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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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**Hanlon Brothers**  
**Gravel Hauling**

New & Cleaning of  
Stockdams with our  
60' reach trackhoe

**605/395-6531**

## 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.

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**Anniversary:** Harvey & Bernice Fliehs Sr.  
**Birthdays:** • Ellie Howard • Landal Leonhardt  
• Greg Kjellsen • Lori Bahr • Jesse Kurtenbach  
• Andy Ries  
2:00pm: Girls Soccer at Tea Area  
4:00pm: Boys Soccer at Tea Area  
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

## 28

**Birthday:** • Rick Hanson  
9:00am: ELC School  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:15am: ELC Fellowship Hour  
10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship  
10:00am: UMC School  
10:15am: ELC Worship  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
5:00pm: Worship at Historic Trinity Church  
7:00pm: ELC Choir

**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.

<b>Prime Rib</b> baked potato, salad \$18.50 Saturday, Sept. 27 Serving 6-9 p.m.	Mark Remily Karaoke <i>w/ Mark Remily</i> 8:30-1:30
 <b>Drink and Shot Specials all Night!</b>	
<b>120 S Main St. • 298-5252</b>	
Friday Night is Fried Chicken Day Wednesday is Wings Night	

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It was a nice size Groton Area crowd on hand for Friday's homecoming football game. Spencer Knecht tries to get away from Sioux Valley's Alec Bultje, but Bultje caught Knecht's jersey just long enough for Landon Stevens (40) to close in on the tackle. Knecht gained 26 yards on the run and it gave Groton a first down.

## Sioux Valley spoils GHS homecoming by 1 point

It may have been homecoming week and Friday was a weather perfect day for all kinds of homecoming activities, but the evening football game ended up in a one-point game with Sioux Valley going home the winners.

There were a lot of little things that could have put Groton over the top, but as Coach Shaun Wanner said, "In a close game, those things count - penalties, turnovers, missed tackles and missed blocks."

Sioux Valley scored first with just 1:45 gone in the game when Brock Schwartz scored on a two-yard run. Hunter Tretjen kicked the PAT and it was quickly 7-0.

Groton would score early in the second quarter when Adam Herman caught a pass from Jackson Doeden with 10:09 left in the second quarter for 47 yards. Jacob Milbrandt kicked the PAT and it was a tied game. Then Rayce Harder picked up a fumble and dashed 36 yards to score for the Tigers. Milbrandt kicked the PAT and Groton was on top, 14-7.

Groton had two field goal opportunities into the wind, but both were short. Sioux Valley had a long drive at the end of the first half and it was finished with an eight-yard run by Hayden Hall with 53 seconds left in the half. Hunter Tietjen kicked the PAT and the game was tied at 14 at halftime.

Groton scored in the third quarter on a Jackson Doeden two-yard run. The setting of the PAT kick was bobbled and the result was



Adam Herman makes the catch for a 47-yard pass play for a touchdown in the second quarter.

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no extra point for Groton. Sioux Valley scored with 6:43 left in the game on a one-yard run by Brock Schwartz. The PAT kick attempt was bobbled; however, there was a penalty on Sioux Valley and they got a second chance five feet further back. They made the PAT kick and it was 21-20.

"Our kids played hard," Wanner said, "but sometimes, things just don't go your way. We knew it was going to be hard fought battle."

Wanner said the Tigers were trying to get down to the 15 or 20 yard line and give Jacob Milbrandt a chance to win the game with a field goal; however, the Tigers fumbled the ball at midfield with 1:48 left in the game to end the drive.

Sioux Valley had more first downs, 18-15. Groton had 36 carries for 158 yards while Sioux Valley had 51 carries for 198 yards. In passing,



**Rayce Harder tackles Sioux Valley's Hayden Hall.**



**Rayce Harder picks up a fumble and returns it 36 yards for a touchdown.**



**Jackson Doeden goes head to head with Sioux Valley's Hunter Tietjen**

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Groton was eight of 10 for 113 yards and one interception. Sioux Valley was three of six for 60 yards and one interception. Each team had one fumble. Groton had eight penalties for 60 yards (seven in the first half) while Sioux Valley had seven penalties for 45 yards.

Jackson Doeden had 20 carries for 74 yards, completed five of five passes for 102 yards and had 11 tackles. Bennett Shabazz had seven carries for 26 yards and had two catches for 10 yards. Spencer Knecht had eight carries for 58 yards, had one interception, caught four passes for 49 yards and had 12 tackles. Adam Herman had one catch for 47 yards and had one carry for no gain. Kelby Hawkins completed three of four passes for 11 yards. Chance Strom had one catch for six yards and Austin Merkel had nine tackles.

For Sioux Valley, Hayden Hall had 19 carries for 109 yards.



**Bennett Shabazz grabs ahold of Hayden Hall's leg and doesn't let go. If Hall would have slipped away, he would have dashed for a touchdown.**



**Bennett Shabazz grabs ahold of Brock Swartos' leg while Spencer Knecht (19) and Logan Lane (56) bring Swartos down.**

Groton, now 2-3 on the season, will travel to Milbank on Friday. Sioux Valley is 2-2.

Wanner said Groton is still doing very well. "We're still in the running for hosting a first round play-off game." While Milbank may be 1-4 on the season, Wanner cautioned, "We're not the team that's going to blow anybody away. We'll have to claw and scratch our way through each 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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## 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  
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The Freshmen float placed second.



The Sixth Grade float placed third.

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The First State Bank had the best commerical float.



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**St. John's Lutheran Preschool had the Best Commercial Float.**



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25th Anniversaries were celebrated this year. Teddy Bear Day Care is pictured above and Olive Grove Golf Course is pictured below.



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**Junior High Band**



**Flag Corp**



**High School Marching Band**

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The Senior Class Float won the best float award.





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## Today in Weather History

1983: A lightning caused grass fire burned 25,000 acres northwest of Reliance during the evening hours. At its peak, the fire was four miles wide by ten miles long.

1985: Snow fell across south central South Dakota from the evening of the 27th until the early afternoon of the 28th. Three to five inches of snow occurred with up to 18 inches reported around Winner. Eight to 12 inches fell around Gregory and Burke.

1816 - A black frost over most of New England kills unripened corn in the north resulting in a year of famine. (David Ludlum)

1955: The U.S. Navy Neptune P2V-3W plane had a mission when it took off in the morning: obtain observations in Hurricane Janet in the Caribbean. After their 8:30 a.m. report detailing their plans to enter the eyewall, no other communication was ever received from them again. No trace of the plane or of the 11 men aboard have been found.

1959 - A tornado 440 yards in width traveled twenty miles from near Hollow, OK, to western Cherokee County KS. Although a strong tornado, it was very slow moving, and gave a tremendous warning roar, and as a result no one was killed. (The Weather Channel)

1970 - Afternoon highs of 103 degrees at Long Beach, CA, and 105 degrees at the Los Angeles Civic Center were the hottest since September records were established in 1963. Fierce Santa Ana winds accompanying the extreme heat resulted in destructive fires. (The Weather Channel)

1985: Hurricane Gloria passed over North Carolina's Outer Banks during the morning hours.

1985 - A record early season snowstorm struck the Central High Plains Region. The storm left up to nineteen inches of snow along the Colorado Front Range, and as much as a foot of snow in the High Plains Region. (Storm Data)

1987 - While those at the base of Mount Washington, NH, enjoyed sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s, the top of the mountain was blanketed with 4.7 inches of snow, along with wind gusts to 99 mph, and a temperature of 13 degrees. Severe thunderstorms developed along a cold front in the south central U.S. A thunderstorm west of Noodle TX produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 70 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1987: Tons of mud and rock were loosened by a week of heavy rain on Sugar Loaf Mountain near Medellin, Colombia. The resulting mudslide killed 183 people.

1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced large hail in southeastern Wyoming during the afternoon, with tennis ball size hail reported at Cheyenne. Strong winds ushering the cold air into the north central U.S. gusted to 59 mph at Lander WY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)






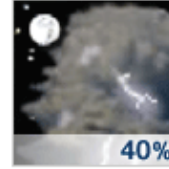

1989 - Freezing temperatures were reported in the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley. Houghton Lake MI reported a record low of 21 degrees. Thunderstorms in the western U.S. produced wind gusts to 50 mph at Salt Lake City UT, and gusts to 58 mph at Cody WY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1999: The Cray C-90 Supercomputer at National Weather Service headquarters was knocked out by an electrical fire. The supercomputer ran several numerical weather prediction models.

2009: Tropical storm rains dropped a month's worth of precipitation in 12 hours on Manila, Philippines. It caused the worst flooding in over four decades.

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THIS AFTERNOON	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
						
Sunny High: 83 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 57 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 77 °F	Increasing Clouds Low: 52 °F	Partly Sunny High: 69 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 55 °F	Thunderstorms Likely High: 69 °F



Mild & Dry Conditions Continue Through The Weekend

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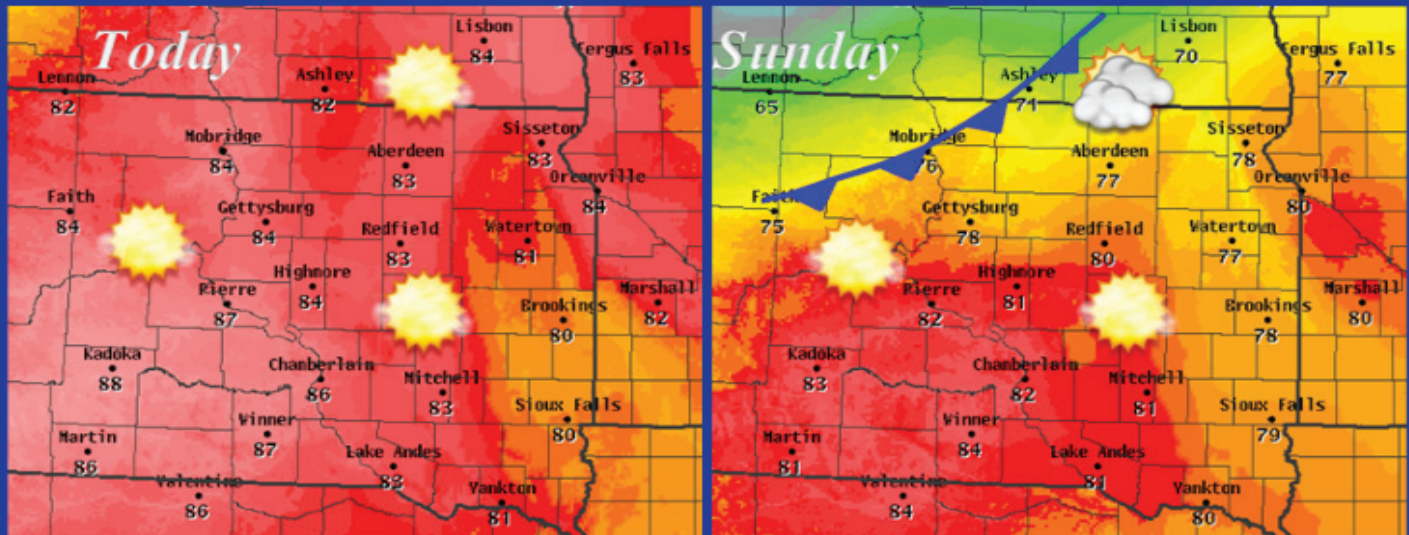
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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*Temperatures Much Closer To Normal  
Along With A Decent Chance For Rain  
To Start The Work Week*

Mild and dry conditions continue today into Sunday. A storm system will move across the region Monday, bringing temperatures much closer to normal along with a good shot at some moisture.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 86.0°F at 4:13 PM

**Low:** 65.4°F at 7:27 AM

**High Gust:** 26 mph at 1:10 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 95° in 1952

**Record Low:** 22° in 1900

**Average High:** 67°F

**Average Low:** 41°F

**Average Precip in Sept.:** 1.90

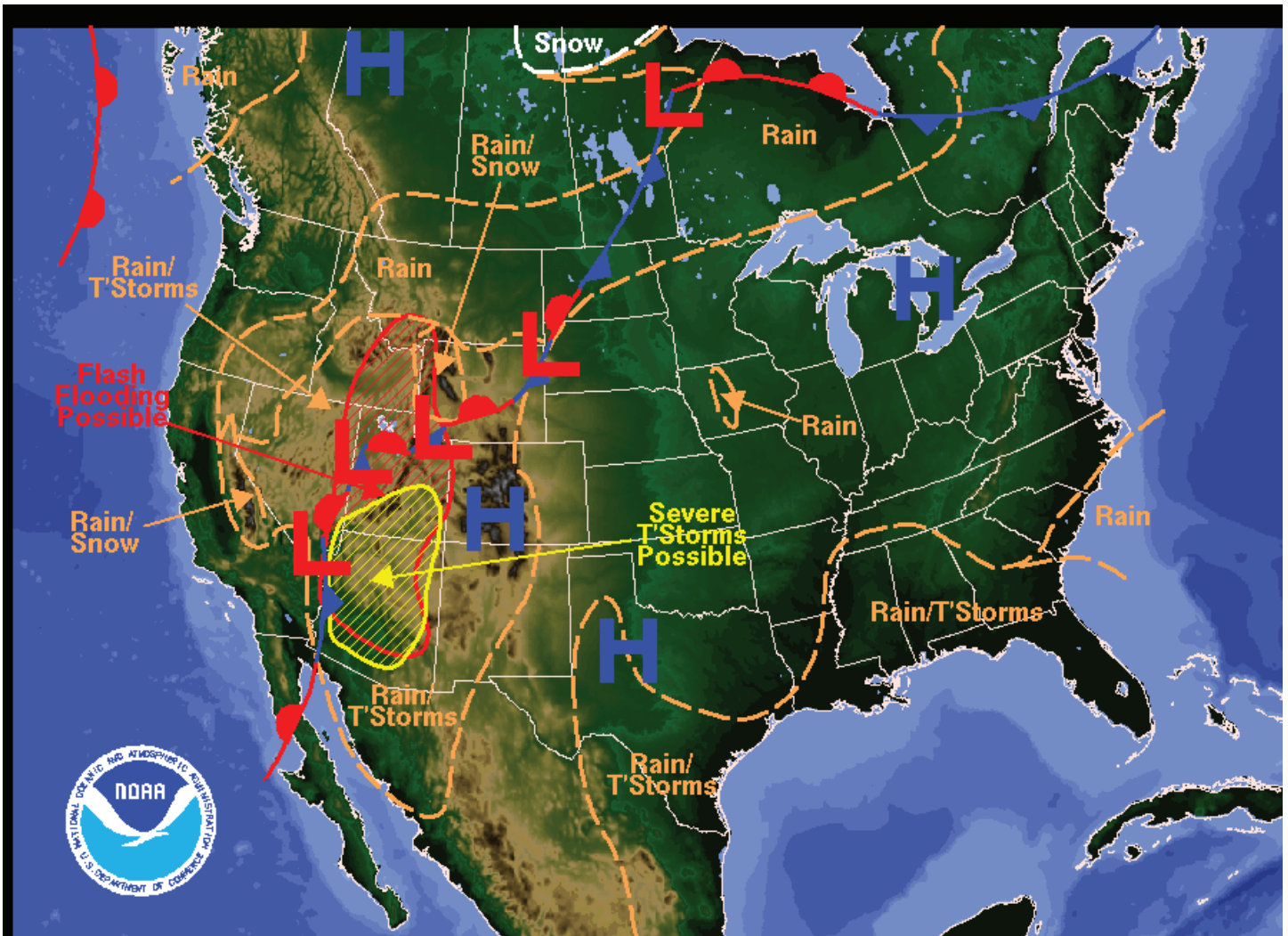
**Precip to date in Sept.:** 0.54

**Average Precip to date:** 18.19

**Precip Year to Date:** 12.84

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:22 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:28 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Sep 27, 2014, issued 10:59 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Kong/Ryan based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## MORE THAN NOW AND THEN

There are some things that sound too good to be true. Facts are presented, authorizations given, promises made, warranties provided, guarantees assured. Yet, most of them seem to have loop holes, limitations or escape clauses. Not the Word of God.

Whatever we find in His Word is His Word - it cannot be broken. But there are some things that seem too good to be true. For example, "He will make your paths straight." Or as one translation states: "He will direct and make your path straight and plain."

Most people would give almost everything they possess to have the assurance of knowing what is in their future. We are all creatures of time and whenever we think of the future we think of uncertainty. We know there is a future, but we do not what it holds. Only God does, and He offers to be our Guide for whatever is before us. He offers to make it clear and plain and safe and even straight - with nothing that will destroy us.

To travel this path involves trust - trust in one who loves us and who will guide and guard us. It is not that important that we know the future only that we know that He knows it. The future is in His hands.

This path also involves humility. We must willingly surrender our self-confidence to God-confidence. We may not understand what is happening to us, but He does.

This path is the way of submission. To acknowledge Him means that we are willing to follow Him wherever He leads us. We no longer have any control over our lives.

**Prayer:** Father, empty our hearts with whatever keeps us from a life that is completely surrendered to Your will. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 3:6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Jury finds SD man not guilty in Amber Alert case**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A jury has found a Rapid City man not guilty of beating his former girlfriend and kidnapping their two children.

Twenty-eight-year-old Skye Burnham-Endicott was accused of attacking his ex-girlfriend in an apartment in February and taking their daughters, who were about 1 month old and 1 year old at the time.

Police issued an Amber Alert and say they found Burnham-Endicott and the children in another apartment in the same complex hours later. Burnham-Endicott says he took his children to his cousin's apartment after his ex-girlfriend called the police.

The jury found him not guilty of aggravated assault and three counts of kidnapping. He was found guilty of criminal trespassing.

### **Turkey hunting, fishing on GFP agenda in Sturgis**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The spring turkey hunting season and fishing regulations are among the items up for discussion next week at the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission meeting in Sturgis.

The panel's eight members will also take up action on the antelope and sage grouse management plans.

The commission meets Thursday and Friday at the Best Western.

### **Friday's Scores** The Associated Press

#### **Football**

Aberdeen Roncalli 69, Tiospa Zina Tribal 0  
Alcester-Hudson 46, Garretson 14  
Arlington 34, Dell Rapids St. Mary 6  
Beresford 36, Wagner 0  
Brandon Valley 38, Sioux Falls Washington 21  
Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 39, Hanson 12  
Canistota 50, Avon 34  
Canton 13, Tri-Valley 0  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 34, St. Francis Indian 0  
Colman-Egan 22, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 18  
Colome 52, Lower Brule 0  
Custer 45, Belle Fourche 20  
Dell Rapids 56, Dakota Valley 20  
Deubrook 28, Castlewood 6  
Deuel 58, Florence/Henry 0  
Elkton-Lake Benton 36, DeSmet/Iroquois 24  
Estelline 14, Lake Preston 6  
Faith 50, Rapid City Christian 0  
Faulkton 52, Northwestern 0

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Gayville-Volin 58, Scotland 8  
Gregory 55, South Central 0  
Hamlin 50, Wilmot 0  
Harding County 54, Timber Lake 26  
Harrisburg 35, Watertown 7  
Hill City 34, Bison 8  
Hot Springs 59, Pine Ridge 0  
Howard 50, Menno-Marion 0  
Irene-Wakonda 12, Baltic 8  
Kimball/White Lake 53, Miller 6  
Langford 49, Eureka/Bowdle 22  
Lennox 38, Milbank Area 6  
Leola/Frederick 40, Britton-Hecla 26  
Madison 21, West Central 9  
McCook Central/Montrose 49, Elk Point-Jefferson 0  
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 36, Freeman 32  
New Underwood 48, Stanley County 22  
Parker 22, Corsica/Stickney 16  
Parkston 35, Winner 18  
Philip 52, Kadoka Area 0  
Pierre 37, Huron 6  
Potter County 46, Herreid/Selby Area 21  
Rapid City Central 35, Sturgis 20  
Rapid City Stevens 28, Spearfish 6  
Redfield/Doland 46, Chamberlain 14  
Sioux Falls Christian 46, Flandreau 13  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 35, Brookings 21  
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 48, Aberdeen Central 17  
Sioux Valley 21, Groton Area 20  
St. Thomas More 21, Douglas 14  
Sully Buttes def. McLaughlin / Wakpala FB, forfeit  
Tea Area 34, Sisseton 14  
Tri-State 48, Clark/Willow Lake 34  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 50, Marty Indian 0  
Viborg-Hurley 55, Centerville 6  
Wall 59, Edgemont 14  
Warner 44, Hitchcock-Tulare 22  
Waverly-South Shore 54, Great Plains Lutheran 0  
Webster 54, Waubay/Summit 6  
White River 50, Jones County 46  
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 68, Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian 19  
Yankton 32, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 25, OT

**Mount Rushmore to go dim during light replacement**



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KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) — The National Park Service plans to replace lighting at the Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

The agency says there will be no evening lighting on the stone-carved faces of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt from Oct. 6-8 while the work is being done.

The sculpture in the Black Hills of western South Dakota draws nearly 3 million visitors every year.

## **DOT: Hay must be removed from highway right of way**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Transportation says all processed hay must be removed from the highway right of way by Monday.

Officials say the bales or stacks can be a safety hazard for vehicles forced to leave the road. They say the stacks can also restrict a driver's sight distance in some cases.

The agency says hay left in the road ditches late in the year can also cause snowdrifts across the highway.

The agency says it will remove or authorize the removal of any hay bales after Oct. 31.

Any person wishing to claim ownership of illegal bales must obtain a permit from the department. The permits are issued on a first-come first-served basis.

## **Free admission to National Parks on Saturday**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's national parks will open their gates to visitors Saturday at no cost as the National Park Service observes National Public Lands Day.

South Dakota is home to six National Park Service units.

The Park Service is waiving entrance fees but visitors may still have to pay of services like camping and tours.

The units in South Dakota are Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Minuteman Missile National Historic Site and Missouri National Recreational River.

The Rapid City Journal reports that Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument will also host volunteer projects on Saturday.

## **Farm group questions Ducks Unlimited, fed agency**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A group representing North Dakota wheat and barley farmers is raising questions about the working relationship between the federal government's main conservation agency and a private group that works to boost wetlands and waterfowl.

The North Dakota Grain Growers Association says the government's Natural Resources Conservation Service should not be using nonprofit Ducks Unlimited personnel "as foot soldiers for its work." The Grain Growers fears such a relationship might infringe on farmers' ability to use their land as they see fit, and hurt them financially.

The NRCS works with landowners to conserve, maintain and improve natural resources and ensure landowners are complying with regulations. Producers who don't comply could lose eligibility to participate in federal farm programs.

Grain Growers Executive Director Dan Wogsland said the association recently found out that NRCS

was using Ducks Unlimited members to help with the agency's work. "Ducks Unlimited will have undue influence on programs that impact North Dakota farmers and landowners," Wogsland said.

That is not the case, Ducks Unlimited spokeswoman Becky Jones-Mahlum said. She said the waterfowl nonprofit, the NRCS and state conservation agencies jointly fund "farm program biologist" positions "in response to great demand from private landowners for U.S. Department of Agriculture's conservation programs."

The private professionals work with landowners who approach NRCS about voluntary conservation programs, providing "background information and help with paperwork," according to Jones-Mahlum.

"(They) are not involved in any regulatory programs or policy development," she said. "They work solely on voluntary incentive-based conservation programs for which landowners are interested in signing up."

Wogsland said the setup "opens the door for abuse."

"For example, if someone on the regulatory side of NRCS goes over to one of the Ducks Unlimited personnel and says, 'what do you think of this map?' they (Ducks Unlimited) are going to have undue influence," he said. "It is a clear conflict of interest."

NRCS State Conservationist Mary Podoll did not immediately comment on the Grain Growers' claims.

In South Dakota, the NRCS in recent years has used private consultants to help with a massive backlog in certified wetland determinations, which help landowners know where wetlands are located so they can drain areas without getting into trouble.

State Resource Conservationist Gerald Jasmer has said the agency does not rubber-stamp information the consultants provide. He did not immediately respond to a request for comment on whether some of the consultants are affiliated with Ducks Unlimited.

## AP News in Brief

### **Airlines scramble to accommodate travelers after fire at Illinois traffic center halts flights**

CHICAGO (AP) — Airlines were scrambling to accommodate travelers whose flights were canceled after a contract employee allegedly set fire at a suburban Chicago air traffic control center where he worked, halting flights at two of the nation's busiest airports.

Brian Howard, 36, of Naperville, Illinois, was charged Friday with destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities, a felony. When paramedics found him, he was trying to cut his own throat, according to the criminal complaint. The FBI said Howard remains hospitalized and no court date has been scheduled.

The fire halted all traffic in and out of O'Hare and Midway airports. Delays and cancellations rippled through the air travel network from coast to coast after the fire. The ground stoppage at O'Hare and Midway raised questions about whether the Federal Aviation Administration has adequate backup plans to keep planes moving when a single facility has to shut down.

By Friday night, more than 2,000 flights in and out of Chicago had been canceled. Flights resumed after a five-hour gap, but planes were moving at a much-reduced pace, and no one could be sure when full service would be restored.

The FAA said in a statement Friday evening that it was managing the Aurora facility's traffic through centers in Cleveland, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Minneapolis. The agency said it would continue working with those centers over the weekend to reduce disruptions.

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## **Police clear Hong Kong protesters from government complex after scuffles leave 29 injured**

HONG KONG (AP) — Riot police in Hong Kong on Saturday arrested scores of students who stormed the government headquarters compound during a night of scuffles to protest China's refusal to allow genuine democratic reforms in the semiautonomous city.

More than 100 other protesters, however, showed no sign of leaving the area surrounding the square where the government complex is located, and chanted at police to stop arresting their colleagues.

The dispersal followed a night of scuffles between police and about 150 protesters who forced their way into the government compound, some scaling a tall fence. Police on Friday night responded with pepper spray to push them back, but about 50 had remained inside the gated premises.

At least 29 people have been injured since Friday night, police said.

Hong Kong Secretary for Security Lai Tung-kwok told reporters that police acted appropriately and gave students sufficient warning before starting the process of clearing the square.

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## **Poll: Slackers aren't the only ones dazed and confused by some big US political issues**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confused by the federal health care law? How about the debate over NSA surveillance? The way the Federal Reserve affects interest rates?

You're far from alone.

Most Americans say the issues facing the country are getting harder to fathom.

It's not just people who've tuned out politics who feel perplexed. Those paying attention — people who vote regularly, follow news about November's midterm election, or simply feel a civic duty to stay informed — are most likely to say that issues have become "much more complicated" over the last decade, an Associated Press-GfK poll shows.

Why are things such a muddle?

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## **Chelsea Clinton gives birth to daughter; 1st grandchild of Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill and Hillary Clinton are grandparents. The couple's daughter, Chelsea Clinton, has given birth to her first child, a daughter named Charlotte.

Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of the former president and ex-secretary of state, announced the baby's birth on Twitter and Facebook early Saturday, saying she and husband Marc Mezvinsky are "full of love, awe and gratitude as we celebrate the birth of our daughter, Charlotte Clinton Mezvinsky."

Clinton spokesman Kamyk Bazbaz said the child was born on Friday but did not immediately provide additional details. The couple lives in New York City. The Clintons quickly retweeted their daughter's message on Twitter but did not immediately comment on the baby's arrival.

The baby arrives as Hillary Clinton deliberates on whether to seek the White House in 2016, a decision that could put her on a path to becoming the nation's first female president. Clinton is the leading Democratic contender to succeed President Barack Obama, her former 2008 campaign rival, and has said she expects to make a decision around the beginning of next year.

The baby has been eagerly anticipated as Hillary Clinton considers her political future — she has called

the prospect of becoming a grandmother her "most exciting title yet." She even has picked out the first book she intends to read to her grandchild, the classic "Goodnight Moon."

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## **Army battalion in Mexico killings previously in cartel corruption scandal, fatal road shooting**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An army officer and seven soldiers who face disciplinary action for their participation in the killing of 22 people in rural southern Mexico belong to an army battalion with a history of incidents.

The Mexican Defense Department said the eight were involved in the June 30 incident in San Pedro Limon, an encounter that the military initially reported as a shootout but that a witness has described as a massacre.

They belong to the 102nd Infantry Battalion of the 22nd Military Zone in Mexico state, according to media reports and two people with knowledge of the case who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak to the press. The battalion is based in San Miguel Ixtapan in the remote southwestern part of the state, about an hour's drive north of where the killings happened.

The area is said to be controlled by La Familia cartel, though it is also land where rival drug gangs have been fighting for territory.

The battalion was in the news last December when members shot four employees of the town of Arcelia in nearby Guerrero state, including the director and deputy director of municipal transportation, as they drove on a rural road returning from a shooting range. Arcelia is also the hometown of several of those killed in the June shootout. The army said the employees, who were carrying rifles and dressed in hunting camouflage, were mistaken for criminals. A sergeant, a corporal and two soldiers were arrested.

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## **Police: Man fired from Oklahoma food processing plant beheaded co-worker, stabbed another**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A man fired from an Oklahoma food processing plant beheaded a woman with a knife and was attacking another worker when he was shot and wounded by a company official, police say.

Moore Police Sgt. Jeremy Lewis said police are waiting until Alton Nolen, 30, is conscious to arrest him and have asked the FBI to help investigate after co-workers at Vaughan Foods in the south Oklahoma City suburb told authorities that he recently started trying to convert several employees to Islam.

During Thursday's attack, Nolen severed the head of Colleen Hufford, 54, Lewis said.

"Yes, she was beheaded," Lewis told The Associated Press before a Friday news conference.

Lewis said Nolen then stabbed Traci Johnson, 43, a number of times before Mark Vaughan, a reserve sheriff's deputy and the company's chief operating officer, shot him.

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## **Police: Suspect in deadly Pennsylvania trooper ambush planned attack for years**

Police say the hard drive of a computer used by the suspect in the deadly ambush of Pennsylvania state police troopers provides evidence he has been planning an attack for years and preparing to avoid arrest.

State Police Lt. Col. George Bivens said a police inspection of the hard drive shows Eric Frein did Internet research on how to avoid police manhunts and on law enforcement technology and survival skills.

Bivens said Frein might now be treating the dragnet in northeastern Pennsylvania as "a game — a war game, if you will."

Authorities believe they have Frein contained within a 5-square-mile perimeter around his parents' home in Canadensis. They provided new details Friday, two weeks after a gunman opened fire at the state police barracks in Blooming Grove, killing Cpl. Bryon Dickson and injuring a second trooper who remains hospitalized.

Frein has managed to elude hundreds of law enforcement officials looking for him in the thick woods around his parents' home in Canadensis, taking advantage of the difficult terrain to keep them at bay. He is believed to be armed with at least one high-powered rifle.

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## **Rampant corruption in health services impoverishes millions in India; government vows change**

NEW DELHI (AP) — Digamber Rawat rarely emerges from the tiny windowless room he shares with his parents because a mysterious illness has wasted away the strength in his legs. His family can't afford private health care, but they must pay for it anyway, even when they go to free government hospitals for help.

Rawat said that at a government hospital in central Delhi, a doctor ordered X-rays and scans that could have been performed in-house. "But when we would go to the hospital lab for the tests, they would give us the name of a private clinic and say, 'Go get it done there and then we will look at it,'" he said.

Tests at the hospital lab would have been 1,500 rupees (\$25). At a private clinic, they cost more than \$130. Rawat's parents make a combined 15,000 rupees (\$245) per month, barely enough to feed the family and buy medicine for their 21-year-old son.

"They knew we were poor, but they just didn't care," said Rawat's mother, Bhavna Devi, wiping tears with her threadbare sari.

Rawat's story is played out across India, where hundreds of millions of poor people without any kind of health insurance are forced to seek medical treatment at private clinics because of poor services and corruption at government hospitals. Those clinics are widely accused of ordering unnecessary tests to run up costs.

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## **Mosquito-borne virus spreads rapidly in South and Central America after ravaging Caribbean**

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — An excruciating mosquito-borne illness that arrived less than a year ago in the Americas is raging across the region, leaping from the Caribbean to the Central and South American mainland, and infecting more than 1 million people. Some cases have already emerged in the United States.

While the disease, called chikungunya, is usually not fatal, the epidemic has overwhelmed hospitals, cut economic productivity and caused its sufferers days of pain and misery. And the count of victims is soaring.

In El Salvador, health officials report nearly 30,000 suspected cases, up from 2,300 at the beginning of August, and hospitals are filled with people with the telltale signs of the illness, including joint pain so severe it can be hard to walk.

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"The pain is unbelievable," said Catalino Castillo, a 39-year-old seeking treatment at a San Salvador hospital. "It's been 10 days and it won't let up."

Venezuelan officials reported at least 1,700 cases as of Friday, and the number is expected to rise. Neighboring Colombia has around 4,800 cases but the health ministry projects there will be nearly 700,000 by early 2015. Brazil has now recorded its first locally transmitted cases, which are distinct from those involving people who contracted the virus while traveling in an infected area.

## Fate of civil rights cases uncertain after attorney general's departure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moments after making fresh demands that Attorney General Eric Holder open federal investigations into police shootings of unarmed black men, a cluster of civil rights activists learned, courtesy of whispers and a shared e-tablet, that the nation's first black attorney general was stepping down.

Civil rights leaders, liberal activists and black lawmakers are now left wondering what effect Holder's impending departure will have on the high-profile efforts begun on his watch. "There's a lot for us to calculate," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who was meeting with black leaders in Washington.

Holder has been applauded by civil rights and equal rights activists as the most effective attorney general ever for their causes.

"There has been no greater ally in the fight for justice, civil rights, equal rights, and voting rights than Attorney General Holder," declared Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers and a former NAACP national chairwoman.

But the first black attorney general could be leaving several things undone as he transitions out:

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 2014. There are 95 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 27, 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

### On this date:

In 1540, Pope Paul III issued a papal bull establishing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, as a religious order.

In 1779, John Adams was named by Congress to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean passenger vessel occurred when the steamship SS Arctic sank off Newfoundland; of the more than 400 people on board, only 86 survived.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1942, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra performed together for the last time, at the Central Theater in Passaic, New Jersey, prior to Miller's entry into the Army.

In 1944, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, 53, died in Oakland, California.

In 1954, "Tonight!," hosted by Steve Allen, made its debut on NBC-TV.

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In 1962, "Silent Spring," Rachel Carson's study on the effects of pesticides on the environment, was published in book form by Houghton Mifflin.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1989, Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. agreed to a \$3.4 billion cash buyout by Sony Corp.

In 1994, more than 350 Republican congressional candidates gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign the "Contract with America," a 10-point platform they pledged to enact if voters sent a GOP majority to the House.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush asked Congress for more than \$7.1 billion to help Florida and other Southeastern states recover from their lashing by four hurricanes. A Justice Department audit said the FBI had a backlog of hundreds of thousands of hours of untranslated audio recordings from terror and espionage investigations. NBC announced that "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno would be succeeded by "Late Night" host Conan O'Brien in 2009 (however, O'Brien's stint on "The Tonight Show" lasted just over seven months).

**Five years ago:** German Chancellor Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) won a second term, along with the center-right majority that had eluded her four years earlier, nudging Europe's biggest economic power to the right. Pulitzer Prize-winning conservative columnist and former Nixon speech-writer William Safire died at age 79.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani spoke by telephone, the first conversation between American and Iranian leaders in more than 30 years. The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to secure and destroy Syria's chemical weapons stockpile. Movie producer A.C. Lyles, 95, died in Los Angeles.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Jayne Meadows is 95. Actress Kathleen Nolan is 81. Actor Wilford Brimley is 80. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 80. Author Barbara Howar is 80. World Golf Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth is 75. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 71. Rock singer Meat Loaf is 67. Actress Liz Torres is 67. Actor A Martinez is 66. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is 65. Actor Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa is 64. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 56. Comedian Marc Maron is 51. Rock singer Stephan (STEE'-fan) Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 50. Democratic National Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz is 48. Actor Patrick Muldoon is 46. Singer Mark Calderon is 44. Actress Amanda Detmer is 43. Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is 42. Rock singer Brad Arnold (3 Doors Down) is 36. Christian rock musician Grant Brandell (Underoath) is 33. Actress Anna Camp is 32. Rapper Lil' Wayne is 32. Singer Avril Lavigne (AV'-rihl la-VEEN') is 30.

**Thought for Today:** "Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once." - Lillian Dickson, American missionary (1901-1983).