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Birthdays: Larry Remington • Stephen Duncan • Crystal Sippel • Garrett Heitmann • Heather Sippel • Taylor Gustafson • Tanya Nordine • Jerry Abernathy • Michael Krueger

Sixth grade MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School

School Lunch: Soft shell taco, tater tots, fresh and canned fruit.

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.



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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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The picture is everyone who competed at Districts, minus two, Maryn Howard and Sheldon Herr. Here are the members in the photo. Front Row: Hailey Hanson, Kate Helmer, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Katie Miller, Madelyn Wright. Back Row: Trey Wright, Hayden Anderson, Brody Sombke, Nicholas Achen, Carly Wheeting, Mark Leonhardt

Groton FFA qualifies five for state

The Groton FFA Chapter participated in the District I FFA Career Development Events on Thursday, November 13. Groton qualified five members for the state competition on December 7 & 8.

Ag Sales Team - 2nd place in Districts
Team members: Nicholas Achen, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Kate Helmer, Katie Miller
Ag Broadcasting - 2nd Place: Trey Wright
Prepared Public Speaking - 1st Place: Katie Miller
Elected District I President: Katie Miller



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Thursday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wine Tasting Day

Friday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10% discount
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40% off
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Food samples

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Students in All State Chorus

The following students participated in All-State Chorus recently in Sioux Falls. Dr. André Thomas was the guest director for the 1000 voice choir. During the event, Matthew Knecht was recognized with the 4-year participation award! Congratulations on a spectacular performance!

Back Row: Alex Kern, Luke Smith, Mr. Cody Swanson, Adam Herman, and Matthew Knecht

Front Row: Kaitlin O'Neill, Sydney Thorson, Kari Hanson, and Macy Knecht

FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving
5-9 p.m.

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Every Wednesday!

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Classifieds

House for Rent

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

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Apartments For Rent

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Groton Lions Club

Groton Lions held their monthly potluck/meeting at Topper Tastad's business, last Thursday evening.

Two new members were proposed and accepted into the club. They are Mark Wattier and Carter Schinkel.

Lee Schinkel was sponsor for both new members,

Reports were given on the assistance the club did to the Kiwanis Club, for the Snow Queen and talent contest,

Lions did all of the decorating, and helped with setup and tear down.

December 11 will be the Christmas potluck/meeting/white elephant exchange.

January 31 is the Lions sponsored GHS wrestling tournament.

U.S. Gas Price Slide Hits 54 Days – National Average Nears Four-Year Low – South Dakota Average Lowest Since Dec. 3, 2010

AAA South Dakota, Nov. 18, 2014 – The national average price for regular gasoline has remained below \$3.00 per gallon for 17 days, with more than three-quarters of U.S. gas stations now reporting prices below this benchmark. Today's national average price is \$2.88 per gallon, which is the lowest since December 1, 2010. The price today is down a nickel from a week ago, a quarter less than one month ago and 33 cents below the price posted on Nov. 18, 2013, according to FuelGaugeReport.AAA.com.

South Dakota's average price for self-serve regular today is \$2.925, the lowest mark since Dec. 3, 2010. The state's price has fallen for 22 straight days, from \$3.180 on Oct. 31.

"We have an extra reason to be grateful this year around the Thanksgiving tables," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "These low crude oil prices are giving motorists the cheapest holiday prices since 2009 when the national average was \$2.63."

Falling global oil prices have been the primary contributing factor to the price at the pump declining for 54 consecutive days. This is the longest streak of declines since 2008. West Texas Intermediate crude oil dropped to its lowest level in more than three years this past Thursday (\$74.21 per barrel). At the close of formal trading yesterday, WTI settled at \$75.64 per barrel. AAA expects the downward pressure on prices to continue through the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Today in Weather History

1921 - The Columbia Gorge ice storm finally came to an end. In Oregon, 54 inches of snow, sleet and glaze blocked the Columbia River Highway at the Dalles. Apart from traffic on the river itself, all transportation between Walla Walla WA and Portland OR came to a halt. Nine trains were stopped as railroads were blocked for several days. (David Ludlum)

1957 - Nineteen inches of snow covered the ground at Cresco, IA, a record November snow depth for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1981 - An unusually early snowstorm struck the Twin Cities of Minnesota, with as much as a foot of snow reported. The weight of the heavy snow caused the newly inflated fabric dome of the Hubert Humphrey Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis to collapse and rip. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A sharp cold front pushed across the Great Lakes Region and the Mississippi Valley. Northwest winds gusting to 50 mph in Iowa caused some property damage around Ottumwa, and wind chill readings reached 16 degrees below zero at Hibbing MN. Showers and thunderstorms over Florida produced 5.80 inches of rain in six hours at Cocoa Beach. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Strong thunderstorms developed during the mid morning hours and produced severe weather across eastern Texas and the Lower Mississippi Valley into the wee hours of the night. Thunderstorms spawned twenty-one tornadoes, including thirteen in Mississippi. One tornado killed two persons and injured eleven others at Nettleton MS, and another tornado injured eight persons at Tuscaloosa AL.

Thunderstorms produced baseball size hail in east Texas and northern Louisiana, and Summit MS was deluged with six inches of rain in four hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Gale force winds continued to produce squalls in the Lower Great Lakes Region early in the day. Snowfall totals in western New York State reached 24 inches in southern Lewis County, with 21 inches reported at Highmarket. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the Northern and Central Plains Region. Eight cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Denver CO with a reading of 79 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2003 - Flooding affected the central Appalachians and Eastern Seaboard, with some isolated 8-inch rainfall totals across mountainous areas. There were 11 deaths caused by flooding in the region (Associated Press).

Holiday Open House

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Nov. 20-21-22




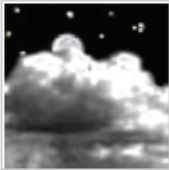

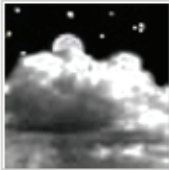

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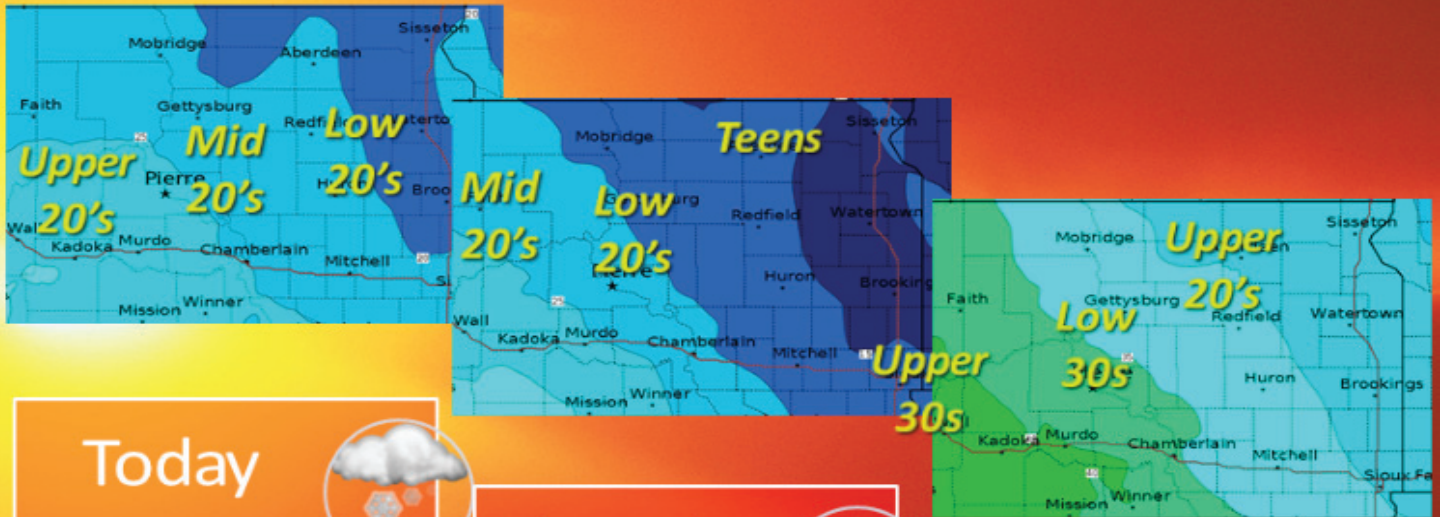
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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY
						
Blowing Snow High: 20 °F ↓	Decreasing Clouds Low: 4 °F	Sunny High: 16 °F ↓	Mostly Cloudy Low: -4 °F	Mostly Cloudy High: 30 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 20 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 34 °F

Windy With Flurries & Blowing Snow Today
A Much Needed Break Is On The Way



Today



Thursday



Friday



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NMSAberdeen

Updated: 11/19/2014 3:53 AM Central

Patchy blowing snow and scattered light snow showers will persist across the region today. The core of coldest air moves overhead for Thursday, but will be followed by several days where the temperatures are much closer to normal.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 25.9°F at 9:10 PM

Low: 7.9°F at 12:21 AM

High Gust: 32 mph at 4:21 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 72° in 1897

Record Low: -11° in 1914

Average High: 37°F

Average Low: 17°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.48

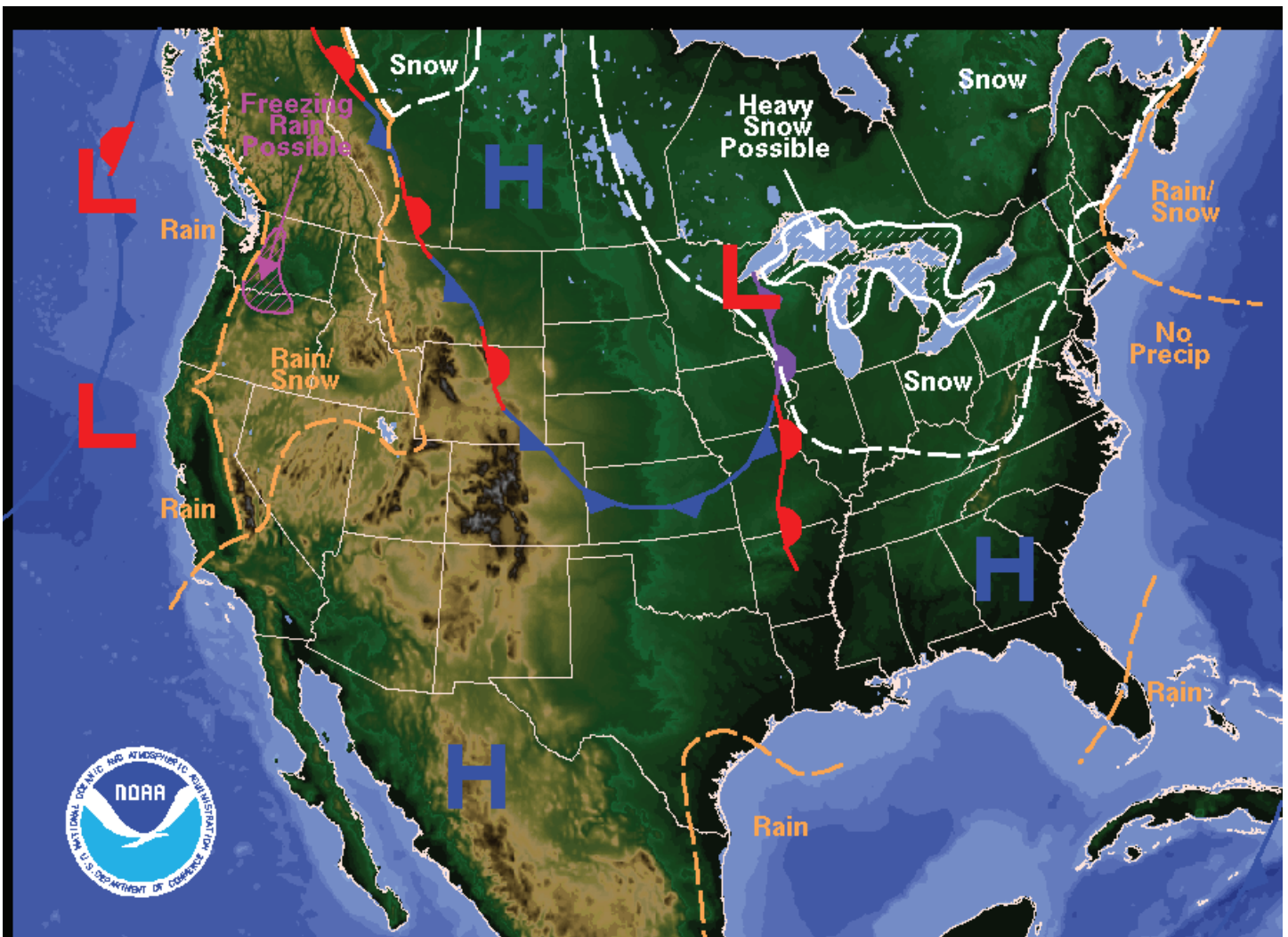
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.56

Average Precip to date: 20.95

Precip Year to Date: 13.79

Sunset Tonight: 5:00 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:39 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Nov 19, 2014, issued 2:41 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHERE DOES IT ALL END?

"God's not finished with me yet!" Many of us use those words as an excuse every time we made a mess of things. While I'm not sure it ever worked for that reason, it was comforting until reality set in. There are days when God seems to be shaking us by the nape of our necks to get our attention. There are other days when His grace grants one blessing after another. It cannot be denied, however, that we are all a "work in progress" as long as we are alive. The question we must ask ourselves is: What is progress, and how will we know when God is finished with us?

If the "desire of the righteous ends with only good" what happens if we falter, fail or fall? Are we doomed? Is righteousness ever attainable in this life? Or, is it something we are to struggle with and strive for?

In this instance, "desire" is the outcome of those who have righteousness as a goal. It is what His children focus their hearts, minds and ambitions on. It is not something that happens as a byproduct of life. Righteous living is a core value at the center of all that believers do. In fact, unrighteousness must be avoided at all costs!

"But the hope of the wicked end only in wrath." Now, that should get everyone's attention. Wrath, God's wrath, is His overflowing anger against the unrighteous. God's wrath can be compared to a fire that is slowly growing and at a moment in time will be all consuming.

This verse should remind us that the unrighteous face God's impending wrath. Now is the day to repent.

Prayer: May we understand, Father, that our desires determine our destiny. May righteousness rule our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:23 The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath.

News from the Associated Press

Mines president denies role in unlawful lobbying

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota School of Mines President Heather Wilson says she wasn't involved in any unlawful attempts to lobby federal officials on behalf of one of the nation's premier federal laboratories.

The Energy Department's Office of Inspector General said earlier this month that managers at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico improperly used taxpayer money to influence members of Congress and other officials in an effort to extend the lab's \$2.4 billion management contract.

Heather Wilson is named in the report. She's a former New Mexico congresswoman and ran a consulting company.

Wilson denies being a lobbyist for Sandia and says she didn't contact any federal officials or members of Congress regarding the lab's contract extension. She also says the inspector general didn't contact her as part of its latest review.

Sioux Falls to host national youth tournaments

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls has been selected to host national youth soccer and softball league tournaments in 2016 and 2017.

The city will host a Fast Pitch National Championship and two National Slow Pitch Softball tournaments in 2016. The weeklong Girls 14U Fast Pitch championship will be at Sherman and Harmodon Parks in August 2016. The Amateur Softball Association event is estimated to generate nearly \$8 million for the city's economy. More than 160 teams attended the event when Sioux Falls last hosted it in 2012.

The 2017 U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Championships will be at Yankton Trail Park. About 200 boys and girls teams in the 13U through 19U age divisions will attend.

The June 2017 event will generate an estimated \$8.4 million. The city last hosted the tournament in 2009.

DNA test confirms SD inmate's guilt in rape case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Minnehaha County authorities say DNA testing requested by an inmate convicted of rape in 1995 has confirmed he is guilty.

A jury convicted 56-year-old Leander Clay Jr. in the rape, kidnapping and robbery of a Sioux Falls woman in 1995. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Clay requested more rigorous DNA testing in 2013 with the help of the Innocence Project, a New York-based nonprofit. He signed an affidavit of his innocence as part of the effort.

Minnehaha County State's Attorney Aaron McGowan said Tuesday the test confirmed the victim's blood was on Clay's shorts.

Authorities say the Innocence Project has not exonerated any criminal defendants in South Dakota. An Innocence Project spokesman says DNA testing confirms guilt in about half of cases.

Report on tribal youth and violence urges action

RACHEL D'ORO, Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — American Indian and Alaska Native children are exposed to violence at rates higher than any other social group in the nation, according to a new report that urges creation of a new Native American affairs office, additional federal funding and other measures to combat the problem.

The report released Tuesday by a U.S. Department of Justice advisory committee reflects information gathered at public hearings across the country in 2013 and 2014.

"We discovered something we'd known when we started — that this is an urgent problem that needs to be addressed," committee co-chair and former U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota said during a teleconference.

Based on the public input and research, the committee assessed the effects of violence on tribal youth and came up with an action plan.

The report's goal is to be a catalyst for action by Congress and the Obama administration, said Dorgan, who served as chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee until his retirement in 2010.

"State and federal governments must recognize and respect the primacy of tribal governments," the report said.

According to the report, exposure to violence results in American Indian and Alaska Native children experiencing post-traumatic stress at three times the rate of the non-Native population. The task force compared the level of stress to that of veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

The study says 75 percent of deaths among indigenous children between the ages of 12 and 20 are caused by violence, including homicides and suicides.

Alaska Native children were singled out as having the worst conditions systemically for various reasons including Alaska's vastness, remoteness and steep transportation costs, along with a lack of respect for tribal sovereignty.

Among recommendations specific to the state, the report urges that more sovereignty be granted to Alaska Native tribes. Currently the only reservation in the state is the community of Metlakatla, in southeast Alaska.

A key recommendation in the report is to establish a White House Native American affairs office to coordinate services affecting children, among other things.

The committee also said increased mandatory funding and coordination between tribal, federal and state governments are crucial to reversing the trend. The funding process also should be streamlined and less administratively burdensome, task force members said.

"We all have to come together to make this work," said committee member Valerie Davidson, with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Dorgan said it's difficult to predict how such recommendations as creating a new office to deal with the problem will be received in the new Republican-led Congress.

"I think the series of recommendations in this report about children exposed to violence and about the help that we need to provide for these children will fall on the ears of Republicans and Democrats," he said. "They must care about children."

The recommendations are a step forward in helping Native American children receive opportunities to succeed, said U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, a North Dakota Democrat and member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

"Native children dealing with the dire effects of exposure to violence has truly reached pandemic lev-

els — and it requires our immediate attention,” Heitkamp said in a statement.

State board to consider names for SD creek, island

POLLOCK, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Geographic Names is hosting a meeting to discuss the proposed names for an island and a creek in the state.

The group will gather Wednesday in Pollock. The board will review additional public comments on the proposed names for the geographic features.

The board wants to call an unnamed island in Minnehaha County Dells Island. It also wants to give a name to a creek in Campbell County.

The state board makes name recommendations to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for its consideration.

South Dakota gaming commission to meet in Deadwood

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Commission on Gaming has a meeting scheduled on Thursday at 9 a.m. at Deadwood City Hall.

At the quarterly meeting, the commission will discuss horse racing and hear from a firm about how keno, craps and roulette will be regulated in the wake of Amendment Q’s passage.

The commission will also discuss potential legislation for the 2015 legislative session.

Tribal president: Keystone XL is an act of war

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Native American tribe’s president says if the Keystone XL pipeline is authorized, it would amount to an act of war.

Rosebud Sioux Tribe President Cyril Scott says he’ll move to block the pipeline’s path through the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

The U.S. Senate failed to pass legislation authorizing the pipeline Tuesday. But the Senate could vote against next year.

Scott said he has resolutions from the tribal council allowing him to do anything necessary to stop the pipeline from crossing the reservation. Scott said he would stop pipeline supplies from entering the reservation.

Scott said elders in the tribe gathered earlier this year to bury sacred medicine in the ground where the pipeline would run. Scott said he would “spill (his) blood” there if necessary.

Thune votes in favor of Keystone; Johnson opposes

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democratic U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson could have sealed the Keystone XL pipeline’s passage through the upper chamber on Tuesday, but opted to oppose the project.

The 59-41 Senate vote was one short of the 60 needed to clear the House-passed measure, teeing up another vote once Republicans take over the Senate next year.

The pipeline dominated the South Dakota U.S. Senate election to replace Johnson that was decided earlier this month. The GOP-controlled House voted last week to approve the pipeline, which would cut through South Dakota to move Canadian oil to the Gulf Coast. Johnson said in a statement that he voted against it because a significant amount of uncertainty remains at the state and federal level.

U.S. Sen. John Thune voted for the measure and said afterward that Republicans would quickly put

legislation authorizing the pipeline in front of President Barack Obama early next year. Thune criticized Democrats for blocking the proposal, which he said would create jobs and spur investment in the U.S. economy. South Dakota Republicans have also pushed to move forward with the project because it could transport up to 100,000 barrels of North Dakota crude a day, which would lessen congestion on the rail lines that the state's farmers use to ship crops.

"We'll get another run at it next year," Thune said. "It just seems like an across the board win-win."

Failed Democratic Senate candidate Rick Weiland sent out a fundraising pitch Monday criticizing Democrats who support the pipeline and calling for donations to fight the pipeline. Weiland said Tuesday it's unclear exactly what form his opposition to the pipeline will take but that "the fight goes on."

Opponents in the Senate argued that the potential environmental impacts of the pipeline could be devastating and said the country should focus on building an economy around renewable energy solutions.

Though he got a reprieve on Tuesday, a Native American tribe's president said the authorization of the Keystone XL pipeline would amount to an act of war and said he'll move to block its path through the Rosebud Indian Reservation in southern South Dakota. Cyril Scott said tribal elders gathered earlier this year to bury sacred medicine in the ground where the pipeline would run.

"I will spill my blood on behalf of the Native American people to protect their way of life," Scott said. "I will spill my blood, and that's where I'll make my stand."

Man gets more than 30 years in child's death in SD

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man accused of killing a 10-month-old boy at a home on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation has been sentenced to more than three decades in prison.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 32-year-old Michael Dubray has been sentenced to 30 years and five months in prison. Authorities say Dubray caused significant head trauma to the child with a blunt object, resulting in the child's death in a home in Oglala on May 2013.

The incident occurred when the woman Dubray was seeing at the time left her three children under his care while she ran errands. Authorities say Dubray caused the boy a skull fracture, brain hemorrhages and a liver laceration.

Dubray earlier was convicted of second-degree murder. His attorney didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Lake Sakakawea salmon spawn nets 1.3M eggs

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Fisheries crews collected 1.3 million eggs during their annual salmon spawning operation on Lake Sakakawea but the harvest may not be enough to share with other states, a North Dakota fisheries official said.

Dave Fryda, the Game and Fish Department's Missouri River system fisheries supervisor, said "the hangover" from 2011's massive floods had a big impact on the salmon run this year. Many of the 3-year-old salmon that would have spawned behind Garrison Dam were flushed through the structure due to high water three years ago.

"Huge flows through the dam caused a massive movement and compromised the run up and down the reservoir system," Fryda said.

Chinook salmon begin their spawning run in October. The fish cannot naturally reproduce in North Dakota, so state and federal officials collect eggs and transport them to the Garrison Dam National

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Fish Hatchery. Once the eggs hatch, young salmon spend several months in the hatchery before being stocked in Lake Sakakawea, which has been done since the mid-1970s.

Biologists plan to stock Lake Sakakawea next year with 400,000 salmon, but none is slated to be released below Garrison Dam, Fryda said.

The agency surpassed its goal for North Dakota stocking purposes but there may not be enough eggs this year to share with either South Dakota or Montana, as has been done in past years, Fryda said. North Dakota fisheries crews collected about 2 million salmon eggs last year and gave South Dakota hatcheries about 800,000 of the eggs, Fryda said.

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks fisheries administrator Will Sayler said about 662,000 salmon eggs were collected this year from the Missouri River in his state, a number that was better than expected. But biologists had hoped to collect 1 million eggs, with contributions from North Dakota, he said.

"We certainly would have liked to get 1 million, but it's not going to affect our program," Sayler said. "We'll be able to manage."

Group to review vote counting delays in SD county

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Minnehaha County Commission will be appointing a committee to review vote counting delays and absentee voting woes that affected South Dakota's most populous county during Election Day.

Oversensitive ballot-counting machines rejected too many absentee ballots during the Nov. 4 election, leading to a delay of several hours while election officials scrutinized ballots that had check marks instead of blacked-out ovals, random pen strikes or written notations.

The new machines were supposed to speed the vote-counting process following a 2012 general election in which Minnehaha County didn't report results until 3:40 a.m. In the latest election meltdown, results were not fully reported by the county until about 14 hours after the polls closed.

The county commissioners will give marching orders to the seven-member review committee in early December.

10 Things to Know-Today

The Associated Press

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

1. US URGES RECALL OF MILLIONS OF ADDITIONAL CARS WITH POSSIBLY FAULTY AIR BAGS

The recall of air bags made by the Takata Corp. had been regional. Now safety regulators want to extend it nationwide.

2. ISRAEL DESTROYS HOME OF COMMUTER TRAIN ATTACKER

A day after a fatal attack on a Jerusalem synagogue, Israeli forces demolish the house of the Palestinian who killed two people in October.

3. SENATE REJECTS KEYSTONE PIPELINE

The oil project falls one vote short in the Democrat-controlled Senate. Next year, when Republicans take control, the result could be different.

4. SUPERMODEL ACCUSES BILL COSBY OF ASSAULT

Janice Dickinson added her name to the list of women who say the legendary comedian assaulted them sexually. Soon afterward, Netflix postponed airing his new standup special.

5. EGYPTIAN DOCTOR'S TRIAL IS A FIRST FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION CRIME

The physician still has lots of patients but his verdict may show Egypt is slowly shunning the outlawed

practice.

6. WHY ISLAMIC STATE WAR IS DRAWING CONGRESSIONAL IRE

Lawmakers are still waiting for the president to ask for a new authorization to fight the terrorist group, a request they don't think is coming anytime soon.

7. HONG KONG DEMONSTRATORS TRY TO STORM LEGISLATURE

Tensions rise in the city as police arrest six protesters hours after clearing barricades from a protest site.

8. WHERE WINTER HAS ALREADY ARRIVED

Snow in and around Buffalo, N.Y., is expected to continue through Wednesday and could eventually total 6 feet in spots, the National Weather Service says, as freezing or below temperatures hit all 50 states.

9. DRAGONS RULE GAMER GIFT LIST THIS SEASON

AP's Lou Kesten says sword-and-sorcery epic "Dragon Age: Inquisition" is the top choice for the video game enthusiast. Nintendo's "amiibo" and Marvel Super Heroes are good choices for kids.

10. WHICH MUSICIAN IS GETTING OWN POT BRAND

The family of the late reggae star Bob Marley reaches a deal with a U.S. firm that wants to market "Marley Natural" marijuana.

AP News in Brief

Republicans to resurrect Keystone pipeline when they take control of Congress next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is promising the new Republican majority will quickly resurrect Keystone XL pipeline legislation killed by Democrats, potentially setting up an early 2015 veto confrontation with President Barack Obama.

"I look forward to the new Republican majority taking up and passing the Keystone jobs bill early in the new year," the Kentucky Republican said Tuesday, shortly after the bill fell one vote short of the 60 votes needed to advance. He was joined by incoming Senate Energy Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who said the fight wasn't over.

The vote was a blow to Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., who had forced the issue onto the Senate agenda, and who faces difficult odds in a Dec. 6 runoff election against Republican Rep. Bill Cassidy. "I'm going to fight for the people of my state until the day that I leave, and I hope that will not be soon," she said.

Even if Landrieu wins her re-election, Republicans are likely to have enough votes to assure the bill's passage in January, when they will have at least 53 seats — 54 if Cassidy wins the Louisiana runoff.

"If you look at new Congress, you can count four more (GOP seats) right away, and there may be others," Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, the lead sponsor of the bill, said after the 59-41 vote Tuesday. "You can see we're well over 60."

US safety agency demands automakers, Takata expand air bag recall to entire nation

DETROIT (AP) — The federal government is demanding that the auto industry recall millions of additional cars equipped with faulty air bags that can injure — and even kill — a driver.

The action Tuesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration covers driver's side air bags

equipped with inflators made by Takata Corp. of Japan. The inflators can erupt and send metal fragments into the passenger compartment.

Previously, cars with the inflators had been recalled only in regions with high humidity such as Gulf Coast states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Takata has said that prolonged exposure to moisture can cause the air bag propellant to burn faster than designed, causing the problem.

Up until now, about 8 million cars in the U.S. with Takata inflators have been recalled for problems with either the driver or passenger side air bag, or both. Another 4 million have been recalled outside the U.S. At least five deaths worldwide have been linked to the problem.

Safety regulators say Tuesday's action is based on incidents involving a death in California and an injury in North Carolina where the air bags were implicated. Both states are outside of the area covered by the earlier recalls.

Israelis pray again at attacked Jerusalem synagogue as Palestinians brace for more demolitions

JERUSALEM (AP) — Jewish worshippers returned Wednesday to a Jerusalem synagogue that was the scene of a horrific attack that killed five people the day before as Palestinians braced for more punitive home demolitions amid soaring tensions.

At the Kehilat Bnai Torah synagogue in the western neighborhood of Har Nof — attacked Tuesday by two Palestinian cousins wielding meat cleavers, knives and a handgun — people sought comfort in prayer. Those killed included four members of the congregation and an Israeli policeman trying to stop the attack. Israeli security forces killed both assailants in a subsequent shootout.

One of the worshippers, Gavriel Cohen, said Wednesday that the attack showed "that our future in this world is dependent on God."

Also early Wednesday, Israeli security forces demolished the east Jerusalem home of Abdel Rahman al-Shaludi, the Palestinian who killed two people in October in an attack on commuters at a crowded light rail platform in Jerusalem. Al-Shaludi was killed by police after the attack.

The demolition followed angry promises by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel would take strict measures to deal with a rising wave of Palestinian attacks that in recent weeks have taken 11 lives — nine in Jerusalem, one in Tel Aviv and one in the West Bank.

Ferocious snowstorm hits New York; arctic blast brings freezing temperatures to rest of US

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A ferocious storm dumped massive piles of snow on parts of upstate New York, trapping residents in their homes and stranding motorists on roadways, as temperatures in all 50 states fell to freezing or below.

Even hardened Buffalo residents were caught off-guard Tuesday as more than 4 feet fell in parts of the city. Authorities said snow totals by Wednesday afternoon could top 6 feet in the hardest-hit areas south of Buffalo, with another storm expected Thursday.

Cold weather enveloped the entire country Tuesday, leading to record-low temperatures more familiar to January than November. Racing winds and icy roads caused accidents, school closings and delays in municipal operations from the Midwest to the South even where snowfall was low or mercifully absent.

The storm was blamed for at least six deaths in New York, New Hampshire and Michigan.

"We have tried to get out of our house, and we are lucky to be able to shovel so we can open the

door," said Linda Oakley of Buffalo. "We're just thinking that in case of an emergency we can at least get out the door. We can't go any further."

Stranded on a highway? Tips on what to do if stuck in a vehicle during a snowstorm
Heavy snow has stranded many motorists on a western New York highway. Some tips on what to do if you find yourself stuck in the snow:

- Pull off the highway and make yourself visible to rescuers. Turn on hazard lights and tie a bright cloth to your antenna or door handle.
- Call 911 from your cellphone, if you have one. Be prepared to describe the location, the condition of your companions and the trouble you're having. Don't hang up until you know whom you've spoken with and what will happen next.
- Stay in your vehicle.

Egypt to see verdict in first trial for female genital mutilation, but halting tradition tough

MANSHIET EL-IKHWAN, Egypt (AP) — Raslan Fadl, the first doctor in Egypt to be put on trial for committing female genital mutilation, is still practicing even though a 13-year-old girl died after he performed the procedure. And in this Nile Delta Village, he has plenty of patients.

Young girls and their families on a recent day sat in his waiting room, where the bright yellow walls are decorated with Winnie the Pooh pictures, in the same building where Soheir el-Batea came for her operation last year. Residents call him a well-respected figure in the community, known for his charity work.

It could not be determined whether any were at his office for "circumcision," as it is known here, and Fadl would not speak to The Associated Press. But Fadl's continued popularity demonstrates the challenges to curbing the practice in Egypt, where more than 90 percent of women are estimated to have undergone it — one of the highest rates in the world. Female genital cutting was criminalized in 2008 and the most important Sunni Muslim religious authority has declared it dangerous and without any religious justification. The U.N. says there appears to be a slow reduction in the rate of the practice, but that it is still widespread.

A verdict is expected Thursday in Fadl's trial, and if convicted he could face up to two years in prison. Rights advocates say the outcome of this case could set a key precedent for deterring doctors and families in the future. Sohair's father is also charged in the case.

But even in the home village of the girl, Dierb Biqtaris, there is little outcry against the practice.

AP PHOTOS: A series of portraits of survivors of female genital mutilation in southern Egypt

SIDFA, Egypt (AP) — In this ancient village in southern Egypt on the banks of the Nile, some women are now speaking out about a long-standing tradition once never discussed.

Female genital mutilation is rampant in Egypt, with an estimated 90 percent of women in the country having undergone the forceful procedure — misguidedly called "circumcision" — as children out of the belief that it controls women's sexuality. The United Nations says the practice is concentrated in 29 countries in Africa and the Middle East.

Egypt's government criminalized the practice in 2008 and religious leaders have declared it dangerous and without any spiritual justification, but rights advocates say it is still widespread.

Here in Sidfa, 340 kilometers (210 miles) south of Cairo, several survivors spoke to The Associated Press about undergoing female genital mutilation as children without anesthesia.

"I ran out of my house onto the streets screaming when I saw the midwife," said Samya Shehata, 35, a Coptic Christian. "My mom eventually caught me, helped the midwife hold me down and did the operation."

Lawmakers frustrated as Obama yet to ask for new war authorization against Islamic State

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional authorization of the U.S. war against Islamic State extremists has gone nowhere in two weeks since President Barack Obama vowed to coordinate with lawmakers on a stronger legal basis for military action, prompting growing frustration with the White House.

Republicans and Democrats say the administration isn't prioritizing the effort, having yet to outline what it wants from Congress or to dispatch top officials to testify. As a result, congressional aides say, a new authorization to fight the Islamic State won't happen this year and it's unclear when it may be taken up in 2015.

"The president is now operating outside the Constitution," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., one of several lawmakers challenging the administration's legal justification for intervention based on a 2001 authorization to fight al-Qaida and another a year later to invade Iraq.

The Islamic State group didn't exist at the time of either vote, emerging only recently from the al-Qaida movement. They've primarily fought each other since.

After his party's drubbing in midterm elections, Obama said he'd work with Congress during the current lame-duck session on a new authorization for the U.S. intervention in Iraq and Syria. The announcement was a nod to widespread dissatisfaction among lawmakers with the status quo even if few, like Schiff, have expressly deemed the military campaign extralegal. Even fewer want the operations halted.

Some gun dealers report brisk sales ahead of grand jury decision in Ferguson police shooting

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Some suburban St. Louis gun dealers have been doing brisk business, particularly among first-time buyers, as fearful residents await a grand jury's decision on whether to indict the police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown.

Metro Shooting Supplies, in an area near the city's main airport, reports selling two to three times more weapons than usual in recent weeks — an average of 30 to 50 guns each day — while the jury prepares to conclude its three-month review of the case that sparked looting and weeks of sometimes-violent protests in August.

"We're selling everything that's not nailed down," owner Steven King said. "Police aren't going to be able to protect every single individual. If you don't prepare yourself and get ready for the worst, you have no one to blame but yourself."

The store's waiting list for private lessons and concealed-carry training classes extends into 2015.

Protest leaders say they are preparing for non-violent demonstrations after the grand jury's decision is announced, but they also acknowledge the risk of more unrest if the panel decides not to issue criminal

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charges against Darren Wilson, the white officer who shot Brown, who was black and unarmed.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2014. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln paid tribute to the fallen from the Battle of Gettysburg as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1600, King Charles I of England was born in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland.

In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange Township, Ohio.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

In 1984, some 500 people died in a firestorm set off by a series of explosions at a petroleum storage plant on the edge of Mexico City.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

In 1990, the pop duo Milli Vanilli were stripped of their Grammy Award because other singers had lent their voices to the "Girl You Know It's True" album.

In 1997, Iowa seamstress Bobbi McCaughey (mih-KOY') gave birth to septuplets, four boys and three girls. The space shuttle Columbia zoomed into orbit on a two-week science mission.

Ten years ago: A notorious NBA brawl that came to be known as the "Malice at the Palace" erupted as Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson of the Indiana Pacers charged into the stands and fought with Detroit Pistons fans, forcing officials to end the Pacers' 97-82 win with 45.9 seconds left. (Artest was suspended for the rest of the season, Jackson for 30 games. Fellow Pacer Jermaine O'Neal, who also was involved, was suspended for 15 games and six other players on both teams received suspensions of at least one game.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama wrapped up his weeklong Asia trip in South Korea, where he said the United States had begun talking with allies about fresh punishment against Iran for defying efforts to halt its nuclear weapons pursuits. President Hamid Karzai pledged to get tough on corruption and strengthen security in Afghanistan as he started a second five-year term. Artist Jeanne-Claude, who helped create various "wrapping" projects with her husband Christo, died in New York at age 74.

One year ago: Suicide bombers struck the Iranian Embassy in Beirut, killing 23 people, including a diplomat, and injuring more than 140 others. Virginia state Sen. Creigh (kree) Deeds was attacked and stabbed multiple times by his mentally ill adult son, Gus Deeds, who then took his own life. Diane Disney Miller, 79, daughter of Walt Disney and one of his inspirations for building the Disneyland theme

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park, died in Napa, California. The Disney animated feature "Frozen" had its Hollywood premiere.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Young is 95. Talk show host Larry King is 81. Former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch is 79. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 78. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 76. Singer Pete Moore (Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) is 75. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 75. Actor Dan Haggerty is 73. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 73. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 72. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 65. Actor Robert Beltran is 61. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 60. Actress Glynnis O'Connor is 59. Broadcast journalist Ann Curry is 58. Former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins is 58. Actress Allison Janney is 55. Rock musician Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 54. Actress Meg Ryan is 53. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 52. Actress Terry Farrell is 51. TV chef Rocco DiSpirito is 48. Actor Jason Scott Lee is 48. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers is 48. Actress Erika Alexander is 45. Rock musician Travis McNabb is 45. Singer Tony Rich is 43. Actress Sandrine Holt is 42. Country singer Jason Albert (Heartland) is 41. Country singer Billy Currington is 41. Dancer-choreographer Savion Glover is 41. Country musician Chad Jeffers is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamika Scott (Xscape) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lil' Mo is 37. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kerri Strug is 37. Actor Reid Scott is 37. Actress Katherine Kelly (TV: "Mr. Selfridge") is 35. Actor Adam Driver is 31. Actress Samantha Futerman is 27. Rapper Tyga is 25.

Thought for Today: "The misfortunes hardest to bear are these which never came." - Christopher Morley, American author and journalist (1890-1957).