told journalists Saturday that over 2 million Muslims from abroad and inside the kingdom would be taking part in this year's hajj.

Saudi Arabia's ruling Al Saud family stakes its legitimacy in part on its management of the holiest sites in Islam. King Salman's official title is the "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques," at Mecca and Medina. Other

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Saudi kings, and the Ottoman rulers of the Hijaz region before them, all have adopted the honorary title. The kingdom has spent billions of dollars of its vast oil revenues on security and safety measures, particularly in Mina, where some of the hajj's deadliest incidents have occurred.

The worst in recorded history took place only three years ago. On Sept. 24, 2015, a stampede and crush of pilgrims in Mina killed at least 2,426 people, according to an Associated Press count.

The official Saudi toll of 769 people killed and 934 injured has not changed since only two days afterward. The kingdom has never addressed the discrepancy, nor has it released any results of an investigation authorities promised to conduct over the disaster.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia also faces threats from al-Qaida militants and a local faction of the Islamic State group. Days earlier, the Interior Ministry acknowledged arresting a Saudi wearing an explosive vest in the kingdom's central al-Qassim region who shot at security forces.

Meanwhile, a Saudi-led war in Yemen against Shiite rebels drags on without an end in sight. The rebels have fired over 150 ballistic missiles on the kingdom during a conflict that has seen Saudi airstrikes hit markets and hospitals, killing civilians.

Defense DNA request denied in deaths of Colorado mom, kids

FREDERICK, Colo. (AP) — A Colorado judge has denied a request by a defense attorney for a man accused of killing his pregnant wife and two daughters to require a coroner to collect DNA from the necks of the young girls.

The judge said in an order Friday he would not tell the medical examiner's office involved in the case how to do its job, KMGH-TV and the Daily Camera newspaper in Boulder reported.

Autopsies were completed Friday on Shanann Watts, 34, and her daughters, 4-year-old Bella and 3-year-old Celeste. The cause of their deaths has not been made public. The motion seeking the DNA samples from the girls' necks suggested that they may have been strangled.

Police arrested Chris Watts, 33, late Wednesday on suspicion of killing his wife and children. Their bodies were found on Thursday on property owned by Andarko Petroleum, one of Colorado's largest oil and gas drillers, where Watts worked as an operator. Court documents filed by defense lawyer James Merson said the girls had been submerged in crude oil for four days.

Weld County prosecutors said Watts was jailed in protective custody and that charges were expected to be filed on Monday.

Outside the family's home in Frederick, north of Denver, a memorial of stuffed animals, balloons, flowers and messages grew and a candlelight vigil drew dozens of people Friday night.

"This is to celebrate, mourn and get closure for a family that didn't deserve this," said vigil organizer Kelley Trippy. "This is a horrible, horrible, horrible story. It's affected us all whether you do know them or don't know them."

Christine Gentert said a prayer, adding that she wanted Shanann Watts to be remembered for her smile and her love for others.

"I don't want the horror to replace how beautiful she was," Gentert said.

Ashley Bell, a friend of Shanann Watts, said Shanann had planned a party Saturday to reveal the gender of her baby. Frankie Rzucek said his sister planned to name her baby boy Niko.

Migrant spouse of pregnant woman detained on way to hospital

By AMANDA LEE MYERS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California woman said Saturday that she had to drive herself to the hospital and give birth without her husband after he was detained by immigration agents.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said the man was detained because he was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant in a homicide case in Mexico.

Maria del Carmen Venegas said she and her husband, Joel Arrona Lara, were driving to the hospital Wednesday when they stopped for gas in San Bernardino, just east of Los Angeles.

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Surveillance footage shows two vehicles immediately flank the couple's van after they pulled into the gas station. Agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement questioned the couple and asked for identification, Venegas said.

Venegas, 32, said she provided hers but that Arrona had left his at home in their rush to the hospital. The surveillance footage shows the agents handcuffing the 35-year-old Arrona and taking him away, leaving a sobbing Venegas alone at the gas station.

Venegas said she drove herself to the hospital for a scheduled cesarean section for the birth of her fifth child.

"I feel terrible," Venegas said in a telephone interview from the hospital as her newborn son Damian cried in the background.

"We need him now more than ever," she said.

Venegas said she and her husband came to the U.S. 12 years ago from the city of Leon in the central Mexican state of Guanajuato. They do not have legal authorization to live in the U.S., and all five of their children are U.S. citizens, she said.

Venegas said her husband is a hard worker and the sole provider of the family.

In a statement issued Saturday afternoon, Immigration and Custom Enforcement said Arrona "was brought to ICE's attention due to an outstanding warrant issued for his arrest in Mexico on homicide charges," spokeswoman Lori Haley said.

ICE said agents with the agency's Fugitive Operations Team detained Arrona on Wednesday and said he remained in custody pending removal proceedings.

Though the team prioritizes arresting immigrants who are transnational gang members, child sex offenders and those who've had previous convictions for violent crimes, the agency's statement said it "will no longer exempt classes or categories of removable aliens from potential enforcement."

"All of those in violation of the immigration laws may be subject to immigration arrest, detention and, if found removable by final order, removal from the United States," the statement said.

Emilio Amaya Garcia, director of the San Bernardino Community Service Center, said his nonprofit group is providing legal help to Venegas and Arrona, will file a motion on Monday for an immigration court to set a bail hearing for Arrona and will ask that his removal proceedings be canceled.

Garcia did not respond to messages and calls for comment about the arrest warrant in Mexico.

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Another trial looms for ex-Trump campaign chairman Manafort

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT**, Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — As jurors weigh Paul Manafort's fate in a sprawling financial fraud case, the former Trump campaign chairman still has another trial looming in the nation's capital — and prosecutors there have a whole new set of charges and a huge volume of evidence.

The trial now underway in Alexandria, Virginia, is the first case brought by special counsel Robert Mueller to go to trial. The jury will return Monday to begin a third day of deliberations on 18 counts, including tax and bank fraud and failure to disclose foreign bank accounts.

In the District of Columbia, Manafort is scheduled to go on trial in September on charges including conspiracy to defraud the United States, failing to register as a foreign agent, money laundering, witness tampering and making false statements.

Neither case involves allegations of Russian election interference or possible coordination by the Trump campaign, which are at the heart of Mueller's larger investigation. But President Donald Trump has expressed a keen interest in Manafort's fate as he seeks to publicly undermine Mueller's probe.

The charges in D.C. could result in an even lengthier sentence than what Manafort faces in Virginia. In a status report filed back in February, prosecutors did a preliminary calculation of how federal sentencing guidelines would apply to Manafort if convicted on all charges. In Virginia, they calculated a sentence of

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roughly eight to 10 years on the tax fraud charges plus an additional four to five years on the bank fraud. In the District, they calculated a guidelines range of 15 to 20 years, and that was before prosecutors brought the witness tampering charge.

Those guidelines are only rough estimates and will be officially calculated by a probation officer before sentencing. And sentencing guidelines are not binding on the judge.

The fact that Manafort faces a second trial is entirely of his own choosing. Prosecutors preferred to bring all the charges in the District of Columbia, where their investigation is based and where all other defendants have been charged. But prosecutors lacked venue to bring the tax and bank-fraud charges against Manafort anywhere but Virginia, where Manafort owns a home.

Prosecutors requested that Manafort waive his venue rights so all charges could be brought in D.C., but he refused.

In some ways, the decision to face some charges in Virginia appears to have paid off for Manafort.

Judge T.S. Ellis III has expressed skeptical opinions about the government's case from the outset. In a pretrial hearing, he speculated that prosecutors only decided to bring charges against Manafort to pressure him to "sing" against Trump. He also questioned the fairness of a special counsel law that has allowed Mueller to commit millions of taxpayer dollars to his investigation.

During the trial, prosecutors have been frustrated by comments Ellis has made in front of the jury about the evidence and his frequent exhortations to move the three-week trial along at a quicker pace.

Despite those frustrations, prosecutors were able to introduce hundreds of documents, including emails from Manafort himself seeming to acknowledge some of the financial misdeeds prosecutors say are at the heart of the case.

In the District, meanwhile, Manafort will face a judge who has already seen fit to put him in jail ahead of trial. U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson, who will oversee the criminal trial in Washington, ordered Manafort jailed because of concerns about his alleged efforts to contact two witnesses. Prosecutors filed witness tampering charges against him in June.

Initially Manafort was confined to a "VIP" jail in Warsaw, Virginia, where his cell had a private bathroom and he had phone and computer access. But after Manafort's lawyers complained about lengthy 100-mile trips to meet with him, Ellis transferred him to a stricter holding facility in Alexandria. Once a familiarly dapper figure in political circles, known for jet-black dyed hair and a tanned complexion, Manafort is now gaunter and grayer.

Officials have not said whether Manafort would be transferred to a jail in the Washington area in advance of the September trial.

In the D.C. trial, Manafort may face an even taller stack of evidence. In a court filing Thursday, Manafort's defense lawyer, Kevin Downing, said the special counsel's office has sent him "well over 1,000 proposed exhibits — most of which have not been a part of the trial before Judge Ellis," for review ahead of the September trial in the District.

Associated Press writer Stephen Braun contributed to this report.

Church group's opposition stuns advocates of 'tort reform'

By ANDREW DeMILLO, Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — So-called tort reform has been an easy sell in states controlled by Republicans, and backers of a lawsuit-limiting proposal on the ballot in Arkansas this fall expected little trouble winning passage until they ran into a surprising obstacle from a reliable conservative ally.

A Christian group has begun rallying churches and abortion opponents against the measure, saying that limiting damage awards in lawsuits sets an arbitrary value on human life, contrary to anti-abortion beliefs, and conflicts with biblical principles of justice and helping the poor.

Proponents of the measure are stunned by the opposition and worried that it could stir dissension among conservatives who must work together on numerous issues.

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"The biggest problem is not the damage" to the tort reform proposal, said Republican Rep. Bob Ballinger, a sponsor of that measure. "The biggest hurdle is the damage to the pro-life cause."

The religious argument also could offer tort reform opponents in other states a new weapon for fighting limits. The legal restrictions have been making headway in recent years as the GOP has won control of roughly two-thirds of state legislatures.

Arkansas' measure is an effort by an array of pro-business groups, including the state Chamber of Commerce, to reinstate legal caps that have been chipped away over the years by court rulings.

The amendment would cap damages for noneconomic losses, such as pain and psychological distress, to \$500,000 and punitive damages to \$500,000 or three times the amount of compensatory damages awarded, whichever is higher. It also would cap attorneys' contingency fees at one third of the net amount recovered.

The proposal doesn't cap economic damages, which go toward verifiable losses such as medical expenses as well as past and future wages. But the conservative Family Council Action Committee argues that putting a cap on other damages devalues the lives of those with no income, such as the elderly and stay-at-home parents, who would receive little compensation for pain and suffering.

The Family Council, which championed Arkansas' ban on gay marriages, is organizing meetings with church leaders to call for the measure's rejection.

"The Bible is full of references to justice, and (the proposal) creates an environment where the powerful can tip the scales of justice against everybody else, but especially the poor," Jerry Cox, the Family Council's head, said at a recent breakfast meeting with pastors.

Pastors were handed informational booklets emblazoned with the words "Don't Put A Price Tag On Human Life." Flyers left on each table offered attendees inserts for their church bulletins.

Rose Mimms, the head of Arkansas Right to Life, also spoke out against the measure, writing in a column on the conservative website townhall.com that it "erodes our own pro-life efforts" in the state. The organization has not taken an official position on the measure.

Industry groups backing the tort reform amendment questioned whether the Family Council's actions were motivated by \$150,000 in donations the group received from a Little Rock law firm. Trial lawyers are the leading opponents of the tort reform movement.

"They have sold their brand to trial lawyers to be able to promote this issue," said Carl Vogelpohl, the campaign manager for Arkansans for Jobs and Justice, which is backing the tort reform proposal. Cox said the donation wasn't a factor and that his group announced its position before receiving the money.

Using church meetings to rally opposition especially angered the measure's supporters.

"When you go to church and you hear somebody speak up against something, generally, you're thinking, 'Well, I'm getting a 100 percent clear picture,'" said Republican Rep. Marcus Richmond, the House majority leader.

The nearly hourlong presentation to pastors by Cox and two other officials from his group alternated between a seminar and sermon, as they described the types of claims that could be constrained by the measure.

"Can I get an 'amen?'" Cox asked at one point.

"Amen," the audience repeated back in approval.

Stephen Harrison, a pastor who attended the breakfast, said later he wanted to research the proposal before taking a stance.

However, Harrison, who pastors the nondenominational Family Church in Pine Bluff, said, "I don't want to vote for something that will devalue human life or put a price tag on what a life is worth."

Vogelpohl said an equally compelling argument could be made to anti-abortion groups and other Christian conservatives that limiting damages could improve medical care in the state and help attract more doctors.

The spending on the effort to rally churches pales in comparison to the more than \$3 million both sides of the issue have raised. The measure still faces a lawsuit from a former judge who argues it should be disqualified from the ballot.

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Italy's leader demands safe roads; bridge toll rises to 43

By FRANCES D'EMILIO and PAOLO SANTALUCIA, Associated Press

GENOA, Italy (AP) — Italy's president demanded guarantees Saturday that all the nation's roads are safe following the Genoa highway bridge collapse, after he hugged and comforted mourners at a state funeral in the grieving port city.

President Sergio Mattarella spoke quietly to victims' families before the ceremony began on Genoa's fairgrounds. Usually reserved in demeanor, Mattarella was embraced tightly for a long moment by one distraught woman.

He then took his place with other Italian leaders, including Premier Giuseppe Conte and the transportation minister, in the packed yet cavernous hall.

Afterward, Mattarella called the funeral, which took place on a day of national mourning, "a moment of grief, shared grief, by all of Italy."

One mourner, a local man who would only give his first name, Alessandro, held a placard that read: "In Italy, we prefer ribbon-cuttings to maintenance" — referring to the country's dilapidated infrastructure.

"These are mistakes that keep on repeating. And now, for the umpteenth time, angels have flown into heaven and paid for the mistakes of other human beings," Alessandro said.

As the city honored its dead, the toll from Tuesday's bridge collapse rose unofficially Saturday to 43 with the discovery of four more bodies in the rubble and the death in the hospital of the most severely injured survivor.

Firefighter Stefano Zanut told Sky TG24 TV they had extracted from tons of broken concrete the crushed car that an Italian couple on vacation with their 9-year-old daughter had been traveling in.

Zanut said the last body pulled out of the wreckage was that of a young Italian man, an employee of Genoa's trash company, who was working under the bridge when it collapsed. The man's mother had refused to leave a tent set up a few hundred yards away from the rubble until his body was found.

RAI state radio said authorities now believe there are no more missing in the tragedy.

Later, San Martino Hospital said a Romanian truck driver who had suffered severe cranial and chest injuries in the bridge collapse died Saturday evening.

The families of 19 victims their loved ones' coffins brought to the hall for the funeral Mass led by Genoa's archbishop, Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco, who said the tragedy "gashed the heart of Genoa."

"The initial disbelief and then the growing dimension of the catastrophe, the general bewilderment, the tumult of emotions, the pressing "Whys?" have touched us yet again and in a brutal way showed the inexorable fragility of the human condition," he said.

Among the coffins were those of two young Albanian Muslim men who lived and worked in Italy. Their remains were blessed at the end of the Catholic service by a Genoa imam, who drew applause when he prayed for God to "protect Italy and all Italians."

Players and managers from the city's two major league soccer teams, Genoa and Sampdoria, also attended after their weekend matches were postponed out of respect for the dead.

At other bridge funerals on Friday, angry mourners blamed authorities of negligence and incompetence for failing to keep the bridge safe.

During the state funeral, applause rang out and many fought back tears Saturday as a prelate read out the first names of some 30 victims who have been identified. The mourners also applauded Italian firefighters, police and volunteers for the civil protection department as they arrived.

Mattarella toured what's left of the Morandi Bridge, which broke apart in a fierce rainstorm, sending a

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long stretch of roadbed crashing 45 meters (150 feet) into a dry river bed near several apartment buildings. Those buildings have been evacuated and authorities say they will have to be demolished.

After the funeral, Mattarella told reporters the bridge collapse "is an unacceptable tragedy." He demanded that "responsibility be ascertained with rigor" for the collapse of the bridge, which linked two major highways, one leading to Milan and the other toward France.

Prosecutors say they are focusing their probe on possible design flaws or inadequate maintenance of the highway bridge, which was completed in 1967.

"I, too, have traveled over this bridge many times," said Mattarella, demanding that authorities commit to carrying out their "duty to guarantee the safety of our roads."

Responding to harsh criticism, the Italian highway company in charge of the collapsed bridge offered Saturday to build a new bridge in eight months.

Giovanni Castellucci, CEO of Autostrade per l'Italia, the company that manages Italian highways and bridges, told reporters it has a plan to demolish what's left of the largely concrete 51-year-old Morandi Bridge and build a "less imposing" steel one.

Italy's government, however, has begun procedures to revoke the company's concession and has vowed that Autostrade per l'Italia will never again run the nation's roads.

Castellucci declined to talk about the government's stance. He said even though the cause of Tuesday's bridge collapse hasn't been determined "we apologize" since "perceptions count."

Castellucci also said the company would provide funds to help the hundreds of people evacuated from apartment buildings in the shadow of the bridge.

But the Italy's new populist government quickly spurned both the offer of help and the apology.

"Let's be very clear, the state won't take charity from Autostrade," Deputy Premier Luigi Di Maio, who attended the funeral, said in a Facebook post. "We'll insist on credible reimbursement, and there won't be any bartering. The only road the government will follow is that of going forward with revocation procedures."

At the state funeral, the names of the dead were placed on each coffin before the altar. Photographs, flowers and on one coffin a signed sports jersey, a sports trophy and a stuffed animal added personal touches.

Players from a local team in Italy's Serie D soccer, Campi Corniglianese, came to pay tribute to one of their own. Among the two Albanian dead was Marius Djerri, 22, who played for the team and was on his way to work for a cleaning company along with his compatriot when their truck plunged into the abyss.

"(Marius was) a golden boy. Maybe not the strongest player on the pitch, but as a person, I would like all players to be like him," team president Augustus Pintus said.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2018. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 19, 2004, Google began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market, ending the day up \$15.34 at \$100.34.

On this date:

In A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War

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of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

In 1909, the first automobile races were run at the just-opened Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the winner of the first event was auto engineer Louis Schwitzer, who drove a Stoddard-Dayton touring car twice around the 2.5-mile track at an average speed of 57.4 mph.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

In 1951, the owner of the St. Louis Browns, Bill Veeck (vehk), sent in Eddie Gaedel, a 3-foot-7 player with dwarfism, to pinch-hit in a game against Detroit. (In his only major league at-bat, Gaedel walked on four pitches and was replaced at first base by a pinch-runner.)

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1987, a gun collector ran through Hungerford, England, 60 miles west of London, killing 16 people, including his mother, before turning his gun on himself.

In 2003, a suicide truck bomb struck U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, killing 22, including the top U.N. envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello (SUR'-jee-oh vee-EHR'-uh duh MEHL'-oh). A suicide bombing of a bus in Jerusalem killed 22 people.

Ten years ago: Tropical Storm Fay rolled ashore in Florida short of hurricane strength but mysteriously gained speed as it headed over land. Heavily armed insurgents in Afghanistan killed 10 French soldiers in a mountain ambush and then sent a squad of suicide bombers in a failed assault on a U.S. base near the Pakistan border. Russia and Georgia exchanged prisoners captured during their brief war. American Shawn Johnson won a gold medal on the balance beam at the Beijing games.

Five years ago: Olympian runner Oscar Pistorius was indicted in Pretoria, South Africa, on charges of murder and illegal possession of ammunition for the shooting death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, at his home on Valentine's Day 2013; Pistorius maintained he'd mistaken her for an intruder. (He was initially convicted of manslaughter, but that was overturned and replaced with a murder conviction by South Africa's Supreme Court. Pistorius is serving a 13-year prison sentence.) A train ran over a group of Hindu pilgrims at a crowded station in eastern India, killing at least 37 people.

One year ago: Thousands of demonstrators chanting anti-Nazi slogans and denouncing white nationalism upstaged a small group of conservatives in Boston who had gathered for a "free speech rally." In Dallas, police on horseback broke up a scuffle at a cemetery between people rallying against white supremacy and supporters of Confederate monuments. Hundreds marched from downtown Atlanta to the home of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in protest of white supremacists and other hate groups. Duke University removed a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee after it was vandalized. Comedian and activist Dick Gregory, who broke racial barriers in the 1960s and later spread messages of social justice and nutritional health, died in Washington, D.C., at the age of 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 91. Actress Debra Paget is 85. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 84. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 83. Actress Diana Muldaur is 80. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 79. Singer Johnny Nash is 78. Actress Jill St. John is 78. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 75. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 74. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 73. Former President Bill Clinton is 72. Actor Gerald McRaney is 71. Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 70. Actor Jim Carter is 70. Pop singer-musician Elliot Lurie (Looking Glass) is 70. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 67. Bluegrass musician Marc Pruett (Balsam Range) is 67. Actor-director Jonathan Frakes is 66. Political consultant Mary Matalin is 65. Actor Peter Gallagher is 63. Actor Adam Arkin is 62.

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Singer-songwriter Gary Chapman is 61. Actor Martin Donovan is 61. Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Anthony Munoz is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ivan Neville is 59. Actor Eric Lutes is 56. Actor John Stamos is 55. Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 53. Actor Kevin Dillon is 53. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 52. TV reporter Tabitha Soren is 51. Country singer-songwriter Mark McGuinn is 50. Actor Matthew Perry is 49. Country singer Clay Walker is 49. Rapper Fat Joe is 48. Olympic gold medal tennis player Mary Joe Fernandez is 47. Actress Tracie Thoms is 43. Actor Callum Blue is 41. Country singer Rissi (REE'-see) Palmer is 37. Actress Erika Christensen is 36. Actress Melissa Fumero is 36. Pop singer Missy Higgins is 35. Actor Peter Mooney is 35. Actress Tammin Sursok is 35. Country singer Karli Osborn is 34. Olympic silver medal snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis is 33. Actor J. Evan Bonifant is 33. Rapper Romeo is 29. Actor Ethan Cutkosky is 19.

Thought for Today: "Well done is quickly done." — Caesar Augustus, Roman emperor (63 B.C.-A.D. 14).