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

**School Lunch:** Pizza crunches, steamed carrots, tossed greens, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Peach Cobbler, Whole Wheat Bread.

**Anniversary:** Eddy & Virginia Nehls

**Birthdays:** Teresa Davies • Melissa White • Bret Fliehs

1:30pm: WELCA

4:00pm: 7th FB hosts Aberdeen Central

4:00pm: Cross Country Roncalli Invite at Lee Park

6:00pm: VB hosts Milbank with C/JV at 6pm

**TITAN**  
**MACHINERY**

**CASE II**  
AGRICULTURE

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## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

### Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

**Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield**

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

**Roger: 605/397-7118**

## Classifieds

### Erickson Baby Shower

Open House Baby Shower for Haley Erickson, daughter of Seth & Megan Erickson, will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, 3:00-5:00 p.m., at Melissa Gilbert's Home, 402 N. Main St., Groton.

### For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

### Smith Open House

An Open House Bridal Shower honoring Laura Smith (bride to be of Taylor Anderson) will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00-11:00am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

### Cash Rent Land

Land for cash rent 274 tillable acres in Day County/Union Township/ Section one/Lots 1,2,3, and 4. Mail all bids to Judy A .Tobin 42343 130th St. Pierpont, SD 57468. Closing Date Sept. 29, 2014. (pd)

**FRIDAY IS**  
**FRIED CHICKEN DAY**

Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

**Serving 5-9 p.m.**

**ANDOVER**  
**BAR & GRILL**

**WE'VE GOT WINGS!**  
Every Wednesday!

120 S Main St. • 298-5252

## The Life of Larry Leidholt



Memorial services for Larry Leidholt, 67, of Groton will be 4 p.m., Thursday, September 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams will officiate. Inurnment will follow at a later date in Bowdle.

Visitation will be held at the church for one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Larry died at his residence on September 15, 2014.

Larry James was born on April 27, 1947 in Aberdeen to Ted and Irma (Buechler) Leidholt. He attended school in Bowdle, graduating in 1965. Larry enlisted in the US Army and served from August 1966 to August 1968. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Bowdle where he worked as a mechanic. He was united in marriage with Gloria Peterson on June 1, 1970 and to this union, two children were born. Larry

owned the Chevrolet Dealership in Bowdle for many years before moving to Groton. He worked as a farmer and mechanic for several years before starting his own business; Larry's Tool Sales.

Larry was a member of the Groton American Legion, Post #39. He enjoyed camping, motorcycling, fishing and hunting. Larry also enjoyed 4-wheeling and radio controlled cars and airplanes. He will be remembered most by his hugs, contagious laugh and his love for his Rusty dogs. Larry had a love for people and the gift of gab that made his tool route more like a hobby than a job. He will be missed by many.

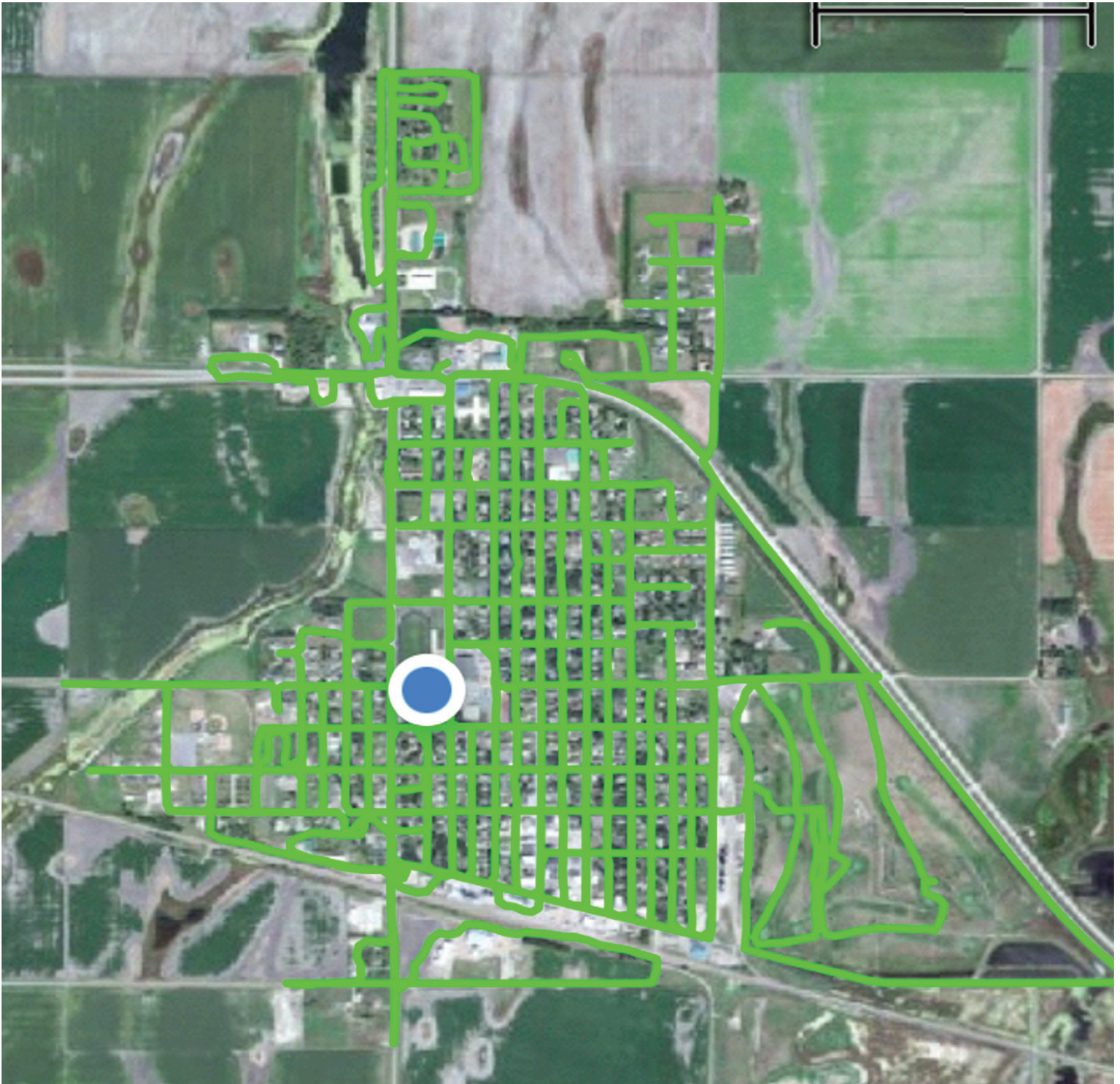
Celebrating his life are his children, Jim Leidholt of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, Tabitha (Steve) Gonnerman of Carroll, Iowa, three step-grandchildren: Mitchell, Christopher and Stephenie Gonnerman, two sisters, Janell (Sheila) Leidholt of Little Rock, Arkansas and Carol Gurath of Sioux Falls.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his daughter-in-law, Sheri.

Honorary Urnbearers will be all of Larry's camping family.

## Mosquitoes be gone

Last night's East-Northeast Wind made it a perfect night to do mosquito control for both streets and avenues in Groton. The map below shows the route that was taken.



## Junior high football teams split with Redfield-Doland

Eighth graders win, 18-6, seventh graders lose, 12-6.

7th grade game was 12 to 6 with Redfield ahead at the half, that is the way it ended. Groton had a golden opportunity to score in the second half getting down to just a few inches from the goal line, but Redfield made a good defensive stand. Darien Shabazz scored the lone TD for Groton on a run. Wesley Jacobs had an interception from his defensive line position.

These are the 7th grade FB players: Thomas Cranford, Kayde Stange, Noah Tullis, Grady O'Neil, Anthony Schinkel, Austin Jones, Jameson Stange, Cole Johnson, Darien Shabazz, Peyton Johnson, and Johnny Doeden.

The 8th grade game was knotted up at half at 6 to 6. Groton came out in the second half and got a couple scores due to mainly big runs by Lucas Hinman. Hinman scored all three touchdowns on rushing attempts. Groton also played pretty good defense holding a good Redfield team in check for the rest of the game. Tylan Glover and Hinman led in tackles from their defensive positions. Korbin Blackmun also made some key defensive plays from his cornerback position, getting an interception and knocking down a couple other pass attempts by Redfield.

These are the 8th grade FB players: Tylan Glover, Lucas Hinman, John Achen, Wesley Jacobs, Korbin Blackmun, Treyton Diegel, Clark Gibbs, and Wyatt Locke.

## Mud Creek Watershed District Public Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 18

9 a.m.

Groton Community Center

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of parties present
3. Presentation by Helms and Associates
4. Update on general improvement plan
5. Question and answer session on initial general improvement plan (limited to 5 minutes per participant)
6. Any other business
7. Adjournment

The logo for Golden Living, featuring the word "golden" in orange and "living" in blue, with a stylized orange and blue wave graphic below.

Golden LivingCenter-Groton is accepting applications for:  
Full-Time Dietary Aide and Part-Time Cook

Full-Time night RN/LPN - \$1,000 sign-on bonus eligible

Full-Time all shifts CNA - \$1,000 sign-on bonus eligible

Part-Time/Casual CNA

To apply stop in at 1106 N 2nd St., Groton, or call 605/397-2365.

EOE/M/F/D/V

## Today in Weather History

2000: Late September near record or record heat occurred across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Aberdeen, Kennebec, Pierre, and Wheaton all set record highs for the day. Aberdeen and Wheaton set record highs of 95 degrees. Kennebec rose to a record high of 99 degrees while Pierre rose to 104 degrees on this day in 2000. Some of the near record highs occurred at Timber Lake and Mobridge with 92 degrees and 97 degrees, respectively.

1926 - The great ""Miami Hurricane"" produced winds reaching 138 mph which drove ocean waters into the Biscayne Bay drowning 135 persons. The eye of the hurricane passed over Miami, at which time the barometric pressure reached 27.61 inches. Tides up to twelve feet high accompanied the hurricane, which claimed a total of 372 lives. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Early morning thunderstorms in northern Texas produced wind gusts to 65 mph at Sulphur Springs, and 2.50 inches of rain in one hour at Commerce, which caused widespread street flooding. Bonham TX received 4.50 inches of rain which also resulted in widespread street flooding as Pig Branch overflowed its banks. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A strong cold front produced severe thunderstorms in the north central U.S. High winds behind the cold front gusted to 92 mph at Fort Collins CO, and up to a foot of snow blanketed the mountains of Montana, with seven inches reported at Great Falls. High winds in Colorado caused three million dollars damage. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo hit Puerto Rico, producing wind gusts to 92 mph at San Juan, and wind gusts to 120 mph at Roosevelt Roads. Hugo produced a storm surge of four to six feet, and northeastern sections of the island were deluged with more than ten inches of rain. Hugo claimed the lives of a dozen persons in Puerto Rico, and caused a billion dollars damage, including 100 million dollars damage to crops. Thunderstorms representing what remained of Hurricane Octave continued to bring heavy rain to the valleys of northern California. Heavier 24 hour rainfall totals included 3.15 inches at Redding, and 2.66 inches at Red Bluff. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1991: Duluth, MN, saw 2.4" of snow, making it their earliest snow on record and heaviest September snowfall by almost an inch.

2003: Though Hurricane Isabel had reached Category 5 status as it crossed the entire width of the Atlantic Ocean, it had weakened to a Category 2 by the time it made landfall in North Carolina on this date. Nevertheless, flooding was extreme as the storm produced up to 20 inches of rainfall in North Carolina and Virginia.

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## *“All About Her” Vendor Blender*

*Presented by:*

*The Farmer's Wife Boutique*

*Ladies, come shop the afternoon away!  
Over 30 vendors with handmade goods, clothing, jewelry,  
kitchenware, baked goods, and more!*

*10am-3pm*


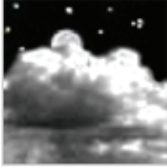





*Saturday, September 20th*

*Groton Area Highschool Gym*

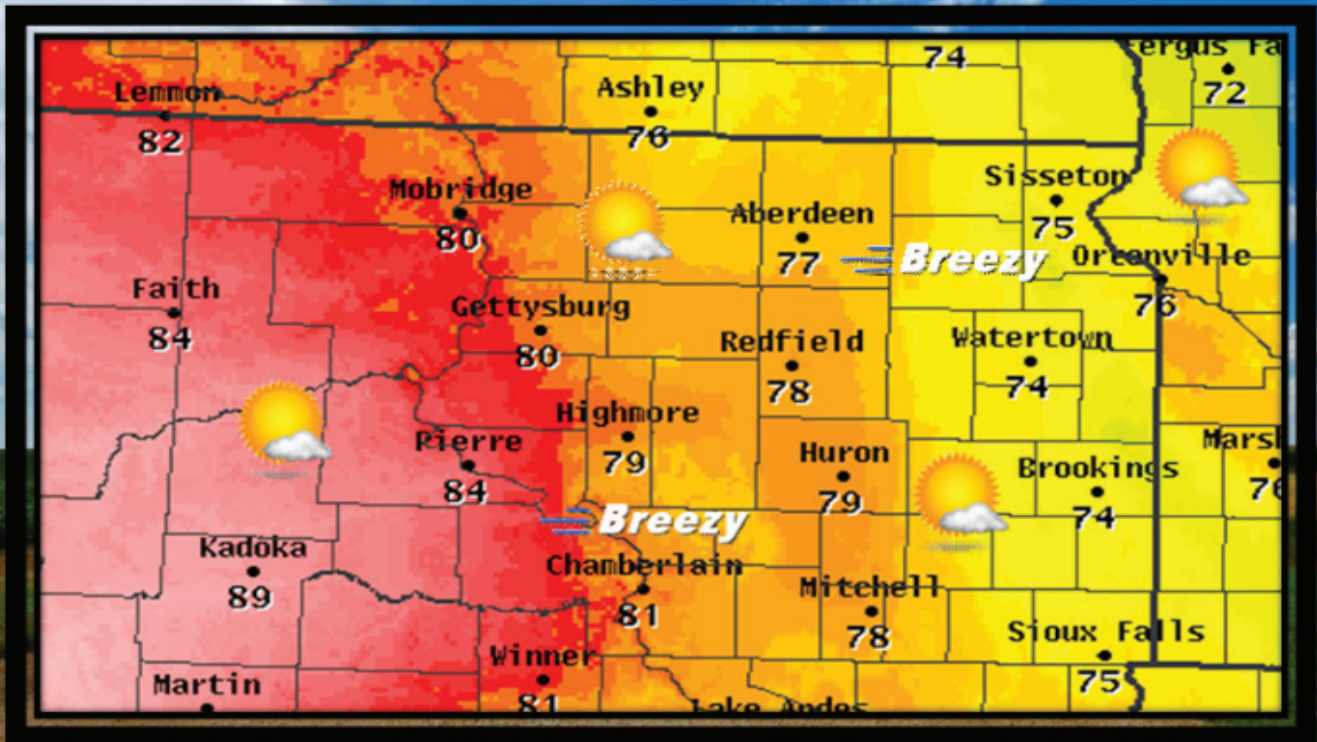
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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Breezy High: 77 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 61 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 82 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 56 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 77 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 50 °F	Sunny High: 72 °F

## Warmer and Breezy Today



### National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD


[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)

[National Weather Service Aberdeen](https://www.facebook.com/NWSAberdeen)

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Updated: 9/18/2014 5:40 AM Central

Southerly winds will increase today ahead of an approaching frontal boundary. Most areas along and west of the James River will be in the 15 to 25 mph range this afternoon, with higher gusts. These winds will also bring in warmer and more humid air which will linger into Friday. Even warmer temperatures are expected on Friday.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 74.5°F at 4:04 PM

**Low:** 44.9°F at 7:27 AM

**High Gust:** 18 mph at 12:14 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 95° in 2000

**Record Low:** 22° in 1896

**Average High:** 71°F

**Average Low:** 45°F

**Average Precip in Sept.:** 1.27

**Precip to date in Sept.:** 0.26

**Average Precip to date:** 17.49

**Precip Year to Date:** 12.56

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:39 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:17 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 18, 2014, issued 3:08 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## WARNING! DANGER AHEAD

Years ago, I was invited by some friends to visit a desert in Arizona. I was fascinated by the many varieties of the cactus plants. They came in almost every size and shape. Some had beautiful flowers, some contained water, some even had fruit - the "cactus pear" - but all of them had "needles."

One of my friends warned me and said, "Please do not touch them or you will have painful needles piercing your hands." But, like Adam, I decided to "taste" the fruit of a cactus pear, and immediately I understood what my friend's warning about "painful needles" meant. Though difficult to see, the sting of the needles was extreme and seemed to affect every part of my body. I was left with the sting and never enjoyed the fruit.

Solomon offered "the young" a warning: "My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them." Perhaps he was speaking from personal experience. Or, maybe he saw others "enticed" by sin, fall into its attractiveness and the damage it did to them. But the importance of his "words of warning" is true: sin gives more than pleasure and popularity. "Young" in this verse applies to any age or sex.

Sin is "enticing" because it offers a fast lane to short-lived pleasure. Those who entice us to sin never say, "Oh, by the way, I want you to know that if you gain things illegally, the gain you get, sooner or later, will one day cost you your life. So, be sure to remember this, my friend, the only 'gains' worth getting come from God."

Falling into temptation is easy. Escaping it is not.

**Prayer:** Father, these words of wisdom provide a shield of armor that will protect us all the days of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 1:9 They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Suspicious device disrupts Sioux Falls traffic**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A suspicious device disrupted traffic in downtown Sioux Falls while authorities investigated.

A bomb squad was called out Wednesday evening after the device was found. Police described it as an object about the size of a 2-liter soda bottle, wrapped in cloth with wires on it.

The bomb squad used a robot to examine the device from a distance, then detonated it as a precaution. Authorities later determined that the object did not contain explosives.

Traffic was diverted for about two hours during the investigation.

### **Prehistoric fish re-entering Big Stone Lake**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Officials from South Dakota and Minnesota are working together to reintroduce thousands of lake sturgeon into Big Stone Lake.

Representatives from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be at Hartford Beach State Park in South Dakota on Thursday. They will release 4,000 tagged lake sturgeon fingerlings into the lake that straddles the two states.

Big Stone Lake historically had a wild lake sturgeon population but the last known of the prehistoric fish washed up on shore in 1946.

Officials say the five-inch fingerlings can eventually grow to be 300 pounds and can live for more than 100 years.

The two state agencies plan to stock 4,000 lake sturgeon per year into the lake for up to 20 years.

### **'Hagar' cartoonist writes kids book about SD**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The cartoonist who publishes the "Hagar the Horrible" comic strip has written and illustrated his first children's book, and it's about South Dakota.

Chris Browne lives in Sioux Falls with his wife and will release "The Monster Who Ate the State" Sept. 25 in Brookings at the first South Dakota Young Readers Festival.

The book was published by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press.

It's suitable for first- to fourth-grade readers or can be read to younger children.

### **Absentee voting for general election opens Friday**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Absentee voting for the Nov. 4 general election opens Friday in South Dakota.

Residents can obtain an absentee ballot application online or in person at their county courthouses. Secretary of State Jason Gant says the county auditor will then mail a paper ballot to the voter to complete and return.

Ballots must be returned by mail or in person to the county no later than 5 p.m. Nov. 3.

Residents may also vote absentee in person beginning Friday at their county auditor office.

Gant says qualified voters who are confined due to sickness or disability may apply in writing for an absentee ballot via authorized messenger. An authorized messenger would then deliver the ballot to the voter and return the marked ballot to election officials.

## **SD climbs on ranking for human trafficking laws**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota has climbed from the bottom of an advocacy group's annual state-by-state ranking that analyzes how forced prostitution and slave labor cases are handled.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1tgTLqL> ) reports the Washington, D.C.-based Polaris Project says South Dakota earned credit this year for new laws that give police the authority to seize sex traffickers' assets and allow victims to collect civil damages.

South Dakota ranked lower than any other state last year because it lacked such a law. Still, the group says the state needs more laws to protect victims.

The state's ranking this year was hurt for not having laws forcing law enforcement to undergo training to better address sex trafficking cases.

Sioux Falls Police Chief Doug Barthel says his officers have been trained in identifying signs of trafficking.

## **Survey shows unfilled teaching jobs across state**

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — More than 20 percent of South Dakota public schools had at least one unfilled teaching position on the first day of school, according to a statewide survey of superintendents released Wednesday.

Thirty-one district superintendents said in the School Administrators of South Dakota survey said that they had an open position, though that number could be even higher, as about 9 percent of the state's 151 districts did not respond. One district reported having eight openings, while another said it had more than 20.

Education advocates and school officials have been petitioning legislators to address the teacher shortage, citing low pay, relocations and retirements as contributing factors. Last week, a group of education officials suggested creating a 1-cent summer sales tax to go toward increasing teacher salaries.

South Dakota ranks last in the nation for teacher pay with an average of \$39,018 compared with a national average of \$56,103, according to the National Education Association.

About half of the survey respondents said they had four or fewer candidates for open teaching positions in their districts. Fifty-four respondents said applicants turned down a job offer because of a low salary.

At the Estelline district, Superintendent Pat Kraning said they've seen a dramatic decrease in applicants

"For our fifth-grade position to have 11 or 12 applicants, that's unheard of," he said. "Fifteen years ago that we would've had 60, 70, 80 applicants."

The lack of applicants has led some districts, such as Alcester-Hudson, to take alternative steps to fill positions.

Tim Rhead, the district superintendent, said he didn't receive any applicants for their lone Family and Consumer Science position. So Rhead turned to South Dakota State University, who connected him with five soon-to-be education graduates.

Two applied, but one withdrew before the interview process. Rhead said they hired the remaining student, but she won't start until after she graduates in December.

For this semester, Rhead said the district won't offer a FACS class.

"This is the first time that's ever happened," said Rhead, who calculated the starting pay for his district is about \$1,800 per month excluding benefits.

The district also filled an agriculture teaching position with someone who didn't have a license but has petitioned the state to earn one while he teaches.

Fifty-two superintendents in all said they filled a position with someone who was not fully certified to teach, meaning they could be a long-term substitute, licensed in a different subject, or unlicensed but seeking one, like the agriculture teacher.

Most school districts in South Dakota began classes about two weeks before the survey was administered on Sept. 5. By the time it was administered, 22 districts said they still had at least one open teaching position.

Kraning in Estelline said the lack of qualified teachers and applicants is going to persist as more teachers retire and fewer choose to enter the workforce in the state."

"What we're seeing South Dakota right now is a perfect storm scenario," he said. "We're not attracting enough new teachers and we're losing veterans in key areas."

## **Wells Fargo pays \$290,000 in sex harassment case**

**SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press**

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Wells Fargo Bank has agreed to pay \$290,000 to four tellers in Nevada to settle a same-sex sexual harassment case brought by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The lawsuit filed last year in U.S. District Court in Reno accused a female manager and female teller at a Reno bank branch of subjecting the four women to a sexually hostile work environment dating to December 2010.

The workers complained repeatedly beginning in January 2011 and one of the tellers quit in April 2011 because she no longer could tolerate the women's graphic sexual comments, gestures and images, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said.

The commission said the four women also were told that they should wear sexually provocative clothing to help attract customers and advance in the workplace.

"Sexual harassment is illegal, regardless of whether the harasser is female or male, the same or opposite gender as the victim," said Michael Baldonado, EEOC district director in San Francisco.

"When employees report a manager's or co-worker's inappropriate behavior, employers must immediately investigate the claims and take steps to rectify the situation," he said in a statement.

Tony Timmons, an assistant vice president for Wells Fargo Bank N.A. in Las Vegas, said bank officials believe "this case constituted an isolated incident."

"Wells Fargo is committed to creating and promoting a welcoming workplace environment with zero tolerance to any forms of harassment among our team members," he said in an email Wednesday to The Associated Press.

The lawsuit said the inappropriate behavior included touching of the tellers' breasts and other parts of their bodies. It said they frequently were subjected to comments about — and images of — male genitalia, sexually obscene gestures and graphic discussions of sexual behavior and activities.

As part of the settlement agreement, Wells Fargo Bank N.A. also agreed to conduct annual anti-discrimination training, issue a memo from the district boss regarding procedures for reporting harassment complaints and interview any future employees who report harassment to ensure their complaints have been resolved in a timely fashion.

Wells Fargo Bank N.A., with its main offices in Sioux Falls, S.D., is the primary operating subsidiary of

Wells Fargo & Co., which is headquartered in San Francisco.

## **15-year-old scooter driver injured in crash cited**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 15-year-old girl who was run over by a sports utility vehicle while she was driving a motor scooter in Sioux Falls has been cited.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the girl was cited for failure to yield for a left turn and no driver's license.

A 25-year-old woman was driving the SUV that ran the girl over Tuesday. The woman told police she couldn't see the girl right away because the sun rays were affecting her visibility.

The girl was hospitalized with two broken ankles and other injuries that were not life-threatening.

The driver of the SUV was not injured.

## **Essential Air Service proposals sought for Pierre**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The federal government is seeking proposals from airlines to see what it would cost to provide subsidized service in Pierre.

The Transportation Department wants proposals from carriers who could fly between Pierre and a major hub such as Minneapolis or Denver through the Essential Air Service program. The deadline is Oct. 15.

Great Lakes Airlines currently serves Pierre, but the carrier has had to cancel or delay many flights because of a lack of pilots. The airline cites new federal regulations for the pilot shortage.

## **AP News in Brief**

### **Voters in Scotland decide whether to break from UK and become independent**

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — The fate of the United Kingdom was at stake Thursday as Scotland began voting in a referendum on whether to become an independent state, deciding whether to unravel a marriage that helped build an empire but has increasingly been felt by many Scots as stifling and one-sided.

The question on the ballot paper is simplicity itself: "Should Scotland be an independent country?" Yet it has divided Scots during months of campaigning — and in 15 hours on Thursday they decide on the fate of a 307-year old union with England.

More than 2,600 polling places opened Thursday at 7 a.m. (0600GMT, 2 a.m. EDT) and will close at 10 p.m. (2100GMT, 5 p.m. EDT). Turnout is expected to be high, with more than 4.2 million people registered to vote — 97 percent of those eligible.

Polls suggest the result is too close to call, with the pro-independence Yes side gaining momentum in the final weeks of the campaign.

First Minister Alex Salmond was casting his vote near his home in northeastern Scotland. If the Yes side prevails he will realize a long-held dream of leading his country to independence after an alliance with England formed in 1707.

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## **A guide to Scotland as vote nears on ending 3-century marriage with United Kingdom**

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — The people of Scotland will decide on Thursday whether to end a partnership with the rest of the United Kingdom that has lasted more than 300 years. Here is a guide to Scotland as the historic vote nears.

### WHAT IS SCOTLAND?

Scotland, with little more than 5 million people, is one of the oldest countries in the world, having been united as a single nation by King Kenneth MacAlpin in the year 843.

It remained an independent state for more than 800 years until the formation of Great Britain in 1707.

## **Australian leader says intelligence of beheading plot led to Sydney police raids**

SYDNEY (AP) — Police said they thwarted a plot to carry out beheadings in Australia by supporters of the radical Islamic State group by detaining 15 people and raiding more than a dozen properties across Sydney on Thursday.

The raids involving 800 federal and state police officers — the largest in the country's history — came in response to intelligence that an Islamic State group leader in the Middle East was calling on Australian supporters to kill, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said.

Abbott was asked about reports that the detainees were planning to behead a random person in Sydney.

"That's the intelligence we received," he told reporters. "The exhortations — quite direct exhortations — were coming from an Australian who is apparently quite senior in ISIL to networks of support back in Australia to conduct demonstration killings here in this country."

ISIL refers to the al-Qaida splinter group leading Sunni militants in Iraq, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which now calls itself simply Islamic State.

## **Measure to arm Syrian rebels unites some Senate candidates as others tread carefully**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing off in one of the most contested Senate races in the nation, Colorado Democratic Sen. Mark Udall and his Republican challenger, Rep. Cory Gardner, found something to agree on this week — giving President Barack Obama the authority he's asked for to train and arm Syrian rebels taking on brutal Islamic State militants.

Democratic Rep. Bruce Braley and Republican Joni Ernst, battling for the Senate in Iowa, also backed the Democratic president.

For those in tough races in November, opposing the commander in chief on a question of fighting terrorists posed risks aplenty. Polls show the public supports a forceful response against Islamic State fighters who've taken over portions of Iraq and Syria and beheaded two American journalists and a British aid worker.

Yet standing with an unpopular president seeking to broaden a dangerous conflict with no certain conclusion carries hazards of its own. Some lawmakers said Obama's strategy wouldn't succeed in defeating the militants, and there was little appetite among war-weary voters for an open-ended commit-

ment or the involvement of American ground troops — something Obama promised would not happen.

Some Senate challengers avoided questions on the topic or criticized Obama's policy without saying how they'd vote. At least one endangered Democratic incumbent, Sen. Mark Begich of Alaska, planned to vote "no."

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## **APNewsBreak: Border Patrol to test body cameras amid questions about agents' use of force**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol purchased body cameras and will begin testing them this year at its training academy, two people briefed on the move said Wednesday, as new leadership moves to blunt criticism about agents' use of force.

R. Gil Kerlikowske, who has led the Border Patrol's parent agency since March, announced the plans Tuesday to a small group of activists who have pressed for cameras, according to a person who attended the briefing and spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussion was intended to be private. Testing will occur at the Border Patrol academy in Artesia, New Mexico.

The Customs and Border Protection commissioner didn't tell activists how many cameras were bought or discuss when or whether they would be introduced to any of the roughly 21,000 agents in the field, the person said. The meeting in Detroit was the latest discussion that Kerlikowske has held with some of his most vocal critics of the Border Patrol's use of force.

Another person briefed on the plans said testing will occur from October and December and that it was unclear if or when they would be introduced in the field.

Kerlikowske scheduled a news conference Thursday in Washington to discuss what his office said were "developments toward CBP's commitment to increase transparency and accountability." Michael Friel, a Customs and Border Protection spokesman, declined to comment on body cameras or the nature of Thursday's announcement.

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## **Collapse of UN peacekeeping mission on Golan Heights marks new era on Israel-Syria front**

CAMP ZIOUANI, Golan Heights (AP) — For four decades, a multinational United Nations mission has quietly monitored the sleepy Golan Heights — providing a symbol of stability between bitter enemies as it enforced a truce between Israel and Syria.

But as Syria has plunged into civil war and the peacekeepers themselves have become targets of al-Qaida-linked rebels, the U.N. observer force has begun to fall apart, leaving its future — and the prospects for ever establishing peace in this rugged area of the Middle East — in doubt.

Since Israel seized the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war, a withdrawal from the strategic plateau was seen as the key to any peace agreement. But as Syria continues to disintegrate, the odds of Israel giving up the Golan — never a popular prospect among Israelis — appear to be dimming by the day.

The downfall of the international mission known as UNDOF is a vivid illustration of the uncertain situation across the border — and in the eyes of many Israelis, it underscores why they can never relinquish the Golan.

The force suffered its latest blow earlier this month when the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front seized the strategic Quneitra border crossing from UNDOF, sent a contingent of Filipino peacekeepers scrambling for safety in Israel and took 45 Fijian peacekeepers hostage.



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## **Trooper killed in ambush outside barracks to be laid to rest as search goes on for his killer**

Hundreds of mourners, including law enforcement officers from around the country, are gathering in Scranton, Pennsylvania, for the funeral of a state trooper amid a mood of grief and fear as a manhunt continues 40 miles away for the killer, identified as a self-taught survivalist who hates police.

Cpl. Bryon Dickson, 38, was gunned down late Friday outside a rural barracks in the Pocono Mountains. Another trooper was wounded in the ambush that touched off a massive manhunt for Eric Frein, 31, identified Tuesday as the suspect.

Dickson's viewing Wednesday, in the rotunda of Scranton's Marywood University, drew a crowd that snaked around the block, with Pennsylvania's attorney general among the mourners. Gov. Tom Corbett plans to attend Dickson's funeral Thursday at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton.

The Marine Corps veteran, who joined the state police in 2007 and had worked as a patrol unit supervisor in the Blooming Grove barracks since June, is survived by his wife of 10 years and two young sons.

Randy Millhouse, owner of the Promised Land Inn with his wife, put up a sign outside that said "RIP CRPL BRYON DICKSON," one of many such public displays of honor, respect and grief for the fallen lawman.

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## **Women's only workout led by ex-Miami Heat dancer puts moves on fitness, self-esteem**

NEW YORK (AP) — When Janet Jones was laid off from her job as a financial assistant two years ago and hit rock bottom, inspiration struck.

The former Miami Heat dancer decided to create a women's only workout with a safe space to let loose with girlfriends, listen to hip-hop and rap music, curse and even scream.

She called it the "Vixen Workout."

As a woman "you need some type of release," says Jones, who has a 5-year-old daughter.

"And you're not a bad mother for thinking that, you're not a bad wife, you're not a bad anything," said the 33-year-old Jones, who is based in Miami but also leads workouts in New York and other cities. "You're gonna be a better person, in turn, to your family, if you are the best version of yourself."

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## **Review: Apple devices, apps start to act like one with iOS 8 software update**

NEW YORK (AP) — The scores of new features in Apple's software update for mobile devices can be boiled down to one word: unity.

Many iPhone owners also have iPads and Mac computers, and family members are likely to have Apple devices, too. With the new iOS 8 software for iPhones and iPads, those devices start to act like one. Apps on those devices start to unite, too.

Google's Android software can't compete with iOS' evolving unity because so many different companies manufacture Android devices, and each adds its own variables. Apple knows what goes into the few products it makes and can break down the walls between them.

The free update is available to owners of iPhone and iPad models going back to 2011, though older devices won't get all the new features. The new software will also come with the iPhone 6 and iPhone

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6 Plus, which come out Friday.

Here's a look at those "unity" features — and why iOS 8 is worth installing:

## As NFL domestic violence trouble persists, Vikings reconsider and put Peterson on paid leave

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Adrian Peterson has had the potential to be that rare post-modern NFL running back playing productively into his 30s. After that extraordinary comeback from knee reconstruction, Emmitt Smith's career rushing record became a realistic if daunting target.

The latest challenge for Peterson has taken a dark turn, though, with league-wide trouble involving domestic violence cases as the backdrop.

Placed on indefinite paid leave by the Minnesota Vikings to focus on his personal life, with a felony child abuse charge against him pending in Texas, Peterson could be finished playing for the year. In 2015, when a trial is expected, he will be 30.

This isn't the career trajectory anyone could have expected following the 2,097 yards he gained in that 2012 season to win the NFL MVP award.

"We felt it was best for him to step away," said general manager Rick Spielman, whose first draft pick with the Vikings was Peterson in the first round in 2007. The roster has been shaped around him ever since.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, September 18, the 261st day of 2014. There are 104 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On September 18, A.D. 14, the Roman Senate officially confirmed Tiberius as the second emperor of the Roman Empire, succeeding the late Augustus.

### On this date:

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1810, Chile made its initial declaration of independence from Spain with the forming of a national junta.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1931, an explosion in the Chinese city of Mukden damaged a section of Japanese-owned railway track; Japan, blaming Chinese nationalists, invaded Manchuria the next day.

In 1947, the National Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld (dahg HAWM'-ahr-shoold) was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1964, Irish playwright Sean O'Casey, 84, died in Torquay, England. The situation comedy "The Addams Family," inspired by the Charles Addams cartoons, premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1984, retired U.S. Air Force Col. Joe Kittinger became the first person to complete a solo balloon

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flight across the Atlantic Ocean as he landed in Italy, four days after leaving Maine.

In 1994, tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis, 40, was found dead in the guest cottage of a friend's home in Southampton, New York, of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

**Ten years ago:** A divided U.N. Security Council approved a resolution threatening oil sanctions against Sudan unless the government reined in Arab militias blamed for a killing rampage in Darfur (dahr-FOOR'). Hollywood divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 76. Pioneer adult filmmaker Russ Meyer died in Los Angeles at age 82. Miss Alabama Deidre Downs was crowned Miss America. Pop singer Britney Spears married her fiancé, dancer Kevin Federline, in a surprise ceremony. (The couple divorced nearly three years later.)

**Five years ago:** Tens of thousands of protesters rallied in defiance of Iran's Islamic leadership, clashing with police and confronting state-run anti-Israel rallies. Writer-editor Irving Kristol, known as the godfather of neoconservatism, died at 89. The final episode of "Guiding Light" aired on CBS, ending a 72-year run on radio and television.

**One year ago:** Syrian President Bashar Assad, in a Fox News Channel interview, said a United Nations report finding "clear and convincing evidence" sarin nerve gas was used in Syria painted an "unrealistic" account, and denied his government had orchestrated the attack. Former heavyweight boxing champion Ken Norton, 70, died in Las Vegas.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 81. Actor Robert Blake is 81. Former Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 81. Actor Fred Willard is 81. Actor Eddie Jones is 80. Gospel singer Bobby Jones is 76. Singer Frankie Avalon is 74. Actress Beth Grant is 65. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 65. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 64. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino is 62. College Football Hall of Famer and retired NFL player Billy Sims is 59. Movie director Mark Romanek is 55. Baseball Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg is 55. Alt-country-rock musician Mark Olson is 53. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 52. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv DeVoe and New Edition) is 47. Actress Aisha Tyler is 44. Racing cyclist Lance Armstrong is 43. Opera singer Anna Netrebko is 43. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 43. Actor James Marsden is 41. Actress Emily Rutherford is 40. Actor Travis Schuldt is 40. Rapper Xzibit is 40. Comedian-actor Jason Sudeikis is 39. Actress Sophina Brown is 38. Actor Barrett Foa is 37. TV correspondent Sara Haines is 37. Actress Alison Lohman is 35. Actors Brandon and Taylor Porter are 21. Actor C.J. Sanders is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "It's my rule never to lose me temper till it would be detrimental to keep it." - Sean O'Casey (1880-1964).