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Homecoming Week!

Today's Dress-up Day is Rock 'n Roll Day
Elementary: Sports Day
King and Queen to St. John's Preschool 9:00-9:30 am.
Cheerleaders, King, and Queen to elementary for lunch 11:15-12:30 pm.
King and Queen to Golden Living Center 3:00 pm.
JH Football 4:30 pm @ Groton vs Milbank.
Boys' Soccer 5:00 pm @ Groton vs Mitchell Christian.
JH Volleyball 5:00 pm @ Groton vs Warner.
Volleyball 6:30 pm @ Groton vs Warner.

\$5 BUCK LUNCH - Lunch will never be the same



3-pc Chicken Strips Chili Cheese Dog 1/4 lb. Grill Burger w/ch

 US 12, Groton Text "GrotonDQ" to 4-11247
605-397-8627 to receive hot specials

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

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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.

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)

Jungle Day Bazaar

Jungle Day Bazaar- Friday Sept. 26th, Groton Presbyterian Church. 11am-3pm. Food , Candy, Craft & White Elephant. Serving Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Barbecues, Pie, Coffee and Pop. Everyone Welcome!

Wanted to Rent

Looking for a small house to rent around the Aberdeen area. 605/380-0959.

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

Girls beat Garretson, West Central

The girls soccer team defeated Garretson, 6-1, and West Central, 3-2, in games played on the road this weekend. In the Garretson game, Harleigh Winther scored three goals, Mckenzie Menzia had two and Kaylin Kucker scored one. Menzia scored all three goals in the West Central game with Winther having at least one assist.



#3 Sydney Thorson tries to get advantage of the ball during the West Central game.



#17 Michaela Cutler goes after it with Sydney Thorson and Kaylin Kucker in the back ground during the West Central game.



#6 Harleigh Winther takes control of the ball away from West Central's Ashley Eickman.

Marlee Jones clears the ball on defense during the Garretson game



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Marlee Jones and Emily Locke (far back) keep a girl from scoring during the West Central Game as #13 Heather Lone, #17 Michaela Cutler, and #20 Katie Koehler, and goalie Devan Howard look on.



Emily Locke #4, Michaela Cultler #17, and Harleigh Winther #6 try to set up a play during the West Central Game

golden
living

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.

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#18 Mckenzie Menzia shoots a goal during the Garretson game



Jasmine Schaller attempts a goal during the Garretson game

Kaylin Kucker scores a goal and gets a hug from Harleigh Winther #6 during the Garretson game

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Girls Team captains getting ready for the Garretson game
Jasmine Schaller (white headband), Marlee Jones, Sydney Thorson #3, and Katie Koehler #20



Emily Locke #4 taking control during
the Garretson game

**Thanks to Mendy
Jones for the girls
soccer photos.**

Groton Boys Soccer Beats Freeman Academy Record Now 6-2-1



Rayce Harder and Freeman Academy's Ryan Haggerty try heading the ball.



Wyatt Kurtz advances the ball in the Freeman Academy game.



Martin Rygg gets ready to kick the ball with James Thompson also pictured.



James Thompson advances the ball in the Freeman Academy game.

The Groton Boys Soccer Team beat Freeman Academy on Saturday September 20th in Freeman. The day was extremely windy which increased the difficulty of scoring as well. The Tigers dominated the game; the GHS team had possession of the ball most of the game and had several shooting attempts. Freeman played a tightly packed defensive game but the Tigers' Tyler Scott with an assist by Wyatt Kurtz scored in the 35th minute of the second half. The Tigers have home games this week on Tuesday against Mitchell Christian and on Thursday against James Valley Christian. On Saturday, the Tigers travel to Tea for the final regular season game of the year.

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Queen Gibbs and King Knecht rule at GHS Homecoming



Ashley Gibbs, daughter of Steve and Ann Gibbs, and Spencer Knecht, son of Pat and Carol Knecht, were chosen as the 2014 GHS Homecoming Royalty. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Some of the junior boys put on a skit where they showed off cheerleading outfits through the decades.

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Ashley Gibbs and Spencer Knecht are the 2014 Homecoming Royalty.

They were Maryn Howard and Logan Lane, Kasey Waage and Wyatt Larson, Sydney Thorson and Spencer Knecht, Courtney Kurtz and Chance Strom and Ashley Gibbs and Gabriel Dohman.

Mike Weber was the master of ceremony.

The 2014 Homecoming Coronation was held Monday night at the GHS Gym. The 2013 royalty, Mason Madsen and Cheyenne Schaller, returned to turn their reigns over to Ashley Gibbs and Spencer Knecht.

There were seven team introductions. Reid Johnson talked about the band. The GHS Marching Band will be the fourth one at the Gypsy Day Parade on October 4 in Aberdeen. The band will also perform at the Festival of the Bands on October 10 as there are 17 area bands confirmed and the USD Marching Band will also make an appearance.

Chelsea Hanson talked about volleyball with 10 seniors on the squad. Adam Franken talked about a young cross country team with 17 runners on the squad. Shaun Wanner talked about football and had his head shaved at the event. Mike Becker said the boys soccer team has 10 seniors and Corey Harder said the girls soccer team has three seniors. Greg Kjellsen said there are no seniors on the golf team and mentioned that Cade Guthmiller hit a Hole-In-One in practice at the Olive Grove Golf Course.

The junior boys performed a skit. Jerica Locke and Gavin Kahli presented the scrolls. Tom and Patti Woods are the parade marshalls. The cheerleaders had a dance and led the school song played by the GHS pep band. Erin Smith played the music while the candidates were introduced.



Under the direction of the Groton Fire Department, Queen Gibbs and King Knecht put the G on fire after the coronation.

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In back, left to right, are Logan Lane, Wyatt Larson, Gabriel Dohman and Chance Strom; in front, left to right, are Maryn Howard, Sydney Thorson, Gavin Kahli, Jerica Locke, Ashley Gibbs, Courtney Kurtz and Kasey Waage.



Erin Smith played the piano while the candidates were being introduced.

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Coach Shaun Wanner got his head shaved by Logan Lane at the homecoming coronation.



Gavin Khali and Jerica Locke presented the scrolls to the 2013 royalty, King Mason Madsen and Queen Cheyenne Schaller.



Jerica Locke and Gavin Khali walk down the pathway with the scrolls that would announce the new royalty.

Patti and Tom Woods are the parade marshals.



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Mike Weber turns the scrolls over to the new royalty, Queen Ashley Gibbs and King Spencer Knecht.



The 2013 Royalty, Queen Cheyenne Schaller and King Mason Madsen, gave their "good luck" to the teams this week.



The cheerleaders did their cheer during the burning of the G after the coronation program.

No Homecoming Dance

The expense of having a homecoming dance and the lack of interest in having one has caused the student council to not have one this year. Instead, they will be having "Battle of the Classes" Thursday afternoon with grade 9-12 competing and grade 6-8 competing. Float building will take place Friday morning with

the homecoming parade set for 1 p.m.

Janel Lone and Shelby Hendrickson talked about the fifth grade. Band in the fifth grade will be moved up to October which will give the students more time to practice. Robotics will be offered again in January to the fifth grader. There are 44 students in the fifth grade.

Beth Gustafson is in her 10th year as Wellness and Health Services director at Groton Area. The district will be getting three new AEDs, replacing two old ones. One will be at the ticket booth, one by Connie Stauch's office and one at elementary school. There is also one in the copy room. AEDs they have now are discontinued and they don't know how long they will have the supplies for these units. The two old ones could be used at other locations in the community as long as supplies are available. The rescue squad is at home football games and they do carry an AED.

Gustafson also reported that the district is now able to have an Epipen. One will be at the elementary school and one at the high school. If someone is having an allergic reaction, they can get a shot with the Epipen.

Flu shots will be offered October 9 for the staff and for students nine years of age and older. During Parent-Teacher Conferences (Nov. 13) the flu shot will be offered to anyone six months to 18 years. Parents can also get the flu shot but there will be a \$25 fee.

During the review of policies, board member Merle Harder said he would like to see cell phones to be banned from school. Middle/High School Superintendent Anna Schwan said there have been three incidents in school. Most of the issues happened outside of school and are being brought to light at school. The board did not make any change and cellphones will be allowed per policy.

The elementary school will be receiving office and school supplies courtesy of 3M. It is a rotation process and it was seven years ago when Groton last received this gift. It amounts to three pallets of supplies.

The budget was approved in the amount of \$7,275,764. That is up by \$16,090 from the published budget in July. There will be no increase in the tax levy request as the valuation of the district is up. The 2014 valuation was \$771,319,615. The estimated 2015 valuation is \$911,874,975.

"We are in very good shape," said Business Manager Mike Weber. He also pointed out the funds that could get redistributed if the state legislature makes changes in its state aid and that amounted to \$825,000. Those funds come from utility taxes (\$560,000), traffic fines (\$48,500), wind farm revenue (\$170,000) and bank franchise tax (46,000). Those funds would be taken from the district, put into the state fund and the redistributed throughout the state. Groton could lose nearly all of those funds under the redistribution program.



Shelby Hendrickson and Janel Lone gave the fifth grade presentation to the Groton Area School Board Monday evening.

Yeatons move on to Welcov in Flandreau

Tim and Malerie Yeaton have made their move to Flandreau. Tim has been administrator of the Golden LivingCenter in Groton since 2010. He is managing the Flandreau campus of Welcov, which was previously owned by the Janklow's and was run by Bill Janklow's sister. "I have some pretty big shoes to fill," Tim said.

The manager of Welcov in Flandreau called Tim about coming to work there. "He said I think you would be a good fit and this what we can offer you," Tim said of the conversation. "It was one of those things I couldn't say no, too."

Leaving Groton was a challenge for the Yeaton's. "I saw myself sticking around here and teaching music again," Malerie said. "When I resigned, we had no intentions of moving. I was going to be a stay-at-home mom. But God chose a different path for us. It all started to change at the end of June. It was really out of the blue."

The Yeaton's moved to Groton after Malerie had a job teaching K-12 music in Webster and at the time, Tim had no job. "I graduated from college in May of 2010 and got into the house in Groton. It was probably overbudget for newly weds," Malerie said. "We got married in July and four days later, we were living in Groton, and the rest is history."

"I really love Groton," Tim said. "It's probably one of the nicest looking communities in the state for being clean and kept up." Tim was also an EMT for the Groton Rescue Squad and was also on the fire department. "The day we moved here we went to the Jungle and the first person we met in Groton was Dion Bahr, the fire chief," Malerie said remembering the day. "Tim's been on the department ever since." Tim also said he was involved with the Groton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Janet Harder then retired from music and Malerie became the fulltime music teacher. She started the Chamber Choir. "That was a little idea that I had," she said. "Then we started caroling. It's fun to work with kids that I can give them any piece of music and they want to work on it and they'll do it justice."

For Tim, the challenges will be the same in Flandreau as they are in Groton, and elsewhere in the state. "Long term care is a tough place to find staff," he said. "Every company is having problems."

Tim will have his hands full in Flandreau. Welcov has a nursing home, independent living apartments, multiple homes that have been converted into apartments and they have their own home health care system - all of which Tim will be overseeing.

"It's going to be different," Tim said. "Golden LivingCenter is the third largest nursing company in the nation with 304 nursing homes - and that's just the nursing home side. I'll be going to a smaller company where there will be more things to get done."

Tim was the administrator at both Groton and Ipswich. Ted Huss will be the administrator in Groton and will be an interim at Ipswich until they find their own administrator. Huss began his job August 25 in Groton and worked for a week while Tim was still here. "That doesn't happen too often," Tim said. "He has family in town and that was a draw for him." One thing Tim said that he will not miss is the travel. He said he put on 300 miles a week between Groton and Ipswich.

Malerie said, "For right now, I'm going to be a stay-at-home mom and eventually have a private piano studio."

The Yeaton's have bought a house in Flandreau and will be taking possession of that on October 1.



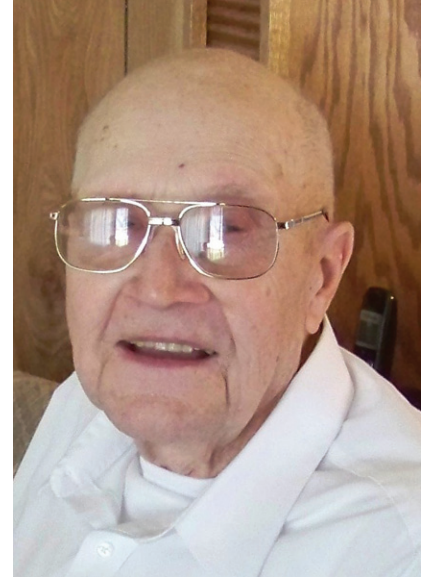
Tim and Malerie Yeaton, along with their son, Emmitt, stand in front of their newly shingled home in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The Life of Eugene Luce

Services for Eugene Luce, 92, of Groton will be 11:00am., Tuesday, September 23rd at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Matt Richards will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery.

Gene died September 20, 2014 at his home, surrounded by his family.

Eugene Carl Luce was born on May 2, 1922 to Vern and Jennie (Jorgenson) Luce. He attended school in Putney and enlisted in the US Marines in June of 1942. He served in WWII from 1942-1945 in the Pacific Theater. Gene served as a corporal until his honorable discharge in November of 1945. Gene returned to Minnesota and worked various jobs before returning to the Groton area. He was united in marriage with Ruby Hofer on June 15, 1957 at the United Methodist Church in Groton. They made their home in Groton and were blessed with three daughters. Eugene worked as a mechanic at the Ford Garage and Truck Center. He also did some tree cutting on the side. After retiring, he spent his time helping on many farms in the Groton area.



Gene was a member of the United Methodist Church in Groton and the American Legion Post #39. He was a 57 year member of the post and had served as a commander. Gene enjoyed the outdoors; especially hunting, fishing, and camping. He also liked to tinker on cars. Gene especially enjoyed supporting his grandchildren in all their activities.

Celebrating his life is his wife of 57 years, Ruby, his daughters, Vicki (Bill) Podoll, of Aberdeen; Pauline Luce of Groton; Bonnie (Ron) Gemar of Mobridge and his brother-in-law, Al Tennison of Seattle, Washington. Gene is also survived by his four grandchildren: Chris (Caitlin) Podoll, Jennie Hoyle, Stephen Gemar, and Stephanie Gemar. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

Honorary Casketbearers will be the Dairy Queen coffee group.

Casketbearers will be Vernel Gookin, Terry Belden, Troy Hofer, Jerry Hofer, Chris Podoll, and Stephen Gemar.

Come and Meet the Democrat Candidates

1/2 Hour after the Groton Homecoming Parade

Friday, Sept. 26 ~ Groton Community Center

Tom Fishbach for County Commissioner

Louie Liebig for County Commissioner

Paul Dennert for County Commissioner

Chuck Welke for District 2 Senate

Natasha Noethich for District 2 House

John Graham for District 2 House

Maxine Fisher for County Auditor



Huss takes over as administrator at Golden LivingCenter

Ted Huss has recently taken over as the executive director of the Golden LivingCenter in Groton.

The Faulkton native is a graduate of Northern State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice. He became a reserve police officer for the Aberdeen Police Department and then became a full-time officer for four years. He then moved to Sioux Falls where he was an officer for the Lennox Police Department.

Huss decided he wanted a career change, so he went to work for the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners for four and one-half years and attended grad school at the University of South Dakota with a master of Business Administration: Health Services Administration specialization. He graduated

from USD in December 2012 and became the executive director in training at the Golden LivingCenter in Clark. It is a six-month training period and after his training, he was transferred to Groton. He is also the interim executive director at Ipswich, renting a home in Aberdeen. He was looking for a house to rent in Groton, but at the time, rental homes were hard to come by.

"Health care is going and changing," Huss said. "I'm not here for me. I'm here for the residents." His dad, Jerry Huss, was the hospital administrator at Faulkton and Britton and Huss said he ended up following his dad's footsteps in the health care field.

Huss' time in Groton has been, in his words, "Great. I like visiting with the residents and it's fun to interact with them, especially when they find out I'm from Faulkton and a lot of people know someone from Faulkton. The staff is great to work with."

The Groton site is licensed for 45 residents and currently have 40 residents. Staffing remains a concern; although Huss added that staffing is an industry problem. "South Dakota has a low unemployment rate so there are not many people looking for jobs," he said. "It takes the right person to take care of the residents and to do the small things that will put a smile on their face."

Recently, the Groton Golden LivingCenter has participated in the Alzheimer's fund-raiser where Groton staff and residents raised \$3,000. "We will be presenting that check Saturday at the Alzheimer's walk at Wylie Park in Aberdeen on Saturday," Huss said. The walk begins at 10 a.m. Groton has an Alzheimer's wing. Leslie Smith has been the director of the Alzheimers Unit since April 2013 and Michele Herr has been the Director of Nursing since May 2013.



Ted Huss, a Faulkton native, is new Golden LivingCenter administrator. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Today in Weather History

1984: Snow fell from the early morning to the late evening hours across northwest South Dakota bringing more than a foot of snow to some locations. Camp Crook in Harding County reported 14 inches. Amounts between six and twelve inches were common across Harding and Perkins Counties as well as parts of Meade and Butte Counties. Roads in these areas were slushy with icy bridges. The snow covered much of the western third of South Dakota with depths generally an inch or less.

2004: Northeast of Browns Valley during the late afternoon, a tornado touched down and traveled through a cornfield and a farmstead before dissipating. The tornado damaged several sheds and a travel trailer along with toppling a large grain bin. The storm traveled northwest across Lake Traverse and into South Dakota where another tornado touched down south and southwest of Rosholt in Roberts County in the late afternoon. This tornado was stronger and destroyed a house, a mobile home, and a travel trailer. Another house and travel trailer were damaged and a shed was also ripped apart. The tornado also killed three cattle.

1551: The Grand Harbour, located in Valeeta, Malta, was hit by a tornado which moved inland and caused extensive damage. A shipping armada in the harbor about to go into battle was destroyed by the tornado, killing at least 600 people.

1815 - One of the greatest hurricanes to strike New England made landfall at Long Island and crossed Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It was the worst tempest in nearly two hundred years, equal to the hurricane which struck in 1938, and one of a series of severe summer and autumn storms to affect shipping lanes that year. (David Ludlum)

1904 - The temperature at Charlotteburg, NJ, dipped to 23 degrees, the coldest reading of record for so early in the autumn for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1983 - A thunderstorm downburst caused a timber blowdown in the Kaibab National Forest north of the Grand Canyon. Two hundred acres were completely destroyed, and scattered destruction occurred across another 3300 acres. Many trees were snapped off 15 to 30 feet above ground level. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Autumn began on a rather pleasant note for much of the nation. Showers and thunderstorms were confined to Florida and the southwestern deserts. Warm weather continued in the western U.S., and began to spread into the Great Plains Region, but even in the southwestern deserts readings remained below 100 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front in the south central U.S. produced severe weather in Oklahoma during the afternoon and early evening hours. Thunderstorms produced softball size hail near Noble and Enterprise, and baseball size hail at Lequire and Kinta. A tornado near Noble OK destroyed a mobile home injuring one person. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Seventeen cities in the north central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Devils Lake ND with a reading of 22 degrees. Jackson KY reported a record low of 41 degrees during the late afternoon. Strong northwesterly winds ushering cold air into the central and northeastern U.S. gusted to 55 mph at Indianapolis IND. Winds along the cold front gusted to 65 mph at Norfolk VA, and thunderstorms along the cold front deluged Roseland NJ with 2.25 inches of rain in one hour. The temperature at Richmond VA plunged from 84 degrees to 54 degrees in two hours. Snow and sleet was reported at Binghamton NY. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)



2005 - Hurricane Rita reached the Texas/Louisiana border area near Sabine Pass as a category-3 hurricane with maximum sustained winds near 120 mph. A storm surge of at least 15 feet flooded parts of Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Terrebonne and Vermilion parishes, where sugar cane crop losses were estimated near \$300 million. An 8-foot storm surge in New Orleans overtopped the provisionally-repaired levees (from Hurricane Katrina damage) and caused additional flooding. A total of 10 fatalities were










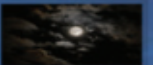










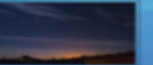
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Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 75 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 78 °F

Scattered Showers & Weak Storms Today/Tonight





Aberdeen, SD				Pierre, SD			
 Today Rain Showers—Thunderstorms Breezy	 Wednesday Mostly Cloudy	 Thursday Mostly Clear	 Friday Mostly Clear	 Today Rain Showers—Thunderstorms Breezy	 Wednesday Mostly Clear	 Thursday Mostly Clear Breezy	 Friday Mostly Clear Breezy
68° ▲ 40% □ 0.87" □ 5:22	77° ▲ 5% □ 0.00" □ 5:10	81° ▲ 0% □ 0.00" □ 5:13	82° ▲ 5% □ 0.00" □ 5:13	75° ▲ 20% □ 0.04" □ SE 19	84° ▲ 0% □ 0.00" □ 5:8	87° ▲ 0% □ 0.00" □ SE 18	87° ▲ 5% □ 0.00" □ 5:15
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Much Warmer From Mid Week On




weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen



Weak low pressure will drift across the forecast area today and tonight, with light shower activity, along with the occasional rumble of thunder. Dry, mild air returns Wednesday, with above normal temperatures going into the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 78.5°F at 5:26 PM

Low: 40.9°F at 4:44 AM

High Gust: 23 mph at 1:28 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1935

Record Low: 22° in 2012

Average High: 69°F

Average Low: 42°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.62

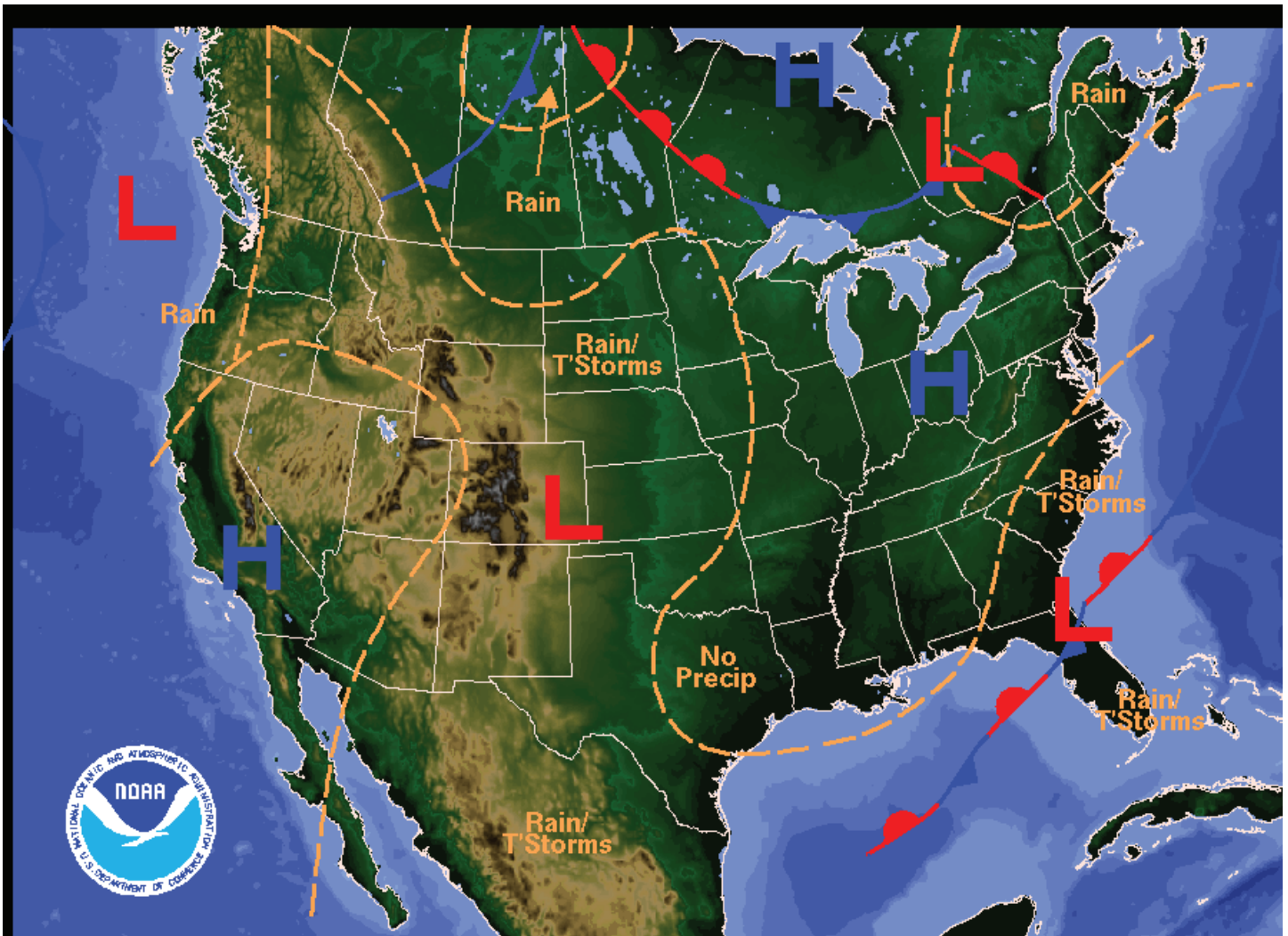
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.26

Average Precip to date: 17.91

Precip Year to Date: 12.56

Sunset Tonight: 7:29 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:23 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 23, 2014, issued 3:37 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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IF YOU DO, THEN HE WILL...

Have you ever met anyone who wanted to be a failure? Someone who looked for ways to be unsuccessful or rejected? A person who would wake up in the morning and say, "Well, I wonder what I can do today to mess things up?"

Probably not. In fact, most are just the opposite. They want to succeed, to be accepted, to make a positive contribution to themselves and others. Millions of dollars are invested annually by people who want to get ahead of others, make it "to the top of corporate the ladder," attend training seminars or get a promotion.

If they knew a proverb or two from Solomon, they may have an edge on others: "My son," he wrote, "do not forget my teaching. But keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity." Here, once again, we find a negative and a positive statement together: "Do not forget" and "keep my commandments."

This is one of the many if/thens found in Scripture: "If we do what God asks us to do, then He will guarantee us success." It's not about forgetting a verse of Scripture or not knowing the details of a particular event. Rather, it is to know and disregard His commandments, worship other gods, not to honor Him and not to live in fear of Him.

If our hearts are centered on God's Word and, and if we are faithful to Him in all things, then He, in a very real sense, is obligated to reward us. We can hold Him to His Word. If there is any one we can trust, it's God.

Prayer: Lord, increase our faith to trust You and Your Word, knowing that You will honor us if we honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:1, 2 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

News from the Associated Press

Former South Dakota pastor accused of sex crime

SELBY, S.D. (AP) — A former South Dakota pastor and educator is accused of having sexual contact with a minor six years ago.

Authorities allege that Timothy Thompson, 38, had sexual contact with a boy younger than 16 in 2008, when he was a pastor at Cornerstone Community Church in Mobridge. Thompson also previously served as a middle school and high school principal in McLaughlin.

The person who claims Thompson abused him did not come forward until this past summer, Walworth County State's Attorney James Hare told KELO-TV.

"You see this a lot of times with children victims. (They) don't report until they become adults or later in life, and this is just a prime example of that," he said.

Defense attorney Jennifer Coleman said it is not a case of rape, and that it is one person's word against another's. She also said Thompson does not have a criminal record.

A judge on Monday set Thompson's bond at \$15,000 and ordered that he not leave the area and or have unsupervised contact with children. Thompson is due back in court Oct. 14. He could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Thompson moved to Denver in February 2013 and worked as an administrator at a parochial school before his arrest last month, according to the American News of Aberdeen.

International soybean trade teams visiting ND

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Soybean buyers and processors from Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam are in North Dakota this week.

The officials are attending a course at the Northern Crops Institute in Fargo. It's aimed at giving participants an overview of the quality of soybeans grown in the northern U.S. and the intricacies of buying, handling and shipping soybeans from the region.

The course is co-sponsored by the North Dakota Soybean Council, U.S. Soybean Export Council, Northern Food Grade Soybean Association and Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council.

The international officials also will be touring farms and other sites in the Red River Valley of eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

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Bridgewater-Emery def. Howard, 17-25, 26-24, 25-11, 25-10

Chester def. Colman-Egan, 25-5, 25-10, 25-22

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Mobridge-Pollock def. Ipswich, 25-14, 25-18, 25-23
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Sully Buttes def. Timber Lake, 25-12, 25-9, 25-17
Webster def. Florence/Henry, 25-21, 25-17, 28-26
Wilmot def. Langford, 25-11, 25-9, 25-3

Current, past govs release answers on visa program

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Former Gov. Mike Rounds and Gov. Dennis Daugaard released written answers Monday to lawmaker questions about a federal job-creating program, but Democrats quickly dismissed the documents as incomplete and just further proof that both men need to testify in person.

The Government Operations and Audit Committee plans to review the answers Wednesday in Pierre and also prepare and send questions to Joop Bollen, the state's former administrator of the EB-5 program.

That program, which allows foreign investors to seek U.S. residency with a \$500,000 investment in an approved rural project that creates at least 10 jobs, is under scrutiny because of allegations of financial misconduct by Bollen and by the late Richard Benda, former commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Democrats want Rounds, Daugaard and Bollen to answer committee questions in person, but the Republican majority on the panel instead allowed them to submit written answers to questions posed by its members. Authorities had concluded that Benda committed suicide in October.

The documents largely summarize what Rounds and Daugaard already indicated: that the state did not lose millions of taxpayer dollars, that lawmakers need to consult other agencies for some answers and neither had any knowledge of Benda purportedly stealing \$550,000 when he left his job.

Rounds dismissed Democratic allegations of a conspiracy as nonsense because eight organizations, led by Republicans and Democrats, have looked into the issue.

"There has been irresponsible political innuendo without evidence," he wrote.

Daugaard is running for re-election and Rounds is vying with three others for the seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson.

Rounds said that if elected to the Senate, he would support and lead a review of EB-5 and emphasize federal oversight, though the program has created thousands of jobs and added much to the state's economy, especially during the recession.

Democratic Rep. Bernie Hunhoff, the House minority leader, said the written answers only muddled the discussion.

"The Daugaard administration said it happened before their time and the Rounds administration is saying it happened after his time. And he's (Rounds) pointing fingers at GOAC and the Board of Regents," he said.

Rounds said that state law didn't require a bid before Bollen's company, SDRC Inc., was granted the contract to administer the EB-5 program, and the contract was negotiated between Benda and Bollen, which is typical for such agreements.

Democrats earlier released documents showing Bollen founded SDRC five days before signing a deal with the firm and also did not disclose that he owned the private company.

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At the time, Bollen was an employee of Northern State University, so he was responsible to the Board of Regents. As such, GOAC was responsible for investigating any wrongdoing and the governor's office wasn't part of the chain of command, Rounds wrote.

But Zach Crago, executive director of the Democratic Party, said the agreement that allowed Bollen to administer the EB-5 program required him to keep GOED in the loop.

"Neither Mike Rounds or Dennis Daugaard want to take ownership over Joop Bollen's contract with himself as a state employee," Crago said.

Judge allows surgery scar lawsuit to move forward

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man who alleges Rapid City hospital workers abused him and intentionally carved the letters "KKK" into his abdomen during heart surgery has been allowed to pursue three of four claims in a federal lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken has rejected Vernon Traversie's medical negligence allegation. Viken, however, has allowed Traversie to pursue claims for a violation of civil rights, battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Traversie is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. He says the abuse occurred in 2011.

The case earlier was referred to state and federal authorities. Attorney General Marty Jackley in 2012 said investigations found no evidence of criminal or intentional conduct. The investigations found the marks were the result of a skin reaction to medical grade tape.

Defendants in the lawsuit include Rapid City Regional Hospital.

National Endowment for the Arts chair visits SD

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The chairwoman of the National Endowment of the Arts is in South Dakota exploring federally funded projects and speaking to local advocates.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting (<http://bit.ly/1tVXPgr>) reports Jane Chu on Monday told the audience at a forum that South Dakotans must share success stories about robust local arts projects with the rest of the country.

Chu says people need to talk about projects that show communities do benefit from cultivating arts programs.

Chu says an example is a park in Sioux Falls where a federal grant helped eighth-graders transform an often-vandalized wall into a major public mural.

Chu has been leading the independent federal agency for about three months. She grew up in Kansas, but lived in Sioux Falls for some time about 25 years ago.

South Dakota Prep Polls The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and last week's ranking. With first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

Class 11AAA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Sioux Falls Lincoln			(9)	4-0	45 1

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2. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	-	3-1	36	2
3. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	-	3-1	26	3
4. Brandon Valley	-	2-2	19	4
5. Aberdeen Central	-	2-1	9	5

Others receiving votes: None.

Class 11AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Yankton (5)		3-0	39	2	
2. Harrisburg		(3)	3-0	35	3
(tie)Brookings		(1)	3-1	35	1
4. Pierre	-	2-2	14	4	
5. Watertown	-	1-2	7	5	

Others receiving votes: Douglas 4-0.

Class 11A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. West Central		(9)	3-0	45	1
2. Madison	-	4-0	35	2	
3. Dell Rapids	-	2-1	28	3	
4. Tea Area	-	2-2	12	NR	
5. Sisseton	-	2-1	8	4	

Others receiving votes: Hot Springs 1-2, Vermillion 2-2.

Class 11B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Parkston (8)		4-0	44	1	
2. Winner (1)		3-0	37	2	
3. St. Thomas More		-	4-0	27	3
1. Aberdeen Roncalli		-	4-0	18	4
5. McCook Central	5Montrose	-	3-0	9	NR

Others receiving votes: None.

Class 9AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Gregory (6)		4-0	42	1		
2. Arlington (3)		4-0	39	2		
3. Woon-Wess Spr.-San Central		-	3-0	27	3	
4. Garretson		-	3-0	17	4	
5. Bridgewater	5Emery	5Ethan	-	2-2	9	NR

Others receiving votes: Menno-Marion 2-1.

Class 9A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Howard (6)		3-0	42	1	
2. Wolsey-Wessington		(3)	3-0	38	2
3. Potter County	-	4-0	26	3	
4. Alcester-Hudson	-	4-0	19	4	
5. Herreid-Selby Area	-	3-0	8	NR	

Others receiving votes: Warner 2-1.

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Class 9B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Canistota	(9)	4-0	45	1		
2. Hamlin	-	4-0	32	2		
3. Harding County	-		3-0	27	3	
4. Avon	-	3-1	19	4		
5. Dell Rapids St. Mary		-	3-0	7	5	

Others receiving votes: Eureka-Bowdle 3-0, Langford Area 4-0.

Powerball ticket sold in Hot Springs worth \$10,000

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lottery officials say a Powerball ticket sold in Hot Springs is worth \$10,000.

The ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball in the Saturday drawing to win the game's third prize. The odds of winning it are 1 in about 650,000.

The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$225 million for the Wednesday drawing.

Postal Service scraps Lead-Deadwood mail plan

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service is postponing plans to cut home mail delivery to more than 700 addresses in Lead and Deadwood.

The Postal Service announced the move to centralized collection boxes last week, after a string of injuries to postal workers due to falls related to poor or absent sidewalks. The move was to happen in October, affecting about 20 percent of Deadwood addresses and 25 percent of Lead addresses, but the agency reversed course a couple of days later without giving a reason.

Regional spokesman Pete Nowacki did tell the Black Hills Pioneer that the Postal Service will continue to evaluate safety issues in the two Black Hills communities.

"We will make a final decision on any change in delivery method at a later date if necessary," he said.

Seven postal workers have reported injuries in the past three years due to falls related to sidewalks, according to Lead-Deadwood Postmaster Laura Uhrig.

Property owners generally are responsible for maintaining sidewalks even though they are owned by the city. Some residents told the Rapid City Journal that the cost is prohibitive.

Jerry Muller said his property in lead is next to an elevated sidewalk with a crumbling foundation, and a contractor told him it would cost \$20,000 to repair.

"I'd like some help (fixing) it," he said.

The Old West gambling town of Deadwood, through historic preservation laws, offers low- or no-interest loans to homeowners to help pay for sidewalk repairs, building inspector Keith Umenthum said.

Fire burns more than 100 acres near Fort Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities believe hunters might be to blame for a fire that burned more than 100 acres of wheat stubble and grass southeast of Fort Pierre.

Fort Pierre Fire Chief Rick Cronin says the Sunday afternoon blaze mostly was on tribal land. No people

were hurt and no buildings were threatened, but Cronin said dry conditions, heat and strong winds made it difficult to fight the blaze.

Crews from the Fort Pierre Fire Department, Pierre Rural Fire Department, Presho Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service were on scene for about three hours.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. FIRST AIRSTRIKES AGAINST ISLAMIC STATE GROUP BEGIN IN SYRIA

The Pentagon says the U.S. and its Arab partners used fighter jets, bombers, and cruise missiles to hit militants' command and control centers.

2. WHAT POLICE FIND IN ACCUSED WHITE HOUSE INTRUDER'S CAR

Investigators discover more than 800 rounds of ammunition in the vehicle of the former soldier who police say scaled the White House fence and sprinted inside carrying a knife, a federal prosecutor says.

3. TWO SUSPECTS IN ABDUCTION OF ISRAELI TEENS KILLED

The deaths of the two Hamas activists ends one of the largest manhunts conducted by the Israeli security forces.

4. WHERE STATE TROOPER AMBUSH SUSPECT COULD BE HIDING

Authorities say Eric Frein, accused of shooting two Pennsylvania state troopers, might be taking refuge in homemade bunkers in the state's northeastern hills.

5. GOVERNMENT HACKERS TRY TO CRACK HEALTHCARE.GOV

The watchdogs find what they term a critical vulnerability — but also come away with respect for some of the health insurance site's security features.

6. 21,000 EBOLA CASES BY NOVEMBER IF NO CHANGES

The World Health Organization warns the disease could sicken people for years to come without better control measures.

7. WHO SEEKS FAVOR IN WASHINGTON

Before becoming president-elect of Afghanistan, Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai began spending tens of thousands of dollars on lobbyists in the United States.

8. RIGHTS OF SAME-SEX MILITARY SPOUSES VARY BY STATE

Two-thirds of active-duty personnel in the U.S. are based in states that don't recognize gay marriages, leaving thousands of their families missing out on legal rights they would enjoy if stationed elsewhere.

9. AMNESTY: CHINESE TORTURE EQUIPMENT EXPORTS RISE

The human rights group says Chinese production and export of gear such as electric shock wands and neck-and-wrist cuffs connected by a chain has grown dramatically.

10. LIVESTRONG CEO LEAVING AFTER 14 YEARS

Doug Ulman will become president and chief executive officer of Pelotonia, a Columbus, Ohio, charity bike ride.

AP News in Brief

Pentagon: US, partners expand airstrikes into Syria against Islamic State group targets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. and five Arab countries launched airstrikes Monday night on Islamic

State group targets in eastern Syria, and the U.S. undertook a separate, unilateral air attack on what it called an al-Qaida affiliate elsewhere in Syria.

Several hours after the Pentagon announced the airstrikes against Islamic State targets, U.S. Central Command said American warplanes launched eight airstrikes “to disrupt the imminent attack plotting against the United States and Western interests” by a network of “seasoned al-Qaida veterans” — sometimes known as the Khorasan Group — who have established a haven in Syria. It provided no details on the plotting.

Central Command said that separate bombing mission was undertaken solely by U.S. aircraft and took place west of the Syrian city of Aleppo. It said targets included training camps, an explosives and munitions production facility, a communication building and command and control facilities.

The airstrikes against Islamic State targets were carried out in the city of Raqqa and other areas in eastern Syria by a mix of manned aircraft — fighter jets and bombers — plus Tomahawk cruise missiles and drone aircraft. The strikes were part of the expanded military campaign that President Barack Obama authorized nearly two weeks ago in order to disrupt and destroy the Islamic State militants, who have slaughtered thousands of people, beheaded Westerners — including two American journalists — and captured large swaths of Syria and northern and western Iraq.

In its written statement detailing the operation, Central Command said the airstrikes, which officials said began around 8:30 p.m. EDT, were conducted by the U.S., Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates. It said the five Arab partner countries “participated in or supported” the airstrikes against Islamic State targets. It was not more specific.

Damascus says Washington informed Syrian UN envoy before striking Islamic State group in Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The Syrian foreign ministry said Tuesday that Washington informed Damascus’ envoy to the United Nations before launching airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria, attacks that activists said inflicted casualties among jihadi fighters and civilians on the ground.

A brief ministry statement, carried by Syrian state media, said “the American side informed Syria’s permanent envoy to the U.N. that strikes will be launched against the Daesh terrorist organization in Raqqa.”

The statement used an Arabic name referring to the Islamic State group, which seized large chunks of Syrian and Iraqi territory in a blitz this summer.

The airstrikes hit targets in and around the Syrian city of Raqqa and the province with the same name as well as the eastern province of Deir el-Zour, activists said, adding that there were casualties among Islamic State militants on the ground. The city of Raqqa is the militant group’s self-declared capital in Syria.

The activists said the strikes did not only target the Islamic State group but also the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front.

Israeli military says it shot down a Syrian aircraft that entered its airspace

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military shot down a Syrian fighter jet that infiltrated its airspace over the Golan Heights on Tuesday morning — the first such downing in decades, heightening tensions in the volatile plateau.

The military said a "Syrian aircraft infiltrated into Israeli air space" in the morning hours and that the military "intercepted the aircraft in mid-flight, using the Patriot air defense system."

The military would not say what type of aircraft was downed and said the circumstances of the incident were "unclear."

A defense official identified the downed aircraft as a Sukhoi Su-24 Russian fighter plane. Previously, it was reported to have been a MiG aircraft. He said the Syrian jet penetrated 800 meters (2,600 feet) into Israeli air space and tried to return to Syria after the Patriot missile was fired.

The crew managed to abandon the plane in time and landed in Syrian territory, the Israeli official said.

Accused White House intruder heavily armed during arrest in Va. months before breach

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months before Omar J. Gonzalez allegedly hopped a White House fence, dashed across the North Lawn and entered the executive mansion, he was arrested in rural Virginia, heavily armed and carrying a map of Washington tucked inside a Bible — with a circle drawn around the White House.

The 42-year-old Army veteran from Copperas Cove, Texas, had been arrested July 19 in rural southwestern Virginia after a state trooper received a call about a man in a Ford Bronco driving erratically. He was taken into custody after a brief pursuit and a trooper found an illegal, sawed-off shotgun in the gray sport utility vehicle, according to Wythe County Deputy Commonwealth Attorney David Saliba.

After his arrest, troopers and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found weapons that included two semi-automatic, military-style rifles, including one with a bipod and flashlight and one with a bipod and scope; three .45-caliber handguns; and several loaded ammunition magazines. Saliba said Gonzalez also had a hatchet and camping equipment.

Gonzalez was released from jail in Virginia on \$5,000 bond and last appeared in court Sept. 11. He did not enter a plea in that case.

Authorities ran into Gonzalez again on Aug. 25, when he was stopped while walking by the south fence of the White House, his car parked nearby. He had a hatchet in his waistband but no firearms, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Mudd said during a brief court hearing Monday.

Israeli forces kill 2 Hamas men suspected in abduction and slaying of Israeli teens

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli special forces stormed a West Bank hideout early on Tuesday and killed two Palestinians suspected in the June abduction and slaying of three Israeli teenagers, a gruesome attack that had triggered a chain of events that led to the war in Gaza this summer.

The deaths of the two suspects, identified by the Israeli military as well-known Hamas militants, ended one of the largest manhunts conducted by the Israeli security forces.

Eyal Yifrah, 19, Gilad Shaar, 16, and Naftali Fraenkel, a 16-year-old with dual Israeli-American citizenship, were abducted on June 12 while hitchhiking home in the West Bank and killed soon afterward.

The teens' abduction and slaying prompted a large Israeli crackdown on the Islamic militant Hamas group and set off a chain of events that led to a 50-day war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

In an operation codenamed "Brother's Keeper," Israel dispatched thousands of troops across the West Bank in search of the youths, closed roads in the Hebron area and arrested hundreds of Hamas opera-

tives throughout the territory.

Tensions running high as ambush suspect eludes hundreds of law enforcement

CANADENSIS, Pa. (AP) — A 10-day manhunt for the survivalist accused of ambushing a Pennsylvania State Police barracks has narrowed to the rural area where he grew up and his parents still live, but the suspect has managed to elude capture despite the efforts of hundreds of law enforcement officials.

State police have been closing roads in the Canadensis area as they hunt for 31-year-old Eric Frein, who's charged with killing Cpl. Bryon Dickson on Sept. 12 and seriously wounding another trooper outside the Blooming Grove barracks.

Residents have been unable to get back to their homes due to heavy police activity in the heavily wooded region of the Pocono Mountains, and tensions are running high. The American Red Cross opened a shelter for displaced residents from two townships late Monday.

One resident, Bill Mew, said the lengthy manhunt has been nerve-wracking, especially with police choppers circling overhead.

"You start thinking to yourself, is this guy standing outside your front door? So you start looking out the windows, and then you think to yourself, that's not such a good idea, in case he's looking back," he said.

Report: Government's own 'white-hat' hackers give HealthCare.gov mixed review on security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's own watchdogs tried to hack into HealthCare.gov earlier this year and found what they termed a critical vulnerability — but also came away with respect for some of the health insurance site's security features.

Those are among the conclusions of a report being released Tuesday by the Health and Human Services Department inspector general, who focuses on health care fraud.

The report amounts to a mixed review for the federal website that serves as the portal to taxpayer-subsidized health plans for millions of Americans. Open enrollment season starts Nov. 15.

So-called "white hat" or ethical hackers from the inspector general's office found a weakness, but when they attempted to exploit it like a malicious hacker would, they were blocked by the system's defenses.

It's the second independent security assessment in as many weeks to find problems, and it comes on the heels of the massive breach at Home Depot stores, which affected 56 million credit and debit cards.

6 months into the Ebola outbreak, scientists say we're learning more about deadly virus

LONDON (AP) — Six months into the biggest-ever Ebola outbreak, scientists say they know more about how the potentially lethal virus behaves. The first cases of Ebola in this outbreak were reported in Guinea by the World Health Organization on March 23 — before spreading to Sierra Leone, Liberia and elsewhere. Here's a look at what scientists have learned so far.

HOW DIFFERENT IS THIS OUTBREAK?

Past outbreaks have all been in rural communities and have typically been snuffed out in weeks or

months. But one main difference this time is that it has hit densely packed cities in West Africa, making the current outbreak an international threat. "I always thought Ebola was really bad when it happens, but that it would kill 100 people in a remote part of Africa, and then it's over," said Dr. Peter Piot, the co-discoverer of Ebola. He said the severity of this outbreak could also be linked to the increased movement of people across borders and "more contact with whatever the primary source of Ebola is." The virus' reservoir is thought to be fruit bats, considered a delicacy in some parts of Africa. In a study released Tuesday by the New England Journal of Medicine, the World Health Organization said it was possible there could be almost 21,000 Ebola cases by early November and that cases could continue to trickle out for years if there is no change in current containment measures.

For same-sex military spouses, a duty station in a gay-friendly state makes all the difference

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — On the wall over her bunk in Kuwait, Marine Cpl. Nivia Huskey proudly displays a collection of sonogram printouts of the baby boy her pregnant spouse is carrying back home in North Carolina. If all goes as planned, the 28-year-old military policewoman will return to Camp Lejeune in time for a January delivery at an on-base hospital.

But the space on the baby's birth certificate marked "Father" will be left blank.

Though her wedding in Washington, D.C., to Jessica Painter Huskey is recognized by the federal government, including the military, Cpl. Huskey is assigned to a battalion based in North Carolina, where state law bans same-sex marriage. She is barred from legally adopting her spouse's biological child, and will have no legal recognition as a parent.

Last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act ensured that federal military benefits extend to same-sex partners and their children.

But about two-thirds of active-duty personnel in the U.S. are based in states that don't recognize gay marriages, leaving thousands of military families missing out on legal rights they would enjoy if Uncle Sam had stationed them elsewhere.

AP Exclusive: Brazil won't sign onto to global plan to save forests, says it wasn't consulted

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite its critical role in protecting the Amazon rainforest, Brazil will not endorse a global anti-deforestation initiative being announced at the U.N. climate summit, complaining it was left out of the consultation process. A U.N. official disputed that claim.

Brazilian Environment Minister Izabella Teixeira said Brazil was "not invited to be engaged in the preparation process" of the declaration. Instead, she said Brazil was given a copy of the text and asked to endorse it without being allowed to suggest any changes.

"Unfortunately, we were not consulted. But I think that it's impossible to think that you can have a global forest initiative without Brazil on board. It doesn't make sense," Teixeira said in an interview Monday with The Associated Press.

Charles McNeill, a senior environmental policy adviser with the U.N. Development Program, said "there were efforts to reach out to Brazilian government people but there wasn't a response."

"There was no desire to exclude Brazil," said McNeill. "They are the most important country in this area. An effort that involves Brazil is much more powerful and impactful than one that doesn't."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 23, the 266th day of 2014. There are 99 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard, commanded by John Paul Jones, defeated the HMS Serapis in battle off Yorkshire, England; however, the seriously damaged Bon Homme Richard sank two days later.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis more than two years after setting out for the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, Neptune was identified as a planet by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle (GAH'-luh).

In 1889, American newspaperman and columnist Walter Lippmann was born in New York City. Nintendo was founded in Kyoto, Japan, as a playing card company.

In 1908, an apparent baserunning error by Fred Merkle of the New York Giants cost his team a victory against the Chicago Cubs and left the game tied 1-1. The Cubs won a rematch and with it, the National League pennant.

In 1939, Sigmund Freud (froyd), the founder of psychoanalysis, died in London at age 83.

In 1952, in what became known as the "Checkers" speech, Sen. Richard M. Nixon, R-Calif., salvaged his vice-presidential nomination by appearing live on television to refute allegations of improper campaign fundraising.

In 1957, nine black students who'd entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.

In 1962, New York's Philharmonic Hall (later renamed Avery Fisher Hall) formally opened as the first unit of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. "The Jetsons," an animated cartoon series about a Space Age family, premiered as the ABC television network's first program in color.

In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron won a landslide election victory that returned him to power; his wife, Isabel, was elected vice president.

In 1981, the Reagan administration announced plans for what became known as Radio Marti.

In 1999, the Mars Climate Orbiter apparently burned up as it attempted to go into orbit around the Red Planet.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush denied painting too rosy a picture about Iraq, and said he would consider sending more troops if asked; Iraq's interim leader, Ayad Allawi (EE'-yahd ah-LAH'-wee), standing with Bush in the White House Rose Garden, said additional troops weren't needed.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama addressed the U.N. General Assembly, where he challenged world leaders to shoulder more of the globe's critical burdens, warning they could no longer castigate the U.S. as a go-it-alone bully while still demanding it cure all ills.

One year ago: Facing possible firing, Lois Lerner, the Internal Revenue Service official at the center of the agency's tea party scandal, retired. An Egyptian court ordered the banning of the Muslim Brotherhood and the confiscation of its assets. After 20 consecutive years of losing, the Pittsburgh Pirates clinched at least a National League wild card when they beat the Chicago Cubs 2-1 and Washington lost to St. Louis 4-3. (The Pirates' year came to an end as they lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in a division series that went the full five games.)

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Today's Birthdays: Singer Julio Iglesias is 71. Actor Paul Petersen (TV: "The Donna Reed Show") is 69. Actress-singer Mary Kay Place is 67. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 65. Rock musician Leon Taylor (The Ventures) is 59. Actress Rosalind Chao is 57. Golfer Larry Mize is 56. Actor Jason Alexander is 55. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 55. Actor Chi McBride is 53. Country musician Don Herron (BR549) is 52. Actor Erik Todd Dellums is 50. Actress LisaRaye is 48. Singer Ani (AH'-nee) DiFranco is 44. Rock singer Sarah Bettens (K's Choice) is 42. Recording executive Jermaine Dupri is 42. Actor Kip Pardue is 38. Actor Anthony Mackie is 36. Pop singer Erik-Michael Estrada (TV: "Making the Band") is 35. Actress Aubrey Dollar is 34. Tennis player Melanie Oudin (oo-DAN') is 23.

Thought for Today: "Ours is a problem in which deception has become organized and strong; where truth is poisoned at its source; one in which the skill of the shrewdest brains is devoted to misleading a bewildered people." - Walter Lippmann (1889-1974).