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Anniversaries: Curtis & Janice Sombke • Chuck & Carrie Cole

Birthdays: Audrey Thurston • Melinda Eikamp • Travis Swisher • Aubray Harry • Gene Loeschke

Kiwanis Club

Lori Giedt was program leader for Kiwanis Club. She introduced Eileen Schuelke, who gave a travelogue on the trip to Australia, that she and her sister, Charlotte took.

Larry Wheeting, president; led the business session. Plans are being made for the annual pancake brunch, on the day of the Ice Carnival, and a potato bar, at GHS later. Fourteen members and one guest were present.

Groton Lions Club

Groton Lions held their monthly potluck/meeting at Topper Tastad's business.

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.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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



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Beware of someone calling from Bay City, Michigan

I got two calls from 989-893-1748 yesterday, of which I did not answer either one. When I got home, I googled the number to find out what it was about. The caller ID said Bay City Michigan. After further research, I found out the following information:

"Got a call from this number today at 9:50 AM. Said he was from Microsoft and there was a problem with Windows on my computer. I told him for the last 15 years I have worked for Microsoft. If there is a problem with Windows I believe I am able to fix it myself. Needless to say, there is no problem with my computer. If you give them control of your computer they can gain access to all of your private information. That means any credit card and bank account information. They will clean you out."

One other note said when they tried calling the number back, it said the number was no longer in service. I also tried calling it back and that was exactly what I got - the number is no longer in service.

So remember, when someone calls about your computer, don't listen to them. If in doubt, talk to someone locally about your questions.

Elementary School News

Elementary Principal ~ Dan Dalchow

We have 273 students in our elementary right now. With that many students, one would expect that there would be a few parents that for one reason or another, cannot make it to parent/teacher conferences. It does not appear to be the case at our elementary school. We had a record turnout for conferences this fall. This is a good example of why our students are successful in school. Numerous studies show that there is a strong correlation of student success when parents participate in their child's education. I hear this, and experience it many times over throughout the year, the Groton Area School District has very strong community support and parent involvement.

Our Veterans Day activities went very well again this year. The elementary hosted almost 50 veterans with a free breakfast on Veterans Day. The lunchroom was well decorated by volunteers that came in on our snow day to decorate. The afternoon program was also very good and well attended.

With snow starting to show up in the forecast, comes the snowboot season here at Groton Area Elementary. Students are to wear snowboots whenever there is snow present on the playground. They are also asked to have a pair of shoes to wear while in school. The majority of the time our students are very good about remembering to have both snowboots and shoes to wear, but not always. When a student forgets to bring their shoes, we like to be able to offer them a pair of shoes to wear for the day. As such, we have an inventory of shoes in the office, but we are short on various sizes. If you have some children's shoes collecting dust at your house, please give the school a call and see if we need the sizes you have. We would be happy to take good quality used shoes off your hands for our students who forget theirs.

Lastly, we are now webcasting our daily announcements. You can read, and now hear, our announcements each day by going to the GrotonArea.com home page and clicking on our link under announcements. A new student each day reads them. I have heard a number of comments from people that have said how well our announcements are read each morning by our students. Check it out.

If there is anything I can help you with, or any questions you have, please contact me during school hours.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dan Dalchow ~ Principal, Groton Area Elementary School, Elementary Phone # 397-2317

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Preschool – Paula Johnson

Time Flies! We are already a third of the way through the year! Hard to believe thanksgiving is almost here and Christmas is around the corner. We are a little bummed in preschool right now as we are no longer able to go outside since the snow decided to come earlier than we expected. Although learning how to get all that gear on and off is important, it takes up too much of our already short day!

For the month of November we have been focusing on the themes pumpkins, germs/hand washing, and Thanksgiving. Through pumpkins, cornucopias, turkeys, and corn we have been finding fun ways to learn our numbers, letters, colors, and counting. And who could forget music! We love to sing silly songs about the themes and dance along to them. Next month will be exciting and fun as well as we will be celebrating gingerbread days, reindeer, and Christmas!

Reading is something we also enjoy most days. If and when you have some spare time, take that time to read to your child. Early literacy is one of the most important things you can do for your child to help them excel in their development. So grab a good book, cuddle up, and enjoy!

Kindergarten - Ann Gibbs, Renee Swisher, Kayla Krause

Fall has been beautiful this year! We have kept very busy in Kindergarten learning about Johnny Appleseed, Christopher Columbus and the Pilgrims. Our classrooms have been bursting with fall colors and artwork. We have made scarecrows, painted pumpkins and made colorful turkeys!

Thank you to Brad Waage, Tom Tietz and Darrin Erdmann for spending time visiting our classrooms to teach us about Fire Prevention. The fire fighters were all dressed in their firefighter gear and helped the children learn "not to be afraid" of them when dressed this way. Later that day we visited the fire station and the firefighters showed us around the station and the special equipment they use. We also heard the sirens-how exciting, but very loud! Thank you to these wonderful volunteers-Groton is lucky to have such a great crew.

Kindergarten took a walk to the Groton Golden Living Center at the end of October. We truly enjoyed our time visiting the residents. The children sang songs, showed them fingerplays and danced to some of our favorite music. We loved visiting them and hope to go again! Thank you to Pam Hanson for the wonderful Halloween snack that we were able to take back and eat in our classrooms. It was yummy!

During math class, we have finished our chapters on the numbers 0-10. We are now learning about Geometry! We are learning about the solid shapes-cone, sphere, cube and cylinder. These are big words for our Kindergarten students!

Reading class has us reading many sight words. We have already learned eleven words! Wow-we are becoming great readers! We continue to practice learning the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. We practice listening for the beginning sounds in words, but have also added the ending sounds. We put all the letters that we know together to build word families such as-ip, it, in, at, ap, am and many others. We are finding that reading is so much fun!

Social Studies also keeps us busy. We learned about Veterans Day and the people that fight for our country to protect America. We sang the song, "God Bless the USA" at the Veterans Day breakfast. We love that song! We also held an election in Kindergarten. We registered to vote and chose our favorite color, ice cream and animal. What a fun way to learn about voting! We also learned about Pilgrims and Native Americans. We learned Pilgrims traveled from England across the ocean and landed in America. We found all of these places on our globes. Kindergarten students are working on a neat "Thanksgiving" booklet to share with you at home. Enjoy!

Earlier this fall, Officer Jerry Bjerke visited with our Kindergartners about "stranger danger" and being

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safe in our homes. We learned that police officers are our friends and that we should not be afraid of them. Another very important event was held in October. This was our Muffins for Moms party. After learning the letter Mm we invited our moms or grandmas or neighbor to visit our classrooms and enjoy a muffin and juice. Thank you visitors!

Happy Thanksgiving from Kindergarten!

2nd Grade – Jane Kroll and Anne Zoellner

The second graders have had a whirlwind of a 2nd quarter! Between preparing for the Veteran's Day program, Christmas program, and the Thanksgiving meal, they have been busy.

The Thanksgiving meal is a first and second grade tradition. We will wear Native American vests and travel over to the first grade room to join the pilgrims, the first graders, for a feast. We provide the popcorn and first grade will provide the fixings. This is an experience that the kids never forget.

In Reading class, the second graders have just finished the second story in Unit 3. This unit's theme is titled: "Let's Create." We have read Abuelo and the Three Bears, which has a Spanish twist on the fairytale Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The students enjoyed comparing the traditional story to this one. They learned some new Spanish words, as well. The second graders will read more stories about expressing themselves.

In Math class the students have been learning all sorts of new concepts. Mrs. Kroll's students are busy learning more about clockwork. Mrs. Zoellner's students are doing a unit on adding to two hundred. The second graders have also been busy memorizing math facts to make them speedy mathematicians.

4th Grade – Sue Fjeldheim and Joel Guthmiller

Greetings to you from the Fourth Grade. November is slowly coming to an end and things are moving along nicely this year.

Once again the fourth graders are selling frybread for Social Studies. A big advance thank-you to all the parents that are going to help with this project.

Don't forget our reading and science text books are online. The students have their usernames and passwords. This means fewer books to take home. Many students are getting close to reaching the AR goal. Keep Reading!!!

In Math, we are starting to learn our multiplication and division tables. Mom and Dad can help us out by having us practice at home, or in the car. A few minutes here or there can really help out! We have also been working on elapsed time and telling time.

English class has just finished up with possessives. Now we are working with verbs.

In Science class, we are studying the changes in the Earth. Some of these changes are quick, while others happen very slowly!

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from the 4th Grade class, Mr. Guthmiller, & Mrs. Fjeldheim!

Title I - Lynette Grieve, Jill Helvig, & Bonnie Schimmel

Title 1 Reading – K-5th

The kindergarten Title I students are using games, activities, and computers to practice and reinforce the phonics skills of letter recognition, letter names, and phonemic awareness. We work on listening for the beginning sounds of words and the ending sounds of words.

The first, second, and third grade Title I students also use many different activities, games, and computer games to work on and reinforce their sight word recognition, phoneme segmentation, phonics skills, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, reading fluency, and comprehension.

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The fourth and fifth grade students started the year on 'Read Naturally', a computer program that they get to pick a story, make a prediction, learn vocabulary words, read, read, and reread the story, take a quiz on the story, and retell the story all before they can pass out of it with a teacher. We develop fluency, comprehension and vocabulary using this process.

As we progress monitor on our weekly probes, the kindergarten probes are letter sounds. They will be switching over to nonsense words after Thanksgiving. The first grades recently started doing oral reading fluency, and the second through fifth graders probes are also oral reading fluency.

In December, Jr. Kindergarten and K-5 will be taking the winter DIBELS assessment. We take this assessment three times a year; fall, winter, and spring. We are looking for all students to improve from the previous assessment.

Title I Math ~ K-5th

A short summary of the many things happening throughout the different grade levels at Groton Elementary. The kindergarteners have been writing, recognizing, and identifying the numbers 1-10 and using the terms more/less and same. First grade has been learning about how to add and subtract single digits and then putting that together with a story problem. In small groups both first and second graders have been focusing on different strategies to solve add/subt. Some of these include combinations of 5's, and 10's, doubles, 10 + and 9+. Third grade has been doing a lot of review in all strands of math, but the most recent is beginning multiplication.

Fourth grade continues to review multiplication facts and learning division. The fifth graders are doing long division and now understanding why getting to know their multiplication facts was so important.

So as I think of the many strands of math that our students are learning and how we need to be making connections between math and real-life situations, I want to reassure parents/grandparents, friends and family they are good in math and you have helped your children with this.

So I found this poem written by Judith A. Zaino

Many times I've heard a parent say,

"I can help my child in any way,

But don't laugh-

"I can't do math."

I think for a minute before I say,

"Let's look at this another way.

Have you ever said, 'Wait a minute;

Here's a box with four things in it,'

'Let's take turns; you first, then me,'

Helped your child count branches on a tree?

Then you're on the right path.

Don't laugh---that's math!

Have you taught your child left and right?

Counted her toes in bed at night?

Repeated her favorite nursery rhyme?

Said good night just one more time?

Have you ever split a cookie right in half?

Formed a pattern on a snowy path?

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Well, don't laugh---that's math!
Have you ever played a game?
Measured for a picture frame?
Have you cut chains for your Christmas tree?
Noticed a butterfly's wings have symmetry?
Did you ever check the miles into town?
Have you counted stairs both up and down?
Did you ever measure to see how tall?
Find the weight of her favorite doll?
Well, don't laugh----that's math!
Math can be seen in everything.
Even in the songs we sing.
Math isn't just adding and subtracting,
Multiplying, dividing, or even protracting.
Math exists all around us;
We didn't find it---it found us!
Now remember, when my little poem is done,
If it has given you a small fraction of fun,
Don't laugh----that's math!

Elementary Music – Cody Swanson

Can you feel the beat? The elementary has recently purchased new African drums. We have been working on learning rhythms and keeping our steady beat. Each day, I see smiles on their faces as we read music. Students have learned about many concepts from many different animals, especially in Junior Kindergarten. Mr. Mouse and Mr. Lion have taught us how to sing piano (soft) and forte (loud). We have so many exciting moments each and every day!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!! It's almost Christmas!! The elementary has begun preparing for our Christmas Program which will be held Friday, December 19 at 2:00 PM in the High School gym. The program is titled Jingle Bell Jukebox! This program

puts many popular Christmas songs to a fun, rock and roll feel. The Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade will add selections to the program, while the 2nd – 5th Grade will perform the musical! It is bound to be a rock-n-roll, groovy time!

Students will be given lyric sheets to take home in the next few weeks. Please encourage your students to practice and memorize their words. They will also have choreography to review with their music! Thanks so much for your continued support and encouragement of music in your child's life!

Classifieds

House for Rent

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

Apartment For Rent

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A visit to the State Capital



The theme for this year's Christmas trees at the State Capital is the celebration of the state's 125th year.

The big tree, featured in the right photo, had the decorates made by the fourth graders from across the state.

The two photos below, featuring Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel, colored drawing and hung it on one of the trees on the first floor. There is a coloring station for the people to color on.



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Angels were put on the high shelves.



A view from the third floor.



My dad, Milton, had never been to the State Capitol building. He sat in the upper level as he looked over the House Chamber.



There were lots of fire extinguishers throughout the trees.

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Lots of decorated trees filled the State Capital hallways on the second floor.



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Dell Rapids St. Mary's School had a tree decorated that featured the Catholic Churches from across the state.



The Order of Eastern Star decorated a tree, featuring the clubs from across the state.



Another view from the third floor of the big tree.



Today in Weather History

1985: Two to six inches of snow spread from the west part of South Dakota on the 28th to the east part on the 29th. Some locations received more snow, with Lake Preston (Kingsbury County) reporting 16 inches. Specific storm total snowfall amounts included thirteen inches at Clear Lake; ten inches at Browns Valley; nine inches at Pierre, Waubay, Murdo, and Watertown; eight inches at Eureka, Clark, and near Summit; seven inches at Miller, Ipswich, and 23N Highmore; six inches at Kennebec, Britton, and Eagle Butte; five inches at Redfield, Aberdeen, near Faulkton, and near McIntosh; four inches at Sisseton, Gettysburg, Timber Lake, Leola, and Mobridge; and three inches at Wheaton.

1991: A tornado struck southeast Springfield, Missouri, causing F4 damage. Shortly after touchdown, the tornado reached F3 intensity, approximately 3 miles north of the town of Nixa. While crossing Highway 65, the tornado picked up a truck and dropped it onto a frontage road, killing one passenger and injuring ten others. The tornado intensified to F4 strength as it moved through the Woodbridge and Natural Bridge Estates subdivisions where 15 homes were destroyed. Altogether, two people were killed and 64 others were injured.

1996: Widespread freezing rain laid down a thick layer of ice across a large part of northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota on the 29th and 30th, making driving on area highways and Interstate 29 treacherous. Later on the 29th, the freezing rain changed over to snow. Snowfall amounts ranged from 2 to 4 inches across the area. Numerous accidents occurred throughout the weekend with mainly minor injuries. Many cars and trucks also went into ditches. The South Dakota Highway Patrol reported in, one three hour period that along I-29, from the Clear Lake exit to the Codington County line 40 to 45 vehicles were in the ditch. Many activities and sporting events were also postponed or cancelled.

2002: High winds of 30 to 50 mph, gusting to near 70 mph, occurred much of the afternoon across central and north central South Dakota. A tractor-trailer, carrying a load of livestock, was overturned on Highway 12 about three miles east of Mobridge. The tractor was totaled, four cattle were killed, and the driver suffered minor injuries. High winds of 30 to 50 mph, with gusts to near 60 mph, also occurred across Roberts and Grant counties in the late afternoon hours.

1803: Christian Andreas Doppler, who identified the Doppler Effect, was born in Salzburg, Austria.

1896 - The mercury plunged to 51 degrees below zero at Havre, MT. It marked the culmination of a two week long cold wave caused by a stagnate high pressure area similar to those over Siberia during the winter. During the month of November temperatures across Montana and the Dakotas averaged 15 to 25 degrees below normal. (David Ludlum)

1969 - Dense fog along the Jersey Turnpike resulted in a chain reaction of vehicle collisions during the morning rush hour. A propane truck jackknifed and was struck by a trailer truck, and other vehicles piled into the fiery mass. (David Ludlum)

1975 - Red River was buried under 34 inches of snow in 24 hours, establishing a record for the state of New Mexico. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - The temperature at Bismarck, ND, plunged to 30 degrees below zero to establish their record low for the month of November. The high that day was 4 degrees below zero. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Snow blanketed the Upper Mississippi Valley, with heavy snow reported near Lake Superior. Up to ten inches of snow was reported in Douglas County and Bayfield County of Wisconsin. Brule WI received nine inches of snow. Heavy rain soaked the Middle Atlantic Coast States, while gale force winds lashed the coastline. Flooding was reported in Maryland and Virginia. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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1988 - Nine inches of snow at Alta UT brought their total for the month to 164 inches, surpassing their previous November record of 144 inches. Snowbird UT, also in the Little Cottonwood Valley, surpassed their November record of 118 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong Santa Ana winds diminished over southern California, but record cold was reported in some of the California valleys, with readings of 27 degrees at Redding and 31 degrees at Bakersfield. Gale force winds, gusting to 44 mph at Milwaukee WI, produced snow squalls in the Great Lakes Region. Sault Ste Marie MI finished the month of November with a record 46.8 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1992: The most intense tornado recorded in Australia was an F4 which occurred at Bucca, Queensland. Nine homes were extensively damaged or destroyed, but no one was seriously injured. Four inch hail was also associated with this storm.

1998: The morning low in Rochester, MN of 54 degrees was actually higher than the previous record high for the date. The temperature would reach 62 degrees during the day, smashing the old record of 53.

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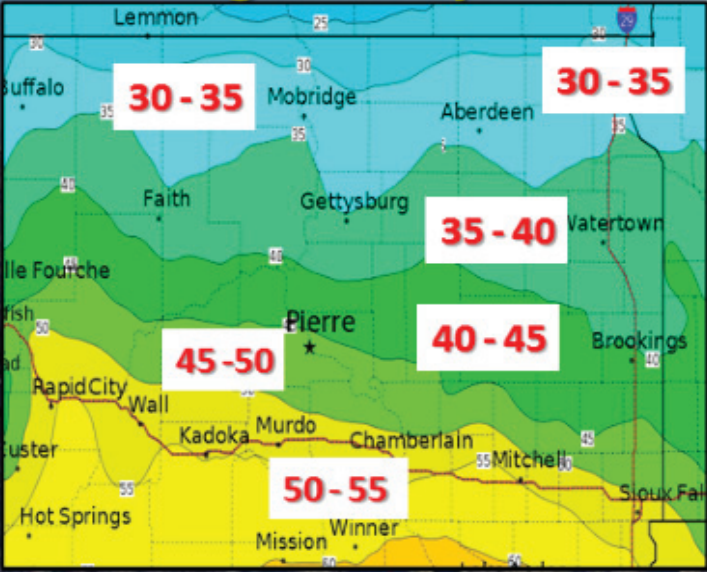
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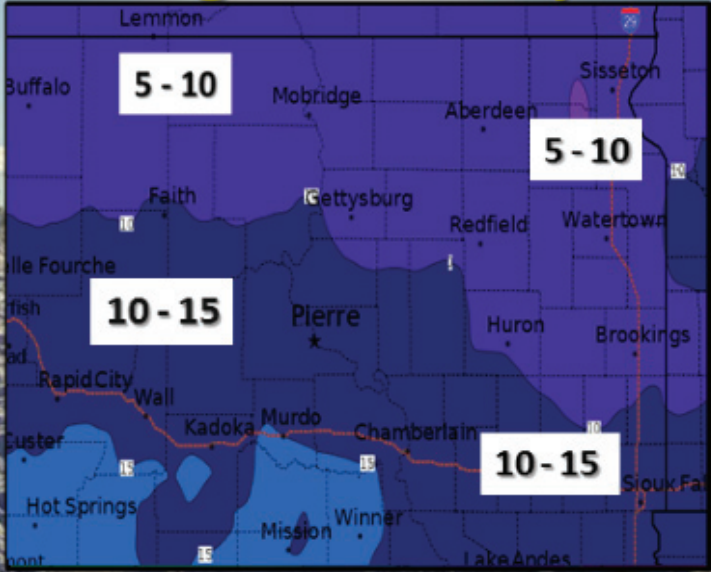
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Highs Today



Highs on Sunday



High temperatures today will briefly warm into the 30s and 40s before an arctic cold front pushes southward during the afternoon hours. This front will also bring increasing northerly winds and bitter cold temperatures tonight through Sunday. Lows tonight will range in the single digits. Highs on Sunday will only warm into the upper single digits, to the lower teens.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 23.5°F at 2:40 PM

Low: 12.5°F at 2:35 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 15 mph at 8:13 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 55° in 1951, 1906

Record Low: -26° in 1964

Average High: 32°F

Average Low: 12°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.69

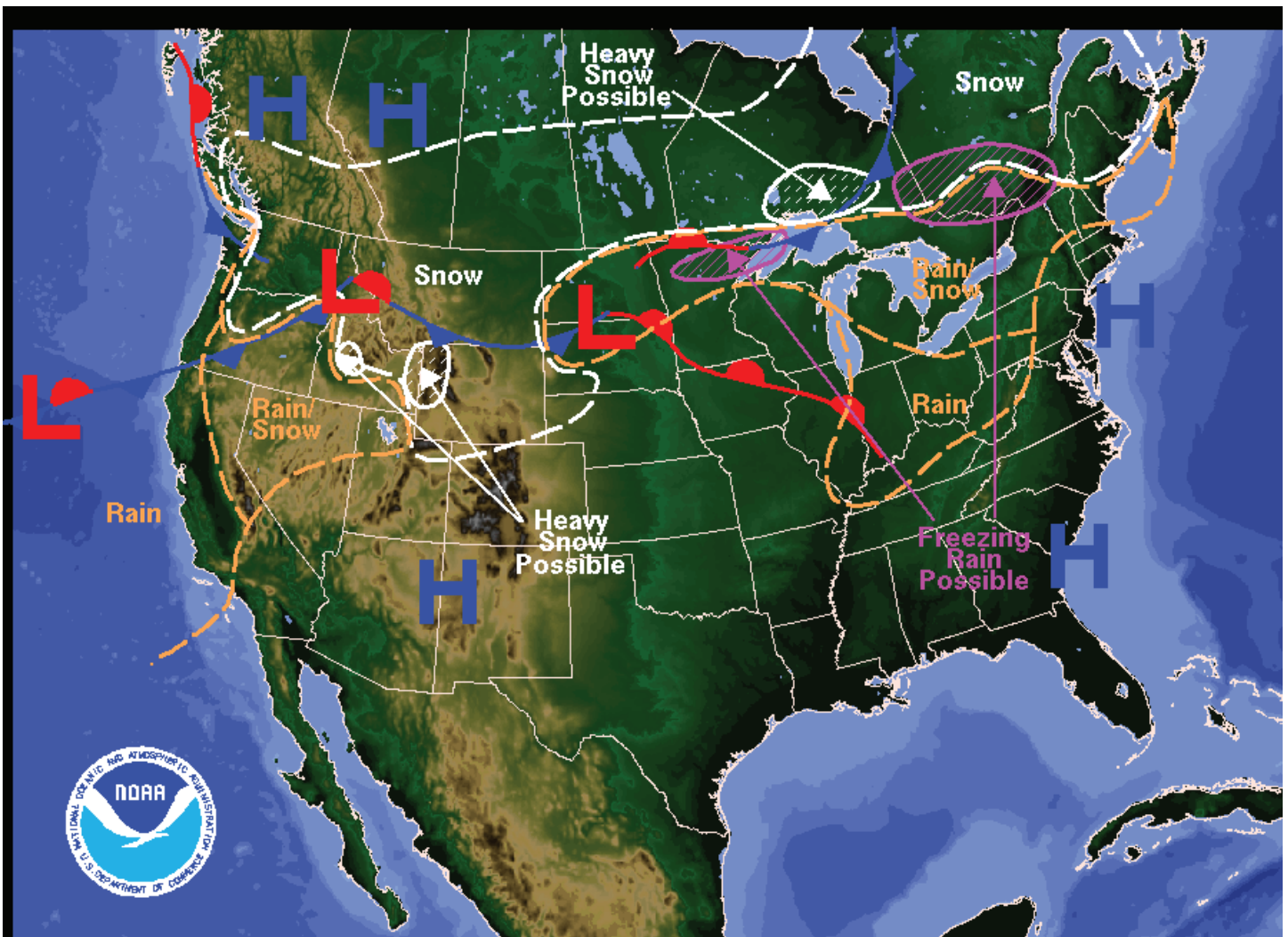
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.76

Average Precip to date: 21.16

Precip Year to Date: 13.99

Sunset Tonight: 4:53 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Nov 29, 2014, issued 3:20 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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A SURE SIGN OF WISDOM

"Dr. Guido," she said rather timidly, "how do you see yourself? All of the teachers we have are different. But tell us, what makes you different from all of the others?"

My first thought was to explain how my world view differed from most other professors because of my faith. That would have been a safe, standard answer. But I wanted to say something that made the way I taught different from other professors. As I reflected on the importance of her question, I realized how critical my answer would be.

After a few moments God brought a word to my mind that I had never associated with teaching before. I looked at the young lady and said, "I see my role as being similar to a midwife. I believe that it is my responsibility to bring to your life, and the lives of others, what God has planted or will plant within you. My role is to work with God to bring what He plants in your heart and head to life and to prepare you for the life He has for you."

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives," wrote Solomon. What we do in our relationships with others is a matter of life and death. We are responsible, with the opportunities and guidance that God gives us, to bring others into a saving relationship with Him. We are to use whatever influence or position we have to bring His message of "life" to others.

A "tree of life" will grow in the life of one who has been redeemed by Christ. And that "tree" will also bear fruit and bring "the tree of life" to others by its fruit.

Prayer: Lord, we plant "seeds" continually by what we do and where we go. May we bring forth "good fruit." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives.

News from the **AP** Associated Press

Patriots vs. Packers could be Super Bowl preview

JIM LITKE, AP Sports Writer

New England at Green Bay features the two best teams with the most potent offenses in the NFL at the moment.

It's being billed in some quarters as a Super Bowl preview and, if so, watch how Pats coach Bill Belichick and Packers counterpart Mike McCarthy react to each other's moves. If nothing else, this meeting figures to be an important test of their wills.

Belichick is the NFL's version of a mad scientist, a strategist who's willing to overhaul his game plan from week to week, in part because he has quarterback Tom Brady to anchor the offense and enough mix-and-match defenders to play a variety of schemes.

McCarthy, too, has proved plenty adaptable during his nine seasons in charge at Green Bay. But his coaching philosophy was formed early in his career, and with Aaron Rodgers, an equally smart, adaptable and accurate quarterback in his corner, he's more likely to take a nip-and-tuck approach to change rather than a face-lift.

McCarthy learned the virtue of patience nearly 30 years ago, as a skilled but undersized Pittsburgh prep star looking to play tight end in college. He wound up at tiny Baker University (enrollment: 3,200 students) outside of Kansas City, a football powerhouse in NAIA play. What McCarthy didn't know at the time was that the Wildcats' dominance was built on an option running game.

"It could be third-and-15, third-and-16, third-and-whatever and we'd almost always run. Poor Mike," said Scott Rampy, who played quarterback at Baker during McCarthy's time there and remains a good friend. "I'm pretty sure he wound up blocking a lot more than he ever imagined."

"That's not what they told me before I went there," McCarthy recalled with a chuckle Wednesday. "That's good recruiting."

It turned out to be, though, since in addition to patience, Baker is where McCarthy first became a

student of the game.

He learned the value of preparation from the late Charlie Richard, a Hall of Fame coach. But his first real hands-on experience came when then-assistant Dan Harris turned over responsibility for the line calls to McCarthy in his senior year.

"That was the first sign of his coaching potential," Harris said. "He began to analyze the game in more detail."

Both Harris and Rampy said McCarthy was an instant hit at Baker, regaling the mostly small-town recruits with tales of the

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big city, showing the kind of leadership that got him elected captain his last two seasons. The Wildcats finished second and fourth in the NAIA playoffs, but those around him sensed McCarthy's football days were just beginning.

"After graduation, we worked to get Mike a graduate assistantship in college and the rest," Harris said, "is history."

Not quite. McCarthy went from Baker to Fort Hays State and coached linebackers there. After two years seeing the game from the other side of the ball, he went back on offense at Pitt under coach Mike Gottfried and quarterback guru Paul Hackett. Stints as an NFL assistant in Kansas City, Green Bay, New Orleans and San Francisco followed before McCarthy returned to Green Bay as the boss in 2006.

Given the chance to draw up his own game plans, McCarthy went back to his Baker roots.

"The way Charlie Richard went about a football game ... one thing you knew when you stepped on a field, you were extremely confident," McCarthy said. "You felt like you were better prepared than your opponent. Charlie was an aggressive, offensive play-caller, because not only did we have our bread-and-butter option package, there were always deceptions and big-play opportunities that he would create."

Preparing for a Belichick-coached team is particularly tricky, as New England's seven straight wins attest. The three-time Super Bowl winner found a way to disarm such luminaries as Denver's Peyton Manning and Indianapolis' Andrew Luck during the run, and would love to shut down Rodgers for the trifecta.

Belichick won both previous meetings and while he and McCarthy approach the game differently, there are some important similarities.

Asked to compare the two quarterbacks early in the week, Belichick replied tersely, "They both wear No. 12," before ending his session with the media.

Faced with the same question, McCarthy replied "They're both from California," and he, too, called it a day.

16 arrested as demonstrations return to Ferguson

PHILLIP LUCAS, Associated Press

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Later Friday night, a group of about 100 protesters marched down South Florissant Road in front of the city's police and fire departments chanting, blocking traffic and stopping in front of some businesses.

"I served my country. I spent four years in the Army, and I feel like that's not what I served my country for," said Ebonie Tyse, 26, of St. Louis as National Guard trucks and police cruisers roamed the street in front of her. "I served my country for justice for everyone. Not because of what color, what age, what gender or anything," she said.

Sixteen people were arrested, according to St. Louis County Police spokesman Shawn McGuire. Fifteen of those arrested were for misdemeanor peace disturbance. One man, Joygill Moriah of the Bronx, New York, was charged with assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and peace disturbance. He did not have a listed attorney. Only one of those arrested was from the St. Louis area. Eight were from New York City.

Monday night's announcement that Wilson, who is white, wouldn't be indicted for fatally shooting Brown, who was black, prompted violent protests that resulted in about a dozen buildings and some cars being burned. Dozens of people were arrested.

The rallies have been ongoing but have grown more peaceful this week, as protesters turn their attention to disrupting commerce. Elsewhere on Friday, protests in Chicago, New York, Seattle and northern California — where protesters chained themselves to trains — were among the largest in the country on Black Friday.

In Oakland, more than a dozen people were arrested after about 125 protesters wearing T-shirts that read "Black Lives Matter" interrupted train service from Oakland to San Francisco, with some chaining themselves to trains. Later in San Francisco, a march by hundreds turned ugly as protesters smashed windows and hurled bottles and other objects at police, leaving two officers injured. Police responded by making arrests but have not said how many. Dozens of people in Seattle blocked streets, and police said some protesters also apparently chained doors shut at the nearby Pacific Place shopping center.

In Chicago, about 200 people gathered near the city's popular Magnificent Mile shopping district, where Kristiana Colon, 28, called Friday "a day of awareness and engagement." She's a member of the Let Us Breathe Collective, which has been taking supplies such as gas masks to protesters in Ferguson.

"We want them to think twice before spending that dollar today," she said of shoppers. "As long as black lives are put second to materialism, there will be no peace."

Malcolm London, a leader in the Black Youth Project 100, which has been organizing Chicago protests, said the group was also trying to rally support for other issues, such as more transparency from Chicago police.

"We are not indicting a man. We are indicting a system," London told the crowd.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon on Friday announced that he will call a special session of the General Assembly to provide funding for public safety efforts related to protests. A news release from his office said that due to the increased presence of the State Highway Patrol and the Missouri National Guard in the region, the state's financial obligations for emergency duties are on track to exceed what had been appropriated.

Pope prays in Istanbul mosque in new outreach

NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

SUZAN FRASER, Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — His head bowed and hands clasped in front of him, Pope Francis stood Saturday for two minutes of silent prayer facing east inside one of Istanbul's most important mosques, as he shifted

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gears toward more religious affairs on the second leg of his three-day visit to mainly Muslim Turkey.

Following in the footsteps of Pope Benedict XVI who visited Turkey in 2006, Francis prayed alongside the Grand Mufti of Istanbul, Rahmi Yaran, who had his palms turned toward the sky in a Muslim prayer, inside the 17th-century Sultan Ahmet mosque.

"May God accept it," Yaran told the pope at the conclusion of a poignant moment of Christian-Muslim understanding.

The Vatican spokesman, Rev. Federico Lombardi called it a moment of "silent adoration." Lombardi, who was standing behind the pope, said Francis told the mufti two times that we must "adore" God and not just praise and glorify him.

It was a remarkably different atmosphere from Francis' first day in Turkey, when the simple and frugal pope was visibly uncomfortable with the pomp and protocol required of him for the state visit part of his trip. With President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's mega-palace, honor guard and horseback escort now behind him, Francis got down to the business of being pope, showing respect to Muslim leaders, greeting Istanbul's tiny Catholic community and later meeting with the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians.

Francis nodded, smiled and looked up in awe as Yaran gave him a tour of the Blue Mosque, famed for its elaborate blue tiles and cascading domes. Francis listened intently through an interpreter as Yaran explained verses of the Muslim holy book.

Presenting the pope with a blue, tulip-designed tile, Yaran said he prayed to God that his visit would "contribute to the world getting along well and living in peace."

"We are in need of prayers. The world really needs prayers," Yaran said.

Benedict had visited Turkey amid heightened Christian-Muslim tensions and prayed at the mosque in a gesture of respect for Islam that was appreciated by many Turks. The Vatican added the stop at the Blue Mosque at the last minute to show Benedict's respect for Muslims.

The Vatican also acted to avoid offense to its Muslim hosts by moving up Francis' visit to the mosque so it wouldn't coincide with noon prayers.

After he left, Francis walked a short distance — greeting crowds for the first time in his visit — to tour the nearby Haghia Sofia, which was the main Byzantine church in Constantinople — present-day Istanbul — before being turned into a mosque following the Muslim conquest of the city in 1453. The Haghia Sophia is now a museum, although some Islamic groups want it to be converted back into a mosque.

Pope Paul VI, who made the first-ever papal visit to Turkey in 1967, fell to his knees in prayer inside Haghia Sophia, triggering protests by Turks who claimed Paul had violated the secular nature of the domed complex. Francis avoided any religious actions inside.

Halfway through his tour, the Muslim call for prayer echoed off the Haghia Sophia's marble walls, an evocative moment that symbolized the crossroads of East and West that Istanbul represents.

Museum director Hayrullah Cengiz pointed to a niche with a Byzantine fresco of the Virgin Mary holding an infant Jesus, saying it was his favorite corner because the area also features Arabic writings of the names of the Prophet Mohammed and Allah.

"They are all together," Cengiz said.

A few dozen well-wishers outside Haghia Sophia waved a combination of the Turkish and the flag of the Holy See. One carried a banner that read: "You are Peter."

Francis nearly tripped over while walking the carpet from his plane to a VIP terminal at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport. The governor of Istanbul and Patriarch Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians, helped the pontiff as he tottered.

Later on Saturday, Francis will meet with Bartholomew — the real reason for his visit to Turkey.

The two major branches of Christianity represented by Bartholomew and Francis split in 1054 over differences on the power of the papacy. The two spiritual heads will participate in an ecumenical liturgy and sign a joint declaration in the ongoing attempt to reunite the churches.

Former lawmaker, newspaperman to be remembered

PLATTE, S.D. (AP) — A memorial service is Saturday in Platte for a former state lawmaker and long-time newspaperman.

Ralph Nachtigal died Nov. 22 in Sioux Falls at age 80.

According to his Mount Funeral Home obituary, he served in the U.S. Navy and studied journalism at South Dakota State before working at the Watertown Public Opinion and Argus Leader in Sioux Falls.

Nachtigal bought the Platte Enterprise in 1965 and was editor and publisher until he sold it in 1999, though he continued to work at the weekly paper until his death.

Nachtigal served two terms in the state House of Representatives from 1977 to 1980 as a Democrat and was president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1982.

The service starts at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Platte Area Community Center.

Group to provide mental health first aid training

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota group is set to present a free training session on mental health first aid.

The Helpline Center Suicide and Crisis Support will be hosting the event in Sioux Falls. The training will focus on the initial help given to someone who may be developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis.

The organization says participants will learn the signs and symptoms of the most common mental health problems, where and when to get help, and what type of help has been shown to be effective.

Among the mental health issues that will be addressed are depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and substance use disorders.

The eight-hour training session is scheduled for Dec. 9.

Air Force offers details of bomber training zone

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Any given location across a sprawling area of the Northern Plains could see up to nine low-altitude overflights by military aircraft annually under a proposed expansion of an Air Force bomber training area detailed Friday.

Supersonic flights in the area would be limited to 10 days a year during large-scale exercises involving roughly 20 aircraft. Civilian flights would face sharp restrictions during those times.

Details of the Air Force plan emerged with the release of a long-awaited, 502-page environmental study of a proposal in the works since 2006.

The Powder River training area now spans about 8,300 square miles and can accommodate only one or two bombers at a time.

A much larger area that could be occupied by 20 bombers, fighters and tankers at once would create a more realistic environment where crews "would more readily train as they will fight," the Air Force study concluded.

The Air Force wants to triple the size of its Powder River Training Complex to roughly 28,000 square

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miles. That's a larger area than West Virginia and would include airspace over Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas.

It would be used by B-1 and B-52 bombers and could save the military \$23 million a year by reducing the number of sorties now being sent to Utah and Nevada for exercises, officials said.

Friday's study release kicked off a 30-day waiting period until a final decision is made by the Air Force. Federal Aviation Administration approval also is needed.

Elected officials from South Dakota have been supportive of the proposal. Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune has described the expansion as vital to keeping open Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City.

It has faced strong resistance from Montana elected leaders and state aviation officials. They say more bombers — conducting maneuvers and dropping flares and chaff as they roar overhead — would disrupt rural communities and scare livestock.

They also argued that it could interfere with civil air traffic and hurt businesses in the area of the expansion.

The release of the study leaves the Air Force poised to push ahead despite such lingering objections.

Montana Aeronautics Division Administrator Debbie Alke said her office was reviewing the document. North Dakota officials also have raised concerns about potential impacts on civilian flights.

As many as 78 civilian flights a day could be impacted when the large-scale exercises are conducted, shutting down the entire airspace, the Air Force said.

The Air Force on Friday also listed steps taken to address public concerns since a draft of the environmental study came out in 2010. Those include adjustments to the training area's boundaries and avoiding low-altitude flights over some Indian reservations.

The Air Force acknowledged that the low-altitude flights and loud sonic booms have the potential to startle ranchers, recreationists and American Indians living on four reservations in the region.

It said those disruptions largely would be sporadic and temporary.

Alee Lockman, a spokeswoman for U.S. Rep. Steve Daines, a Montana Republican and U.S. senator-elect, said there still was time for the plan to be altered.

"This is one of the last stops in the process. It's a significant step," Lockman said. "We will continue putting pressure on the Air Force to make changes before any expansion actually moves forward."

U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-North Dakota, said in a statement that the expansion will help increase training and readiness for the Air Force. She said it needs to strike a balance between national security and economic and safety concerns.

A B-1B from Ellsworth Air Force Base crashed in August of 2013 in southeastern Montana near Broadus — within the existing bounds of the training area. Four crew members ejected from the high-speed aircraft and survived.

Good holiday shopping season expected in Dakotas

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Retailers in the Dakotas are expecting a strong holiday shopping season, with the oil boom in western North Dakota expected to be a factor in both states.

The day after Thanksgiving is generally considered the kickoff to the season, with stores offering Black Friday deals that draw shoppers to stores. That was the case in North Dakota and South Dakota, with many shoppers lining up at stores before their doors opened early Friday or even looking for post-meal deals Thursday night.

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Shawna Steen, of Maplewood, Minnesota, said Black Friday is an annual outing in Fargo for her and her sisters, and this year's event was remarkably quiet.

"It's a lot different this year. We pulled up and we thought the mall wasn't even open," Steen said Friday morning while shopping at the West Acres Mall. "We're used to crowds and rushes of people right away in the morning, and it wasn't that way. Everyone must have done their shopping yesterday."

Steen's sister, Jerralee Storbakken, of Moorhead, Minnesota, said her family mapped out their shopping plan Thursday night, "then completely forgot about it" once they got to the mall.

"We're looking for the deals. We're winging it," she said.

Nationally, holiday sales are forecast to be 4.1 percent higher than last year, which would mark the biggest increase since 2011, according to the National Retail Federation.

South Dakota Retailers Association Executive Director Shawn Lyons said he expects a similar increase in South Dakota. A recent survey of association members found that 30 percent expected sales to be stable and 48 percent expected sales to be up.

An early October blizzard in 2013 that devastated South Dakota's ranching industry put a damper on many families' Christmas budgets last year.

"The retail economy has rebounded pretty well, and we haven't had the severe weather we had a year ago," Lyons said.

The western North Dakota oil boom also has boosted western South Dakota, where some companies and workers are based.

"It certainly can't be a negative in terms of (holiday) retail sales," Lyons said.

North Dakota Retail Association President Mike Rud said holiday sales in North Dakota might be up 5-6 percent over last year, not only because of the booming energy industry but also because of a strong overall economy.

The shopping season is a week shorter than last year due to the later Thanksgiving, and farmers are not enjoying as good of a year, but "as long as Mother Nature cooperates and we get some good weather, people will get out there and shop," Rud said. "Shopper traffic already has been heavy in the larger cities the last two weekends."

36-year-old man dies in rollover crash in SD

WAGNER, S.D. (AP) — A 36-year-old South Dakota man is dead following a rollover crash on Highway 46 near Wagner.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Joseph Earlwin Bernie Sr. died early Friday. Authorities say the Wagner man was driving a 2000 Ford Explorer when he crossed over the centerline and entered the north ditch.

The Patrol says Bernie attempted to steer the sports utility vehicle back onto the roadway, but over-corrected and the SUV rolled. Authorities say Bernie was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle.

He died from injuries sustained in the crash.

The Patrol says the incident remains under investigation.

Man faces murder charges in Sioux Falls death

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A homeless sex offender is facing murder charges in the strangulation death of a 39-year-old Sioux Falls woman.

Fifty-seven-year-old Arthur Brundige is charged with alternate counts of first- and second-degree

murder and manslaughter in the death of 39-year-old Sabrina White.

White's body was found in her home Monday. Police say she was killed Saturday night.

Brundige was arrested Wednesday. It wasn't clear if he had an attorney. He's due in court on Monday.

Brundige is a registered sex offender due to sexual conduct convictions in Minnesota and Nebraska in 1982 and 1989. He is on probation in Minnehaha County for failing to register.

Nebraska, South Dakota to devise zebra mussel plan

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska and South Dakota officials say they will be discussing what actions to take following the discovery of an invasive zebra mussel on a boat dock on the South Dakota side of Lewis and Clark Lake.

A single adult zebra mussel was discovered Nov. 14, but a follow-up search came up empty. Nebraska Game and Parks and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks staffers have sampled the lake yearly for zebra mussel larvae, and all samples have been negative.

The Missouri River impoundment straddles the state line in northeast Nebraska and southeast South Dakota. The officials said the mussel likely came from a boat that was launched near the Midway boat ramp.

The small black-and-white striped mussels, native to eastern Europe, are voracious eaters, gobbling up large amounts of plankton — the same food many native freshwater fish need to survive. They were discovered in the United States in 1988 in the Great Lakes, after apparently being carried in a trans-Atlantic ship's ballast water.

The mussels can attach themselves to boat motors, bait buckets and other equipment and make their way from one body of water to another. Once transferred, they can attach themselves to pipes or other structures, damaging boat motors and reducing the ability to draw water into facilities such as water treatment and power plants.

Game and parks agencies throughout the country have asked anglers and recreational water users to always clean, drain and dry their equipment, lest the mussels hitch rides.

Zebra mussels were confirmed in July at an Offutt Air Force Base lake south of Omaha. Nebraska Game and Parks has since forbidden the removal of any water from the lake.

In April 2006 the lake was the first body of water in the state to have a confirmed population of zebra mussels. The lake was treated in 2008 and 2009 with copper sulfate in hopes of eradicating the mussels, but three live adults were found there in 2010. Officials were unable to determine whether the population had been re-established or was a result of subsequent arrivals.

Black Friday calmer for some Dakotas shoppers

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Shoppers are hitting stores throughout the Dakotas to take advantage of Black Friday deals, but some say they've found the scene a bit calmer than in previous years.

Shawna Steen, of Maplewood, Minnesota, tells The Associated Press that Black Friday is an annual outing in Fargo for her and her sisters. But she says this year's event was remarkably quiet, and she speculates that a lot of people did their shopping on Thursday.

The day after Thanksgiving is generally considered the kickoff to the holiday shopping season. People lined up outside stores throughout the Dakotas early Friday. But many stores opened even earlier, on Thursday.

At the Gordmans in Sioux Falls, Manager Jacob Rhodes told KDLT-TV that 150 people were in line at supertime Thursday.

AP News in Brief

Egyptian court dismisses murder charges against Mubarak in killing of protesters in 2011

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court on Saturday dismissed murder charges against former president Hosni Mubarak in connection with the killing of protesters in the 2011 uprising that ended his nearly three-decade reign.

The ruling marks another major setback for the young activists who spearheaded the Arab Spring-inspired uprising nearly four years ago -- many of whom are now in jail or have withdrawn from politics -- and will reinforce the perception that Mubarak's autocratic state remains in place, albeit led by a new president, former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Saturday's verdict concludes Mubarak's retrial along with his two sons, his security chief and six top security commanders, who were all acquitted. Also on trial was businessman Hussein Salem, a long-time Mubarak friend tried in absentia. He too was acquitted.

Mubarak, 86, was also acquitted of corruption charges that he faced along with his sons Alaa and Gamal.

It was not immediately clear whether Mubarak would now walk free since he is serving a three-year jail term for corruption charges he was convicted of in May. He has been in detention since April 2011, but it is unclear if the past 3 1/2 years will be considered as time served.

Islamic State group extremists launch new assault on Syrian border town of Kobani from Turkey

BEIRUT (AP) — A Kurdish official and activists say extremists from the Islamic State group have launched an attack on the Syrian border town of Kobani from Turkey — a first in the ongoing siege.

Nawaf Khalil, a spokesman for Syria's powerful Kurdish Democratic Union Party, says Islamic State group militants in Turkey attacked the border crossing point that links the country to Kobani.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Khalil said the offensive began with an armored vehicle suicide attack on the border crossing.

There was no immediate comment from Ankara.

The Islamic State group began its Kobani offensive in mid-September. The town later became the focus of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition against the militants.

Demonstrators take aim at disrupting commerce, 15 arrested as protests return to Ferguson

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Pope Francis visits iconic Muslim and Christian sites in Istanbul

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Taiwanese vote in municipal elections to gauge support for China-friendly ruling party

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's relations with historic foe China are playing a key role in local elections on the self-ruled island Saturday as the ruling Nationalist Party meets increased resistance to forging stronger ties with Beijing.

Voters on the island with a population of about 23 million will elect representatives to 11,130 local seats, including mayoral posts in major cities such as the capital, Taipei.

A poor showing for the Nationalists would make it easier for the rival Democratic Progressive Party to win the presidency in early 2016, an outcome expected to disrupt negotiations with China on trade and investment deals that have lifted Taiwan's half-trillion-dollar economy while raising Beijing's hopes for political reunification.

Beijing has claimed sovereignty over Taiwan since the Chinese civil war of the 1940s, keeping relations icy until Nationalist President Ma Ying-jeou took office in 2008. He set aside the sovereignty issue to ease tensions and bind Taiwan to China's massive economy.

The Democratic Progressive Party questions deals with China as long as the Communist leadership wants to reunify with a reluctant Taiwan. Their cause received support in March when thousands of

student-led protesters known as the Sunflower Movement occupied parliament and nearby streets in Taipei to stop ratification of a service trade liberalization agreement.

Despite scientific warnings, rare optimism going into next round of UN climate talks in Lima

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Energized by new targets set by China and the United States, the world's top climate polluters, U.N. global warming talks resume Monday with unusual optimism despite evidence that human-generated climate change is already happening and bound to get worse.

Negotiators from more than 190 countries will meet in the Peruvian capital for two weeks to work on drafts for a global climate deal that is supposed to be adopted next year in Paris. Getting all countries aboard will be a crucial test for the U.N. talks, which over two decades have failed to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming.

Pledges by Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. President Barack Obama earlier this month to limit their emissions after 2020 sent a powerful signal that a global deal could be possible next year. The two countries, which produce about 40 percent of all global emissions, long have been adversaries in the U.N. climate talks.

"Climate change will not be solved only by the United States and China. But it certainly will not be solved without them," U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres told The Associated Press.

Earlier this year, the European Union announced an emissions target for 2030, meaning the world's three biggest emitters have made pledges. The hope now is that other big polluters including India, Japan, Russia and Australia will set their goals.

Killing of young iguana hunter underscores lack of accountability for private security forces

ZACAPA, Guatemala (AP) — Jose Miguel Ramirez went hunting for iguanas on a melon farm, and paid for it with his life. The 19-year-old's body was dumped by a stream near the property line, a bullet hole above his left eye.

What happened to Ramirez remains in dispute, though no one is pushing for answers any longer. The private security guards alleged to have killed him were never prosecuted. A witness who said he saw the shooting recanted. In a country that averages some 100 homicides a week, the killing barely drew headlines and public attention moved on.

The case of Ramirez, whose body was found outside the ZacapaEx plantation in March 2013, reveals just how convoluted security and justice have become in Guatemala, where private guards outnumber police 5-to-1, and the soaring crime rate is married with shocking levels of impunity. Those with means buy protection the state cannot provide, those without take matters into their own hands.

"You don't call the police. You don't call 911. You deal with it yourself," said Frank Moseley, a private security analyst based in Guatemala.

Ramirez, a young corn farmer with a pregnant girlfriend and toddler son had set off with his two brothers-in-law that Sunday, a slingshot in his pocket for hunting. They left the trash-strewn arroyo where the family lives to search for food — fat, green iguanas.

Ballet commemorating the exuberant life of late leader Hugo Chavez opening in Venezuela

CARACS, Venezuela (AP) — In life, Venezuela's exuberant leader Hugo Chavez often captivated supporters by bursting into song, even the occasional dance. Now that he's gone, supporters are turning to the musical arts to help immortalize him.

A state-sponsored biographical ballet premieres on Saturday, with dozens of performers recounting Chavez's life, from humble roots, to failed coup, to international fame as leader of Venezuela's socialist revolution.

The hour-long show, presented by Venezuela's National Dance Company, blends classic and contemporary choreography, and draws on a range of music including Venezuelan folk melodies, African rhythms and symphonic scores.

Performers use simple dances to depict Chavez's childhood in a humble house with a mud floor, and his days roaming the streets selling homemade papaya sweets known as spiders.

The ballet, entitled "From Spider-Seller to Liberator," shows him shelving his dream of being a major league baseball pitcher to join the army at age 17. Then audience sees a disillusioned Chavez dancing against the background of the country's 1989 riots, in which several hundred people died in the streets.

Ray Rice wins appeal; NFL suspension vacated immediately because of 'arbitrary' decision

NEW YORK (AP) — An arbitrator Friday threw out Ray Rice's indefinite suspension by the NFL for hitting his then-fiancee and now wife in a hotel elevator, freeing him to play again.

The NFL said Rice, a free agent, is "eligible to play upon signing a new contract." Whether any team will consider signing him is another matter.

Former U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones said Commissioner Roger Goodell's decision in September to change Rice's original suspension from two games to indefinite was "arbitrary" and an "abuse of discretion."

Jones was deciding whether the NFL overstepped its authority in modifying Rice's two-game suspension after video of the Baltimore Ravens running back punching Janay became public.

Rice was released by the Ravens when the video went public. Rice and the union contended he was essentially sentenced twice, and Jones agreed, saying Rice "did not lie to or mislead the NFL."

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Saturday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2014. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1964, the U.S. Roman Catholic Church instituted sweeping changes in the liturgy, including the partial use of English instead of Latin.

On this date:

In 1314, King Philip IV of France died; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Louis X.

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (WOOL'-zee), onetime adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Tu-

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randot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower secretly left on a trip to Korea, keeping his campaign promise to assess the ongoing conflict first-hand.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1972, the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut at Andy Capp's Tavern in Sunnyvale, California.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, California, at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

In 1989, in response to a growing pro-democracy movement in Czechoslovakia, the Communist-run Parliament ended the party's 40-year monopoly on power.

In 2001, George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush picked Carlos Gutierrez, the chief executive officer of cereal giant Kellogg Co., to be commerce secretary. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a challenge to a gay-marriage law in Massachusetts. An Army helicopter crashed near Waco, Texas, killing Brig. Gen. Charles B. Allen and six other soldiers. John Drew Barrymore, the sometimes troubled heir to an acting dynasty and absent father of actress Drew Barrymore, died in Los Angeles at age 72.

Five years ago: A gunman shot and killed four Lakewood, Washington, police officers at a coffee shop (suspect Maurice Clemmons was shot to death by a Seattle police officer two days later). Iran approved plans to build 10 industrial scale uranium enrichment facilities in defiance of U.N. demands it halt enrichment. Swiss voters approved a constitutional ban on construction of new minarets, the iconic mosque towers. Tiger Woods canceled yet another meeting with Florida state troopers but, for the first time, talked about his car crash on his website, saying it was his fault, that his wife, Elin, had acted courageously and that remaining details were private. Francesco and Edoardo Molinari of Italy became the first brother combination to win the World Cup of Golf.

One year ago: A police helicopter crashed onto a pub in Glasgow, Scotland, killing 10 people. A single-engine plane crashed in remote southwest Alaska, killing four people and injuring six.

Today's Birthdays: Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 87. Former French President Jacques Chirac is 82. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 81. Actress Diane Ladd is 79. Songwriter Mark James ("Always on My Mind" "Suspicious Minds") is 74. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 74. Country singer Jody Miller is 73. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 72. Former Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee is 68. Comedian Garry Shandling is 65. Actor Jeff Fahey is 62. Movie director Joel Coen is 60. Actor-comedian-celebrity judge Howie Mandel is 59. Former Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano is 57. The mayor of Chicago, Rahm Emanuel, is 55. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 54. Actress Kim Delaney is 53. Actor Tom Sizemore is 53. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 52. Actor Don Cheadle is 50. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 49. Musician Wallis Buchanan is 49. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 46. Rock musician Martin Carr (Boo Radleys) is 46. Actress Jennifer Elise Cox is 45. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 44. Rock musician Frank Delgado (Deftones) is 44. Actress Paola Turbay is 44. Actress Gena Lee Nolin is 43. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 42. Actress Anna Faris is 38. Actor Julian Ovenden is 38. Gospel singer James Fortune is 37. Actress Lauren German (TV: "Chicago Fire") is 36. Rapper The Game is 35. Actress Janina Gavankar (TV: "The Mysteries of Laura") is 34. Rock musician Ringo Garza is 33. Actor/comedian John Milhiser is 33. Actor Lucas Black is 32.

Thought for Today: "Toleration is good for all, or it is good for none." - Edmund Burke, British statesman (1729-1797).