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The site for the JV Football game vs Red/Dol on Monday, Sept 29th is now at DOLAND!

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Anniversaries: • Chuck & Sheila Johnson • Loren & Crystal Wheeler

Birthdays: • Marjory Townsend • Jordan Fliehs

10:00am: ELC Pastor at Rosewood Court

1:00pm: Girls Soccer at Garretson

3:00pm: Boys Soccer at Freeman Academy

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

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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

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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)

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Groton Area spoils Redfield-Doland's homecoming

The Pheasants were flying high with homecoming fever, but then the Tigers came to town to have lunch and captured 21 points while leaving the home team with only six in football action Friday in Redfield.

Spencer Knecht scored first with 4:01 left in the first quarter when he dashed 21 yards with Jacob Milbrandt kicking the PAT. It was 7-0, Groton Area, at half time.

"I think the turning point for us was the third quarter," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "We took the opening kickoff and marked it down to score and took nine minutes off the lock and had five or six key first downs. We went up 14-0 and it took them out of their game." Knecht would score again on a two-yard run with 3:29 left in the third quarter. Milbrandt kicked the PAT.

"It's always a close game with Redfield," Wanner said. "Every time we go to Redfield it's a hard fought fight. We have not won many games in Redfield, but our kids played well and we're getting better as the season goes on."

Groton Area almost got a safety in the endzone, but the Pheasants fumbled the ball and Carter Jondahl recovered the fumble on the one-yard line. Knecht made it a clean sweep in scoring for Groton as he scored on a one-yard run with 3:45 left in the game and Milbrandt once again kicked the PAT to make it 21-0.

Redfield-Doland would score with 2:59 left in the game on a one yard pass play from Alan Masat to Carter Klapperich. It was 14-6 after the third quarter.

Groton had 17 first downs compared to 12 for Redfield-Doland.

In rushing, Groton Area had 52 carries for 225 yards. Jackson Doeden had 30 carries for 126 yards, Knecht had 11 carries for 81 yards, Bennett Shabazz had seven carries with 25 yards and Kelby Hawkins had five carries for a minus seven yards.

Redfield-Doland had 30 carries for 91 yards. Jake Babun had 14 carries for 45 yards and Ephram Albrecht had three carries for 25 yards.

Jackson Doeden completed one of two passes for 14 yards and Kelby Hawkins was one for one for 11 yards. Chance Strom had one catch for 11 yards and Knecht had one for 14 yards.

Alan Masat completed four of 22 passes for the Pheasants for 77 yards and Kyle Stover completed one of two for 20 yards. Pass receivers for the Pheasants were Stover with one catch for 35 yards, Albrecht with one catch for 34 yards, Sully Masat had one for 20 yards and Carter Klapperich had two for eight yards.

Groton had four fumbles, but lost only one. Redfield-Doland lost one fumble. Groton had four penalties for 40 yards and Redfield-Doland had eight for 55 yards.

Defensive leaders for Groton Area were Nick Dalchow, Jackson Doeden and Spencer Knecht with nine each, Carter Jondahl with seven and Jacob Merkel with six. Leaders for Redfield-Doland were Cooper Babun with 16, Sully Masat with 16 and Albrecht with 10.

"Our offensive line played well the whole game and our defensive line played well in the second half. Our tackling is getting better and is our offense," Wanner said.

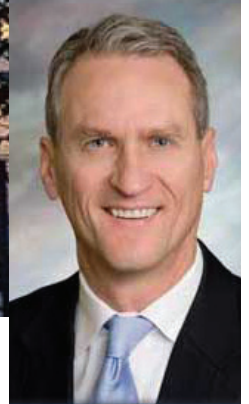
Groton, now 2-2 on the season, will host Sioux Valley in Groton Area's homecoming game. "The kids remember the game from last year where we lost with no time left on the clock. Sioux Valley won their first game last night against a good Flandreau team," Wanner said. "It is our homecoming week and our kids are pretty good at keeping their focus on the game. We want them to have fun this week, but also have to keep in mind the game for Friday night." Redfield-Doland, now 1-3, will be at Chamberlain.

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South Dakota Governor
Dennis Daugaard



Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup 2014

When I was a young boy, I always looked forward to the cowboy films at the theater.

My friends and I loved the rugged, silent cowboy stars. We wouldn't have been caught dead using the word "romance," but looking back, I can see that we were captivated by the romance of the Wild West, with its cowboy heroes, untamed prairies, bucking horses, wagon trains, Plains Indians and, of course, massive herds of magnificent buffalo. What an incredible animal – strong as an Olympic weightlifter, fast as a champion sprinter and exuding danger and mystery.

More than 125 years ago, long before South Dakota became a state, buffalo roamed the prairies in numbers almost beyond belief. I read somewhere that an Army officer who led a company of cavalry through the state in 1871 told of camping on the plains and being surrounded by a herd of buffalo so large that it took five full days for all of the animals to move past the soldiers' camp. One estimate put the size of that herd at 4 million buffalo. Imagine that, if you can.

By the time South Dakota became a state, Nov. 2, 1889, the buffalo had all but been hunted out of existence in our region. Scotty Philip and a few other early settlers used herd management and sound breeding practices to make sure the buffalo did not disappear, and today, as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of statehood, herds of buffalo thrive in several places.

One of the largest herds in the state is at Custer State Park. The Custer State Park herd numbers more than 1,300 animals spread across some 71,000 acres of open land.

Each year, park employees who manage the herd join with a number of volunteers for a spectacular, Wild West-style roundup. Park rangers and other experienced wranglers use horses and vehicles to bring the buffalo together to be sorted and vaccinated. It's an important part of herd management. More

than that, it's a wonderfully exciting experience for park visitors.

Each year the roundup draws as many as 14,000 spectators to Custer State Park. This year's Buffalo Roundup takes place on Friday, Sept. 26. If the chance to see one of nature's most magnificent creatures live and running weren't enough, the roundup weekend includes an art festival (Sept. 26-28 in the park), western and Native American entertainment, a chili cook-off and a Dutch Oven cook-off.

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EOE/M/F/D/V

Today in Weather History

1970: In the late afternoon golf ball hail fell in and around Redfield with a tornado reported just north of Doland. No damage was reported with the hail or the tornado.

1972: About 430 pm, in Southeast South Dakota a tornado caused an estimated 95,000 damage to property and 50,000 damage to crops in Utica and nearby rural areas. Buildings were damaged, trees and power lines were downed.

1845 - A tornado traveled 275 miles across Lake Ontario, New York and Lake Champlain. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1926 - A hurricane which hit Miami, FL, on the 18th, pounded Pensacola with wind gusts to 152 mph. Winds raged in excess of 100 mph for four hours, and above 75 mph for 20 hours. (The Weather Channel)

1967 - Hurricane Beulah moved into South Texas, and torrential rains from the hurricane turned the rich agricultural areas of South Texas into a large lake. Hurricane Beulah also spawned a record 115 tornadoes. (David Ludlum)

1983 - The temperature at West Yellowstone MT plunged to six degrees below zero, while the temperature at San Francisco CA soared to 94 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Oklahoma and west Texas. In Oklahoma, a thunderstorm at Seiling produced three inches of rain in one hour, golf ball size hail, and wind gusts to 60 mph which collapsed a tent at the state fair injuring nine persons. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Showers and thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in central Wyoming, and snow in some of the higher elevations. Casper WY reported 1.75 inches of rain in 24 hours, and a thunderstorm north of the Wild Horse Reservoir produced 1.90 inches of rain in just forty minutes.

1989 - Hugo jilted Iris. Hurricane Hugo churned toward the South Atlantic Coast, gradually regaining strength along the way. Tropical Storm Iris got too close to Hugo, and began to weaken. A cold front brought strong and gusty winds to the Great Basin and the Southern Plateau Region, with wind gusts to 44 mph reported at Kingman AZ. (The National Weather Summary)

2005 - Hurricane Rita tracked through the Florida Straits and just south of the Florida Keys. Winds were sustained at tropical storm force at Key West, where peak winds gusted to 76 mph.

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“All About Her” Vendor Blender








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Over 30 vendors with handmade goods, clothing, jewelry,
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*10am-3pm
Saturday, September 20th
Groton Area Highschool Gym
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
						
Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Chance Thunderstorms
High: 77 °F	Low: 45 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 70 °F



Windy Today, Cooler on Sunday

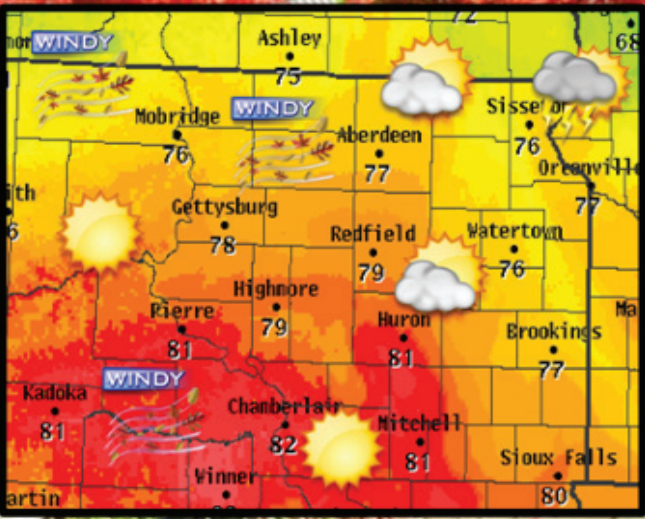
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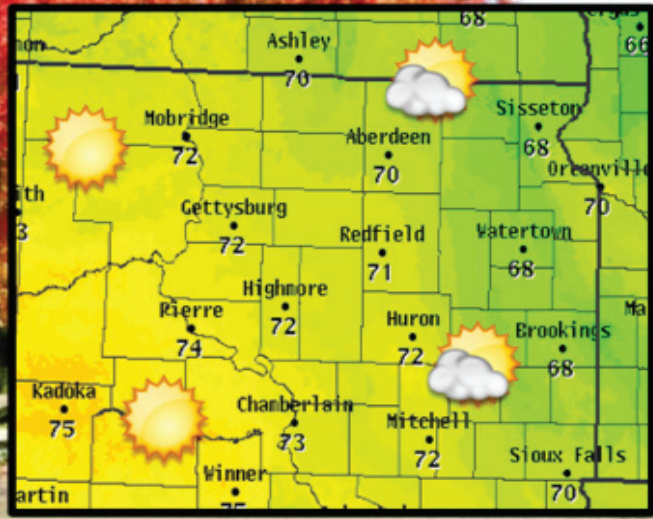
 National Weather Service Aberdeen

 @NWSAberdeen

Today's Highs



Sunday's Highs



A cold front will drop southeast across the region today, bringing strong northwest winds to western and central South Dakota where wind gusts could reach 40 to 45 mph. Elsewhere, it will still be breezy as this front moves through. Showers and thunderstorms are expected along the front as well, mainly across eastern North Dakota into Minnesota, but the southern extent of these storms may reach as far south as extreme northeast South Dakota. Severe storms are possible, with the main threat being strong winds. Target area for severe storms is the Red River Valley into central Minnesota. Cooler temperatures will follow for Sunday, with highs mainly in the upper 60s to mid 70s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 84.6°F at 5:48 PM

Low: 62.2°F at 6:35 AM

High Gust: 31 mph at 6:37 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1937 and 1905

Record Low: 20° in 1901

Average High: 70°F

Average Low: 44°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.41

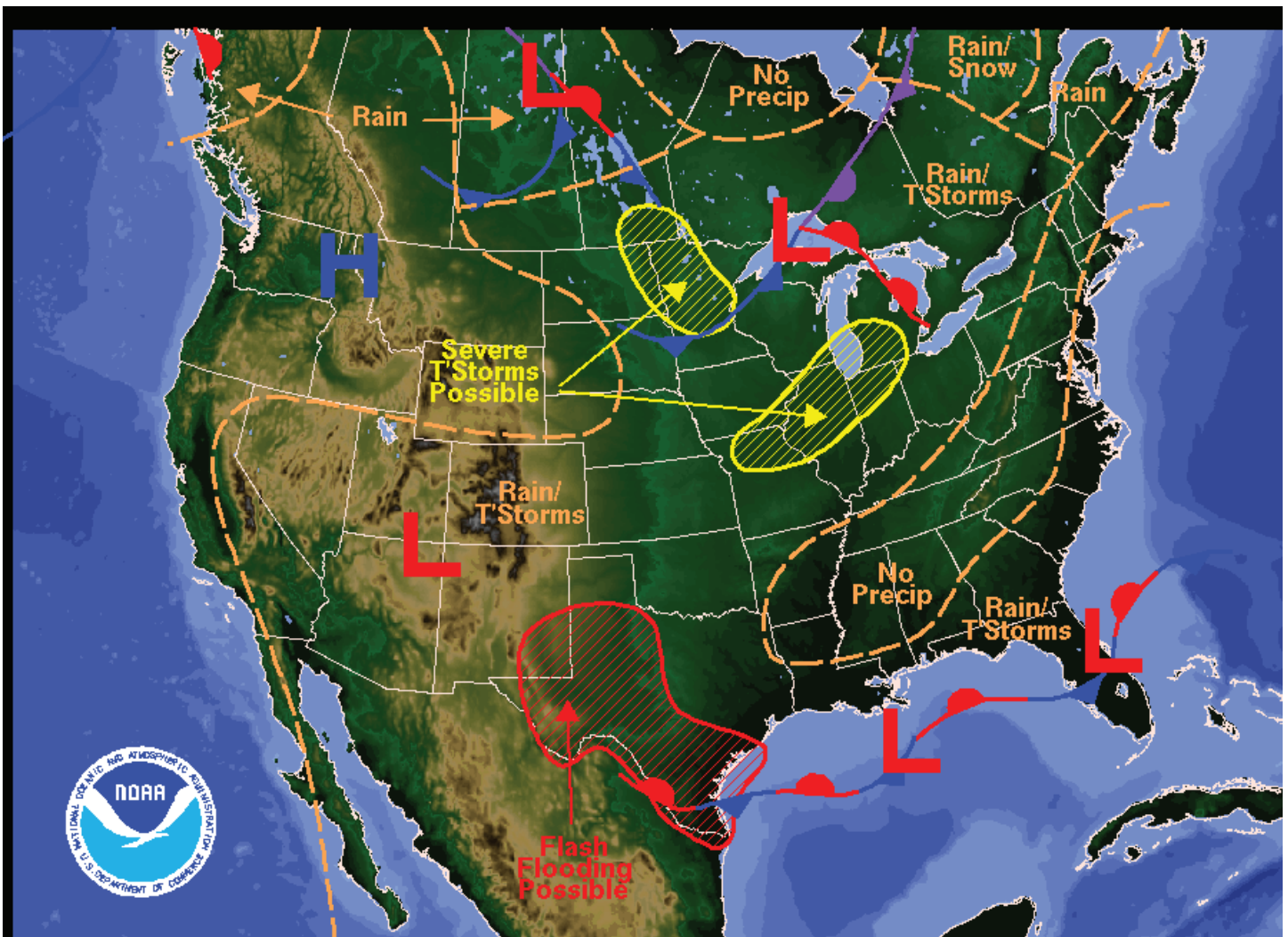
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.26

Average Precip to date: 17.70

Precip Year to Date: 12.56

Sunset Tonight: 7:35 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:20 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Sep 20, 2014, issued 3:05 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



SECRETS REVEALED

A few feet from my desk is a closet used for storage. In that closet are boxes and boxes of information that, at one time, was very costly. Today, it is worth much more than it was when purchased.

The boxes inside the closet are made of ordinary cardboard. If someone opens the door and looks at them, there would be no reason to open them other than plain curiosity. They appear to have no value unless someone knows their contents.

They are like the Bible. Unless there is a desire to look inside and find out what it contains, it is useless. Most people are more likely to turn on a television or look at a magazine. But, if one stops, opens the Word and accepts its contents, life takes on an entirely new meaning and direction.

"My son," begins Solomon, "if you accept my words...and store up my commands...you will understand what is right and just and fair - and it will lead you to every good path, For wisdom will enter your heart."

The Proverbs contain clear and concise guidance for those who want to choose between right and wrong. God has planted some degree of morality in everyone's heart because we were made in His image. But only the Word of God spells out in exact words what is right and just and fair. Every law or rule or policy that has ever been written is an extension of what we find in His Word. But, only His Word is capable of penetrating the very core of our being - our hearts. When we allow it to do its work, we are changed from the inside out and become a new creation.

Prayer: Lord, people look in vain for ways to change what is wrong into what is right. Your Word is that way! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 2:1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,

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News from the  Associated Press

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Brandon Valley def. Mitchell, 25-19, 28-26, 25-21

Football

Aberdeen Roncalli 43, Mobridge-Pollock 6

Alcester-Hudson 48, Chester 12

Arlington 41, Lake Preston 6

Avon 54, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 8

Belle Fourche 20, Sturgis 16

Bennett County 22, Red Cloud 14

Bon Homme 34, Tri-Valley 28

Brandon Valley 41, Brookings 34

Britton-Hecla 36, Hitchcock-Tulare 22

Canistota 54, Menno-Marion 6

Clark/Willow Lake 32, Deuel 26

Corsica/Stickney 46, Freeman 18

Custer 26, Lead-Deadwood 0

Dakota Valley 41, Elk Point-Jefferson 18

Dell Rapids 51, Milbank Area 0

Dell Rapids St. Mary 44, Colman-Egan 28

DeSmet/Iroquois 48, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 6

Elkton-Lake Benton 38, Deubrook 36

Gayville-Volin 41, South Central 7

Gregory 79, Marty Indian 0

Groton Area 21, Redfield/Doland 6

Hamlin 54, Waverly-South Shore 12

Herreid/Selby Area 50, Lemmon/McIntosh 0

Howard 73, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 36

Ipswich/Edmunds Central 50, Northwestern 0

Kimball/White Lake 61, Lower Brule 0

Langford 32, Faulkton 30, OT

Lyman 20, Wall 8

Madison 48, Sisseton 12

McCook Central/Montrose 42, Beresford 21

New Underwood 52, Edgemont 0

Parker 44, Irene-Wakonda 6

Parkston 55, Wagner 0

Philip 50, Hill City 0

Potter County 51, Leola/Frederick 8

Rapid City Christian 45, Kadoka Area 0

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Scotland 56, Andes Central 6
Sioux Falls Christian 64, Tiospa Zina Tribal 14
Sioux Falls Lincoln 35, Watertown 3
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 26, Pierre 23, OT
Sioux Falls Washington 47, Rapid City Stevens 7
Sioux Valley 43, Flandreau 19
St. Thomas More 50, Gordon/Rushville, Neb. 28
Stanley County 48, White River 34
Sully Buttes 52, Highmore-Harrold 0
Tea Area 41, Vermillion 14
Timber Lake 34, Newell 16
Todd County 26, Little Wound 0
Tri-State 56, Waubay/Summit 6
Webster 45, Florence/Henry 6
West Central 49, Lennox 6
Wilmot 36, Great Plains Lutheran 27
Winner 52, Valentine, Neb. 0
Wolsey-Wessington 64, Warner 26
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 58, Sunshine Bible Academy 20
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS
Aberdeen Central vs. Yankton, ppd.

Weather service expects bigger snows in eastern SD

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The National Weather Service in Sioux Falls says western South Dakota will likely have a near-normal winter, but the eastern part of the state and surrounding areas should be warmer and snowier than last winter.

Meteorologist Todd Heitkamp says if the higher-than-normal precipitation continues and temperatures aren't as cold as last winter, it will make for more and heavier snowfalls.

Ideal Yardware owner Cory Hansen says he plans to sell more snow blowers from his Sioux Falls Ariens dealership because of the expected snowy winter.

He says with what he has sold so far, has on hand and placed on order, he's at triple the volume sold all of last year.

ND, SD governors to greet wagon train in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard and North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple plan to greet a wagon when it arrives in Pierre to help mark both states' 125th anniversary.

The event will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the front steps of the Capitol.

Daugaard will present a special set of flags from the two states that were flown earlier this month over the replica of the Dakota Territory Capitol in Yankton.

The wagon train and horse riders made the 258-mile journey from Yankton to Pierre in 17 days.

More than 50 wagons and 200 people traveled all or parts of the route through nine counties.

Committee to read Rounds, Daugaard answers on EB-5

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CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakotans will find out next week what the former and current governors said they know as part of an investigation of a federal program that grants visas to people who invest in rural, job-creating South Dakota projects.

The Government Operations and Audit Committee, in its agenda sent Friday for Wednesday's meeting in Pierre, plans to look at written answers provided by former Gov. Mike Rounds and Gov. Dennis Daugaard on the EB-5 program, which allows foreign investors to seek U.S. residency with a \$500,000 investment in an approved project that creates at least 10 jobs.

It's under scrutiny because of allegations of financial misconduct by the late Richard Benda, former commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and Joop Bollen, former program administrator.

Democrats want Rounds, Daugaard and Bollen to appear in person before the committee, but the panel instead will allow the three men to submit written answers to questions posed by its members.

Besides going over answers already provided by Rounds and Daugaard, the committee will review and finalize questions that will be sent to Bollen and also take public testimony on the program. Rounds and Daugaard both will be on the November ballot, with the former governor running for the Senate and the current governor seeking re-election.

Rep. Bernie Hunhoff, House minority leader, said Democratic and Republican lawmakers have told him they're not satisfied with the decision to allow written responses. He challenged the three men to sign a document verifying the answers are their own.

"I want to make sure that the principals involved wrote down the answers and not some staffer or some lawyer. I want them to tell us, 'I read the question and this is my best answer,'" Hunhoff said. "I want to know how much money the public lost, what we're doing to get it back, where the public records are and what went wrong so we know how we can fix it."

An audit determined that before Benda left his job in 2010, he tacked on an extra \$550,000 to a grant agreement for the struggling Northern Beef Packers plant in Aberdeen, which received EB-5 money. A report from Attorney General Marty Jackley showed the same amount was improperly diverted to Benda's new employer, SDRC Inc., which Bollen led. Benda also double-billed the state \$5,560 for three flights to China and Las Vegas, Jackley said. Investigators concluded Benda committed suicide in October.

Tidemann said at GOAC's July meeting the state has added several mechanisms to prevent misconduct, including criminal background checks of senior GOED staff, whistleblower rules and better travel reimbursement oversight.

The committee will also review a conflict of interest rule being drafted for the next legislative session that would require state employees to wait a year before seeking employment at a business they deal with, chairman Sen. Larry Tidemann said Friday.

"It's an amendment to a statute that affects all of the legislators, that they can't have any state employment until they've been out of office one year," he said.

72-year-old state prison inmate dies

Associated Press

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A 72-year-old inmate serving a 17-year sentence at the South Dakota State Prison has died following an extended illness.

Stanton Day was sentenced in Meade County in September 2007. He was charged with sexual contact

with a child under 16 and sexual exploitation of a child.

The Department of Corrections says Day died at a Yankton hospital under hospice care Thursday. An autopsy is being conducted.

South Dakota leads nation in flu vaccinations rate

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Health Department says South Dakota had the nation's highest percentage for influenza vaccinations last season.

Figures released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention show that nearly 60 percent of South Dakotas received flu shots. The state ranked among the top 10 for every age group but one.

State epidemiologist Dr. Lon Kightlinger says the numbers are encouraging, but those who are not getting vaccinated include young children who are at high risk for complications.

The state offers free flu vaccine for people between the ages of six months and 18 years.

Events center opening its doors in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Doors were scheduled to open Friday for a \$117 million events center in Sioux Falls that will feature events such as hockey, arena football, basketball, rodeos and concerts.

The 12,000-seat Denny Sanford Premier Center took two years to build. The city borrowed \$115 million to build the facility and Sanford Health contributed \$2 million for an electronic scoreboard.

The building will be the home to two Sioux Falls sports franchises — the United States Hockey League team the Stampede and the Indoor Football League team the Storm. It will also be the site for the Summit League basketball tournament.

Stampede spokesman Jim Olander said the arena is comparable to a National Hockey League facility. "We're really excited," he said. "It's an amazing building."

Wes Hall, the Sioux Falls Sports Authority executive director, said the center will be ideal for Summit League players and fans.

"They'll be more comfortable in this building," he said. "You look back at the old arena, we had some makeshift locker rooms that we had to build just for the Summit League, and now we actually have permanent locker rooms in this building."

The facility also is attracting entertainers. Rocker Joan Jett is scheduled to play on Wednesday. The facility's grand opening is Oct. 3, with country superstars Jason Aldean and Florida Georgia Line headlining. Other musical acts scheduled before the end of the year are Demi Lovato, Cher, Slipknot and Eric Church.

Arena officials say more than half of the tickets sold for the first few concerts at the venue have been bought by out-of-towners. About one-fifth have gone to people in eight other states, including Minnesota and North Dakota.

Keith Thompson, senior project manager with Koch Hazard Architects, said the design included 1,000 sheets of architectural drawings. The arena is "second to none," he said.

Friday's schedule included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

AP News in Brief

Tough questions face Secret Service after fence-hopping intruder makes it into the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service is coming under intense scrutiny after a man who hopped the White House fence made it all the way through the front door before being apprehended.

President Barack Obama and his daughters had just departed the White House on Friday evening when an intruder scaled the north fence, darted across the lawn and into the presidential residence, where agents nabbed him. The security breach triggered a rare evacuation of much of the White House, with Secret Service officers drawing their guns as they rushed staffers and journalists out a side door.

For the Secret Service, the incident was a devastating episode that prompted fresh questions about the storied agency and its ability to protect the president. Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, who chairs the House subpanel on national security oversight, called it “totally unacceptable” but said the incident was just one of a string of security failings on the Secret Service’s watch.

“Unfortunately, they are failing to do their job,” Chaffetz said. “These are good men and women, but the Secret Service leadership has a lot of questions to answer.”

“Was the door open?” he added incredulously.

Turkish prime minister says 49 hostages held by Islamic militants have been freed

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Dozens of Turkish hostages seized by Islamic militants in Iraq three months ago were freed and safely returned to Turkey on Saturday, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said, ending Turkey’s most serious hostage crisis.

The 49 hostages were captured from the Turkish Consulate in Mosul, Iraq on June 11, when the Islamic State group overran the city in its surge to seize large swaths of Iraq and Syria.

Their release contrasts with the recent beheadings of two U.S. journalists and a British aid worker by the Islamic State group, but it wasn’t immediately clear what Turkey had done to secure the safe return of the hostages.

Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said the hostages are 49 Turkish consulate employees — 46 Turks and three local Iraqis. They include Consul General Ozturk Yilmaz, other diplomats, children and special forces police.

The hostages were released early on Saturday and had arrived in Turkey, Davutoglu told Turkish reporters during a visit to Baku, Azerbaijan. He cut his visit short to meet them in the province of Sanli-urfa, near Turkey’s border with Syria and was bringing them back to Ankara on his plane.

Obama faces questions of how far he’s willing to go in US military fight against militants

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama’s military campaign against Islamic State group extremists has already crept beyond the narrow parameters he first outlined three months ago.

But military experts both inside and outside of the administration argue that even more may be needed for the mission to succeed, including embedding U.S. ground troops with Iraqi security forces who are on the front line of the fight against the violent militants. Taking that step could put Obama dangerously close to violating his pledges to keep Americans out of combat in Iraq.

For Obama, re-engaging in combat in Iraq would not only mark a reversal of his promises with regard to the current mission, but also undercut one of the broader causes of his presidency, which has been to end lengthy American wars and avoid new ones. But if his military commanders ask for ground troops and he rejects the request, he could be accused of putting his legacy ahead of the mission's success.

Already Obama has shown a willingness to expand the size and scope of the fight against the Islamic State extremist group. After first announcing a limited airstrike campaign, the U.S. is now going after militant targets across Iraq and is expected to extend the attacks into Syria. About 1,600 U.S. troops have also been deployed to Iraq to train local security forces and help safeguard U.S. personnel in the country. And the Pentagon will soon start training and equipping Syrian rebels to fight the militants.

The president has insisted that Iraqi security forces, the Kurdish Peshmerga and the Syrian opposition fighters will be the ones engaged in a ground battle with the Islamic State group. But some of Obama's current and former military advisers have raised the prospect that unless American troops are also engaged in that effort, it will be difficult to degrade and defeat the militants that have moved freely across the blurred border between Iraq and Syria.

Police hunker down in wooded neighborhood of suspect in deadly ambush on state troopers

CANADENSIS, Pa. (AP) — Authorities hunkered down early Saturday in the neighborhood where a man suspected in the fatal shooting of a Pennsylvania State Police trooper lived with his parents, raising hopes they had him cornered a week after the ambush outside a rural police barracks.

For a second night, authorities closed roads near the home in a wooded neighborhood of Barrett Township, in the Pocono Mountains, and this time gunfire was reported in the area.

The shots were fired around 6:40 p.m. Friday, a Monroe County 911 dispatcher said. State police told residents in the townships of Price and Barrett to stay inside and asked others not to travel to the area because of heavy police activity.

About 20 people who couldn't get back to their homes took refuge at the Barrett Township firehouse, said township supervisor Ralph Megliola.

State police would not say whether they believe they have 31-year-old Eric Frein surrounded. Their last communication came shortly after 9 p.m. Friday when a spokeswoman asked the media to relocate at a staging area farther away from the scene.

Spies stand down: US stops spying on friendly governments in W. Europe in wake of revelations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stung by the backlash over a German caught selling secrets to the U.S. and the revelations of surveillance by the National Security Agency, the CIA has stopped spying on friendly governments in Western Europe, according to current and former U.S. officials.

The pause in decades of espionage was designed to give CIA officers time to examine whether they were being careful enough and to evaluate whether spying on allies is worth running the risk of discovery, said a U.S. official who has been briefed on the situation.

Under the stand-down order, case officers in Europe largely have been forbidden from undertaking "unilateral operations" such as meeting with sources they have recruited within allied governments. Such clandestine meetings are the bedrock of spying.

CIA officers are still allowed to meet with their counterparts in the host country's intelligence service

and conduct joint operations with host country services. Recently, unilateral operations targeting third country nationals — Russians in France, for example — were restarted. But meetings with independent sources in the host country remain on hold, as do new recruitments.

The CIA declined to comment.

Spokane Bishop Blase Cupich, a moderate, to be next archbishop of Chicago

Bishop Blase Cupich, a moderate who has called for civility in the culture wars and has embraced Pope Francis' focus on fighting poverty, will be named the next archbishop of Chicago, The Associated Press has learned.

Cupich of Spokane, Washington will succeed Cardinal Francis George, according to a person with knowledge of the selection, who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has scheduled a news conference for Saturday morning. A spokeswoman for the archdiocese would not comment. George, 77, has been battling cancer and has said he believes the disease will end his life.

The pope's choice for Chicago has been closely watched as his first major appointment in the U.S., and the clearest indication yet of the direction he will steer American church leaders. Cupich is a moderate and is not among U.S. Roman Catholic bishops who have taken a harder line on hot-button issues. Francis has called for a greater focus on mercy and compassion instead of divisive social issues.

The Archdiocese of Chicago serves 2.2 million parishioners and is the third-largest diocese in the country. Chicago archbishops are usually elevated to cardinal and are therefore eligible to vote for the next pope.

India, China quietly struggle for dominance in Indian Ocean

NEW DELHI (AP) — At first glance, it looks like a diplomatic love-fest. There was Chinese President Xi Jinping, toasting the birthday of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a quiet dinner earlier this week in Modi's home state. There were the two leaders, deep in conversation as they walked along the Sabarmati River, Xi dressed in a Nehru jacket.

The men are full of praise for one another, and one another's countries. Xi gushes over India as "an enchanting and beautiful land." Modi declares that their pledges to work together "will open big gates for progress and development in the world." Just a few hours into the Xi's three-day visit, Indian newspapers were awash with accomplishments: a joint industrial park, a sister-city pact, ramped up cultural ties, business deals and investment promises from China worth well more than \$20 billion.

Left largely unspoken, though, are the deep worries in India over Chinese maneuvering in the Indian Ocean, where New Delhi's years of dominance is being chipped away by billions of dollars in aid from Beijing and gargantuan Chinese construction projects.

And while China's recent push for dominance in the South China and East China seas get more attention, the quiet contest for influence in the Indian Ocean is being watched carefully from Tokyo to Washington, D.C. More than anything else, the worries are over energy.

The tankers that move through Indian Ocean carry 80 percent of China's oil, 65 percent of India's and 60 percent of Japan's, making those waters crucially important to three of Asia's great powers. A

significant slowdown in tanker traffic — whether from diplomatic standoff, piracy or war — could cripple those countries and send shockwaves around the world.

Home Depot's data breach

NEW YORK (AP) — Data breaches at retailers aren't going away but there are ways consumers can protect themselves from future heists of their payment card information.

Home Depot said Thursday that malicious software lurking in its check-out terminals between April and September affected 56 million debit and credit cards that customers swiped at its stores. Target, Michaels and Neiman Marcus have also been attacked by hackers in the past year.

More breaches are likely. The Department of Homeland Security Department warned last month that more than 1,000 retailers could have malware in their cash-register computers.

As Alibaba goes public in biggest IPO in history

NEW YORK (AP) — China's e-commerce giant Alibaba began trading its shares Friday on the New York Stock Exchange. Here are ten things to know about Alibaba, and why its initial public offering made history:

THE BIGGEST: Alibaba raised \$21.8 billion in its debut, making it the biggest U.S.-listed IPO in history after the IPO of credit card processing company Visa in 2008. If Alibaba's investment banks were to exercise their option to sell an additional 48 million shares, it could make Alibaba's IPO the biggest in the world, beating out the \$22 billion IPO of Agricultural Bank of China in 2010.

DON'T FORGET YAHOO: It may have been a big day for Alibaba and its founder Jack Ma, but Yahoo's investors are feeling pretty good after Alibaba's IPO. Yahoo was an early investor in Alibaba, paying \$1 billion for a stake in the company in 2005. Yahoo likely made \$8.3 billion to \$9.5 billion in Alibaba's IPO, and will still own a 16 percent stake in the company worth \$37.7 billion.

Florida State suspends quarterback Jameis Winston for entire game vs. Clemson on Saturday

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State has suspended Jameis Winston for the entire game against Clemson on Saturday, extending its initial punishment of one half after the quarterback made "offensive and vulgar" comments about female anatomy earlier this week.

Interim President Garnett S. Stokes and athletic director Stan Wilcox announced the decision late Friday night. There had been criticism that the original punishment for Winston's latest embarrassing off-field incident was too light.

The statement released by the university Friday read, "Based upon the results of our continuing investigation of Tuesday's incident involving Jameis Winston, we have decided to not play him for the entire game against Clemson on Saturday night."

Several students tweeted Winston stood on campus and shouted a lascivious comment that may have derived from an internet meme.

A university spokeswoman told The Associated Press Friday night Stokes was not available for comment; Wilcox could not be reached.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, September 20, the 263rd day of 2014. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 20, 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his crew set out from Spain on five ships to find a western passage to the Spice Islands. (Magellan was killed enroute, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)

On this date:

In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.

In 1884, the National Equal Rights Party was formed during a convention of suffragists in San Francisco; the convention nominated Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood for president.

In 1911, the British liner RMS Olympic collided with the Royal Navy cruiser HMS Hawke off the Isle of Wight; although seriously damaged, the Olympic was able to return to Southampton under its own power.

In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1954, the live TV drama "Twelve Angry Men" was presented on CBS' "Westinghouse Studio One" anthology series, with Robert Cummings playing the lone holdout juror later portrayed by Henry Fonda in the 1957 movie version.

In 1958, Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during a book signing at a New York City department store when Izola Curry stabbed him in the chest. (Curry was later found mentally incompetent.)

In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Democratic Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

In 1964, The Beatles concluded their first full-fledged U.S. tour by performing in a charity concert at the Paramount Theater in New York.

In 1973, in their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing at least 14 people, including two Americans and 12 Lebanese. The family sitcoms "The Cosby Show" and "Who's the Boss?" premiered on NBC and ABC, respectively.

In 1994, Broadway composer Jule (JOO'-lee) Styne died in New York at age 88.

In 1999, Lawrence Russell Brewer became the second white supremacist to be convicted in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, Texas. (Brewer was executed on September 21, 2011.) Raisa Gorbachev, wife of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, died at a German hospital after a battle with leukemia; she was 67.

Ten years ago: CBS News apologized for a "mistake in judgment" in its story questioning President George W. Bush's National Guard service, saying it could not vouch for the authenticity of documents featured in the report. A militant video posted on a Web site showed the beheading of a man identified as American civil engineer Eugene Armstrong, who had been abducted in Iraq.

Five years ago: Blanketing most of the Sunday TV news shows, President Barack Obama said requiring people to get health insurance and fining them if they didn't would not amount to a backhanded tax increase. At the Emmy Awards, best drama and comedy series trophies went to repeat winners "Mad Men" and "30 Rock." The first game at the Cowboys Stadium set an NFL regular-season attendance record with a crowd of 105,121, and most of them went home disappointed after the New York Giants won, 33-31.

One year ago: Charting a collision course with the White House, the Republican-controlled House

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approved, 230-189, legislation to avoid a partial government shutdown while also defunding President Barack Obama's 3-year-old health care law. (The Democratic-led Senate rebuffed the House's attempts to roll back the health care law; the partial government shutdown began October 1 with the start of the fiscal new year).

Today's Birthdays: Singer Gogi Grant is 90. Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 85. Actress Sophia Loren is 80. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Taylor is 79. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo is 67. Actor Tony Denison is 65. Hockey Hall of Famer Guy LaFleur is 63. Actress Debbi Morgan is 63. Jazz musician Peter White is 60. Actress Betsy Brantley is 59. Actor Gary Cole is 58. TV news correspondent Deborah Roberts is 54. Country-rock musician Joseph Shreve (Flynnville Train) is 53. Rock musician Randy Bradbury (Pennywise) is 50. Actress Kristen Johnston is 47. Rock singers Matthew Nelson and Gunnar Nelson are 47. Rock musician Ben Shepherd is 46. Actress-model Moon Bloodgood is 39. Actor Jon Bernthal is 38. Singer The Dream is 37. Actor Charlie Weber is 36. Rock musician Rick Woolstenhulme (WOOL'-steh-yoolm) (Lifehouse) is 35. Actress Crystle Stewart is 33. Rapper Yung Joc is 32. Actor Aldis Hodge is 28.

Thought for Today: "Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses." George Washington Carver, American botanist (1864-1943).