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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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Homecoming Week!

Friday: Spirit Day
School begins 8:30 am.
Teachers take attendance and then MS/HS students will be dismissed with their advisors to work on floats.

Tailgate lunch @11:30 pm football field.
Students will be dismissed to 5th period at 12:00 pm for attendance. Dismiss for the parade.

Homecoming parade @ 1:00 pm.
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Jungle Day Bazaar at Presbyterian Church

GHS Pep Band 6:30 pm.
Football game 7:00 pm vs Sioux Valley (King and Queen announced at half time).

School Breakfast: Yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Tailgate Day.

Senior Menu: Lemon Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, California Blend Veggies, Peach Crisp, Whole Wheat Bread.

Birthdays: • Alan Strom • Heidi Krueger



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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

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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)

Wanted to Rent

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

Prime Rib

baked potato, salad

\$18.50

Saturday, Sept. 27

Serving 6-9 p.m.



Drink and
Shot Specials
all Night!

Mark Remily

Karaoke

w/ Mark Remily

8:30-1:30



120 S Main St. • 298-5252

Friday Night is Fried Chicken Day

Wednesday is Wings Night

Cylones defeat Tigers in volleyball

Groton's volleyball team suffered a 3-0 loss to the hands of Clark-Willow Lake Thursday night in Clark. Game scores were 25-18, 25-12 and 25-16.

Groton was 39 of 48 in serving with three ace serves. Marlee Jones was eight of 10 with two ace serves and Josie Doeden was 12 of 12.

In sets, Groton was 63 of 63 with 14 assists. Courtney Kurtz had 61 sets and 14 assists.

Groton was 73 of 94 in spikes with 19 kills. Josie Doeden was 13 of 18 with five kills and Audry Wanner was 15 of 17 with five kills.

Doeden and Maggie Simon each had one block. Kasey Waage had 21 of the team's 68 digs and Ashley Gibbs had 16 and Audrey Wanner 12.

Groton won the junior varsity match, 25-11 and 25-20, and Groton won the C match, 24-26, 25-21 and 15-13.

Boys lose to James Valley Christian

The Groton Boys Soccer team played James Valley Christian in Groton on Thursday, September 25th and lost 1-0. James Valley scored at the 38:00 minute mark - early in the second half to take the lead.

The Groton Boys JV followed with a game against JVC JV. Groton's Hunter Schaller scored in the first five minutes of the game to give the Tigers the 1-0 victory.



Rayce Harder



Jacob Milbrandt

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Stormy Bahr



Trevor Pray in JV



**Cade Guthmiller
JV Game**

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



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Thursday was Color at GHS. Left to right 6-8 graders Colby Merkel 1st place , Tiarra DeHoet 2nd place, and Alyssa Fordham 3rd place. Not pictured are Nick Menzia 1st place and Marshall Lane 2 place from grades 9-10 , Devon Poppen 1st place and Ethan Braun 2nd place 11-12 grade

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!

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. EOE/M/F/D/V

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FALL HARVEST LEASE SPECIALS!!!



2013 CASEIH STEIGER 400, <u>AUTOSTEER</u> , 500 HRS	2013 CASEIH STEIGER 450, <u>AUTOSTEER</u> 500 HR
24 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$20,642/YR	24 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$25,785/YR
24 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$25,185/YR	24 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$30,592/YR
36 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$19,051/YR	36 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$22,825/YR
36 MONTH 600 HRS/YR LEAS \$23,010/YR	36 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$27,014/YR



2013 CASEIH 450 <u>QUADTRACK</u> , <u>AUTOSTEER</u> , 550 HRS
24 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$25,641/YR
24 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$31,101/YR
36 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$23,459/YR
36 MONTH 600 HRS/YR LEASE \$28,216/YR

JUSTIN HANSON
TITAN MACHINERY-ABERDEEN
605-380-1120

Today in Weather History

1965: A hard freeze hit most of Minnesota in the early morning causing the loss of millions of bushels of corn and soybeans. Some temperatures fell below 20 degrees far north in the state.

1981: A tornado touched down in the early morning hours several times east of Vermillion. Two barns received extensive damage.

1881: Japan's deadliest tornado occurred when 16 people were killed at Miyazaki, near the southern tip of the country. The elementary school was destroyed.

1898: A school teacher saved 40 children from death in Merritton, Ontario, when she spotted an approaching tornado and led her students to a safe corner. Unfortunately, falling debris did kill one of the children and injured several others.

1936 - Denver, CO, was buried under 21.3 inches of snow, 19.4 inches of which fell in 24 hours. The heavy wet snow snapped trees and wires causing seven million dollars damage. (26th-27th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1950 - Residents of the northeastern U.S. observed a blue sun and a blue moon, caused by forest fires in British Columbia. (David Ludlum)

1959: The passage of Typhoon Vera over Japan was the country's greatest storm disaster to that date. The death toll reached nearly 5000, with 1.5 million homeless. The typhoon dealt a staggering blow to the economy with tremendous damage to roads, bridges and communications from wind, floods and landslides. 1963 - San Diego, CA, reached an all-time record high of 111 degrees. Los Angeles hit 109 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1970 - Santa Ana winds brought fires to Los Angeles County, and to points south and east. Half a million acres were consumed by the fires, as were 1000 structures. Twenty firemen were injured. (25th-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1979 - In the midst of a hot September for Death Valley, California, the afternoon high was 104 degrees for the second of three days, the coolest afternoon highs for the month. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Freezing temperatures were reported in the Northern and Central Appalachians, and the Upper Ohio Valley. The morning low of 27 degrees at Concord NH tied their record for the date. Temperatures soared into the 90s in South Dakota. Pierre SD reported an afternoon high of 98 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across Florida. Afternoon highs of 92 degrees at Apalachicola and 95 degrees at Fort Myers were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Rain spread from the southeastern states across New England overnight. Cape Hatteras NC reported measurable rainfall for the fourteenth straight day, with 15.51 inches of rain recorded during that two week period. Phoenix AZ reported a record high of 108 degrees, and a record 134 days of 100 degree weather for the year. Afternoon temperatures were only in the 40s over parts of northwest Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. (The National Weather Summary)

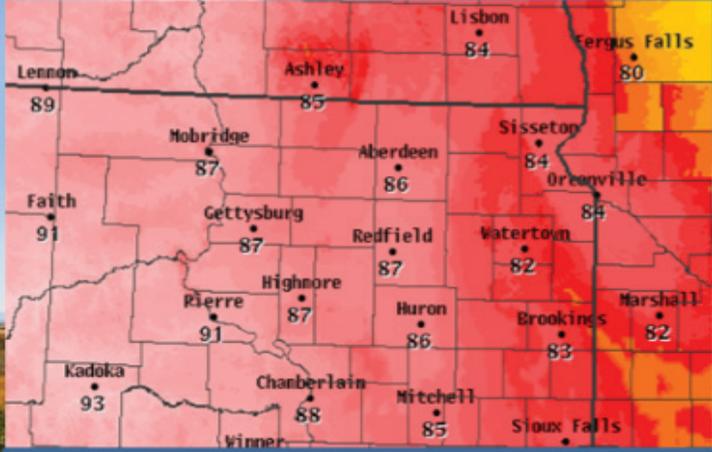
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Partly Sunny
High: 85 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 71 °F



Mild Temperatures & Dry Conditions Through The Weekend



Todays Highs:
10-20 Degrees Above Average

City	Temperature
Lisbon	84
Fergus Falls	80
Ashley	85
Mobridge	87
Aberdeen	86
Sisseton	84
Oranville	84
Faith	91
Gettysburg	87
Redfield	87
Watertown	82
Highmore	87
Pierre	91
Huron	86
Brookings	83
Marshall	82
Kadoka	93
Chamberlain	88
Mitchell	85
Sioux Falls	
Winnipeg	

Saturday



Highs:
Upper 70s –
Low 80s

Sunday



Highs:
Mid 70s –
Low 80s

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 9/26/2014 5:15 AM Central

Mild & Dry conditions will dominate the forecast through the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 87.7°F at 3:55 PM

Low: 57.8°F at 6:34 AM

High Gust: 16 mph at 2:04 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1974

Record Low: 17° in 1939

Average High: 67°F

Average Low: 41°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.83

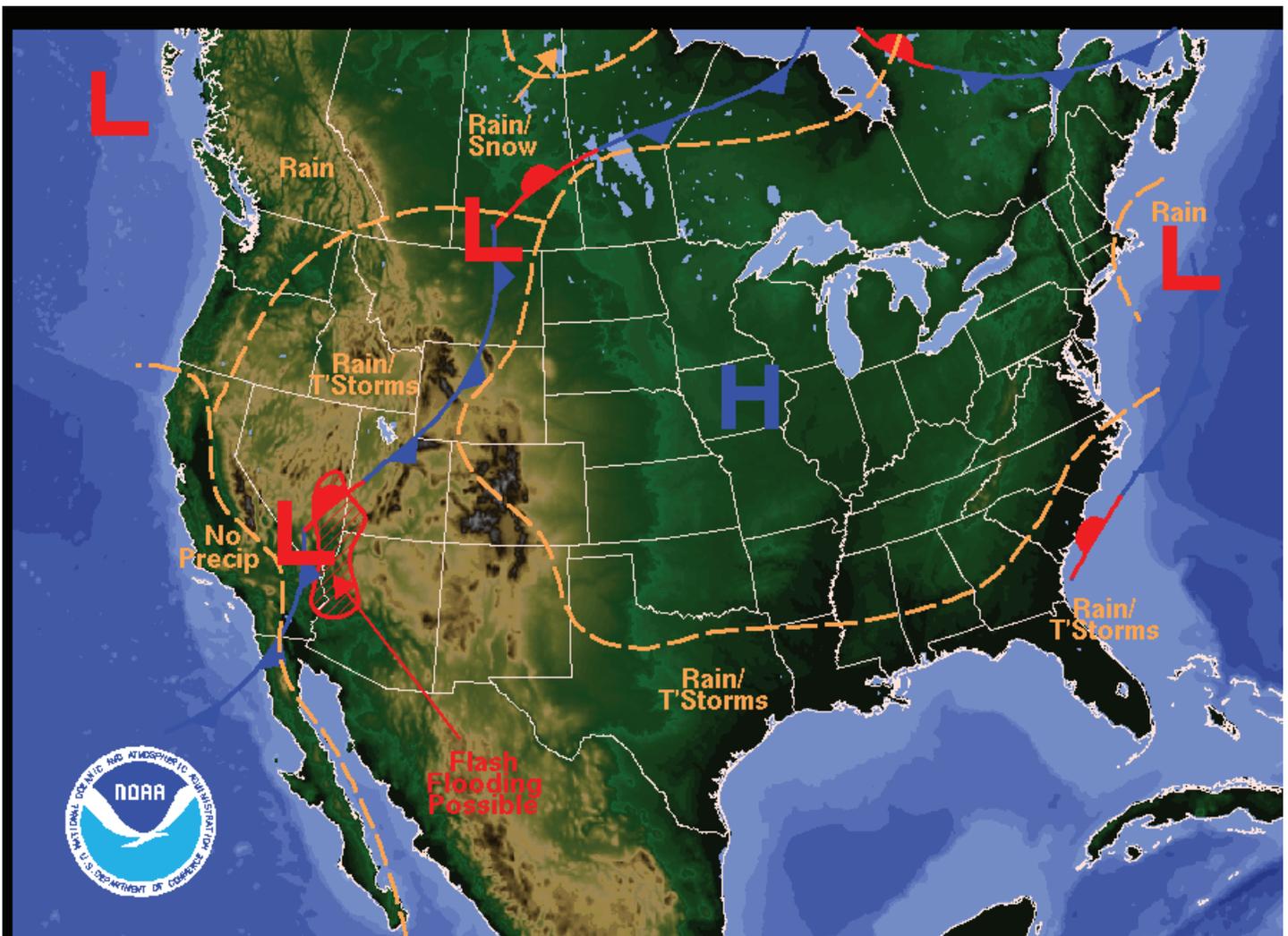
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.54

Average Precip to date: 18.12

Precip Year to Date: 12.84

Sunset Tonight: 7:23 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:27 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 26, 2014, issued 3:16 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



LEANING AND LIVING

It was a dark, cold, windy morning with patches of snow and invisible stretches of ice on our driveway. They were called "black ice" because they could not be seen.

Suddenly, even though I was walking very slowly and cautiously, my right heel landed on a patch of that ice and I slipped and fell. The pain was excruciating and I began to call for my wife. When she saw my situation, she immediately called EMS who took me to the hospital.

After x-rays and an examination, the doctor said I had ruptured my patella tendon and needed to have surgery. Unfortunately, it took more than six months before I could walk on my own. I had to have some "thing" to lean on or I would fall. This was extremely difficult for me because I did not want to depend on anyone or anything. And every time I tried to walk without a walker or a cane, I would fall. Once I lay on the floor for over an hour, waiting until someone came to rescue me. A wise person would have followed the guidance of someone who could teach them how to regain their strength and learn to walk again. But, I refused to humble myself and submit to the instructions of the physical therapist. How very foolish of me.

Yet, is that not how many approach life? We know what God wants us to do, but we do not do it because of our pride. When that happens, we pay the consequences.

Many of us have refused to "lean" on and trust in the Lord when we needed His guidance to make the right decision or His power to resist temptation. But, because of our pride we refuse to "lean" on Him and fail miserably.

Prayer: Father, it must disappoint You greatly when we have Your wisdom yet refuse to accept it and follow it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:5b and lean not on your own understanding;

News from the Associated Press

School of Mines studying battlefield waste

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Researchers at the School of Mines & Technology are looking for ways to convert battlefield waste into energy.

The Rapid City school received a \$4.8 million contract from the U.S. Air Force to develop technologies that reduce the need for fuel and water to be delivered and lower the amount of solid waste that must be removed from bases.

Besides conserving water, liquid and gas, fuels from base waste could be used or converted into electricity, heat and other forms of energy.

The school says researchers already have done work that will help them deliver commercial prototypes, which are required for the project.

Worrisome weed could threaten Upper Midwest crops

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A weed strong enough to stop combines and resist many herbicides has been confirmed in South Dakota for the first time, raising concerns it could spread and cut deeply into crop production in the Upper Midwest — one of the few areas it hadn't yet invaded.

The threat from palmer amaranth is so great that officials in North Dakota have named it the weed of the year, even though it has yet to be found in the state.

"If you think you find plants — kill it!" North Dakota State University Extension Weed Specialist Rich Zollinger said. "Don't even think. Just kill it."

In South Dakota, palmer amaranth is now a reality. A few scattered plants were found this summer on the edge of a sunflower field in Buffalo County.

"We really don't know if it's going to become a significant problem for us or not, but we're going to keep a very close eye on it to make sure that we're on top of it if it does develop," said Paul Johnson, extension weed science coordinator for South Dakota State University.

The weed some officials refer to as "Satan" has moved into the Midwest from cotton country, and was discovered in western Iowa soybean fields last year. It's native to desert regions of the southwest U.S. and northern Mexico.

Palmer amaranth can be spread in a number of ways, including on farm machinery or in grass seed. The plants can grow as tall as 7 feet, each one producing as much as a million seeds. Its stems can grow as thick as baseball bats.

"The big concern is, in Southern states, it has developed — quickly — resistance to a considerable amount of herbicides," Johnson said.

SDSU plans to monitor the site where it was found in South Dakota to determine if any seeds survive the winter, which Johnson said it hadn't in the past in northern climes.

"It will all depend on if it can develop characteristics so it can overwinter in our climate," he said. "That's the part we really don't know."

"But the weed does have the ability to change. Maybe that will be the change it makes — adapting to a northern climate."

Another concern is that the weed was found near the Missouri River. Johnson said the climate there

could be favorable because of the heat of the water near the dams, but added, "We won't know until next spring."

Meanwhile, North Dakota and Minnesota are on high alert.

"I think there is a high probability that it will move into these two states, and is just a matter of time," Zollinger said. "Movement of equipment and combines and water flow will make establishment here likely. That's why we're trying to keep growers educated on ID and quick removal."

More South Dakota statehood celebrations planned

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — More activities are planned across South Dakota to mark its 125th year of statehood.

Canistota high school sophomores will host a bike ride and work on historic sites on Oct. 19.

An old-fashioned church service with men sitting separate from women and children is scheduled for Oct. 26 in Hayti.

In North Sioux City, the 1989 Centennial Time Capsule will be opened in October. The city will also host the grand opening of its new library.

The Rapid City Statehood Committee has planned 13 events including the Taste of South Dakota scheduled for Oct. 11.

Bismarck Civic Center is now Bismarck Event Center

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Bismarck Civic Center is officially now known as the Bismarck Event Center.

The Bismarck Tribune reports (<http://bit.ly/1vh2Z5h>) that the City Commission approved the name change this week. The goal is to better reflect the multiple uses of the complex, from conventions to concerts.

Commissioners also awarded South Dakota-based Daktronics Inc. the \$241,000 bid for a second marquee near the Fifth Street entrance.

The center is undergoing a \$27 million expansion.

Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

VOLLEYBALL

Aberdeen Central def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-15, 25-19, 25-18

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Deuel, 25-5, 25-14, 25-21

Arlington def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-15, 25-13, 25-16

Avon def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-12, 25-15, 25-22

Belle Fourche def. Custer, 25-12, 32-30, 20-25, 25-12

Bon Homme def. South Central, 25-13, 25-17, 15-25, 25-21

Centerville def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-23, 27-25, 12-25, 25-9

Chamberlain def. Lyman, 25-19, 25-20, 25-23

Chester def. Garretson, 25-7, 25-5, 25-7

Clark/Willow Lake def. Groton Area, 25-18, 25-12, 25-16

Dell Rapids def. Flandreau, 25-20, 25-23, 25-16

DeSmet def. Castlewood, 21-25, 26-24, 25-21, 25-17

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Deubrook def. Colman-Egan, 25-11, 25-23, 25-19
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-17, 13-25, 25-15, 25-19
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-16, 25-11, 25-12
Ellendale, N.D. def. Leola/Frederick, 25-23, 25-17, 25-18
Ethan def. Scotland, 20-25, 25-17, 25-17, 25-19
Eureka/Bowdle def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-17, 25-17, 25-10
Grant-Deuel def. Rosholt, 25-16, 20-25, 22-25, 25-19, 15-13
Great Plains Lutheran def. Waubay, 25-11, 25-20, 25-22
Hanson def. Canistota, 25-18, 25-9, 25-21
Harding County def. Philip, 25-17, 25-15, 25-17
Hill City def. Newell, 21-25, 25-18, 25-19, 25-15
Huron def. Mitchell, 25-15, 25-16, 25-17
Ipswich def. Langford, 25-16, 25-19, 25-16
Lake Preston def. Estelline, 25-17, 21-25, 25-18, 20-25, 15-3
Lemmon def. Mobridge-Pollock, 29-27, 25-23, 19-25, 25-17
Linton-HMB, N.D. def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-15, 18-25, 25-15, 25-16
Marion def. Bridgewater-Emerly, 25-17, 17-25, 25-22, 13-25, 15-11
McLaughlin def. Edmunds Central, 25-18, 25-22, 25-21
Menno def. Freeman, 26-24, 18-25, 25-20, 13-25, 17-15
Milbank def. Britton-Hecla, 25-16, 25-18, 25-18
Miller def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-22, 25-18, 25-18
Mitchell Christian def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-17, 25-12, 25-8
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Canton, 25-12, 25-7, 25-6
Parker def. Baltic, 25-16, 25-16, 25-17
Parkston def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-21, 14-25, 25-17, 15-25, 15-11
Potter County def. Stanley County, 25-9, 25-15, 25-19
Rapid City Central def. Douglas, 25-15, 25-10, 25-22
Rapid City Christian def. Bison, 20-25, 25-17, 25-23, 25-17
Red Cloud def. Hot Springs, 23-25, 25-13, 25-16, 25-21
Redfield/Doland def. Webster, 25-14, 25-20, 25-13
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Iroquois, 25-11, 25-20, 25-12
Sioux Falls Christian def. Dakota Valley, 16-25, 25-14, 25-17, 18-25, 15-13
Sully Buttes def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-14, 27-25, 25-12
Summit def. Wilmot, 25-22, 18-25, 21-25, 25-14, 15-9
Tri-Valley def. Madison, 25-20, 19-25, 25-18, 25-11
Warner def. Northwestern, 21-25, 25-15, 25-15, 25-18
West Central def. Lennox, 25-13, 25-23, 25-16
Wolsey-Wessington def. James Valley Christian, 25-22, 25-19, 23-25, 6-25, 29-27
Newell Triangular
Lead-Deadwood def. Newell, 25-17, 25-15, 25-13
Lead-Deadwood def. Hill City, 25-23, 25-8, 25-22
White River Triangular
Pine Ridge def. Kadoka Area, 25-9, 25-10, 25-12
Pine Ridge def. White River, 25-9, 25-12, 25-11
White River def. Kadoka Area, 25-14, 25-13, 25-12

Defense lawyer reacts to Pierre teen conviction

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The lawyer for a Pierre teenager convicted of killing a classmate and threatening another said Thursday that he should have had more time to prepare a defense for lesser charges than those the 18-year-old originally faced and that the issue will weigh heavily in his appeal.

Mike Butler, of Sioux Falls, represents Braiden McCahren, 18, who was found guilty Tuesday in Winner of killing 16-year-old Dalton Williams. McCahren, who was 16 at the time, also was convicted of aggravated assault for pointing a shotgun at another classmate, identified only as T.Y. because he was a juvenile at the time, and pulling the trigger.

Jurors found McCahren not guilty of the more serious charge of first-degree, premeditated murder but guilty of second-degree murder. Butler said the prosecution asked to give jurors the option of that and other less serious charges just 90 minutes before closing arguments. That was within the law but likely not constitutional, he said, because it violated McCahren's due process rights.

Because second-degree murder wasn't among the original charges McCahren faced, the defense was based on discrediting allegations that McCahren intended to kill his friend — the premeditated murder charge — and not on whether there was depravity of mind, the premise of a second-degree murder count, he said.

"It puts the case in an entirely different context," Butler said.

He said he'll also appeal on grounds the prosecution had the case moved to adult court based on the more serious premeditation charge. It might have stayed in juvenile court had the charge been less than first-degree murder, Butler said.

Prosecutor Michael Moore said he was surprised by the suggestion the defense wasn't given enough time to prepare a second-degree murder defense. The issue of lesser charges was discussed at a preliminary hearing and is always an option for juries in South Dakota, he said.

"I think the whole thing about the lesser included is a bit disingenuous because we had conversations before," he said.

At a glance: Gasoline prices by state

The Associated Press

The usual autumn decline of the price of gasoline is getting an assist from lower global oil prices. Up to 30 states could see an average price below \$3 a gallon by the end of the year.

State	Today's average	Year ago average	Difference
Alabama	\$3.13	\$3.22	-\$0.09
Alaska	\$3.94	\$3.97	-\$0.03
Arizona	\$3.30	\$3.36	-\$0.06
Arkansas	\$3.12	\$3.22	-\$0.10
California	\$3.72	\$3.97	-\$0.26
Colorado	\$3.51	\$3.52	-\$0.01
Connecticut	\$3.64	\$3.84	-\$0.20
Delaware	\$3.29	\$3.41	-\$0.12
Florida	\$3.29	\$3.38	-\$0.10
Georgia	\$3.29	\$3.28	\$0.01
Hawaii	\$4.23	\$4.30	-\$0.08

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Idaho	\$3.65	\$3.73	-\$0.08
Illinois	\$3.49	\$3.55	-\$0.06
Indiana	\$3.35	\$3.44	-\$0.09
Iowa	\$3.22	\$3.42	-\$0.20
Kansas	\$3.19	\$3.42	-\$0.23
Kentucky	\$3.39	\$3.37	\$0.02
Louisiana	\$3.13	\$3.27	-\$0.14
Maine	\$3.45	\$3.62	-\$0.17
Maryland	\$3.32	\$3.39	-\$0.07
Mass.	\$3.41	\$3.58	-\$0.17
Michigan	\$3.46	\$3.53	-\$0.07
Minnesota	\$3.23	\$3.36	-\$0.12
Mississippi	\$3.10	\$3.18	-\$0.08
Missouri	\$3.13	\$3.18	-\$0.05
Montana	\$3.55	\$3.63	-\$0.08
Nebraska	\$3.32	\$3.50	-\$0.18
Nevada	\$3.53	\$3.54	-\$0.01
NHampshire	\$3.38	\$3.55	-\$0.17
New Jersey	\$3.17	\$3.36	-\$0.20
New Mexico	\$3.22	\$3.32	-\$0.09
New York	\$3.62	\$3.77	-\$0.16
N Carolina	\$3.28	\$3.35	-\$0.07
N Dakota	\$3.41	\$3.54	-\$0.13
Ohio	\$3.34	\$3.43	-\$0.09
Oklahoma	\$3.17	\$3.32	-\$0.15
Oregon	\$3.73	\$3.68	\$0.04
Pennsylvania	\$3.42	\$3.51	-\$0.09
Rhode Island	\$3.44	\$3.64	-\$0.21
South Carolina	\$3.10	\$3.12	-\$0.02
South Dakota	\$3.35	\$3.57	-\$0.22
Tennessee	\$3.13	\$3.23	-\$0.10
Texas	\$3.15	\$3.22	-\$0.07
Utah	\$3.49	\$3.58	-\$0.09
Vermont	\$3.51	\$3.67	-\$0.16
Virginia	\$3.13	\$3.21	-\$0.08
Washington	\$3.73	\$3.73	\$0.00
Washington, D.C.	\$3.53	\$3.60	-\$0.07
West Virginia	\$3.43	\$3.53	-\$0.10
Wisconsin	\$3.37	\$3.47	-\$0.10
Wyoming	\$3.54	\$3.61	-\$0.07

Source: AAA, OPIS and Wright Express

Officials report 7 cases of rare children's virus

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota health officials are confirming seven cases of a rare virus believed to be the cause of a severe respiratory illness that affects children.

Officials say the cases of enterovirus 68 have been identified west of the Missouri River. The germ is an uncommon strain of a common family of viruses that typically hit from summertime through autumn.

Officials earlier this month had asked federal epidemiologists to test specimens from individuals ranging in age from two weeks to 19 years.

The virus can cause mild cold-like symptoms including runny noses, coughing and wheezing. Health officials say this strain is particularly harsh and children with asthma and other health problems are particularly at risk.

There's no vaccine for the virus. Most children recover within a week with no lasting problems.

AG says SD will get money from drug settlement

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota will get a portion from a nationwide settlement with an Irish drugmaker over allegations that the company improperly promoted medications including the attention deficit disorder drugs Adderall XR.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says Shire Pharmaceuticals has agreed to pay \$56.5 million to settle the lawsuit brought by states and the federal government. The company admits no wrongdoing.

The lawsuit alleged the company told consumers several of its ADHD drugs would treat certain symptoms or disorders despite not having clinical data to back up those claims.

Shire was accused of illegally promoting the five drugs, which caused false claims to be submitted to Medicaid.

About \$100,000 of South Dakota's settlement portion will be retained by the federal government and the remaining \$60,000 will go back to the state's Medicaid program.

Proposed Sioux Falls solar farm worries neighbors

Minnesota company's proposed \$25 million solar farm in South Dakota worries neighbors

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County planners have approved a permit for a proposed \$25 million solar farm on the outskirts of South Dakota's largest city.

However, some neighbors say they'll appeal the decision, and a renewable energy expert wonders why the project is even being proposed.

Minnesota-based Geronimo Energy is planning the Cherry Creek solar farm. Construction is to begin in the spring of 2016, with the farm operational by the end of that year, according to the Argus Leader newspaper and KSFY-TV. A security fence will surround the 99 acres of solar panels.

Company spokeswoman Tena Rytel said the farm is "essentially noiseless" and the panels don't have glare issues.

"They are low to the ground — when the (nearby) corn is up you actually can't see them," she said.

Some neighbors still worry about how the farm will look, and say they will appeal the permit decision. Nathan Earl, who lives southeast of the project area, wonders if rooftops might be a better choice for the panels.

"I think that maybe farm fields aren't the best place for them," he said.

South Dakota Renewable Energy Association analyst Steve Wegman said it is odd to see such a project proposed in South Dakota, which doesn't offer the same incentives for solar projects as neighboring states such as Minnesota.

"You pay the full tax load even though, at best, you can use it only 50 percent of the time," he said. "I think they're just testing the water, personally."

Rytel said the company sees a growing need for electricity in Sioux Falls. Geronimo Energy spokeswoman Lindsay Smith said the company has submitted an application to connect the facility to Xcel Energy's distribution network, but that Xcel is just one of several utilities that could ultimately buy power from the farm.

Wisner accused of copying issues statements

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Democratic South Dakota governor candidate Susan Wisner says she takes seriously allegations of plagiarism by her campaign and that her staff has "put processes in place" to guard against it.

Her statement came after the website BuzzFeed reported that some content about issues on Wisner's website was similar to content on the websites of other female Democratic governor candidates around the country.

Wisner initially told the Argus Leader newspaper that, "This isn't academia. This is politics. We all do what we can to save time."

She later issued a statement emphasizing the "seriousness of these allegations" and saying she was "disappointed in this situation."

State lifts \$2M cap on employee health care costs

BY KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota can no longer limit how much it pays out in health care coverage over the lifetime of state employees, but officials say for now that shouldn't raise costs.

Laurie Gill, the commissioner of the state's Bureau of Human Resources, briefed legislators this week on how changes mandated by the Affordable Care Act will affect the state's health plan.

The Affordable Care Act prohibits health care plans from capping the amount of benefits employees incur over a lifetime. South Dakota had capped lifetime expenses at \$2 million per individual, meaning any health care costs incurred over that amount weren't covered.

The change means the state could end up paying out more, but Tom Steckel, the state's director of employee benefits, said in the past it's been rare for an employee to reach the \$2 million limit. Steckel said his office has been looking into how many workers surpassed the cap. So far, he said, he wasn't aware that any had reached it last year.

"Even in today's world, where medical inflation has been rampant and costs have increased rapidly, it's pretty infrequent to have someone reach that \$2 million threshold," he said.

But Steckel said it may not be that way forever.

As health care inflation continues to rise much quicker than overall inflation, Steckel said, the probability that someone exceeds the limit becomes more likely.

Removing the caps could mean employees will pay more, said Eric Ollila, the executive director of the South Dakota Employees Organization, which lobbies for state workers.

Ollila said if the state ends up with higher overall costs, some of the financial burden could be shifted to state workers.

"Once the caps are gone, it just increases the liability of the members," he said.

The state's plan had been grandfathered in from changes mandated by the health care law until the

end of fiscal year 2014, but Steckel that status ended as of July.

SDSU's Zenner semifinalist for Campbell Trophy

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University senior running back Zach Zenner is a semifinalist for the 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy.

The trophy is given to the football player deemed the best scholar-athlete in the nation. The National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame announced the 167 semifinalists on Thursday.

Up to 16 of the candidates will receive the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award. Winners will be announced Oct. 30.

The sole winner of the Campbell Trophy will be named Dec. 9.

Work begins on Mammoth Site center expansion

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — Construction is underway on an expanded learning center at the Mammoth Site in southwestern South Dakota.

The world-renowned site has been under exploration since 1974, when a construction crew dug up mammoth bones on the south side of Hot Springs. At least 60 mammoths have been found in the area.

Ground was broken Wednesday for the 5,800-square-foot center addition. It will feature a new entryway, gathering area, storage and two 53-seat theaters. The project will cost nearly \$1.4 million, with help from the federal government.

About 100,000 people visit the site each year.

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. U.S. STRIKES MILITANT OIL SITES FOR 2ND DAY

More American-led airstrikes targeted oil installations and other facilities in territory under the control of the Islamic State group in eastern Syria, activists say.

2. HOLDER ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

The attorney general, one of the most liberal voices in the Obama administration, says he'll remain at the Justice Department until his successor is in place.

3. U.S. CONSIDERS NEW OFFER TO IRAN AT NUKE TALKS

Diplomats tell The Associated Press that the administration may soften present demands that Iran gut its uranium enrichment program in favor of a new proposal that would allow Tehran to keep nearly half of the project intact while placing other constraints on its possible use as a path to nuclear weapons.

4. MEXICO DETAINS SOLDIERS

An army officer and seven soldiers are being held in connection with the killing of 22 people, an encounter that the military initially reported as a shootout but that a witness later described as a massacre.

5. U.S. MAY HAVE IDENTIFIED MAN IN BEHEADING FOOTAGE

The FBI director says the government believes it has identified the British-accented masked man in the videos depicting the killings of two American journalists and a British aid worker, but doesn't reveal his name or nationality.

6. MANY IMMIGRANTS FAILED TO REPORT

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About 70 percent of immigrant families released earlier this year by the Obama administration into the U.S. never showed up weeks later for follow-up appointments, the AP learns.

7. FERGUSON POLICE CHIEF JOINS MARCH, SCUFFLES ENSUE

Just hours after he issued an apology to the family of Michael Brown, protesters briefly clashed with police as Tom Jackson marched along with them late at night.

8. TEACHER TO BE RE-SENTENCED IN MONTANA RAPE CASE

The man who spent just a month in prison for the rape of a 14-year-old is going back to court after the original judge was censured over comments that placed responsibility on the victim.

9. TONY STEWART SPEAKS TO THE AP

In an interview at his home in North Carolina, the NASCAR star tells the Associated Press that the crash that killed driver Kevin Ward Jr. was "100 percent an accident."

10. DEREK JETER'S FINAL BIG HIT AT HOME

The retiring Yankees captain gave New York one more thrill with a game-winning single in the ninth inning, then took two trips out to shortstop, waving to the adoring crowd.

AP News in Brief

US-led coalition hits oil sites held by IS group in eastern Syria for 2nd day, activists say

BEIRUT (AP) — U.S.-led coalition warplanes bombed oil installations and other facilities in territory controlled by Islamic State militants in eastern Syria on Friday, taking aim for a second consecutive day at a key source of financing that has swelled the extremist group's coffers, activists said.

The strikes hit two oil areas in Deir el-Zour province a day after the United States and its Arab allies pummeled a dozen makeshift oil producing facilities in the same area near Syria's border with Iraq. The raids aim to cripple one of the militants' primary sources of cash — black market oil sales that the U.S. says earn up to \$2 million a day.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the strikes overnight and early Friday hit the Tink oil field as well as the Qouriyeh oil-producing area in Deir el-Zour. It said air raids also targeted the headquarters of the Islamic State group in the town of Mayadeen.

The Observatory said the strikes were believed to have been carried out by the coalition. Another activist collective, the Local Coordination Committees, also reported four strikes on Mayadeen that it said were conducted by the U.S. and its allies.

The Observatory, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, said there were reports of casualties in the strikes, but did not have concrete figures.

Holder leaving after 6 years as attorney general, focused on civil rights amid controversies

WASHINGTON (AP) — It wasn't difficult for Barack Obama and Eric Holder to be in the same orbit. Both were sons of immigrants, Columbia Ivy Leaguers, basketball fans and prominent African-American political figures.

They first met nearly 10 years ago, dinner guests of a mutual Washington friend who seated Holder next to the newly elected senator from Illinois.

On Thursday, Obama announced Holder would be stepping down as his attorney general, one of his

longest serving Cabinet members.

"This is bittersweet," the president said.

Holder, who will stay on the job until his successor is confirmed by the Senate, was at his side.

US considers letting Iran keep more of its nuclear program intact — but demands compromise

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.S. is considering softening present demands that Iran gut its uranium enrichment program in favor of a new proposal that would allow Tehran to keep nearly half of the project intact while placing other constraints on its possible use as a path to nuclear weapons, diplomats told The Associated Press.

The initiative, revealed late Thursday, comes after months of nuclear negotiations between Iran and six world powers that have failed to substantially narrow differences over the future size and capacity of Tehran's uranium enrichment program. Iran insists it does not want atomic arms but the West is only willing to lift nuclear-related sanctions if Tehran agrees to substantially shrink enrichment and other activities that Iran could turn toward making such weapons.

The U.S., which fears Tehran may enrich to weapons-grade level used to arm nuclear warheads, ideally wants no more than 1,500 centrifuges left operating. Iran insists it wants to use the technology only to make reactor fuel and for other peaceful purposes and insists it be allowed to run at least the present 9,400 machines.

The tentative new U.S. offer attempts to meet the Iranians close to half way on numbers, said two diplomats who demanded anonymity because their information is confidential. They said it envisages letting Iran keep up to 4,500 centrifuges but would reduce the stock of uranium gas fed into the machines to the point where it would take more than a year of enriching to create enough material for a nuclear warhead.

That, they said, would give the international community enough lead time to react to any such attempt.

Homeland Security acknowledges 70 percent of immigrant families fail to report to authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — For nearly three months this summer, the Obama administration carefully avoided answering questions about what happened to tens of thousands of immigrant families caught illegally crossing the Mexican border and released into the United States with instructions to report back to immigration authorities.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and others said they faced deportation. But it turns out that tens of thousands of those immigrants did not follow the government's instructions to meet with federal immigration agents within 15 days. Instead, they have vanished into the interior of the U.S.

The Homeland Security Department privately acknowledged that about 70 percent of immigrant families failed to report as ordered. The disclosure came during a confidential meeting at its Washington headquarters with immigration advocates participating in a federal working group on detention and enforcement policies.

The Associated Press obtained an audio recording of Wednesday's meeting and separately interviewed participants.

On the recording, the government did not specify the total number of families released into the U.S.

since October. Since only a few hundred families have already been returned to their home countries and limited U.S. detention facilities can house only about 1,200 family members, the 70 percent figure suggests the government released roughly 41,000 members of immigrant families who subsequently failed to appear at federal immigration offices.

Mexican army detains 8 soldiers over June killing of 22 gang suspects, alleges breach of duty

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An army officer and seven soldiers are being detained in connection with the killing of 22 people in rural southern Mexico, an encounter that the military initially reported as a shoot-out but that a witness later described as a massacre.

The Mexican Defense Department said in a statement late Thursday that the eight were involved in the June 30 incident in San Pedro Limon, but did not specify how. They were being held at a prison in Mexico City on charges of crimes against military discipline, disobedience and dereliction of duty.

The statement said the military charges are being pursued "independently of the investigations that civil authorities are carrying out under their jurisdiction."

The federal Attorney General's Office, which is conducting a criminal probe of the killings, had no immediate comment.

Raul Plascencia, president of Mexico's National Human Rights Commission, reserved comment, saying the Defense Department statement was not clear on the soldiers' connection to the killings. Plascencia's commission is also investigating the case.

FBI director offers far lower number of Americans fighting in Syria than commonly cited

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. believes there are about a dozen Americans fighting alongside extremist groups in Syria, not more than 100, as has been cited for months.

That's not to say there is no concern about these other 88 or so Americans who officials say have been killed, arrested, traveled or attempted to travel to join the fight. But the U.S. only knows of about 12 who are currently in Syria fighting, FBI Director James Comey said Thursday.

Comey also said the U.S. believes it knows the identity of the British-accented masked man in the videos depicting the beheadings of two American journalists and a British aid worker. He declined to name the man or reveal his nationality.

He did not address whether the U.S. believes the man actually carried out the killings. The full beheadings are not shown in the videos, but the English-speaking militant holds a long knife and appears to begin cutting the three men, American reporters James Foley and Steven Sotloff and British aid worker David Haines.

The figure of 100 American militants joining the fight in Syria had taken on an urban legend status over the past few months as the Obama administration made its case to the American public for military action in Iraq and Syria. It's unclear what significance the discrepancy has as far as Americans' support for the U.S. military action, which so far has been strong.

Texas' Bolivar Peninsula, site of Virginia abduction suspect's arrest, is at end of the road

GILCHRIST, Texas (AP) — If kidnap suspect Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr. was looking to hide from authorities, he picked what would seem to be a good spot with the remote Bolivar Peninsula, a finger of Gulf of Mexico barrier sand and scrub vegetation barely above sea level.

The island's beaches have served as a hiding spot for centuries: graves from one of the Houston area's most notorious mass slayings and a haven for the famed French pirate Jean Lafitte.

"We seem to be the end of the road," Sheriff Henry Trochesset said.

Matthew was arrested Wednesday as a suspect in the abduction of University of Virginia student Hannah Graham. He waived extradition Thursday in Galveston.

His arrest — initially for refusing to identify himself to authorities — came after a phone tip from a resident who saw the 6-foot-2, 270-pound man with dreadlocks and recognized him from TV. A deputy then spotted him camped out on the beach.

AP PHOTOS: Stuck in time by sanctions, Iran miners harvest coal with aging equipment

MAZANDARAN PROVINCE, Iran (AP) — In the coal mines of northern Iran men with their faces smeared black push rusty metal carts down into the earth in grim scenes that seem to belong to another century.

International sanctions linked to the decade-long dispute over Iran's nuclear program have hindered the import of heavy machinery and modern technology in all sectors, and coal mining is no exception. The decision to privatize the industry 10 years ago has further squeezed workers, who put in long hours in often dangerous conditions and make just \$300 a month, little more than minimum wage.

The miners tunnel deep into the mountains, working in dark, narrow passageways where the risk of toxic gases and cave-ins is never far from their minds. Above ground the men push old trolleys loaded with coal down rusty tracks. Hossein Alishah Kamandi says he moves up to 100 tons a day.

Around 1,200 miners work across 10 mines in the Mazandaran province, in a mountainous, verdant area more than 130 kilometers (80 miles) northeast of Tehran. More than 12,000 tons of coal is extracted from the mines each month, almost all of which is shipped south for use in Iran's steel industry.

Iran's ministry of industry, mines and commerce says it has plans for improving the working conditions of miners alongside a drive to boost the production of minerals. Deputy Minister Jafar Sargheini says the ministry will grant loans and aid as part of the four-year plan for the sector, which will include safety improvements.

AP Exclusive: Stewart says crash that killed driver was '100 percent' an accident

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. (AP) — There were days when Tony Stewart couldn't get out of bed. It was a chore to take a shower, to leave his room. The television was on, he would stare at it, and have no idea what he was watching.

He didn't care about racing. He didn't want to talk to anyone, let alone face his family, friends or other drivers. Stewart's grief over the death of Kevin Ward Jr. was overwhelming, and he couldn't find his way out of the fog.

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Stewart, one of NASCAR's biggest stars, spent three weeks in seclusion at his Indiana home after the car he was driving struck and killed Ward at a dirt track in upstate New York. He describes those weeks as the darkest of his life.

"I know 100 percent in my heart and in my mind that I did not do anything wrong. This was 100 percent an accident," Stewart told The Associated Press on Thursday in his first interview since a grand jury decided he would not be charged in Ward's death.

On the advice of legal counsel, Stewart would not describe what he remembers about the crash at Canandaigua Motorsports Park.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 2014. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas Jefferson was confirmed by the Senate to be the first United States secretary of state; John Jay, the first chief justice; Edmund Randolph, the first attorney general.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, New Jersey.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established. Fitness guru Jack LaLanne was born in San Francisco.

In 1918, the Meuse-Argonne offensive, resulting in an Allied victory against the Germans, began during World War I.

In 1933, the James Hilton novel "Lost Horizon" was first published in London by Macmillan & Co. Ltd. and in New York by William Morrow & Co.

In 1937, the radio drama "The Shadow," starring Orson Welles, premiered on the Mutual Broadcasting System.

In 1954, the Japanese commercial ferry Toya Maru sank during a typhoon in the Tsugaru Strait, claiming more than 1,150 lives.

In 1960, the first-ever debate between presidential nominees took place in Chicago as Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon faced off before a national TV audience.

In 1964, the situation comedy "Gilligan's Island" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1990, the Motion Picture Association of America announced it had created a new rating, NC-17, to replace the X rating.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Arizona, called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

Ten years ago: Hurricane Jeanne struck near Stuart, Florida, with 120 mph winds, resulting in five U.S. deaths. Pakistani forces killed Amjad Hussain Farooqi (AHM'-jed hoo-SAYN' fuh-ROO-kee), a suspected top al-Qaida operative wanted for his alleged role in the 2002 kidnapping and beheading of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. Israel assassinated Izz Eldine Subhi Sheik Khalil, a Palestinian militant from Hamas, with a car bomb in Damascus, Syria.

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Five years ago: Film director Roman Polanski was arrested by Swiss police on an international warrant as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award from a film festival. (Polanski had fled the U.S. in 1978, a year after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl. Polanski spent two months in a Swiss jail and served seven months of house arrest before Switzerland's government decided against extraditing him to the United States.) Pope Benedict XVI began a three-day pilgrimage to the Czech Republic.

One year ago: It was revealed that some workers at the National Security Agency had misused the government's secret surveillance systems at least 12 times over the previous decade, including instances where they spied on spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends, according to embarrassing new details disclosed by the agency's inspector general. The U.S. and its international partners emerged from a U.N. meeting with Iran declaring a "window of opportunity" had opened to peacefully settle their nuclear standoff. Bud Selig announced plans to retire as baseball commissioner in January 2015.

Today's Birthdays: Retired baseball All-Star Bobby Shantz is 89. Actor Philip Bosco is 84. Actress Donna Douglas is 82. Actor Richard Herd is 82. South African nationalist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is 78. Country singer David Frizzell is 73. Actor Kent McCord is 72. Television host Anne Robinson is 70. Singer Bryan Ferry is 69. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 68. Singer Lynn Anderson is 67. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 66. Actor James Keane is 62. Rock singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 60. Country singer Carlene Carter is 59. Actress Linda Hamilton is 58. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cindy Herron (En Vogue) is 53. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 52. Actor Patrick Bristow is 52. Rock musician Al Pitrelli is 52. Singer Tracey Thorn (Everything But The Girl) is 52. TV personality Jillian Barberie is 48. Contemporary Christian guitarist Jody Davis (Newsboys) is 47. Actor Jim Caviezel (kuh-VEE'-zuhl) is 46. Actor Ben Shenkman is 46. Singer Shawn Stockman (Boyz II Men) is 42. Jazz musician Nicholas Payton is 41. Actor Mark Famiglietti (fah-mihl-YEH'-tee) is 35. Singer-actress Christina Milian (MIHL'-ee-ahn) is 33. Tennis player Serena Williams is 33.

Thought for Today: "A child educated only at school is an uneducated child." - George Santayana, American philosopher (born 1863, died this date in 1952).