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Birthdays: Marquelle Albrecht • Doug Hamilton • Ronda Kutter • Sara Merkel • Pam Merkel • Sherry Koehler

Anniversary: Larry & Val Flihs

6:30 pm: Groton Legion Turkey Party (starts earlier)

Elementary GBB PAC Tourney

7:30 pm: Football - Groton at St. Thomas More

Volleyball Regions at Roncalli

7 p.m. Tuesday

Region 1A Championship

Groton Area vs. Sisseton

Football Playoff Game

Saturday, Nov. 8th

at the School of Mines Field

Rapid City

Game Time: 7:30 p.m. CST



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**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back 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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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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Groton Area Elementary PAC 4th , 5th, & 6th GBB Jamboree

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4th Grade

11:00 Groton vs. Redfield –
Court 3

11:00 Warner vs. Webster –
Court 4

2:00 Groton vs. Warner – Court
3

2:00 Redfield vs. Webster –
Court 4

3:00 Webster vs. Groton –
Court 3

3:00 Warner vs. Redfield –
Court 4

5th Grade

9:00 Groton vs. Webster Ma-
roon – Court 3

9:00 Aberdeen vs. Webster
Gold – Court 4

10:00 Groton vs. Redfield – Court 3

10:00 Webster Maroon vs. Aberdeen – Court 4

12:00 Webster Gold vs. Redfield – Court 3

12:00 Groton vs. Aberdeen – Court 4

1:00 Groton vs. Webster Gold – Court 3

1:00 Redfield vs. Webster Maroon – Court 4

6th Grade

9:00 Redfield vs. Webster – Court 1

9:00 Aberdeen Eagles vs. Ipswich – Court 2

10:00 Groton vs. Selby – Court 1

10:00 Miller vs. Aberdeen (Coach Jacobs) – Court 2

11:00 Redfield vs. Aberdeen Eagles – Court 1

11:00 Webster vs. Ipswich – Court 2

12:00 Groton vs. Miller – Court 1

12:00 Selby vs. Aberdeen (Coach Jacobs) -
Court 2

1:00 Webster vs. Aberdeen Eagles - Court 1

1:00 Redfield vs. Ipswich – Court 2

2:00 Miller vs. Selby – Court 1

2:00 Groton vs. Aberdeen (Coach Jacobs) –
Court 2

Groton Post No. 39 American Legion



Annual Turkey Party

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014

Starting at 7:30 p.m.

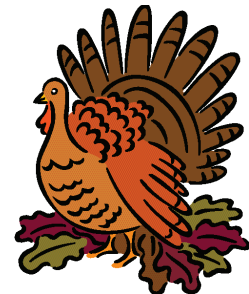
Groton Legion Post Home, 10 N. Main.

Turkey, Ham and Bacon
to be given away

FREE ADMISSION

DOOR
PRIZE!

Lunch served
by Auxiliary



School Board Agenda

Groton Area School District #06-6 School Board Meeting
November 10, 2014 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of October 13, 2014 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of minutes of October 27, 2014 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
3. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
4. Approval of October District bills for payment.
5. Approval of October financial report, agency accounts, and investments.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
3. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Report; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of community needs assignment by Master's Degree candidates, Julie Erdmann, Emily Eichler, Anne Zoellner, and Lynette Grieve.
2. Approve resignation of Ann Thorson, Wrestling Cheer Coach, for 2014-2015 season.
3. Appoint 2015 Legislative Action Network (LAN) representative.
4. Consider request from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church for use of school bus on November 15, 2014 for youth event in Brookings.

ADJOURN



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...ACCUMULATING SNOW SUNDAY INTO MONDAY...

THE FIRST IMPACTFUL WINTER STORM SYSTEM THIS SEASON IS EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THE NORTHERN PLAINS SUNDAY AND PERSIST INTO MONDAY. MANY DETAILS REMAIN UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT...ESPECIALLY THE PLACEMENT OF THE BAND OF HEAVIEST SNOW. HOWEVER IT IS BECOMING MORE APPARENT THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST WIDESPREAD SNOWFALL THIS SEASON. CURRENT PROJECTIONS ARE INDICATING 4 TO 6 INCHES OF SNOW POSSIBLE FOR PARTS OF NORTH CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA AS WELL AS WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA. AREAS FURTHER SOUTH WILL LIKELY EXPERIENCE A WINTRY MIX...AND THEREFORE LESS SNOWFALL ACCUMULATION. HOWEVER...IT IS STRESSED THAT THE POSITION OF THE HEAVIEST BAND OF SNOW IS STILL UNCERTAIN AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS CONFIDENCE INCREASES.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER. MONITOR NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEB PAGES AND SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS...AS WELL AS LOCAL TV AND RADIO SOURCES.

Classifieds

Togel Bridal Shower

Come and Go Bridal Shower for Megan Togel, bride-to-be of Logan Clemensen, November 15, 2014, 10:00-11:30 A.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, SD. The couple is registered at Target and Inspire.

Apartments 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.

House for Rent

Two-bedroom house in Groton. Full basement, breezeway, attached garage, large yard. Wheelchair accessible. Furnished, appliances included. \$700/month. Less with lease. (941) 525-4515.

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The Groton Daily Independent is gearing up for another trek to western South Dakota.

Groton Area vs. St. Thomas More

School of Mines Football Field

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. (CST)

We will be blogging the game with coverage in the GDI and Weekly Paper

The Blog Address is <http://blog.397news.com/?p=1366>

The following wish the Tigers Good Luck

Good Luck Tigers!

Aberdeen Chrysler Center
A.N.N. Bookkeeping
Bahr Construction & Spray Foam, Groton
Blocker Construction, Groton
Cheri's on Main, Groton
Doug Abeln Seed, Groton
Ferney Farmers Union Coop
Fritz's Place, Bristol
Frost Construction, Groton
Full Circle Ag, Groton
Golden Living Center, Groton
Groton Ag Partners
Groton Ford
Hanlon Brothers, Groton
Harry Implement, Ferney
Home Federal Bank - Brenda Waage, Aberdeen
Howard Construction, Groton
Howie's Training Studio, Groton
James Valley Seed - Doug Jorgenson, Groton
James Valley Telecommunications, Groton
Johnson Agency, Groton
Ken's Food Fair, Groton
KR Body Shop, Andover
Kristi Peterson Bookkeeping, Groton
Lori's Pharmacy
Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc.
Northeast Chiropractic - Taylor Anderson, Aberdeen
Olde Bank Floral 'N More, Groton
Olson Backhoe & Trenching, Groton
Poet of Groton
Producer's Hybrids - John Wheeting, Groton
RDO Equipment, Aberdeen
Rix Farms - Grant and Roger

Rapid City Forecast

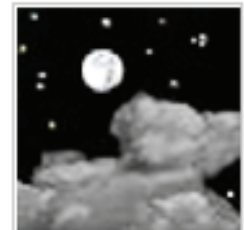
TODAY

TONIGHT



Mostly
Sunny

High: 58 °F



Partly
Cloudy

Low: 39 °F

Today Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

Tonight Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. Light north wind.

RSPK

S & S Lumber/Hardware Hank, Groton
Sanford of Aberdeen
Sippel Cabinets, Groton
Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Groton
Subway of Groton and Aberdeen
T.C.'s Lawn Care & Irrigation, Columbia
Titan Machinery - Justin Hanson
Treeline Tree Service, Groton
Tuffer 'N Hell Farm Equipment, Groton
Weber Landscaping, Groton

Today in Weather History

1985: Heavy snow fell over much of southern South Dakota beginning on the morning of the 8th and continued off and on through the evening of the 10th. Snowfall generally ranged from 5-10 inches over the area, with amounts up to a foot or more in the Black Hills. The greatest amount was 18 inches in the higher elevations of the Black Hills. Strong winds gusting to near 40 mph at times, combined with the snowfall, produced near blizzard conditions during the afternoon of the 9th through the early morning hours on the 10th, in the southwest. Highway 79 from Maverick Junction to Rapid City was closed for thirteen hours during that time. Many accidents were reported over the entire southern portion of the state. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 16.0 inches near Presho; 11.5 inches in Kennebec; 9.0 inches in Murdo; and 4.0 inches in Timber Lake and near Onida.

1870: The nation's brand new weather service issued its first storm forecast for the Great Lakes.

1953: More than 200 people were killed in New York City when the area was stuck in smog for ten days.

2013: Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the central Philippines with 16 foot waves, a foot of rain, and winds on land of 147 mph gusting to 170 mph (winds of 195mph with gusts to 235 mph were estimated when the system had been over open water). Five to six thousand people were estimated to have perished.

FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving 5-9 p.m.


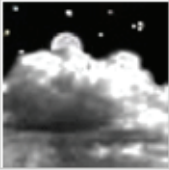



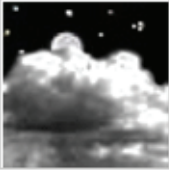

WE'VE GOT WINGS!
Every Wednesday!

ANDOVER
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	VETERANS DAY
						
Partly Sunny High: 46 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 29 °F	Chance Rain/Snow High: 37 °F	Snow Low: 19 °F	Snow High: 27 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 11 °F	Mostly Cloudy High: 23 °F



Mild Today, Storm System Sun/Mon

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National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Today
Mostly Cloudy

40°-60°

- 0% Precipitation
- 0.00" Accumulation
- SSW 10

Sunday & Monday
1st Widespread Snowfall This Season??



Today & Tonight Mild conditions are expected across the region today with temperatures ranging from the 40s across northeast SD & west central MN, to near 60 degrees across south central SD. A weak frontal boundary will move over the region tonight allowing for a small chance of light rain over northeast SD and west central MN. ***Accumulating Snow Sunday Into Monday*** Our main attention is now focused on a storm system which will move into the region Sunday and Monday. It is becoming more apparent that this system will bring the first widespread snowfall to the region this season. HOWEVER, there are still a lot of details that remain uncertain. The image shows the area most likely to receive snowfall accumulations greater than 4 inches. But please note, the location of the heaviest band of snow IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE and may still shift north or south as the weather models get a better handle on the situation. Nonetheless, now is a good time to prepare for winter weather, and be ready to have alternate travel plans if the situation may arise.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 65.2°F at 2:09 PM

Low: 38.8°F at 11:29 PM

High Gust: 48 mph at 3:03 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 77° in 1999

Record Low: -3° in 1936

Average High: 44°F

Average Low: 23°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.21

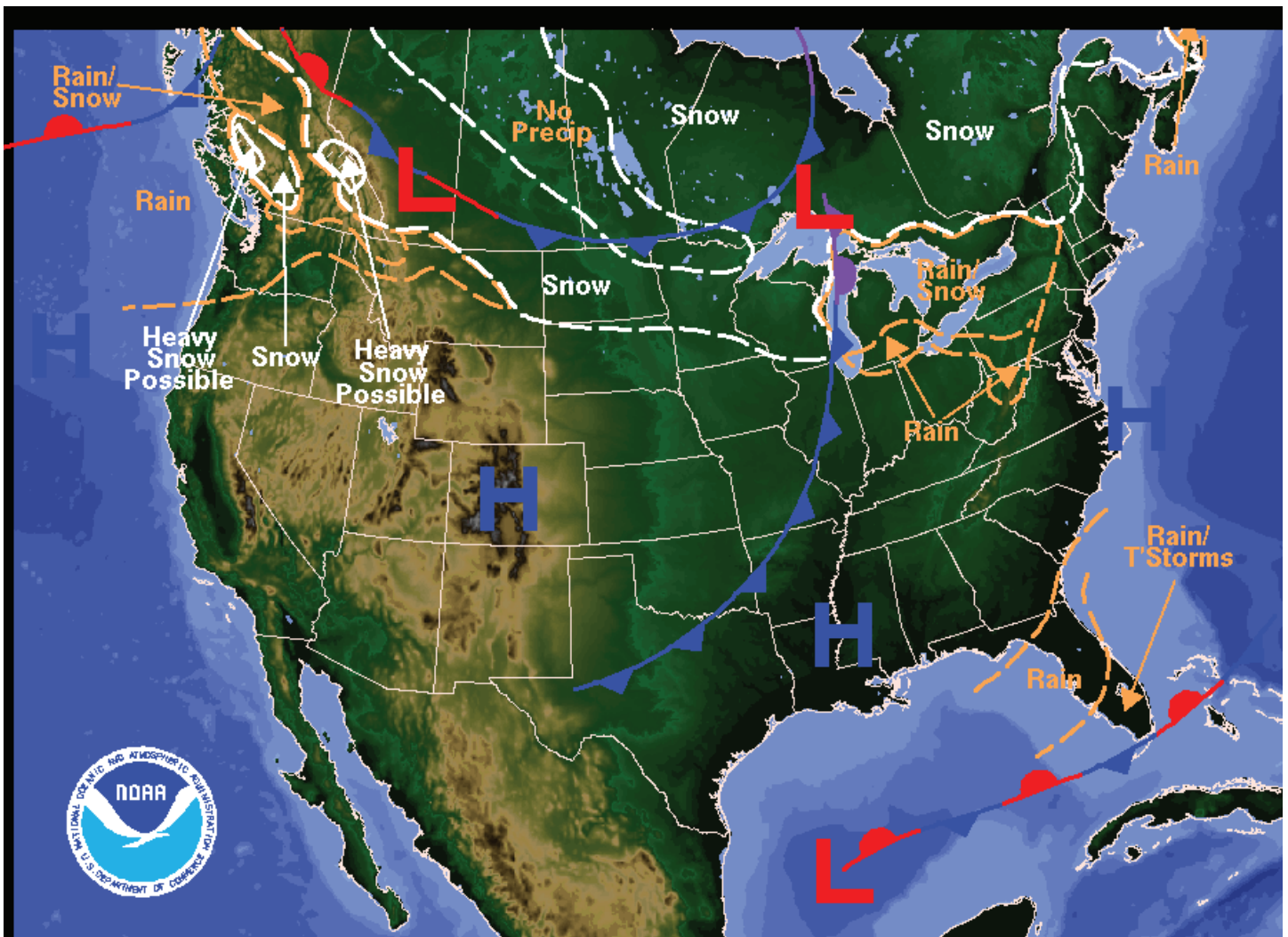
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.68

Precip Year to Date: 13.23

Sunset Tonight: 5:11 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:24 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Nov 08, 2014, issued 4:10 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Monarski based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



HEART HEALTH

"If it works, don't fix it!"

Most of the time our heart works well and we rarely pause to think about it. Each day our hearts beat about 100,000 times. It sends 2,000 gallons of blood surging through the veins of our bodies, nourishing our organs and tissues. Although it is no bigger than our fist, it keeps blood flowing through 60,000 miles of blood vessels. It is the controlling force of our lives. When it fails, life ends.

The heart, in the Bible, is the center of our emotions, rational and irrational thoughts, our wills and desires. In the Bible, the heart is the "seat" of the entire personality.

And the heart, as described in the Bible, can be our most fundamental problem. What we store, keep or hide in our hearts is what we become and who we really are.

So, as long as we "keep our mouths shut" we can deceive others. But, unfortunately, that does not seem to be possible. In the blink of an eye or a moment in time, we "let our guard down" and our true "self" becomes exposed to the world. We are "found out."

Solomon wrote that "The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value." Jesus said, "How can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

We hear amazing stories about surgeons who are skilled at "heart transplants." But a heart transplant does not correct the problem of evil. Only Christ can correct that problem. So, He does not transplant hearts. He transforms hearts. And when that happens, lives change.

Prayer: Lord, come into and rule our hearts so others will know that Your Son, our Savior, rules our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

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News from the  Associated Press

SD Capitol rotunda concert available on YouTube

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Music lovers who didn't make it to Pierre for a performance by the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra can watch it online.

The orchestra performed in the Capitol rotunda on Nov. 1, the eve of the state's 125th anniversary of statehood.

Patrick Callahan with OaheTV in Pierre posted the two-hour event on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/1uGG5rl>.

The ceremony also included a dedication and lighting ceremony for the newly restored stained glass in the Capitol.

A limited number of free tickets for seats in the rotunda and hallways went fast, and there was standing room on the marble grand staircase and in the balconies above the rotunda floor.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

District 1B

Championship

Summit def. Wilmot, 25-13, 25-15, 25-19

District 2B

Championship

Warner def. Northwestern, 25-17, 25-16, 25-12

District 3B

Championship

Potter County def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-22, 20-25, 25-10, 25-14

District 4B

Championship

Sully Buttes def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-14, 25-11, 25-18

District 6B

Championship

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-13, 25-14, 25-23

District 7B

Championship

Chester def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-19, 23-25, 25-22, 25-10

District 8B

Championship

Ethan def. Hanson, 25-21, 21-25, 25-14, 25-23

District 9B

Championship

Parker def. Freeman Academy, 25-14, 25-13, 25-15

District 11B

Championship

Kimball/White Lake def. Dakota Christian, 25-18, 25-13, 17-25, 25-20

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District 12B
Championship
Burke/South Central def. Colome, 25-12, 25-23, 25-7
District 13B
Championship
Jones County def. Lyman, 25-20, 25-20, 25-16
District 14B
Championship
Wall def. Philip, 25-14, 25-23, 17-25, 26-24

Football

Class 11AAA
Semifinal
Sioux Falls Lincoln 28, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 13
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 20, Brandon Valley 9
Class 11AA
Semifinal
Brookings 27, Pierre 7
Yankton 27, Harrisburg 0

Lawmakers approve transportation funding plan

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State lawmakers agreed to preliminary recommendations Friday regarding how to best fund hundreds of millions of dollars in necessary repairs to highways and bridges.

The Highway Needs and Financing Committee passed the recommendations on Friday. Republican Sen. Mike Vehle is chairman of the committee. Vehle's plan would come up with more than \$100 million in its first year through a variety of fuel taxes, vehicle fees and other assessments.

But Vehle says those additional funds won't fully address the growing problem. Tax increases will face an uphill climb in the Republican-controlled Legislature.

Some local governments have simply abandoned maintaining some roads in recent years. Counties have identified a more than \$80 million funding increase needed for 2015 for infrastructure repairs, while state highways need a more than \$140 million hike. Funding necessary county bridge replacements would cost more than \$240 million overall.

Officials say 25 percent of state roads will be rated as poor within the next decade, compared to about 2 percent now.

Included in Vehle's framework proposal was an increase in a vehicle excise tax projected to raise about \$25.3 million, a fuel tax expected to raise \$50 million and a hike in vehicle registration fees expected to raise about \$8.7 million, to name a few. Tax-averse legislators debated axing many of the individual tax and fee hikes, but the recommendations passed on Friday with few changes. Still, they stressed that the recommendations would likely change significantly through legislative debate.

The state's gas tax has been at 22 cents per gallon since 1999.

While state lawmakers focused on state and local funding for South Dakota's infrastructure, U.S. Sen. John Thune said Friday he wants to pass a federal highway bill, which is needed to ensure the Highway Trust Fund remains solvent past May of next year. State legislators discussed the uncertain federal pic-

ture at a meeting on Thursday.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard said after his election to a second term that his administration also wants to focus on transportation.

Thune: Republicans urge restraint to Obama

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Thune said congressional leaders and President Barack Obama engaged in a “frank discussion” on Friday as Republicans urged the president not to use executive authority to act alone on significant issues ahead of next year’s GOP-held House and Senate.

Thune was among the leaders of both chambers who met with the president on Friday to discuss their legislative priorities. Republicans will assume leadership of the Senate next year, and Thune is in line to remain the third ranking Senate Republican and become chairman of the Commerce Committee.

If Obama acts unilaterally on high-profile measures like immigration reform, it could amount to “poisoning the water” for working with Republicans on other significant legislation, Thune said.

“There’s always a sense after an election of optimism and hope, and everybody wants to be productive,” Thune said. “We want to open the place up again.”

Obama as expected pushed for funding to combat the Ebola virus and discussed how to combat IS. Republicans have said previously that they want to make changes to the Affordable Care Act and move quickly on the Keystone XL pipeline, which would cut through South Dakota in transporting oil from the Canadian tar sands to Nebraska. Thune said Republicans also wants to work on trade policies and move forward with some of the jobs proposals that have stalled under current Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Thune said he brought up passing a federal highway bill, which is needed to ensure the Highway Trust Fund remains solvent past May of next year. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx will be in South Dakota next week to discuss transportation initiatives. On the Commerce Committee, Thune said he plans to work on a reauthorization bill for the Federal Aviation Administration, cybersecurity legislation and telecommunications measures if they don’t get passed this year. Another key proposal would be aimed at addressing rail congestion caused in part by trains transporting oil from North Dakota that makes it harder for South Dakota farmers to ship their crops to market.

“It’s different,” Thune said of his likely leadership role. “It’ll take some getting used to, but we’re just looking forward to the opportunity and very humbled.”

Fargo facility could handle Ebola-related waste

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Fargo operator of a medical waste incinerator would only accept Ebola-contaminated waste from other states after careful consideration, and it doesn’t currently have any plans to do so, company officials said.

Healthcare Environmental Services Inc. has received a few calls from nervous people since it appeared on a California Department of Public Health list of potential destinations for any Ebola-related waste, said Chad Wold, the company’s director.

“There is an element of hysteria out there. We’re doing our best to not encourage any more people thinking along those lines,” he said, noting that the company has decades of experience in disposing of medical waste.

“We are not actively engaged in looking for Ebola-contaminated waste,” Wold said. “If someone out-

side the tri-state area desperately needs our help, we would consider it.”

Only six states have medical waste incinerators, according to health officials in California, which does not have any identified Ebola cases. Wold said the Fargo facility has not been contacted by the Salt Lake City company that works with California health officials, but that it has been contacted by companies in Indiana and Wisconsin that are putting together contingency plans for Ebola-related waste.

“We are not saying, ‘yes, we will accept it,’ ahead of time,” Wold said. “We are evaluating on a case-by-case basis.”

Healthcare Environmental Services has operated since 1978. In 2009, it became a subsidiary of Sanford Health, which has been designated by North Dakota’s Health Department to handle any Ebola cases. The Fargo incinerator handles about 6 million pounds of medical waste each year — enough to fill about six semitrailers each week, according to Wold. The waste comes from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and California.

The company has had numerous meetings and training sessions for its 50 employees related to the potential handling of Ebola waste, which could include such things as patient clothes and protective outfits worn by medical workers.

“If the waste is properly packaged, properly shipped, there is absolutely no risk to our employees beyond what we deal with on a daily basis,” Wold said.

Any Ebola waste shipped to incinerators would have to follow “rigorous” federal packing, shipping and tracking guidelines, said Steve Tillotson, assistant director of the state Health Department’s waste management division.

“It is above and beyond,” he said of the rules.

If the Fargo facility handled any Ebola waste, a state Health Department official would be on site to monitor, Tillotson said.

“We’d want to make sure they’re following their permit to the letter, and probably encourage the incinerator owner to take a few additional precautions, as well,” he said.

Ash material generated by the burning of Ebola-related waste would go to landfills in Fargo and Gwinner. Both landfills and the Health Department have approved any such disposal. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says incinerated Ebola waste poses no danger.

“We’re taking this very seriously. At the end of the day, we do have a facility that may be a benefit to the public health, and if something is needed, certainly we’ll be available,” Wold said. “We’re not looking at this as a business opportunity.”

Mitchell apartment fire displaces residents

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The American Red Cross has opened a center at a church for people displaced by an apartment building fire in Mitchell.

The Thursday night blaze affected 17 units. The Red Cross put up four families in hotels overnight, and was providing supper for affected residents on Friday while assessing the need for overnight sheltering.

Public Safety Chief Lyndon Overweg tells The Daily Republic newspaper that the fire began about 8:45 p.m. Thursday on Main Street, in a building that houses apartments and businesses. Everyone inside got out, though Overweg says one person was injured while exiting the building. He did not have further details.

Overweg says a dog died in the fire.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately determined.

Man gets lengthy prison term for molesting child

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An Eagle Butte man has been sentenced to 11 years in federal prison for molesting a child he was baby-sitting nearly 20 years ago.

Forty-two-year-old Frank Baker was accused of sexually assaulting a girl younger than 12 between June 1995 and August 1996. He was indicted last May and pleaded guilty in July to a charge of aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

The U.S. attorney's office did not release details about the amount of time that elapsed between the crime and Baker being charged.

Baker will be on supervised release for five years following his prison term.

Custer State Park visitor center gets \$1M donation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The James and Eloise Elmen Foundation of Sioux Falls is donating \$1 million to the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to support a new visitor center at Custer State Park.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the gift will help the park while also memorializing the late James Elmen, who the governor says was a "lifelong advocate for outdoor education, recreation and preservation."

The state Legislature and the Game, Fish, and Parks Department allocated \$2 million for the visitor center project in 2013. The Parks and Wildlife Foundation committed to seeking \$3 million in private funding.

Parks and Wildlife Foundation President Larry Ness says the Elmen Foundation grant puts his foundation in a position to leverage an additional \$800,000 in private funds needed for the project.

South Dakota fugitive arrested in Delaware

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A U.S. Marshals Service task force has arrested in Delaware one of the most-wanted fugitives in South Dakota's largest county.

Authorities say Albert Javers was arrested without incident on Thursday at a residence in Newark, Delaware.

Javers is wanted in Minnehaha County on felony assault and drug warrants. Authorities say he has an extensive criminal background.

The Marshals Service says Javers indicated during his initial court appearance Thursday that he will fight extradition to South Dakota. His bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

New magistrate judge appointed in Fourth Circuit

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has appointed a new full-time magistrate judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Eric Strawn is a Marine Corps veteran, and a graduate of Black Hills State University and the University of South Dakota School of Law.

Strawn has been serving as a part-time magistrate judge in the Fourth Judicial Circuit while also maintaining a private law practice. He'll replace Judge Michelle Percy, who recently was elected to a circuit court judgeship.

The Fourth Judicial Circuit includes Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins and Ziebach counties.

AP News in Brief

Obama would nearly double US mission in Iraq, but will Congress OK the \$5.6B it will take?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress members returning to Capitol Hill next week will face a debate over President Barack Obama's new \$5.6 billion plan to expand the U.S. mission in Iraq and send up to 1,500 more American troops to the war-torn nation.

Obama authorized the deployment of advisory teams and trainers to bolster struggling Iraqi forces across the country, including into Iraq's western Anbar province where fighting with Islamic State militants has been fierce. His decision comes just three days after bruising midterm elections for his Democratic Party.

But the deployments hinge on whether Obama can get the funding approved in Congress' lame-duck session, so that advisers can begin deploying to Iraq, particularly to Anbar where Sunni tribes have persistently requested help.

Obama's plan could boost the total number of American troops in Iraq to 3,100. There are currently about 1,400 U.S. troops there, out of the 1,600 previously authorized.

The Iraqi government, members of Congress and others have called for troops in Anbar in western Iraq, where extremists have been slaughtering men, women and children.

Obama picks a Washington outsider - and first black woman - to oversee Justice Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has chosen federal prosecutor Loretta Lynch to be the next attorney general, sending a Washington outsider as a high-profile confirmation test amid a power shift in the Senate.

Obama plans to announce Lynch's nomination Saturday at a White House event that was quickly arranged after news organizations reported her selection Friday. He had planned to wait until later this month to introduce his trail-blazing choice — Lynch would be the first black woman in the job. The outgoing attorney general, Eric Holder, was the first black head of the Justice Department.

But with their hand forced, White House officials said they would leave it up to Senate leaders to work out the timeline for her confirmation, urging that it be as soon as possible. Democrats and Republicans have told the White House it would be difficult and damaging to the nominee politically to try to push her through while Democrats control of the Senate. Republicans will oversee her confirmation with the next Congress.

Lynch, 55, is the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, which covers Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and Long Island, a position she also held under President Bill Clinton.

"Ms. Lynch is a strong, independent prosecutor who has twice led one of the most important U.S. attorney's offices in the country," Obama press secretary Josh Earnest said in a statement.

Teen wounded in Washington state school shooting dies; 5th fatality from Oct. 24 gunfire

SEATTLE (AP) — Another of the teenagers wounded in a Washington state high school shooting has died, raising to five the number of fatalities after a student opened fire in the cafeteria two weeks ago.

Andrew Fryberg, 15, died Friday evening at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, a hospital spokes-

woman said.

Zoe Galasso, 14, was killed during the shooting Oct. 24 by a popular freshman at Marysville-Pilchuck High School. Gia Soriano, also 14, died Oct. 26 at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett and 14-year-old Shaylee Chuckulnaskit died Oct. 31 at the Everett hospital.

The shooter, Jaylen Fryberg, died of a self-inflicted wound.

"We express our thanks for the amazing support from the community, as well as from everyone around the world that have been praying for us all through this tragic event," Andrew Fryberg's family said in a statement released by the hospital. The family also thanked "all the amazing staff" who cared for the boy in Harborview's pediatric intensive care unit. The relatives asked for privacy.

At 19, Perwin Mustafa Dihap, a woman fighter who died in Kobani, buried in Turkey

SURUC, Turkey (AP) — It was an easy decision to make. Barely out of school, Perwin Mustafa Dihap wanted to follow in the footsteps of three of her older siblings and go to war. Before long, she was on the front line in the Kurdish Syrian city of Kobani, her hometown on the Turkish border besieged on three sides by extremists from the Islamic State group.

Just two months later, the 19-year-old lay dying in a hospital across the border in Turkey, wounded in an Oct. 6 mortar attack on her position in the city.

The doctor told her family the young woman's chances were slim, despite her surviving a five-hour operation. Yet Dihap still held out hope.

"We went to the hospital ... and I asked her how she was doing, and she said: 'Don't worry about me. If I get better, I will go back to fight again,'" said her 34-year-old brother, Kemal Mustafa Dihap.

But she didn't get better. As her condition deteriorated, doctors transferred her to two other hospitals in larger Turkish towns in an effort to save her. In the last two days, she was too weak to speak. Dihap died in the early hours of Nov. 5.

Kerry: 'No linkage whatsoever' between Iran nuclear deal and shared fight against IS militants

BEIJING (AP) — The top U.S. diplomat described "real gaps" Saturday in waning negotiations to limit Iran's nuclear program, but steadfastly denied that any deal struck would also bring a promise of stronger cooperation between Washington and Tehran on fighting Islamic militants.

Despite the urgency to end years of negotiations by a looming Nov. 24 deadline, Secretary of State John Kerry said that there was no linkage between the nuclear talks and even an indirect U.S.-Iran partnership to combat the Islamic State group that has ravaged much of Iraq and Syria.

He was referring to reports last week, which first surfaced in The Wall Street Journal, describing a recent letter from President Barack Obama to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei suggesting a shared interest in fighting IS — but which would be largely contingent on Tehran agreeing to the nuclear deal.

"There is no linkage whatsoever of the nuclear discussions with any other issue," Kerry told reporters in Beijing, where he was attending the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation conference.

"I want to make that absolutely clear. The nuclear negotiations are on their own. They are standing separate from anything else, and no discussion has ever taken place about linking one thing to the other, one involvement to the other, that I am aware of," Kerry said.

Republicans consolidate rule in the South, but does it complicate the GOP's future path?

ATLANTA (AP) — With the walloping Republicans gave Democrats in the midterm elections, the GOP stands one Louisiana Senate runoff away from completely controlling Southern politics from the Carolinas to Texas. Only a handful of Democrats hold statewide office in the rest of the Old Confederacy.

The results put Southern Republicans at the forefront in Washington — from Senate Majority Leader-in-waiting Mitch McConnell of Kentucky to a host of new committee chairmen. Those leaders and the rank-and-file behind them will set the Capitol Hill agenda and continue molding the GOP's identity heading into 2016.

In statehouses, consolidated Republican power affords the opportunity to advance conservative causes from charter schools and private school vouchers to expanding the tax breaks and incentive programs that define Republican economic policy. The outcome also assures that much of the South, at least for now, will remain steadfast in its refusal to participate in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

"I think these new leaders can help drive the conservative movement" at all levels, said Louisiana Republican Party Chairman Roger Villere, echoing the celebrations of Republican leaders and activists across the region. "We just want a government that doesn't suppress people."

Republicans widely have acknowledged that the party now has to prove it can govern. But one-party rule invariably means internal squabbles. Republican White House hopefuls in particular must court Southern Republicans who are more strident than the wider electorate on issues ranging from immigration to abortion and the broader debate over the government's role — and how to pay for it.

China seeking help during APEC from US, Canada, Australia in global hunt for corrupt officials

BEIJING (AP) — China's graft busters want foreign help in their "fox hunt" for corrupt officials who have fled the country and stashed their ill-gotten loot abroad, but misgivings about Chinese justice may deter the U.S. and other nations from wholeheartedly joining the chase.

When leaders of Asia-Pacific countries meet Monday and Tuesday in Beijing, they are expected to endorse a network for member nations to share information on corruption cases and help recover assets that have been moved across borders illegally.

"We are setting up what is called an anti-corruption and transparency network," said Alan Bollard, APEC's Secretariat executive director. "This group will try and bring together the actual operational people who will share information on particular cases, share information about how to get convictions and prosecutions and, if necessary, assets back as well."

Beijing initiated the proposal, which also is backed by the United States, and foreign ministers from the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation grouping endorsed wording Saturday to refer to leaders at the summit, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said.

"Corruption not only creates an unfair playing field, it not only distorts economic relationships, but corruption also steals from the people of every country the belief that the system can work for everybody," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said at a news conference afterward.

After years of investigating, authorities say California family killed by associate in home

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Authorities searched for the missing McStay family across California and into Mexico, and found their bodies in the desert a hundred miles from home.

They now say the family of four was slain before they ever left their house, and a man familiar to them was their killer.

Investigators believe that Joseph McStay, 40, his wife, Summer, 43, and their sons, 4-year-old Gianni and 3-year-old Joseph, were bludgeoned to death in their home in the San Diego County community of Fallbrook on Feb. 4, 2010, San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon said Friday.

Charles "Chase" Merritt, 57, a business associate of Joseph McStay, was charged with four counts of murder.

Merritt, who has served prison time for burglary and receiving stolen property, did not enter a plea during a brief court appearance and was due back in court next week.

Mexico: Missing students apparently killed, burned, bones smashed and dumped into river

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Drug gang members have described a horrific effort to make 43 teachers college students disappear, piling their bodies like cord wood on a pyre that burned for 15 hours and then wading into the ashes to pulverize, bag and dispose of remaining teeth and bones.

In a somber presentation, Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam laid out on Friday what investigators think happened to the students who have not been seen since being attacked by police Sept. 26 in the southern city of Iguala.

He played video of purported gang members confessing to the killings and telling what they did. Another video showed hundreds of charred fragments of bone and teeth that had been dumped in and along the San Juan River in the neighboring town of Cocula.

The attorney general said the state of the remains will make it hard to say definitely whether they are the students.

"The high level of degradation caused by the fire in the remains make it very difficult to extract the DNA that will allow an identification," Murillo Karam said at a news conference.

A life among the dead: 86-year-old Serb still guards over fallen countrymen in Greece

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Stooped and unsteady, Djordje Mihailovic walks among rows of discolored marble crosses of Serb soldiers slain a century ago in the horrors of World War I.

For over half a century, the 86-year-old has been a caretaker at Thessaloniki's Allied War Cemetery in northern Greece. In the centenary year of the start of World War I, Mihailovic is ever more the embodiment of remembrance as another Nov. 11 Armistice Day approaches.

"This is my family," he said of the remains beneath the rocky soil. "I know many of the names of the soldiers here and many of their stories."

"Now I tell them to their grandchildren and the great grandchildren," he said of the Serb visitors who make the pilgrimage to the site.

Mihailovic also has real family buried here: his grandfather, a World War I veteran who became the

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cemetery's first caretaker, and his father, who succeeded him. Mihailovic intends to work here until he dies, and then be buried here, too.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2014. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln won re-election as he defeated Democratic challenger George B. McClellan. (Lincoln had seriously doubted he would prevail, but the fall of Atlanta to Union forces in September helped ensure his victory.)

On this date:

In 1793, the Louvre began admitting the public, even though the French museum had been officially open since August. Madame Roland, 39, an influential figure of the French Revolution, was convicted of treason during the Reign of Terror and sent to the guillotine (her last words: "O Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!").

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

In 1932, New York Democratic Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1939, the play "Life with Father," based on the stories of Clarence Day, opened on Broadway.

In 1942, Operation Torch, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1950, during the Korean War, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1974, a federal judge in Cleveland dismissed charges against eight Ohio National Guardsmen accused of violating the civil rights of students who were killed or wounded in the 1970 Kent State shootings.

In 1987, 11 people were killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded as crowds gathered in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, for a ceremony honoring Britain's war dead.

In 1988, Vice President George H.W. Bush won the presidential election, defeating the Democratic nominee, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans winning a majority in the Senate while at the same time gaining control of the House for the first time in 40 years. California voters approved Proposition 187, designed to deny education and social services and non-emergency health care to illegal immigrants. (Proposition 187 was never implemented after courts found it unconstitutional.)

Ten years ago: Thousands of U.S. troops attacked the toughest strongholds of Sunni insurgents in Fallujah, Iraq, launching a long-awaited offensive aimed at putting an end to guerrilla control of the city. After a decade, the U.S. dollar was eliminated from circulation in Cuba. Jason Bay became the first Pittsburgh Pirates player to win the NL Rookie of the Year award, while Oakland shortstop Bobby Crosby took the AL honor.

Five years ago: The embattled president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, pledged there would be

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no place for corrupt officials in his new administration, as demanded by the U.S and its international partners.

One year ago: Typhoon Haiyan (HY'-ahn), one of the strongest storms on record, slammed into the central Philippines, leaving at least 6,300 people dead and more than 1,000 missing.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Norman Lloyd is 100. CBS newsman Morley Safer is 83. Actor Alain Delon is 79. Actress Virna Lisi is 78. Singer-actress Bonnie Bramlett is 70. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 65. TV personality Mary Hart is 64. Former Playboy Enterprises chairman and chief executive Christie Hefner is 62. Actress Alfre Woodard is 62. Singer-songwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 60. Author Kazuo Ishiguro is 60. Rock musician Porl Thompson (The Cure) is 57. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 53. Chef and TV personality Gordon Ramsay is 48. Actress Courtney Thorne-Smith is 47. Actress Parker Posey is 46. Rock musician Jimmy Chaney is 45. Actress Roxana Zal is 45. Singer Diana King is 44. Actor Gonzalo Menendez is 43. Rock musician Scott Devendorf (The National) is 42. Actress Gretchen Mol is 41. ABC News anchor David Muir is 41. Actor Matthew Rhys is 40. Actress Tara Reid is 39. Country singer Bucky Covington is 37. Actress Dania Ramirez is 35. Actress Azura Skye is 33. Actor Chris Rankin is 31. TV personality Jack Osbourne is 29. Actress Jessica Lowndes is 26. Country singer Lauren Alaina is 20.

Thought for Today: "I think we look for the differences in people because it makes us less lonely." Carson McCullers, American author (1917-1967).