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Friendly Fellows and Daisy 4-H

The Friendly Fellows and Daisy 4-H club met Nov. 2, 2014 at the Methodist Church in Claremont. The meeting was called to order by Dylan Frey. The American Pledge was led by Nicole Marzahn and the 4-H pledge was led by Colin Frey. Roll call topic was Favorite Halloween Candy. The Secretary's and Treasures reports were approved by Colin Frey and Braden Boe. There was no old business that followed. For new business Mike Frey discussed the Christmas party. Andrew Marzahn motioned to close new business and Kennedy Anderson seconded. The meeting was adjourned by Landen Marzahn and seconded by Mallory Miller. Kamryn Flieds gave a demonstration speech on Crazy Looms. Lunch was served by Kaitlyn and Kennedy Anderson. The next meeting will be December 2 at the Claremont Legion.

Submitted by Kaitlyn Ringgenberg

Jills & Jeans 4-H

The November 9 meeting of the Jill's & Jeans 4-H club was called to order by president Emily Schwab. Flag pledges were led by Nick and Chris Schwab. Roll call, "What am I thankful for?" was answered. Secretaries and treasures reports were give and approved.

Discussion about carnival was held. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work.

In new business 4-H online is open for reenrollment. Needs to be done the the end of December.

The Empty Bowls Build is November 15 at noon at the AARC Aberdeen.

Character counts activity was led by Caitlyn Barse.

Next meeting is December 14 at 2:30. We will be Angel Tree Shopping.

Talk & lunch was served by Kansas Kroll

Meeting adjourned.

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.

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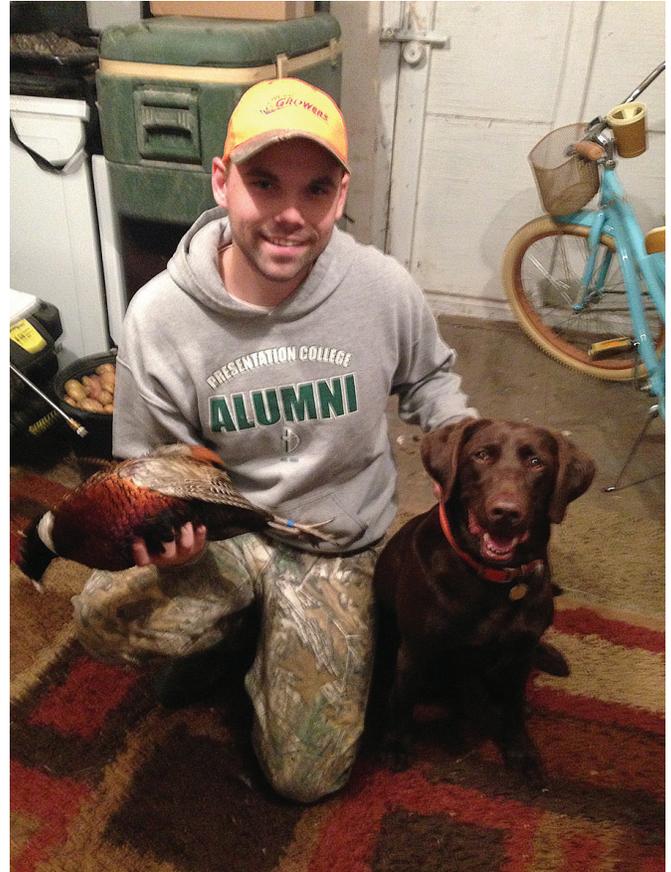
Getting a possible Million Dollar Bird



Philip Remington of Hutchinson, Minn., son of Larry and Glenna Remington, Groton, shot a banded pheasant on Oct. 24th, from the one hundred Brown county pheasants that were released in the Million Dollar bird contest. He won \$100 and was also entered in to the Million dollar drawing which will be in January.

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce is the sponsor of the contest. Each pheasant is worth at least \$100-\$500. In addition one band will be drawn for a chance to win one million dollars.

Philip is pictured with his son, Wyatt.



Colin Herron also shot a banded bird and he won \$100.

Four named to All-State Soccer Team

Landon Larson and Jacob Milbrandt have been selected to the All State Soccer team. Luke Sternhagen and Wyatt Kurtz were named to the second team.

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Members of the Groton Area football team stand outside of the charter bus as they prepare to leave Saturday morning from GHS.

Groton Football Ends Season 7-4

It was 2011 when Groton played in a quarterfinal playoff football game. This year, the Tigers made it to the championship semifinals, but it was a journey, literally. Groton traveled nearly 1,500 miles within six days, first 391 miles to Custer on Monday, then 352 miles to Rapid City on Saturday. "We had a good crowd," said 14-year head Coach Shaun Wanner. Wanner has served as football coach longer than another other coach. "I'd like to thank everyone for come. It says something about our school and our communities. It meant a lot for the team to come that far to support them."

This journey was not as fruitful for the Tigers as St. Thomas More won, 38-7. "We knew we were going to struggle with their passing game," Wanner said. But even with the loss, Wanner had high praise for the Tigers. "We wouldn't have been playing in this game tonight if the kids weren't playing their best."

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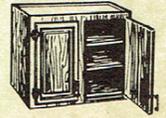
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Groton had the first possession of the game. The Tigers were faced with a tough defensive line and on fourth and five, Groton had to punt. The Cavaliers fumbled the ball on the punt as Austin Merkel jumped on the loose ball. The Tigers were at their own 46 yard line, but again, on fourth and five, Groton punted. Once again, the Cavaliers fumbled the ball, but this time, they recaptured the ball, starting at their own 28 yard line.



Seniors Jackson Doeden, Logan Lane, Wyatt Larson and Spencer Knecht walk on the field for the last time as Captains of the GHS football team. (Photo By Paul Kosel)

Adam Herman broke up a deep pass, coupled with an unsportsmanship penalty on the Cavaliers forced them to punt on fourth and 11.

Groton took over on its own 38 yard line. On fourth and one at its own 45 yard line, Groton punted. St. Thomas More took over on its own 23 yard line. The Cavaliers got a pair of first downs before

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fumbling the ball, but they recovered it. A pass was broken up by Rayce Harder and on fourth and 11, St. Thomas More punted the ball.

Groton started at its own 12 yard line as the first quarter ended scoreless. Deep in its own territory, Groton had to punt on fourth and five. The ball went out bounds and the Cavaliers had excellent field position at the Groton 38 yard line with 10:39 left in the half. The first play of 10 yards was recalled by a Cavalier penalty. St. Thomas More got three



Jackson Doeden tries to gain some yards as Austin Merkel (28) and Shelden Herr (60) lead the offensive line. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

first downs before Travis Mills scored on a four yard run. Luke Julian kicked the PAT and the Cavaliers held a 7-0 lead. That drive of 38 yards lasted 2:39 and there were five plays.

The Cavaliers kicked off and Spencer Knecht returned it to the Groton 31 yard line. He later got a first down as did Rayce Harder as Groton penetrated Cavalier territory at the 43 yard line. The snap was overthrown on third and nine and Groton was faced with fourth and 27 as the Tigers punted.

St. Thomas More started at its own 39 yard line. Wyatt Larson deflected a pass and Adam Herman had a throw-down tackle that knocked the wind out of the Cavalier player. St. Thomas More ended up punting on fourth and two.



Bennett Shabazz gains a few yards on this run. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Groton had the ball on its own 24 yard line with 1:59 left in the half. St. Thomas More called two time-outs to stop the clock. On third and eight, there was a late hit that was not called and as a result, the Tigers had to punt on fourth and four. St. Thomas More took over on its own 29 yard line. On the next play, Jake Aanderud caught the ball and ran the distance for a 71-yard touchdown with 38 seconds left.



Bennett Shabazz makes a catch in a kickoff return. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The PAT kick by Julian was good and St. Thomas More held a 14-0 lead at halftime.

"That touchdown hurt us right before the half," Wanner said. "You have to play four good quarters



Rayce Harder made the catch and got a first down for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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with this team. They were very physical and they got after us. We played a good football team and our kids played hard.”

Groton kicked off to start the second half. The Cavaliers had a huge kickoff return, starting from their own two yard line and returning it to the Groton 30 yard line. A penalty on Groton put the Cavaliers on the Tiger 13 yard line. On second and five, Travis Mills scored on an eight yard run. The PAT kick was wide left and the Cavaliers led, 20-0, with 11:19 left in the third quarter.

Knecht caught the ball in the endzone, so Groton took over on its own 20 yard line. Knecht ran for a first down, but then the Tigers had to punt on fourth and five.

St. Thomas More started at its own 21 yard line. A seven yard gain was recalled because of a facemask penalty. Logan Lane then had a sack and it was thrid



Adam Herman made this catch to get the ball down close to the endzone before being tackled. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jacob Milbrandt helped to make this tackle. On the other side helping was Rayce Harder. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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and 21. Adam Herman deflected a long pass and the Cavaliers punted as Groton took over on the Cavalier 45 yard line. Knecht ran for a first down. Then with 5:30 left in the third quarter, Adam Herman caught a pass to score on a 30-yard play. Jacob Milbrandt kicked the PAT and it was 20-7. The Tiger drive went 55 yards in three plays in 1:27.

The Groton excitement was quickly drowned up as the Cavaliers quickly scored on a 22 yard pass play to Cole Thompes. The Cavaliers ran in the PAT and it was 28-7 with 2:47 left in the third quarter.

Groton started at its own 36 yard line, but the TIGers had to punt on fourth and 10. A bad snap by the Tigers put St. Thomas More on the Groton 22 yard line. Four plays later, Cole Thurness was all alone in the corner of the endzone as he caught the ball for the touchdown. The PAT kick was good and it was 35-7 with 23 seconds left in the third quarter.



Groton started out at its own 26 yard line. Doeden was sacked and on fourth and 14, Groton had to punt. The Cavaliers took over on its own 49 yard line. It took a mea-



Brian Schuring gave Gabe Dohman some tips as Dohman kept track of defensive stats. Schuring did the offensive stats in the absence of Tom Woods. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Jackson Doeden gained a few yards as Nick Dalchow (59) tries to make some room. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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surement to give the Cavaliers a first down to the Groton 39 yard line. Thurness caught the ball at the Tiger four-yard line. The Tiger defense tried to stop St. Thomas More. Knecht had a sack. Carter Jondahl had a sack. Alec Voss grabbed the feet of a runner to stop an escape. The Cavaliers ended up going for a field goal as Luke Julian kicked a 22 yard field goal with 7:34 left in the game.

The Tigers ended up punting on fourth and five on its next possession. St. Thomas more got a first down on third and 13 and they got another first down putting the Cavaliers at the Tiger 31 yard line. On fourth and third, St. Thomas More attempted a field goal which was way short. The Tigers put in a



Late in the game, Kelby Hawkins handed the ball off to Seric Shabazz. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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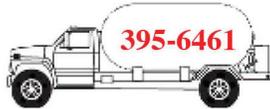
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few reserve players during its last drive of 1:18 as the game ended.

Groton had five first downs, carried the ball 40 times for 63 yards with Spencer Knecht having 22 carries for 56 yards and Bennett Shabazz having five carries for 19 yards. Jackson Doeden completed three of seven passes for 49 yards. Adam Herman had one catch for 30 yards, Spencer Knecht had one for 10 yards and Rayce Harder had one for nine yards. The Tigers had no fumbles and had five penalties for 48.5 yards. Leading tacklers were Knecht with 11, Carter Jondahl nine, Doeden eight, Shabazz six and Alec Voss five.

St. Thomas More had 15 first downs and carried the ball 32 times for 151 yards with Matthew Eastmo having nine for 41 yards, Travis Mills 11 carries for 40 yards and Cole Thurness two carries for 23 yards. Eastmo completed 11 of 14 passes for 229 yards and Preston Prity completed one pass for 20 yards. Jake Randerud had one catch for 71 yards, Alex Keegan had three for 60 yards and PJ Freidel had one catch for 20 yards. The Cavaliers lost one of two fumbles and had six penalties for 62.5 yards. Leading tacklers were Lincoln Feist with 11, Hunter Collins 10 and Cameron Fees and Cole Thurness each had six.



Notice the St. Thomas More defender reaching right through Jackson Doeden and grabs a hold of Spencer Knecht. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Despite the loss, the Groton fans showed their support for their team. It became an emotional time, especially for the seniors, who had played their last football game for GHS. Brittany Kjelden ended her seven-year run as the Tiger's water girl. "It's been a good year," Wanner said. "After being 0-2 to start the season, we came back and played well the rest of the season. We got better as the year went on and this is one they will always remember." The Tigers also were the runner-up in the Northeast Conference. Groton finishes the season with a 7-4 record. "Now the underclassmen will have to go to work and get ready for next year."

- Paul Kosel



The seniors were the last ones off the football field. They were greeted by their fans as they walked to the locker room. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Soccer605 Announces Elite Eleven

Soccer605 is pleased to announce the players who have been selected for the 2014 Elite Eleven Teams for Class A and AA, along with the Player of the Year and Coach of the Year for each team.

At Soccer605, we are often asked, "How are players selected for the Elite Eleven teams?" First, to be considered for Elite Eleven, a player must demonstrate respect and sportsmanship. Does the player show respect for the game, teammates, coaches, officials and opponents?

Second, the player must demonstrate leadership, character and integrity on the team. When the chips are down, does the player pick his head up and do his best to help his team get back in the game? Does she support and encourage her teammates, even when they make mistakes? Does he hold himself and his teammates to a high standard, demanding the best of himself and bringing out the best in those around him on the pitch?

Third, does the player demonstrate a high level of competency on the field and leave a lasting impression on her teammates, her opponents, coaches and officials? Does she have a reputation as being an impact player, someone to watch – or watch out for – in a match?

While these aren't the only factors, they are key factors that can get a player noticed for the Elite Eleven "long list" during the first half of the season. Once the long list is compiled, at Soccer605 we reach out to our Elite Eleven Selection Panel across the state – high school coaches, college coaches, club coaches and referees – to gather more input, see if we are missing players, and begin narrowing down the long list to a short list.

Just as in forming any soccer team, based on the identified talent on the short list, we begin to conceive the formation we will use for the final team. If we have a lot of great midfielders who have been identified, we might go with a 3-5-2 formation. If we have some outstanding defenders, we might go with a 4-4-2. In some cases, a player may have played a different position during the high school season than we ultimately see him or her playing on the Elite Eleven team. Finally, using the input from observations of players during games, as well as other information, including statistics, we work our way to the final Elite Eleven. And while we receive and value input from folks across the state, the final decisions fall on us at Soccer605.

It isn't an easy process – there are so many more than eleven great players in each division across the state. With all of the teams not playing each other this year, it made it even more difficult to compare players who were never matched up on the pitch this season. Ultimately, as with any player selection process, the Elite Eleven decisions are subjective, and while you may not agree with our selections, we are sure you will agree that these teams would be formidable on the pitch! Please join us in congratulating the 2014 Elite Eleven Teams and the Coaches of the Year!

Goalkeeper

- Chance Strom Senior Groton Area

Defenders

- Sam DeSautel Senior Sioux Falls Christian
- Landon Larson Senior Groton Area
- Jayden Waldner Junior James Valley Christian

Midfielders

- Lee Wynja Senior Sioux Falls Christian
- Tim Wager Junior James Valley Christian
- Joey Ten Napel Senior Sioux Falls Christian
- Jacob Milbrandt Senior Groton Area

Forwards

- Ty Wynia Senior Hot Springs
- Spencer Lund 8th Grader St. Thomas More
- Paul Eide Junior Sioux Falls Christian

2014 Boys "A" Player of the Year – Lee Wynja of Sioux Falls Christian

2014 Boys "A" Coach of the Year – Coach Mike Becker of Groton Area

Becker chosen as Coach of the Year



Mike Becker

The primary purpose of the Coach of the Year award is to acknowledge coaches who get the most out of what they have in terms of player resources and school support. As the legendary coach Ronnie Theisz said, coaches should not be judged solely by what they did with the great players they had, but how they helped those players who needed help.

Frankly, Mike Becker has fit that role his entire coaching career at Groton Area. Like many A Division coaches, Becker has had to work productively with rosters listing players who varied not only widely in age, but in ability as well. It's like putting a big, active jigsaw puzzle together every week.

With a core of strong players this year, Groton Area marched through most of the competition, losing only to AA sides Pierre and Aberdeen Central and to James Valley Christian, a loss they avenged when it mattered in the semifinals. In mid-season, the Tigers drew with Sioux Falls Christian, which created a great atmosphere for the final.

The 2014 A Boys final exemplified what Becker brings every year to his teams. There's the never-say-die attitude that each player brings to the pitch, then there's the hard work and expectations. But the main ingredient for Becker's recipe for success is teamwork. He coaches for his team and each team member plays for the guys beside them.



Goalkeeper: Chance Strom Senior Groton Area

In the closest contest ever for an Elite Eleven keeper, Strom was on the radar all year as his team dispatched opponent after opponent. Playing in a system that likes to get lots of numbers forward presents a special situation for the keeper. Strom's save-per-shot ratio was better than any other keeper in the state. But it was his blocked PK in the championship shootout against Sioux Falls Christian while injured that propelled him above the competition. When his team needed him to perform, Strom was there every time for them.

Defender: Landon Larson Senior Groton Area

Possibly the most feared defender in A Boys division, Larson was the guy who ran down through balls and took care of any attackers. Physical, fast and responsible, Larson anchored his team to allow numbers forward and went forward himself to take advantage of his height on corners and other set pieces.

Midfielder: Jacob Milbrandt Senior Groton Area

A tough, smart, hard-working midfielder, Milbrandt is the kind of player they describe as making up the engine room in the middle of the park. Groton Area play an in-your-face style of soccer and Milbrandt exemplified that mentality – winning balls in the middle, supporting play going forward and finishing chances his team created.

What to do with Bus #92

Randy Hjernstad hit a deer with Bus #92 and is in for repair. But the EMC Insurance Company had other ideas for the former Conde School activities bus. "It's one of the lowest mileage buses in the fleet," said Superintendent Joe Schwan. "It's 20 years old and is a stick shift, but it's one of the better buses we have and it's a dependable bus." The bus has 80,000 miles. The estimate of the repairs is \$4,264.

EMC wrote a letter to the school giving them two options. One was to total the bus at a cash value of \$4,000 and the the deductible and fees, the school would get a check for \$3,500 and lose the bus. The second option was to get a check for \$2,100 with a \$1,400 salvage value and the school would keep the bus.

Board member Kelly Kjelden asked, "They (Harlow's of Webster) have our bus?" (yes) "They bought our surplus buses?" (yes) "And they won't play ball?"

Harlow's has bought the last two buses, but have not picked them up yet nor have they paid for them. Board member Merle Harder asked if the district could keep those two buses and use them for scrap to fix up Bus #92. "They're not going to resell them back to the school," Schwan said.

The board gave Superintendent Schwan the authority to work with the insurance company and come up with a way that the district can keep and repair Bus #92.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that 33 bags of food are being delivered to students each week. Each bag costs \$7. The Foster Grandparent has worked with over 100 students through supplementary activities.

Middle/High School Principal Anna Schwan reported on the presentation given by Jamie Utt. She also reported that the American Legion flag burning ceremony scheduled for Veteran's Day has been cancelled due to the cold weather. The Veteran's Day program will be presented at 2:15 p.m. at the GHS Gym.

Superintendent Joe Schwan said if Groton's volleyball team makes it to state, decisions about the school schedule will be made, depending on when Groton would play.

Julie Erdmann, Emily Eichler, Anne Zoellner and Lynette Grieve are currently pursuing their Teaching and Learning Master's Degree through Northern State University. They gave the school board members a tablet where



Anne Zoellner, Emily Eichler, Lynette Grieve and Julie Erdmann are pursuing their Master's Degree in education. They will be putting together a Needs Assessment for the RtI program at the next school board meeting. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

they had to complete a survey. It is part of a Needs Assessment program they were working on and their subject is the RtI program. They will use the results of the survey and put together a presentation for the next school board meeting.

The board approved the resignation of Ann Thorson as the cheerleading advisor for this season.

The board approved the use of a bus for St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church for a youth event in Brookings on November 15. The cost is \$1.56 per mile for a total of \$396.24.

- Paul Kosel

City Council holds special meeting Monday night

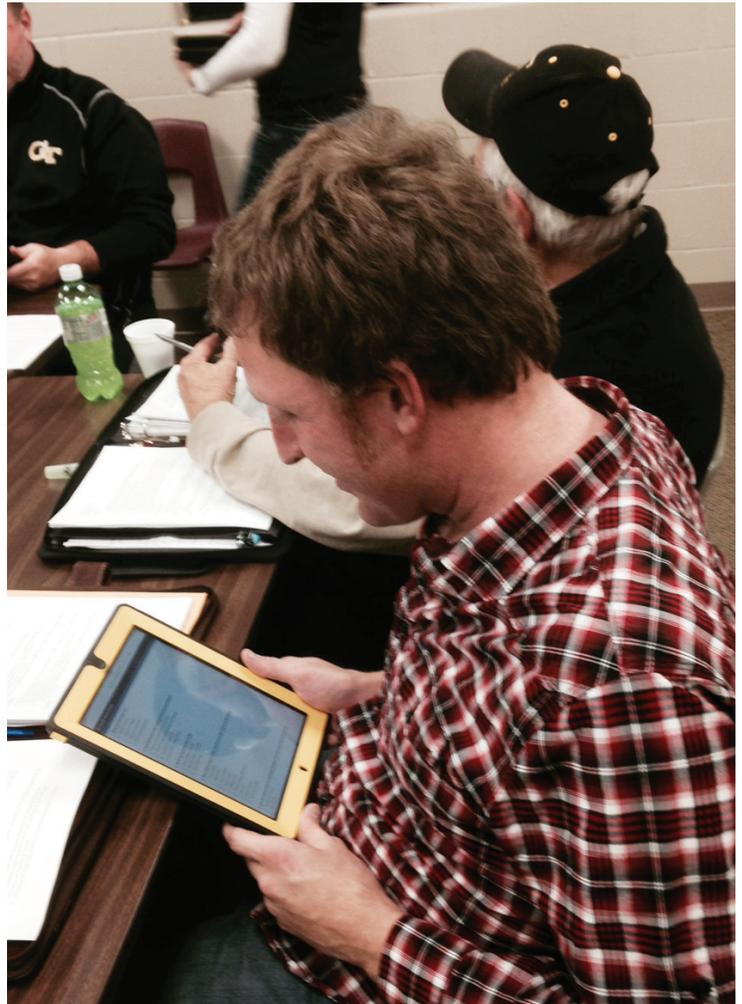
November 10, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for a special meeting regarding personnel, wages, and insurance with the following members present: Muilenburg, Blackmun, Flihs, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Councilmen McGannon and Opp were absent. Also present was Finance Officer Lowary.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Blackmun to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:13pm.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Blackmun to give 1st Reading or Ordinance 699, 2015 Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.



Grant Rix takes a survey of the RtI questions presented at the school board meeting Monday night. The results of the survey will be used to put together a Needs Assessment of the RtI program at the next school board meet. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

2E6 has been unlicensed for two years

Say what? What on earth is 2E6 (otherwise known as 2 ECHO 6)?

The Groton City Council had a special meeting last week to meet with Jason Engbrecht who works for the Aeronomics Division of the South Dakota Department of Transportation. At the center of the discussion was the future of the Groton Municipal Airport which is officially known as 2E6. The airport is located five miles north of Groton and was activated in May of 1949 by the United States Coast Guard.

Engbrecht told the council that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been telling him that something needs to be done with 2E6. "They said I've been putting it off for 13 years and now, you will deal with it," he said.

The city received a 24 hour notification that Engbrecht would be coming to Groton to discuss closure of the airport. That resulted in a special meeting being called and Engbrecht told the council, "I'm on your side. I will try to help you."

The city was given three options to consider.

#1) Leave it as it is with adjustments. The Groton site is the only one of its kind in South Dakota that is a publically owned airport. Officially the airport is suppose to be 140' wide by 2,070 feet long. Currently, the airport is 141' wide on the north end and 186' wide on the south end and is 1,855' long. The public can use the airport without permission.

#2) Change it to a publicly owned private airport. Once it becomes private, pilots who wish to use the airport must first obtain permission from the city. This was done in Harrold.

#3) Sell the property and give the funds to the Aberdeen Regional Airport.

The council will not consider option #3 as it gets about \$25,000 a year for rent of the property around the airport.

There were other things that Engbrecht talked about. He said the length of the airport could be changed as well as the width. If that was done, then the city would not have to do any more to the airport. As of right now, the farming of the property is too close to the airport edge, especially on the ends. "I would get really tough on this," Engbrecht said of farming too close to the airport. "You have a liability issue here."

Grain bins were erected a few years ago 2,471' to the northwest of the airport. The city was unaware of the grain bins going up until they were completed. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said she has been in contact with the county zoning administrator to discuss the situation. One option available to the city is to extend the city's zoning administration to include three miles around the airport. Anything within three miles of the airport needs to be "airspaced." In other words, anything built within three miles must be documented with the FFA.

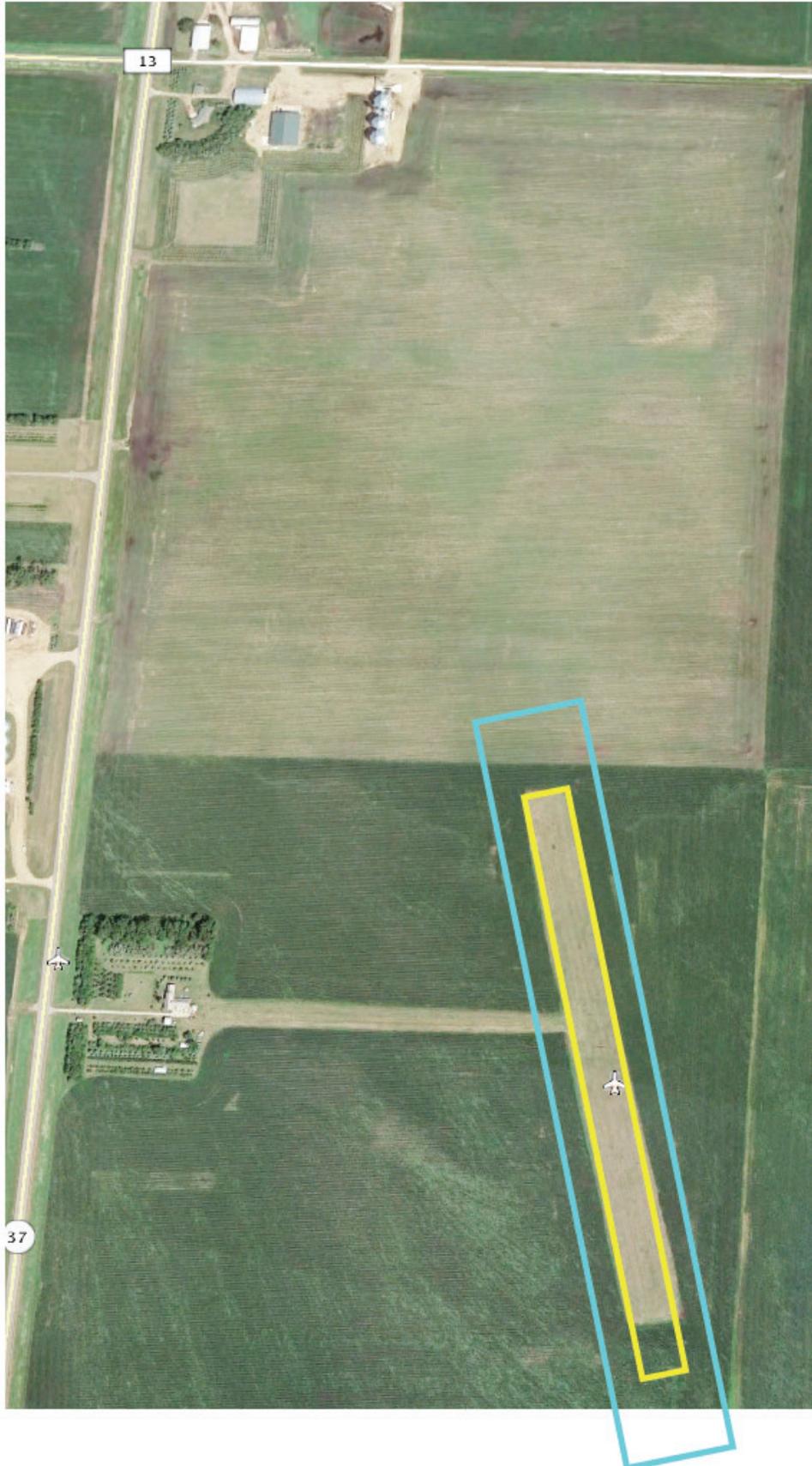
The city's airport has been unlicensed for two years. It has been taken off of many of the FFA records.

Engbrecht also said the wooden markers at the airport are considered unsafe. In addition, there were markers located a the middle of each end of the runway which needed to be moved immediately. He said there are black and white cones that are available and would be a safer option for the airport. He said if an airplane wing tip would hit one of the wooden markers, it could cause an accident.

Council members will mull over options one and two. City Attorney Drew Johnson will make his legal presentation at the November 17th council meeting. The council will then decide which option to take at the December 2 meeting. If everything is done, the city's airport could be licensed once again.

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The turf is suppose to be 140' wide by 2,070' long.

Width of North End 141'

Width of South End 186'

Length of Runway 1,855'

The blue outline represents the clearance needed when corn is planted.

The yellow outline represents the minimum requirement for a turf runway.

Presently, all crops are planted right up to the runway.

The south end turf is short by 215'

The corners are very much rounded and not squared off.

The grain bins are directly in line with the run way. They are located 2,471' to the NW.

Today in Weather History

1982: Wet snow and winds gusting to over 50 mph snapped almost a thousand power lines and poles. Snowfall amounts were generally 4 to 6 inches but ranged to nearly a foot or more in Brookings County. Wind Gusts of 75 mph were recorded in McCook County. Several semi trucks jack knifed on ice covered roads and numerous other automobile accidents were also reported.

2000: Heavy snow of 6 to 14 inches fell across central and northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota on November 11th and 12th, causing extensive driving difficulties throughout the region. Many vehicles became stuck in the snow or slid into ditches. There were also several accidents and many events were cancelled. Some snowfall amounts include; 14.0 inches in Miller; 13.8 inches near Mellette; 12.5 inches in Highmore; 11.5 inches near Iona; 11 inches in Wilmot; 10 inches in Aberdeen, near Bryant, and Artichoke Lake MN; 9.5 inches in Clark; and 9.0 inches in Clear Lake, near Onida, and Webster.

1911 - The central U.S. experienced perhaps its most dramatic cold wave of record. During the early morning temperatures across the Central Plains ranged from 68 degrees at Kansas City to 4 above North Platte NE. In Kansas City, the temperature warmed to a record 76 degrees by late morning before the arctic front moved in from the northwest. Skies become overcast, winds shifted to the northwest, and the mercury began to plummet. By early afternoon it was cold enough to snow, and by midnight the temperature had dipped to a record cold reading of 11 degrees above zero. Oklahoma City also established a record high of 83 degrees and record low of 17 degrees that same day. In southeastern Kansas, the temperature at Independence plunged from 83 degrees to 33 degrees in just one hour. The arctic cold front produced severe thunderstorms and tornadoes in the Mississippi Valley, a blizzard in the Ohio Va

1940 - An Armistice Day storm raged across the Great Lakes Region and the Upper Midwest. A blizzard left 49 dead in Minnesota, and gales on Lake Michigan caused ship wrecks resulting in another 59 deaths. Up to seventeen inches of snow fell in Iowa, and at Duluth MN the barometric pressure reached 28.66 inches. The blizzard claimed a total of 154 lives, and killed thousands of cattle in Iowa. Whole towns were isolated by huge snowdrifts. (David Ludlum)

1955 - An early arctic outbreak set many November temperature records across Oregon and Washington. The severe cold damaged shrubs and fruit trees. Readings plunged to near zero in western Washington, and dipped to 19 degrees below zero in the eastern part of the state. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A deepening low pressure system brought heavy snow to the east central U.S. The Veteran's Day storm produced up to 17 inches of snow in the Washington D.C. area snarling traffic and closing schools and airports. Afternoon thunderstorms produced five inches of snow in three hours. Gale force winds lashed the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast. Norfolk VA reported their earliest measurable snow in 99 years of records. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Low pressure brought snow to parts of the Rocky Mountain Region. Totals in the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado ranged up to 10 inches at Summitville. Evening thunderstorms produced large hail in central Oklahoma and north central Texas. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Veteran's Day was an unseasonably warm one across much of the nation east of the Rockies. Temperatures warmed into the 70s and 80s from the Southern and Central Plains to the southern half of the Atlantic coast. Thirty-four cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Saint Louis MO with a reading of 85 degrees. Calico AR and Gilbert AR reported record highs of 87 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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VETERANS DAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY
						
Chance Flurries High: 18 °F	Chance Snow Low: 6 °F	Chance Snow High: 21 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 4 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 16 °F	Mostly Clear Low: -12 °F	Sunny High: 14 °F



Very Cold Temps Today

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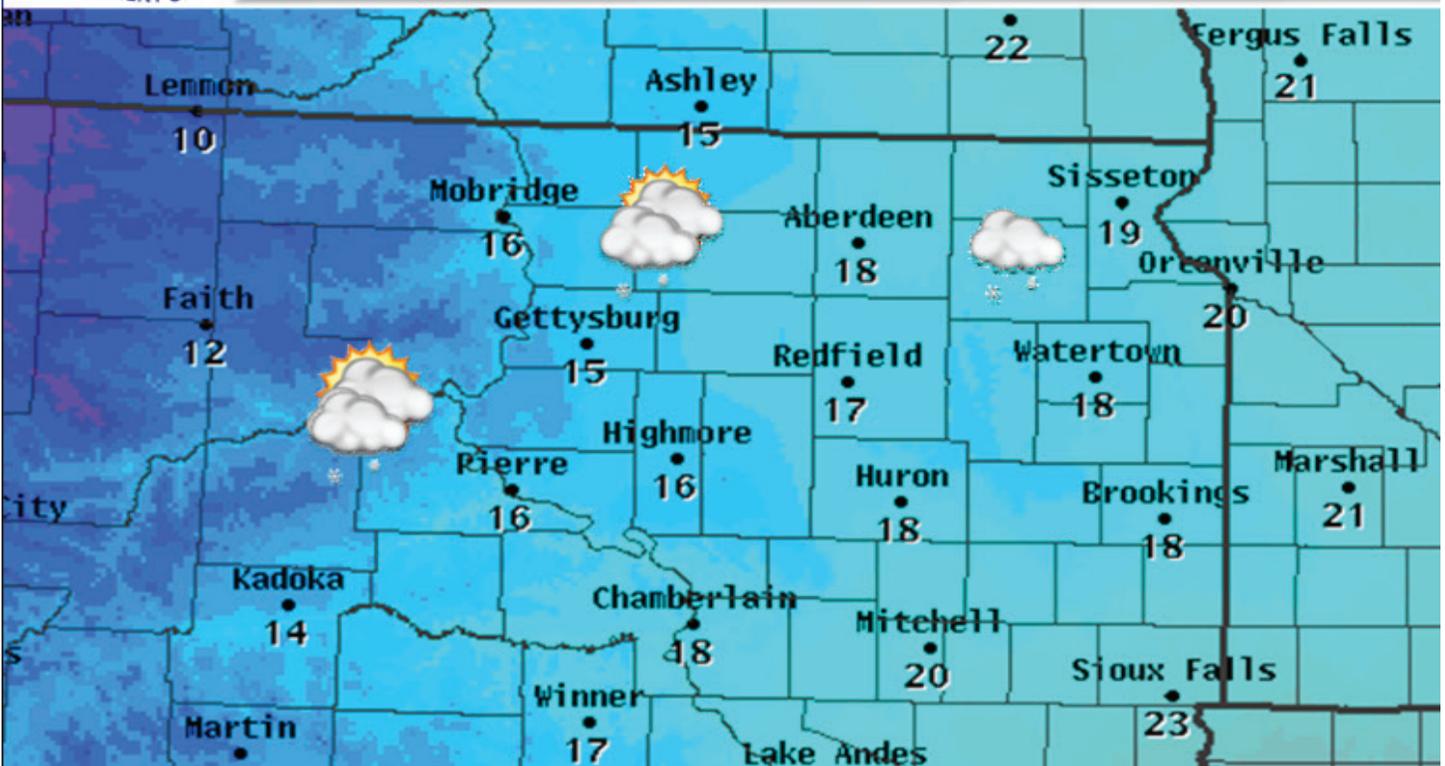
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High temperatures today will only reach the teens to around 20 degrees as the pattern of much below normal temps will persist through the week. Skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered flurries. North-west winds will create wind chill readings in the single digits above and below zero.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 23.3°F at 3:14 AM

Low: 16.5°F at 11:27 PM

High Gust: 28 mph at 12:36 PM

Precip: 6" of Snow. Precip: 0.56

Today's Info

Record High: 68° in 1937, 1905

Record Low: -8° in 1966, 1896

Average High: 42°F

Average Low: 21°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.29

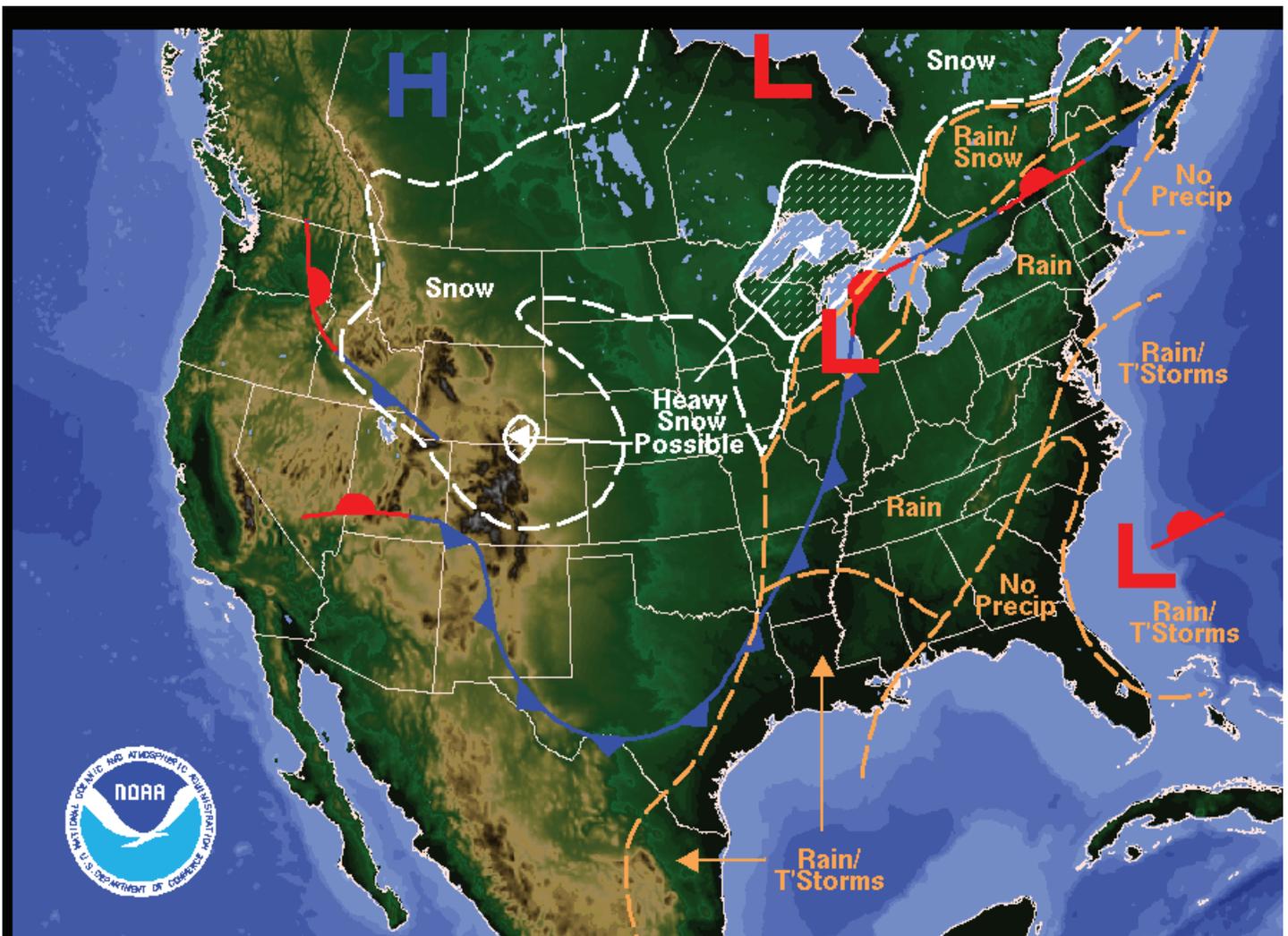
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.56

Average Precip to date: 20.76

Precip Year to Date: 13.79

Sunset Tonight: 5:08 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:29 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Nov 11, 2014, issued 3:35 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



DOUBLE STANDARDS

There is a theme throughout the Old Testament that needs constant attention: God will not tolerate business practices that are dishonest, false or even questionable. It has its roots in the Law, is emphasized by the prophets and has a place of prominence in Wisdom Literature.

In Biblical times the phrase "dishonest scales" was used and meant "scales of deceit." Also used was the phrase "a just weight" or "an accurate" or "perfect stone." Merchants used "stones" as measures in place of coins and conducted their businesses by using balances and weighted stones. It was common knowledge that merchants had two sets of stones: one for selling and one for purchasing goods. When purchasing products for selling, they would use the heavier stone to gain an advantage over the person who was selling them goods to be resold. When selling their product, they would use the lighter stone, which resulted in the customer getting much less than what was paid for. Each stone was labeled so the merchant knew he had the advantage.

This type of business was an "abomination to the Lord," was unacceptable to Him and one He would not tolerate. On the other hand, "an accurate weight" finds "favor with Him."

This comes as no surprise to His faithful. God finds favor in those whose character is consistent with His ways and His Word and live in agreement with His will.

The lives of those who profess to be His followers are under His surveillance. He will honor their faithfulness!

Prayer: Convict us, Lord, when we are less than honest in any of our ways. May we live lives that honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:1 The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him.

News from the Associated Press

Blast at Crazy Horse Memorial rescheduled

CRAZY HORSE, S.D. (AP) — A blast planned at the Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills has been rescheduled due to the heavy snowfall in the state.

Crews planned to blast part of the mountain where the memorial is being carved to honor the men and women who have served in all branches of the military.

The Rapid City Journal says the annual Veterans Day blast will now be at 11:11 a.m. Mountain time on Thursday, weather permitting.

The observance has been a tradition since the start of carving at Crazy Horse, which honors Native Americans, many of whom have served.

The original mountain sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski, volunteered for military service in World War II.

Garretson man charged with 16 felony sex offenses

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A rural Garretson man charged with sexually abusing a woman for nearly 14 years has pleaded not guilty.

Ronald Neels, 52, is charged with 16 felony sex offenses, including two counts of first-degree rape and four counts of sexual contact with a child younger than 16.

The victim has told detectives that she was abused by Neels for 13 years, starting when she was 9.

Neels appeared in court for an arraignment Monday. He was given a January trial date after pleading not guilty.

Judge Mark Salter told Neels that he faces up to life in prison on the most serious rape charges.

Neels remains in custody at the Minnehaha County Jail on a \$100,000 cash-only bond.

Police find missing Brandon Valley student

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police have found a Brandon Valley High School student who was missing for five hours Monday as temperatures dropped in the state.

Police found Dustin Dog Eagle at a park in Brandon that a teacher said the student was familiar with. Police treated Dog Eagle for cold exposure and released him to his mom.

Police said Monday morning that Dog Eagle is a special needs student and could've been in danger because of the unusually cold weather and high winds affecting South Dakota.

Snow, cold, gusty winds push through the Dakotas

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Parts of the Dakotas were hit with their first major snowfall of the winter Monday as a system pushed in by the remnants of Typhoon Nuri made its way through the region.

As much as 7.5 inches of snow fell throughout southern North Dakota by midafternoon on Monday while towns in northern South Dakota saw as much as 8 inches.

More snow was falling Monday, with nearly a foot possible in parts of northern South Dakota.

The North Dakota Transportation Department issued a travel alert for the western and southwestern

regions that lingered into early Monday and cities in South Dakota, such as Pierre, issued snow emergencies to clear the roads.

Many South Dakota schools started classes late or closed for the day. Northern State University in Aberdeen also shut down. A blast planned at the Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills to honor veterans was rescheduled due to the heavy snowfall in the state and a Veteran's Day parade scheduled for Tuesday was also cancelled in Rapid City.

For some in the state though, the early wintry weather could be worse. The snow and cold blowing through the two states isn't presenting any unexpected worries for ranchers.

Last year, a blizzard in early October that hit with surprising intensity killed at least 43,000 cattle in western South Dakota and southwestern North Dakota. But that storm hit early in the season, when cattle didn't have their heavy winter coats.

South Dakota Stockgrowers Association President Bob Fortune says it's late enough in the fall now that cattle are "haired up like bears." And he says this storm is only bringing a few inches of snow — not a few feet like the October 2013 blast.

Roger Weiss, a rancher who lives west of Faith, South Dakota, and who lost about a third of his herd in the storm last year, said most ranchers have their cattle protected behind natural or man-made windbreaks by this time of year. He said cattle can generally weather winter storms fine, if the wind isn't that bad.

"That's what intensifies these storms so bad," he said. "If they just had to stand out in a storm without wind, it wouldn't be that bad."

Snow could reduce corn harvest in Upper Midwest

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The first snow of the season is never a welcome sight, but it's particularly bad news for farmers in a few states in the Upper Midwest where a significant portion of the corn crop remains in fields.

Parts of South Dakota already have received between 4 and 8 inches of snow, while some areas of Minnesota have seen 11 inches. Snow also has fallen in Michigan — 2 to 4 inches.

The National Weather Service said Monday it expected at least 4 more inches of snow overnight in an area including South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

About 10 percent of the corn crop remains to be harvested in Minnesota and 16 percent remains in South Dakota.

Most of the snow is likely to track north of the significant corn-growing areas of Michigan and Wisconsin, said Brad Rippey, a meteorologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The corn can withstand the cold as temperatures drop below freezing, but deep snow could delay harvest.

"At this point it depends on how much snow actually comes in," said Chad Hart, an agriculture economist at Iowa State University. "A foot of snow is hard to slog through and tractors might dig in and get stuck in mud. That could mean some delays."

Farmers leaving corn in fields until the weather improves is not unheard of, but a harvest reduction could come if ears of corn get knocked from stalks or if the cornstalks themselves topple.

Mature corn can withstand cold temperatures and remain in fields for prolonged periods, Rippey said. It may be susceptible to damage from wind, heavy snow and wildlife.

"In some ways, this is an advantage to producers in this year of record U.S. corn production, since

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leaving the corn in the field is an inexpensive way to dry the crop down without paying to do so and helps to prevent an overload of corn in storage," he said.

The forecast of more snow was developing as the USDA released its monthly update Monday. The agency boosted the size of this year's record soybean crop as farmers in several states report per-acre yields surpassing earlier expectations. The corn crop was reduced slightly but still will be a record.

Soybean farmers are now expected to harvest 3.96 billion bushels, up 31 million bushels from the October estimate. Fifteen states including Indiana, Missouri and South Dakota are expected to report records for the amount of soybeans grown per acre with the average yield at 47.5 bushels per acre.

Yields were boosted in six states including Illinois and Iowa. Illinois has the highest yield expected with 56 bushels per acre.

The corn crop estimate was lowered slightly to 14.41 billion bushels, down 68 million bushels from the October estimate. The adjustment was primarily due to lower yields than previously expected in six states including Iowa, Minnesota and Oklahoma. That dropped the national average yield to 173.4 bushels per acre — still a record high — from the previously expected 174.2.

Still, 22 states including Nebraska anticipate record corn yields. Washington farmers are expected to post an average statewide yield of 215 bushels per acre, and Illinois will average 200.

Meryl Streep, Stevie Wonder get Medal of Freedom

JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Meryl Streep, Stevie Wonder and Tom Brokaw are among the latest Americans tapped to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President Barack Obama announced Tuesday.

The performers and former NBC anchor will join 16 others at the White House on Nov. 24 for a ceremony marking their achievements. The medal is the highest honor granted to civilians in the U.S. and honors contributions to U.S. security, world peace and cultural achievement.

"From scientists who kept America on the cutting edge to public servants who help write new chapters in our American story, these citizens have made extraordinary contributions to our country and the world," Obama said in a statement from Beijing, where the president was traveling for an economic summit.

Musical theater composer Stephen Sondheim and actress Marlo Thomas will also receive the award. Choreographer Alvin Ailey, who died in 1989, will receive the medal posthumously. So will former Rep. Edward Roybal of California, who founded the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Those being honored include slain civil rights activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who were killed during their work in an historic voter registration effort in Mississippi in 1964.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, the longest-serving congressman in American history, will receive the award, as will Ethel Kennedy, the widow of former Sen. Robert Kennedy. Native American activist Suzan Harjo and former Reps. Abner Mikva of Illinois and Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii are also on the list.

Other recipients include author Isabel Allende, scientist Mildred Dresselhaus, golfer Charles Sifford and economist Robert Solow.

Rockies, Upper Midwest get blast of wintry weather

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A blast of wintry weather blew into parts of the Rockies and Upper Midwest on Monday, bringing a foot of snow in some areas, along with plunging temperatures. The cold weather is

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expected to eventually blanket the central U.S. from the Rockies to the Great Lakes region.

The frigid air was pushed in by a powerful storm that hit Alaska with hurricane-force winds over the weekend, and threatened to bury several states in snow and send temperatures as much as 40 degrees below average. A look at the storm and its effects:

BUT IT'S NOT EVEN WINTER YET

By Monday afternoon, areas of northwest Montana saw 14 inches of snow; parts of North Dakota saw as much as 8 inches; a community in central Minnesota got more than 16 inches; some Wisconsin communities got a foot or more of snow; and parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula had 9 inches, with up to 2 feet expected by the time the storm ends.

Terri Sommerfeld, a clerk at Ace Hardware in Webster, Wisconsin, said the store usually sells six or seven snow blowers in a typical winter. That's how many it's sold in just two days.

"It hasn't been overly busy today, but the ones that are coming are buying snow blowers and shovels," she said.

Winter is still more than a month away, but it may not feel like it. The cold air coming with the snow will be around for a while, said Joe Calderone, a senior forecaster for the National Weather Service.

SNOW: FIREFIGHTER'S BEST FRIEND?

Snow was welcome in northern Wyoming, where snow and arctic cold stopped a raging wildfire that had burned almost 2 square miles by Sunday evening.

"That's the best fire control you can have is Mother Nature," said John Garman, a firefighter with Johnson County.

Elsewhere, the weather wasn't so welcome. In Minnesota, the State Patrol said at least two people were killed in accidents on icy roads. Separately, a semitrailer carrying a load of turkeys to a processing plant slipped off Interstate 94 and overturned. In eastern Wisconsin, snow-covered roads were blamed for a school bus crash that sent the driver and an aide to a hospital, WBAY-TV reported.

The storm stirred anxiety for some farmers in Minnesota and South Dakota whose corn had not yet been harvested. The corn can withstand the cold, but deep snow may delay farmers getting it out of fields.

KEEP CALM AND SHOVEL ON

The snow got a mixed reception in Minneapolis, where the first inch tripled morning drive times. At one point, the weather turned to sleet, and tiny pellets stung uncovered faces and hands. Crews were plowing, shoveling or brushing off sidewalks, and snowplows did several loops around city streets.

Richard Anderson, who was decorating small trees outside Seven Steakhouse, had a slightly downcast take on the weather.

"As a professional holiday decorator you'd think I'd appreciate it. But I appreciate it when I'm all finished, and I'm finally sitting down and enjoying my own Christmas tree," he said. "It's wet, cold, sticks to you. It's freezing on your jacket as it's raining. What do you call it? Rain, sleet and snow. And it's bitter. It's really bitter. It's not very nice."

In Chicago, some people were savoring breezy but mild weather near 60 before freezing temperatures arrive Wednesday.

"I just wanted to enjoy one of the last nice days," said 44-year-old Joe Kauda, who lives in the Chicago suburb of Carol Stream and works in the mortgage industry.

READY. SET. WAIT.

If you're flying in the coming days, expect some delays. Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport estimated roughly one-third of its arrivals and departures would be canceled by the end of Monday.

As far as driving, if you must do it in snow and sleet, be prepared: Have a full tank of gas, an emer-

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gency kit and exercise caution. Wind-blown snow can make it difficult to see, and ice underneath can make driving slippery.

"It's part of being in South Dakota," said Nancy Miller, a manager at Mid-America Travel Plaza in Belle Fourche. "It's just the topic of the day. It's the first snowstorm of the season."

OMINOUS SIGN?

The wintry blast stirred fears of a repeat of last year's bitter season, but the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration doesn't expect it. Federal forecasters have predicted this winter will be fairly average.

That doesn't mean it won't be cold, and other private weather forecasters are predicting a slightly cooler winter than NOAA.

This week's storm is part of a powerful system being pushed in by the remnants of Typhoon Nuri that hit Alaska's sparsely populated Aleutian Islands.

SDSU football team rises to 19 in both FCS polls

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State has risen three spots in both Football Championship Subdivision polls after a 32-17 weekend win over Indiana State.

The Jackrabbits moved from 22nd to 19th in both the coaches' poll and the Sports Network poll.

SDSU had dropped in both polls after a Nov. 1 loss to then-No. 1 North Dakota State. The Bison have dropped to fourth in both polls after Northern Iowa snapped NDSU's 33-game winning streak on Saturday.

Coastal Carolina is first and New Hampshire second in this week's coaches' poll. The schools swap spots in the Sports Network poll. Jacksonville State is third in both polls.

SDSU hosts unranked Western Illinois on Saturday.

South Dakota row crop harvest progresses

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers made significant progress on the corn, sorghum and sunflower harvests over the past week, before snow began falling.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that the sunflower harvest is 70 percent done, near the average pace. The corn harvest is 84 percent done and the sorghum harvest 92 percent complete —both ahead of the average.

Ninety-one percent of the state's winter wheat crop has now emerged, with 70 percent of the crop rated in good to excellent condition.

Pasture and range conditions in South Dakota are rated 59 percent good to excellent. Stockwater supplies are rated 77 percent adequate to surplus.

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. SOUTH KOREAN FERRY CAPTAIN GETS 36 YEARS IN PRISON

The ship's steward was sentenced in a widely anticipated hearing along with 14 others of his crew.

2. AT PACIFIC MEETING, OBAMA AND PUTIN SHY AWAY FROM DISAGREEMENTS

The two leaders, who are at odds over many global problems, are all niceties in front of the cameras and are avoiding touchy issues away from the media.

3. IRAQI TV SAYS ARMY RETAKES REFINERY TOWN

Reports claim Iraq's troops have driven out Islamic State militants from Beiji which is home to the country's largest oil facility.

4. ISRAEL HEIGHTENS SECURITY AFTER SERIES OF ATTACKS

Palestinian assailants carry out stabbing attacks in Tel Aviv and the West Bank, killing an Israeli woman and a soldier.

5. HOW SECURITY AGENTS ARE TRAINING TO PREVENT ANOTHER BENGHAZI

A fantasy Middle Eastern city is set up as a training camp for diplomats who face improvised threats that mimic conditions in dangerous posts.

6. OBAMA HEATS UP DEBATE ON NET NEUTRALITY

The president's push to preserve one of the Internet's building blocks runs counter to what service providers want.

7. WHERE MARIJUANA BUSINESSES AREN'T SO WELCOME

The booming recreational pot industry is facing pushback from neighboring businesses concerned about crime and image.

8. WHO IS GETTING FREEBIES TODAY

From pancake breakfasts to a free coffee at Starbucks, veterans are being feted on their day with gestures of appreciation from businesses across the U.S.

9. MEDICAL WORKER WITH EBOLA TO LEAVE NYC HOSPITAL

Dr. Craig Spencer, the only Ebola patient being treated in the United States, has been declared free of the virus.

10. AFTER MONTHS OF WATCHING, LAVA REACHES HAWAII HOME

The molten rock sets a house on fire in the Big Island's isolated and mostly agricultural Puna region.

AP News in Brief

Iraqi officials say airstrike wounds Islamic State group leader al-Baghdadi

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi officials said Sunday that the head of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, was wounded in an airstrike in western Anbar province. Pentagon officials said they had no immediate information on such an attack or on the militant leader being injured.

Iraq's Defense and Interior ministries both issued statements saying al-Baghdadi had been wounded, without elaborating, and the news was broadcast on state-run television Sunday night.

The reports came at a time when President Barack Obama said the U.S.-led coalition was in a position to start going on the offensive against the Islamic State militants.

Al-Baghdadi, believed to be in his early 40s, has a \$10 million U.S. bounty on his head. Since taking the reins of the group in 2010, he has transformed it from a local branch of al-Qaida into an independent transnational military force.

He has positioned himself as perhaps the pre-eminent figure in the global jihadi community. His forces have seized large parts of Syria and Iraq, killed thousands of people, beheaded Westerners and drawn the U.S. troops and warplanes back into the region, where Washington is leading a campaign of airstrikes by a multinational coalition.

1 of last 2 Americans freed by North Korea says he learned much during years long imprisonment

SEATTLE (AP) — Kenneth Bae arrived home after years of imprisonment in North Korea, expressing his gratitude to the U.S. government for securing his release and revealing that his time there offered lessons.

And his sister said he had one stipulation for his first meal back home: No Korean food.

"He said, 'I don't want Korean food, that's all I've been eating for the last two years,'" Terri Chung said Sunday outside her Seattle church. "We had a late night eating pizza."

Bae and Matthew Miller, another American who had been held captive in North Korea, landed Saturday night at a Washington state military base after a top U.S. intelligence official secured their release.

"It's been an amazing two years, I learned a lot, I grew a lot, I lost a lot of weight," Bae, a Korean-American missionary with health problems, said at Joint Base-Lewis-McChord Saturday night. Asked how he was feeling, he said, "I'm recovering at this time."

White House faces last best chance to limit Iran's nuclear program as clock runs down on talks

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — The Obama administration is facing its last best chance to curb Iran's nuclear program — not just to meet an end-of-the-month deadline for a deal, but also to seal one before skeptical Republicans who will control Congress next year are able to scuttle it.

Years of negotiations to limit Tehran's nuclear production entered the final stretch Sunday as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and European Union senior adviser Catherine Ashton in Oman's capital. With no immediate agreement in sight, officials said the discussions were expected to continue into Monday.

The stakes are high as the Nov. 24 deadline approaches. A deal could quell Mideast fears about Iran's ability to build a nuclear bomb and help revive the Islamic Republic's economy.

It also would deliver a foreign policy triumph for the White House, which is being hammered by prominent Republican senators over its handling of the civil war in Syria and the growth of the Islamic State militancy in Iraq. Those same critics seek to put the brakes on U.S.-Iranian bartering, if not shut it down completely, once they seize the majority on Jan. 3.

The Obama administration "needs to understand that this Iranian regime cares more about trying to weaken America and push us out of the Middle East than cooperating with us," Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona, the incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, said in a statement last week.

Speeding toward 2016: GOP's midterm election rout helping shape upcoming presidential contest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2016 presidential race was about the new Republican-controlled Congress even before the polls closed Tuesday night.

As the GOP rout became clear late on election night, would-be Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton found herself with a ready-made foil in the Republican-led Congress that begins next year just as a few high-profile senators seized on their new status as a springboard into 2016.

Some Republican governors already have begun to try to distance themselves from unpopular con-

gressional leaders in both parties.

"I think governors make much better presidents than members of Congress," said Gov. Scott Walker, R-Wis., who just won his third election in four years and is contemplating a presidential bid.

Republicans are facing their most unpredictable presidential primary campaign in a generation, while Clinton remains the overwhelming favorite for Democrats who are reeling from heavy losses in last week's midterm elections.

As health law's 2nd sign-up season gets underway, HealthCare.gov can't afford another meltdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a bright look to its rebuilt website, version 2.0 of President Barack Obama's health insurance overhaul represents another chance to win over a skeptical public.

But more than possible computer woes lurk as HealthCare.gov's second open enrollment season begins Nov. 15.

The risks include an unproven system for those renewing coverage and a tax hit that could sting millions of people. Those tax issues are the result of complications between the health care law and income taxes, and they will emerge during next year's filing season.

"Things will not be perfect," said Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell, trying to set expectations. "We are aiming for a strong consumer experience, and it will be better."

The Obama administration cannot afford to repeat last year's online meltdown. Congress will be entirely in Republican hands in 2015, and GOP lawmakers will be itching to build the case for repeal. The Supreme Court's decision Friday to hear another challenge to the law is also casting a shadow.

Sleepy Massachusetts town could become 1st in the nation to ban all tobacco sales

WESTMINSTER, Mass. (AP) — The cartons of Marlboros, cans of Skoal and packs of Swisher Sweets are hard to miss stacked near the entrance of Vincent's Country Store, but maybe not for much longer: All tobacco products could become contraband if local health officials get their way.

This sleepy central Massachusetts town of 7,700 has become an improbable battleground in America's tobacco wars. On Wednesday, the Board of Health will hear public comment on a proposed regulation that could make Westminster the first municipality in the United States to ban sales of all tobacco products within town lines.

"To my knowledge, it would be the first in the nation to enact a total ban," said Thomas Carr, director of national policy at the American Lung Association. "We commend the town for doing it."

Town health agent Elizabeth Swedberg said a ban seemed like a sensible solution to a vexing problem.

"The tobacco companies are really promoting products to hook young people," she said, pointing to 69-cent bubblegum-flavored cigars, electronic cigarettes and a new form of dissolvable smokeless tobacco that resembles Tic Tac candies. "The board was getting frustrated trying to keep up with this."

Balloons for freedom: Germans celebrates 25 years since fall of Berlin Wall

BERLIN (AP) — The citizens of Berlin on Sunday released almost 7,000 balloons into the night sky, many carrying messages of hope to mark the 25th anniversary since the fall of the wall that once divided their city.

The symbolic act recalled the giddy night of Nov. 9, 1989, when thousands of people from the communist East streamed through the Berlin Wall to celebrate freedom with their brethren in the West.

"For peace and freedom," Berlin mayor Klaus Wowereit told a crowd of ten thousands that had gathered at the city's iconic Brandenburg Gate as he gave the signal to release the balloons, which has been placed, illuminated, along a 15-kilometer (9-mile) stretch of the former border.

Earlier he thanked the former leaders of Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union — Lech Walesa, Miklos Nemeth and Mikhail Gorbachev — for having helped set the stage for Germany's peaceful revolution.

Gorbachev — who is still a popular figure in Germany — was greeted with affectionate shouts of "Gorbi, Gorbi" by the crowds.

Libyan city becomes the first outside of Iraq, Syria to join Islamic State group's 'caliphate'

CAIRO (AP) — On a chilly night, bearded militants gathered at a stage strung with colorful lights in Darna, a Mediterranean coastal city long notorious as Libya's center for jihadi radicals. With a roaring chant, they pledged their allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State group.

With that meeting 10 days ago, the militants dragged Darna into becoming the first city outside of Iraq and Syria to join the "caliphate" announced by the extremist group. Already, the city has seen religious courts ordering killings in public, floggings of residents accused of violating Shariah law, as well as enforced segregation of male and female students. Opponents of the militants have gone into hiding or fled, terrorized by a string of slayings aimed at silencing them.

The takeover of the city, some 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) from the nearest territory controlled by the Islamic State group, offers a revealing look into how the radical group is able to exploit local conditions. A new Islamic State "emir" now leads the city, identified as Mohammed Abdullah, a little-known Yemeni militant sent from Syria known by his nom de guerre Abu al-Baraa el-Azdi, according to several local activists and a former militant from Darna.

A number of leading Islamic State militants came to the city from Iraq and Syria earlier this year and over a few months united most of Darna's multiple but long-divided extremist factions behind them. They paved the way by killing any rivals, including militants, according to local activists, former city council members and a former militant interviewed by The Associated Press. They all spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear for their lives.

Darna could be a model for the group to try to expand elsewhere. Notably, in Lebanon, army troops recently captured a number of militants believed to be planning to seize several villages in the north and proclaim them part of the "caliphate." Around the region, a few militant groups have pledged allegiance to its leader, Iraqi militant Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. But none hold cohesive territory like those in Darna do.

Brown University: Student who drank punch at frat party tests positive for date-rape drug

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — One of two Brown University students who reported rapid intoxication followed by memory loss after drinking punch at a fraternity party tested positive for a date-rape drug, a university official announced in a campus-wide email.

The email sent late Saturday by Margaret Klawunn, vice president for campus life and student services at Brown, said tests on the other student remain pending, The Providence Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/1snd2T3><http://bit.ly/1snd2T3>). One of the students also reported being sexually assaulted.

The student tested positive for gamma hydroxybutyrate, a date-rape drug also known as GHB, Klawunn wrote.

"GHB is a colorless, odorless drug that can be hard to detect in a drink," the email said, "but has a strong sedative effect that is incapacitating."

The two students reported they experienced "a rapid onset of intoxication" beyond what they expected from the amount they drank, and "memory loss for a significant period of time" after drinking the punch, Klawunn wrote.

Vick tosses 2 TD passes, Jets force 4 turnovers in 20-13 stunner over Steelers, Roethlisberger

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — No big game for Big Ben. No dubious record for the New York Jets. Michael Vick threw two touchdown passes and the Jets forced four turnovers while shutting down Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers in a stunning 20-13 victory Sunday that ended an eight-game losing streak.

"All right!" Jets coach Rex Ryan exclaimed after the game. "Finally!"

Roethlisberger threw six touchdown passes in each of his last two games, and was playing in front of a MetLife Stadium crowd that appeared nearly half-filled with Terrible Towel-waving Steelers fans. But the Jets (2-8) wouldn't allow Roethlisberger to get into much of a rhythm.

Roethlisberger finished 30 of 43 for 343 yards and connected with Martavis Bryant for an 80-yard TD with 1:16 left. The Steelers (6-4) attempted an onside kick, but Eric Decker recovered to seal it for the Jets — who avoided setting a franchise mark for consecutive losses.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 11, the 315th day of 2014. There are 50 days left in the year. This is Veterans Day in the U.S., Remembrance Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany.

On this date:

In 1620, 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed a compact calling for a "body politick."

In 1778, British redcoats, Tory rangers and Seneca Indians in central New York killed more than 40 people in the Cherry Valley Massacre.

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In 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who'd led a violent insurrection, was executed in Jerusalem, Virginia.

In 1889, Washington became the 42nd state.

In 1909, President William Howard Taft accepted the recommendation of a joint Army-Navy board that Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands be made the principal U.S. naval station in the Pacific.

In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in a ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

In 1938, Irish-born cook Mary Mallon, who'd gained notoriety as the disease-carrying "Typhoid Mary" blamed for the deaths of three people, died on North Brother Island in New York's East River at age 69 after 23 years of mandatory quarantine.

In 1942, during World War II, Germany completed its occupation of France.

In 1966, Gemini 12 blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. aboard.

In 1972, the U.S. Army turned over its base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1984, Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. - father of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. - died in Atlanta at age 84.

In 1992, the Church of England voted to ordain women as priests.

Ten years ago: Palestinians at home and abroad wept, waved flags and burned tires in an eruption of grief at news of the death of Yasser Arafat in Paris at age 75. President George W. Bush expressed hope that Arafat's passing would clear the way for successful Mideast peace negotiations with new Palestinian leaders.

Five years ago: For the first time since World War I, the leaders of Germany and France held a joint ceremony to commemorate the end of the conflict, saying it was time to celebrate their countries' reconciliation and friendship. Longtime CNN host Lou Dobbs announced he was leaving the network. Taylor Swift won four awards, including Entertainer of the Year, at the Country Music Association Awards.

One year ago: Iran and the United States blamed each other for the failure to reach agreement on a deal to limit Iran's uranium enrichment in exchange for an easing of Western sanctions. Bowing to pressure from Jewish groups and art experts, the German government made public details of paintings in a recovered trove of 1,400 pieces of art that might have been stolen by Nazis and said it would put together a task force to speed identification. Jose Fernandez of the Miami Marlins and Wil Myers of the Tampa Bay Rays were selected baseball's Rookies of the Year.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz singer-musician Mose Allison is 87. Actress Bibi Andersson is 79. Country singer Narvel Felts is 76. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is 74. Americana roots singer/songwriter Chris Smither is 70. Rock singer-musician Vince Martell (Vanilla Fudge) is 69. The president of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, is 69. Rock singer Jim Peterik (PEE'-ter-ihk) (Ides of March, Survivor) is 64. Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller is 63. Pop singer-musician Paul Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 63. Rock singer-musician Andy Partridge (XTC) is 61. Singer Marshall Crenshaw is 61. Rock singer Dave Alvin is 59. Rock musician Ian Craig Marsh (Human League; Heaven 17) is 58. Actor Stanley Tucci is 54. Actress Demi Moore is 52. Actress Calista Flockhart is 50. Actor Philip McKeon is 50. Rock musician Scott Mercado is 50. Actor Frank John Hughes is 47. TV personality Carson Kressley is 45. Actor David DeLuise is 43. Actor Adam Beach is 42. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 40. Actor Scoot McNairy is 37. Rock musician Jonathan Pretus (Cowboy Mouth) is 33. NFL quarterback Mark Sanchez is 28. Actress Christa B. Allen is 23. Actor Tye Sheridan is 18. Actor Ian Patrick (TV: "The Neighbors") is 12.

Thought for Today: "When you make your peace with authority, you become authority." - Jim Morrison, American rock singer (1943-1971).