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proximate cost of \$313.86.

12+18+24 Notice is hereby given that a Sup-

plemental Budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 29th, 2015 at 4:10 PM at the County Government Center in the Commission Chambers on the following items: Highway Department:

\$360,000.00 Transfer Operating \$332,200.00

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12+18+28 YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Advertisement to Bidders

Sealed bids for furnishing all materials and equipment and doing all work required for chiller replacement at Beadle Elementary School will be received until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Bids will be opened, read aloud by the Business Manager and witnessed by the Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds or other designee, and tabulated in the meeting room at the Administration Building at 2410 West City Limits Rd. Yankton, South Dakota. Specifications may be obtained at the address above or by calling (605) 665-3980. The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities therein.

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### 12+18+30 YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 63-3 SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY THREE-BEDROOM HOUSE

Pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 6-13-4, Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Yankton School District 63-3, has by resolution dated the 14th day of December, 2015, declared the student constructed house and storage shed located at Yankton High School, 1801 Summit Street, Yankton, SD, no longer necessary, useful or suitable for the purpose it was acquired and has ordered the same sold by sealed

Sealed bids for the three-bedroom house, 32 x 50 will be received at the Administration Building located at 2410 West City Limits Road, Yankton South Dakota, by Jason Bietz, Business Manager of Yankton School District 63-3, up to the hour of 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud by the Business Manager and witnessed by the Secretary to the Business Manager, or other designee, at the Yankton School District Administration Building. Specifications, a virtual tour, pictures and the bid form are available on the school website at www.ysd.k12.sd.us/studenthouse. Purchase of the house includes an 8x12 yard storage shed.

An Open House will be held on December 16th, January 13th and January 27th from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the construction site located on the west side of Yankton High School. The house is sold as is with no representations

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or warranties from the school dis-

All bids must be made on and according to the forms provided. Bid forms may be obtained at the Yankton School District Business Office at the above address. Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1,000.00, payable condition to Yankton School District 63-3 along with proof of financial ability to pay full bid price as per specifications. The successful bidder will not be permitted to remove the house from school property until final cash payment is made. Failure to remove the house by July 1, 2016 may, at the Diselection, result in a \$100.00 per day assessment for each additional day it remains on School District property or the structure may, at the option of the School District, be moved and stored at the successful bidders expense.

Yankton School District 63-3 reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, and to waive any irregularities of any bid. The Yankton School District 63-3 also reserves the right to award the contract to the highest responsible bidder as may be determined by the School Board.

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# Carter Admits Improper Use Of Personal Email Account

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR AND ROBERT BURNS

Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter acknowledged on Thursday he sometimes used a personal, unsecured email account to conduct official business after he took office in February, a practice he called "entirely my mistake.

His admission followed a *New York* Times report revealing that he continued the practice even after Hillary Clinton triggered a wave of criticism in March for using a private email account to conduct government business while she was secretary of state. The FBI and several congressional committees are investigat-

Presidential Chief of Staff Denis Mc-Donough found out in May about Carter's emailing and, through White House counsel, expressed concern to Pentagon lawyers, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said. Carter nonetheless persisted, telling reporters Thursday that he ended the practice "a few months ago."

Carter said he did not use his phone for classified information. The Defense Department said all his messages, which appeared to be largely about meetings and speeches, were backed up for record keeping on the department's email

Earnest made clear that Carter had erred in his email practices, but he said the consequences did not seem significant. He said the Pentagon had expressed willingness to cooperate with congressional inquiries.

Carter did not respond directly when asked by a reporter whether he had stopped using his personal account only after the Times filed a Freedom of Information request in September for

some of his emails. He repeated that he had stopped "a few months ago. And basically, what that means is I was doing it for longer than I should have.'

"I should have known better," Carter said while visiting Irbil, Iraq, where U.S. troops are training and advising Kurdish forces. "It's not like I didn't have the opportunity to understand what the right

thing to do was. I didn't do the right thing. 'Ît's entirely my mistake. Entirely on

Clinton, now the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, used her private account exclusively during her four years as the nation's top diplomat. Unlike Carter, Clinton also used her own private server set up in her home. Carter used an iPhone

He told reporters that when he joined President Barack Obama's Cabinet in February, he was instructed in email security. He also has made cybersecurity one of his top policy priorities at the Pentagon, which is among the most frequently and intensively targeted government agencies by international hackers. An incursion last summer caused the Pentagon to shut down for weeks an unclassified email system used by senior officials.

In Washington, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that in light of the attention given to Clinton's email use, it was "hard to believe that Secretary Carter would exercise the same error in judgment.

McCain said the committee has requested copies of the emails and will conduct a review "to ensure sensitive information was not compromised.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, McCain's counterpart in the House, said Carter should ask the Defense Department's inspector general to verify that no classified material was transmitted over unsecured

channels by Carter or Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work.

Jeremy Bash, who was chief of staff for Leon Panetta during Panetta's tenure at the CIA and while he was defense secretary from July 2011 to February 2013, said Panetta did his official work on a yellow legal pad and never used email.

Like Secretaries Panetta and Hagel before him, Secretary Carter is trying to protect America from terrorists, weapons proliferators and cyberattacks. I don't think anyone is going to care much about email practices," Bash said via email.

Senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe internal discussions, said McDonough had asked the White House legal team to raise the issue quickly with Pentagon senior staff in May and ensure that Carter's email was being managed appropriately.

Carter's press secretary, Peter Cook, declined to say whether Carter's practice had been a violation of Pentagon email policies.

The *Times* reported it had obtained 72 work-related emails that Carter sent or received from his personal email account.

Cook said in a statement issued after the *Times* published its account late Wednesday that Carter "stopped such use of his personal email and further limited his use of email altogether." The *Times* said the emails were exchanges between Carter and Eric Fanning, who was his chief of staff at the time and is now the acting Army secretary.

The emails were on a variety of workrelated topics, the Times said, including speeches, meetings and news media appearances. In one such email, Carter discussed how he had mistakenly placed a note card in a "burn bag," the *Times* reported. Such bags are typically used to destroy classified documents.

# **Pipeline**

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ganizations that intervened in the certification docket jointly filed the dismissal and revocation motion Nov.

Responses from attorneys for TransCanada and attorneys for the PUC staff argue that the commission would need to reopen the original 2009-2010 docket and hold a hearing with the different parties that were involved then.

TransCanada also argues

that the U.S. government's denial at this time doesn't mean the company can't get its U.S. permit in the future.

"If it is possible that Keystone can obtain a Presidential Permit to comply with Condition 2, then there is no basis for the Commission to deny certification," wrote

two of the South Dakota lawyers representing the company, James Moore and William Taylor of Sioux Falls. "The Commission granted the 2010 permit without Keystone having obtained a

The commission meeting Tuesday starts at 9:30 a.m. CT in Pierre at the Capitol,

Presidential Permit."

room 413. The TransCanada matter is at the bottom of the 13-item agenda.

The commission describes the project on its website as "a proposed 313-mile crude oil pipeline that will cross portions of Harding, Butte, Perkins, Meade, Pennington, Haakon, Jones, Lyman and Tripp counties.'

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Yankton County Deputy State's Attorney Erich Johnke was one of those on hand, along with his two children, at Thursday night's first showing at the Yankton Mall. He recalled seeing the original "Star Wars" at a theater in Bismarck, North Dakota, when it first came

"I was about 8 years old, so it's been a while," Erich said. "When Star Wars came out, there was nothing like it before. You look back on it now and the effects aren't what we have now, but the effects then were incredible. The things George Lucas did were revolutionary at the time and it just blew me away as an 8-year-old."

Corey Wright of Yankton said he really got into "Star Wars" around the time the prequels came out.

'Ît probably started when I was in high school when I,

II and III, as they call them, (came out)," Wright said. "I went out to all of the premiers when they had them."

Wright came to the Yankton Mall along with his 5-year-old son Christopher, who was dressed up as Darth Vader.

Christopher Wright first saw the other movies about a year ago. "I like it a lot," Christo-

pher said. Erich Johnke said he was hooked on the franchise as

soon as it debuted. "My two younger brothers and I, we all collected different toys and we'd have the action figures and we'd play with them," he said.
"I had the Jawa set and my younger brother had the Millennium Falcon — between the three of us we had a re ally good setup and we had a lot of fun with them.'

He added that "The Empire Strikes Back" is his favorite film of the franchise.

"It's the darkest one, but I think it had the best story," he said. "It definitely had

the best cliffhanger where vou find out Darth Vader is Luke's father.'

But now, he is also taking the time to hand the love of "Star Wars" off to his sons, who had their first opportunity to see a theatrical release of the franchise.

"I have a 9-year-old and an 11-year-old and they get to enjoy it for the first time and they're both really excited," he said. "They have the T-shirts and they're ready to go. ... Even though they've watched Episodes IV, V and VI on DVD, it's not the same as just seeing it in the theater.'

His son, Corrigan Johnke, is excited to see how some of the characters have changed in between movies.

"I'm looking forward to how they changed them from the old movies, Corrigan said. "I want to see how Luke is because they haven't showed him in any of the trailers, they have only announced it. It's too intense for life.'

Caeden Ekroth said he's happy to see some familiar faces from the original tril-

"I'm looking forward to seeing Harrison Ford and Princess Leia," Ekroth said. "I'm really happy they brought them back.

Another young fan on hand Thursday night, Nick Woerner, was hopeful for a dark twist on one of the franchise's storied heroes.

'We are 'Star Wars' freaks — it's not a bad thing," Woerner said. "It's a 'Star Wars' movie and we are in 2015, so it should be good. But I'm sure there will be some microphone or a director in the way at some point in time. I'm hoping Luke is bad.'

Tye Briggs said he could

envision this happening. would become an agent of evil," Briggs said. "At first, they weren't supposed to clash them for fear they may break. I'm still predicting Luke Skywalker is the dark side. That was actually something they toyed with in the original movie. But they decided with all the kids watching and the toy franchises, they would lose tons of money on the ending."

Erich said the original trilogy has been the best he's seen so far.

"The prequels could've been a whole lot better, I think," he said. "Episodes IV, V and VI, I think, all stand the test of time and I hope Episode VII can be right there with them.'

He added he was excited to have a chance to see the new film.

"I think it's going to be great and I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think it's going to set all sorts of records and it's going to be a big deal. I think the effects are going to be incredible. I think J.J. Abrams, with what he did with the two newer 'Star Trek' movies, (will be) great. I think he's going to have great action scenes and I think it's going to be a great movie."

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## Weather

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"Over the last 90 days, you're several inches above average (around Yankton). You've received 8.08 inches, and the average is 5.38," he said. "That total is liquid only, including the liquid from snow. That would be the fifth wettest historically

### in that same time.' **ABOVE-NORMAL MARKS**

The Yankton region has seen above-normal temperatures and precipitation, according to Laura Edwards, Extension climate field specialist at South Dakota State

University in Brookings. A near-record strong El Nino – a weather pattern out of the Pacific Ocean – has brought warmer-than-average temperatures to South Dakota throughout December, Edwards said. The trend is forecast to continue until next spring, according to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) climate outlook

released Thursday. "Several records have already been tied or broken this month, with high minimum temperatures across

the region," Edwards said. Statewide, approximately 59 new daily records were set between December 9-13,

"On December 10 alone, 35 new records were set for high minimum temperatures all across the state, from Pactola Dam to Sisseton,' Edwards said.

She added that three stations tied their all-time minimum temperature for all Decembers on record: Vermillion with 49 degrees on Dec. 8; Roscoe with 35 on Dec. 9; and Selby with 36 on Dec. 9.

Nebraska has also seen above-average precipitation for this time of year, a climate center official reported Thursday.

'Most of Kansas into eastern Nebraska experienced abnormally heavy precipitation over the past week, especially for the middle of December," said Judson Buescher with the High Plains Regional Climate Center in Lincoln.

Some places received more precipitation in just a couple days than their respective annual averages, he said. "Prior to this week, dryness only affected a few portions of this broad area. But where it did, conditions were significantly relieved."

## WHAT'S THE CAUSE?

So what's causing the warm, wet weather? Look to the north, said Michigan state climatologist Jeff

Andresen. The jet stream has remained farther north than normal. As a result, it's keeping the Arctic air confined to the polar region, northeast Asia and the extreme north-

"The polar jet stream in Canada is preventing the incursion of Arctic air into (the rest of) North America," Andresen told a national

west Atlantic Ocean.

teleconference Thursday. The United States is also affected by a southern subtropical jet stream across the lower 48 states.

"We have the late fall/ early winter jet tracks and low pressure system. We're following 10 different tracks and very active weather patterns," he said. "We've seen (regions) 10-15 degrees above normal, which is extraordinary. It's some of the highest temperature departures one would expect to see.'

The impact has been experienced across the nation, Andresen said

"Much of the U.S. is well

eligible customer-owners.

above normal, temperaturewise," he said. "2015 could go in the books as the warmest on record, and there was no exception (when it came to) the U.S. and North America. The central part of the region was above normal.'

The warm weather has impacted several parts of the economy, ranging from agriculture and recreation to utilities and snow removal, Andresen said.

The Sioux Falls area has been hit with 20 inches or more of snowfall and other precipitation in recent weeks, Andresen said. The heavy activity stands in stark contrast to parts of the nation with little or no moisture, he added.

## WHAT'S THE IMPACT OF EL NINO?

The region is also feeling the impact of an extremely strong El Nino.

The 2015 El Nino is among the three strongest on record for the last halfcentury or more, Andresen said. The current El Nino is at or near its peak, forecast to return to neutral conditions by summer 2016 and possibly a La Nina condition by winter 2016.

A warming trend could

return with the new year,

Todey said. "The outlook for January and the next three months shows a continued trend of warmer-than-average temperatures across the northern states," he said. "Despite a cool-down over the next couple of days in South Dakota, the region is forecast to warm up again by the end of the month. Even these cooler days are just a little below average.

"For precipitation, there are some increased chances of moisture to pass through our area in the next couple of weeks.'

Looking further ahead, the climate outlook shows drier conditions favored over the northern Rockies and the Great Lakes, Todey said.

"South Dakota again straddles a region to the north that is forecast to be drier than average and a region to the south that is favored to be wetter than average in Nebraska and across the southern Plains," he said.

For more information. visit online at http://climate.sdstate.edu.

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work on a customer's farm or ranch.

Ergonomics is apparent in the work area. Desks and chairs can be adjusted, giving employees the option to sit or stand while working.

From the natural lighting to open workspaces, the building's design promotes wellness and employee unity. Today, two-thirds of the building is being used. "We

are positioned for growth," Chambers explained. As the business increases, additional employees will be needed. The cooperative is unique because it returns a share

of its earnings each year to

FCSAmerica has returned nearly \$1 billion in cashback dividends since 2004. A board, which includes farmers and ranchers. decides the amount of the dividends. If you borrowed from FCSAmerica for each of the past six years, Chambers said, you received the equivalent of a year's worth of free interest through cash-

back dividends. FCSAmerica's cash-back dividends reflect the lender's financial strength, Chambers said. FCSAmerica has net income of \$369.3 million, with loan growth through September up \$768.3 million from \$22.1 billion at the end of 2014. Members' equity through the first nine months of 2015 increased to \$4.3 billion from \$4.0 billion

at the end of 2014. The cooperative special-

izes in farm operating loans, term loans for machinery and livestock, real estate, rural residence home loans and crop insurance. Chambers said FCSAmerica's lending philosophy is best summed up as conservative in good times, courageous in tough times.