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The following pages has the December community calendar. If you see any changes or there are any additions, please email me **today** at paperpaul@grotonsd.net or text me at 6053977460.

Monday, December 1

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, steamed carrots, fruit, lettuce salad

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Darrel Hendrickson • Ahmad Shabazz Jr • Kevin Raap

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:00pm: JH GBB at Roncalli (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

7:00pm: City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 2

Lisa Sippel Notice Debate at GHS

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Menu: Chicken wings, sweet tots, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Leonard Garness • Liz Doeden • Cade Guthmiller • Meri Erickson

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

4:00pm: JHGBB at Clark/Willow Lake (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)



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Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

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Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

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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Wednesday, December 3

School Breakfast: Egg Omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarines, baked chips, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/Mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

Birthdays: Brook Anderson • Jeff Merkel • Dennis K Larson • Anthony Sippel • Jamie Rossow

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: UMC Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

Thursday, December 4

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn, Romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Brennan McMahon • Caitlyn Howard • Samantha Larson • Darlys Kampa • Drew Johnson

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

Friday, December 5

State Festival Oral Interp at Huron

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, green beans, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Ilse Cameron • Andy Jondahl • Angela Osterman • Corelea Wolter

Saturday, December 6

State Festival Oral Interp at Huron

Birthdays: Diane Paul Barwin • Maddie Howard • Nancy Sundstrom • Karen Wolter

9:00am: United Methodist Lay Ministry Effective Evangelism Course

10:00am: JHGBB Jamboree at Groton with Leola-Frederick, Webster and Britton

10:00am: Wrestling at Clark

10:00am: United Methodist Pastor at Rosewood Court

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 7

Birthdays: Megan Weber • Morgan McNickle • Landon Marzahn

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:00am: UMC School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with Communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

1:00pm: Show Choir Tour of Homes

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

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Monday, December 8

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken patty on WG bun, French fries, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Colton Monson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:30pm: JHGBB at Britton (7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30)

6:00pm: JH Wrestling at Sisseton

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 9

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Italian dunkers, sweet tots, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, stewed tomatoes, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tracy Davies • Shelby Tietz • Ann Rix • Brooklyn Gilbert

• Doris Anderson

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

6:00pm: All School Play

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, December 10

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburger on bun, baked chips, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Lincoln Lane • Jerrica Loeschke • Steve Schaller • Miranda Blumhardt

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:00pm: UMW Christmas Luncheon

12:30pm: MathCounts at Roncalli Middle School

3:45pm: UMC Confirmation

6:00pm: JH UMYF Caroling with potluck

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with youth and parents

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League

7:00pm: Sr High UMYF

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

7:30pm: NOOMA DVD Study at UMC

Thursday, December 11

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O

Anniversary: Dave & Connie Nilsson

4:00pm: JHGBB at Ipswich (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

6:30pm: GBB at Ipswich

6:30pm: Groton Lions Club meet at Dakota Brush

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

One bedroom apartment for rent. Main street ground level. Washer dryer and dishwasher big walk in closet 550 utilities included 400 if you pay your own

Apartments For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

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Friday, December 12

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Taco salad, seasoned tots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, peach sauce.

Birthdays: Brittany Ronning • Jason Warrington • Robert Meister • Alan Nierman

5:30pm: JHGBB hosts Redfield-Doland (7th at 5:30, 8th at 6:30)

Saturday, December 13

Robotics at Rapid City Stevens Tourney

UDFL Debate at Watertown

Birthdays: Jon Vedvei • Jessica Adler • Blake Flihs • Gabriella Merkel • Melissa Gilbert

10:00am: Wrestling at LaMoure

12:00pm: Santa Day at Groton Community Center

2:00pm: BB Doubleheader at Frederick (JVGBB at 2 pm, JVBBB at 3 pm, Varsity girls at 4:30, Varsity boys at 6:00)

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 14

Anniversary: Bob & Mary Ann Wehde

Birthdays: Sue Patton • Elda Stange • Carroll Dean

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:00am: UMC School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship (SS Sings)

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship with SS Christmas Program: 3:30pm: All School Play at GHS Gym

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, December 15

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Nachos, refried beans, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Col Arthur Krueger • Marjae Schinkel • Janice Sombke

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:30pm: JH Wrestling at Webster

5:30pm: Groton Garden Club meeting at the Golden Living Center

6:30pm: GBB hosts Tiospa Zina

6:30pm: JHGBB at Warner (7th at 6:30, 8th at 7:30)

7:00pm: City Council Meeting

7:00pm: United Methodist Charge Conference in Groton

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Tuesday, December 16

St. John's Lutheran Quilting

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Christmas nuggets, baked potato, corn, fruit, Tea buns.

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: John Sippel • Layne Howard • Sage Mortenson • Dan Schinkel

5:00pm: Wrestling Quad at GHS with Oakes, Watertown JV and EEK

Wednesday, December 17

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato, squash, pineapple strawberry Ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tammy Locke • Breanna Marzahn

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: UMC Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

7:00pm: UMC Ad Council

Thursday, December 18

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, glorified rice, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Jean Harrison • Pastor Craig Grams • Jasper Pray

7:00pm: MS/HS Christmas Concert

Friday, December 19

Debate at Brookings

End of Second Quarter

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, Romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Jeff Howard • Tim Thurston • Brad Waage

4:00pm: BB Double Header - Deuel is here (JV GBB at 4 pm, JV BBB at 6 pm, Varsity girls at 6:30 pm, Varsity boys at 8:00)

Saturday, December 20

Debate at Brookings

Birthdays: • Virginia Spencer • Lisa Adler • Jim Pray • Harvey Fliehs III • Lexi Osterman

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

11:00am: NEC Wrestling at Sisseton

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

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Sunday, December 21

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

Birthdays: Kent Webb • Kayla Townsend • Ashley Flihs • Steve Giedt • Eva Ellis

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:00am: UMC School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship (SS Program, League Spuds 'N Berries)

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: Bethlehem Lutheran pastor at Golden Living Center

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, December 22

No School

Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, noodles Romanoff, lemon buttered broccoli, pineapple strawberry Ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Don Raines • Kristen Winther • Cameron Howard

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: GBB hosts Roncalli

Tuesday, December 23

No School

Senior Menu: Mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: Jerry & Joan Johnson • Jerry & Ramona Rossow

6:30pm: BBB at Roncalli

Wednesday, December 24

No School

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Merry Jo Ball • Holly Carlson • Carmen Craig • Brian Townsend • Christine Young • Katie Bull • Aaron Cobb • Michael Erdmann

Christmas Eve

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

4:00pm: Bethlehem Lutheran, Pierpont, worship

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

5:00pm: United Methodist Christmas Eve Service

8:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Thursday, December 25

No School

Birthdays: Angela Carlson • Scott Fordham: Christmas Day

Friday, December 26

No School

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, frosted brownie.

Birthdays: Ben Peterson

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Saturday, December 27

GBB at Parkston Classic

Birthdays: Rayne Baker • Raymond Alberts

1:00pm: James Lowery birthday

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 28

Birthdays: Tracey Heidrich • Sharon Tullis

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, December 29

No School

Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Adam Herman, Barbara Stauch • Connie Stauch • Nicole Osterman • Delbert Hinkelman • Brady Keith • Melissa Locke

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Tuesday, December 30

No School

Birthday: Vera Osness

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, December 31

No School

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

Anniversaries: Howard & Sue Felkey • Paul & Tina Kosel • Jake & Tiffany Unzen

Birthdays: Jill Cutler • Braiden Craig • Brian Koens

New Year's Eve

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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Groton City Council Agenda

December 1, 2014 - 7pm
City Council Meeting - City of Groton

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) 7:15pm -2015 Liquor License Hearing
- 5) Airport report
- 6) Schools & meetings
 - a) DOT-Hwy 37 Construction –Groton- Dec 3&4
 - b)Midwest Assistance Water School – Sisseton – Dec 16
 - c)WEB Water Annual Meeting – Aberdeen – Dec 6
 - d) Heartland Power Meeting- Flandreau – Dec 16
 - e)JUTS School – Sioux Falls - Jan
- 7) 7:30pm Kari Bartling – Marc Sippel- Blvd Tree Trimming
- 8) 7:45pm 2014 Resolution of Special Assessment Role Hearing Continued
- 9) 8pm Clark Eng – 2015 Street Project
 - a) Auth Mayor to sign 2015 Contract
- 10) Nuisance Property Report
- 11) 1st Reading Ordinance 701- 2014 Supp Appropriation Ord
- 12) Fund Balance Transfer
- 13) Exe Session – Personnel
- 14) Hire Skating Attendants

AND any other business that may come before the Council

Service Notice: Dennis Pigors

Services for Dennis Pigors, 72, of Ferney will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 5th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Dennis died November 29, 2014 at Sanford Hospital in Webster.

Today in Weather History

1831 - The coldest December of record in the northeastern U.S. commenced. Temperatures in New York City averaged 22 degrees, with just four days above freezing, and at Burlington VT the temperature never did get above freezing. The Erie Canal was closed the first day of December, and remained closed the entire month. (David Ludlum)

1896 - The temperature at Kipp, MT, rose 30 degrees in just seven minutes, and 80 degrees in a matter of a few hours. A thirty-inch snow cover was melted in half a day. (The Weather Channel)

1913 - A six day front range snowstorm began. It produced a record total of 46 inches at Denver CO. (David Ludlum)

1985 - A storm produced more than six inches of snow from the Northern and Central Plains to parts of Michigan, with 36.4 inches reported at Marquette MI. Many roads were blocked by snow. A family was stranded for 25 hours south of Colome SD. Drifts twelve feet high were reported in north central Nebraska. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A powerful storm hit the northwestern U.S. Winds gusted to 80 mph at Cape Disappointment WA, and reached 94 mph at Cape Blanco OR. Thunderstorms in western Washington State produced wind gusts to 60 mph, and dime size hail at Hoquiam. Stevens Pass, in the Cascade Mountains of Washington, received seven inches of snow during the morning hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Squalls in the Great Lakes Region produced up to a foot of snow in Ashtabula County OH, up to ten inches in Erie County PA, and up to a foot of snow in western New York State. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the mountains of New Mexico, with 12 inches reported at the Angel Fire Ski Basin. Strong northerly winds ushering cold air into the north central U.S. gusted to 55 mph at Devils Lake ND. Low pressure over the Gulf of Alaska produced wind gusts to 69 mph at Kodiak Island. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)








2002 - Heavy lake effect snow fell downwind of the U.S. Great Lakes. Buffalo, New York reported 16 inches of snow, with thundersnow reported late in the afternoon. While the eastern U.S. experienced much colder than normal temperatures on December 1, much of Alaska was basking in above average warmth. Many daily temperature records were set across this region through the beginning of the month.

2007 - During December 1-3, a powerful storm with hurricane force winds struck the Northwest U.S. The storm brought heavy rain and wind gusts over 100 mph, with the highest reading being 129 mph at Bay City, OR. The strong winds brought power lines down, and the heavy rain caused widespread flooding and triggered landslides (BBC News). According to reports, 8 fatalities were attributed to the storm and about 37,000 homes and businesses were left without power in Washington, Oregon, and northern California. President Bush declared a federal disaster in several counties in Washington and Oregon to provide recovery assistance (Associated Press).

2011 - Wind speeds as high as 102 MPH were measured in Centerville, Utah and surrounding cities. Damage was reported throughout Weber and Davis counties ranging from South Ogden down to Bountiful. More than 400 trees were down at the Davis Golf course alone due to the winds. Up to 54,000 residences were without power throughout the day and into the evening. Train service between Layton and Salt Lake City was suspended due to damaged train stations, debris on the train tracks, and power outages. Cleanup costs totaled \$8 million in Centerville alone. No injuries were reported from the wind, but a number of injuries were reported from those helping with the cleanup effort.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY
						
Cold High: 10 °F	Breezy Low: 7 °F ↑	Chance Flurries High: 23 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 4 °F	Sunny High: 19 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 7 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 28 °F

SD Weather Map was not updated this morning.

It's going to be downright cold Sunday night. And wind chill values are going to make it feel even colder! But, there's light at the end of the tunnel, and it's not an oncoming train! Warmer weather looks to make a return to the area by the end of the week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 8.8°F at 2:56 PM

Low: -2.9°F at 9:28 PM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 27 mph at 3:25 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 62° in 1969

Record Low: -24° in 1893

Average High: 31°F

Average Low: 11°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.73

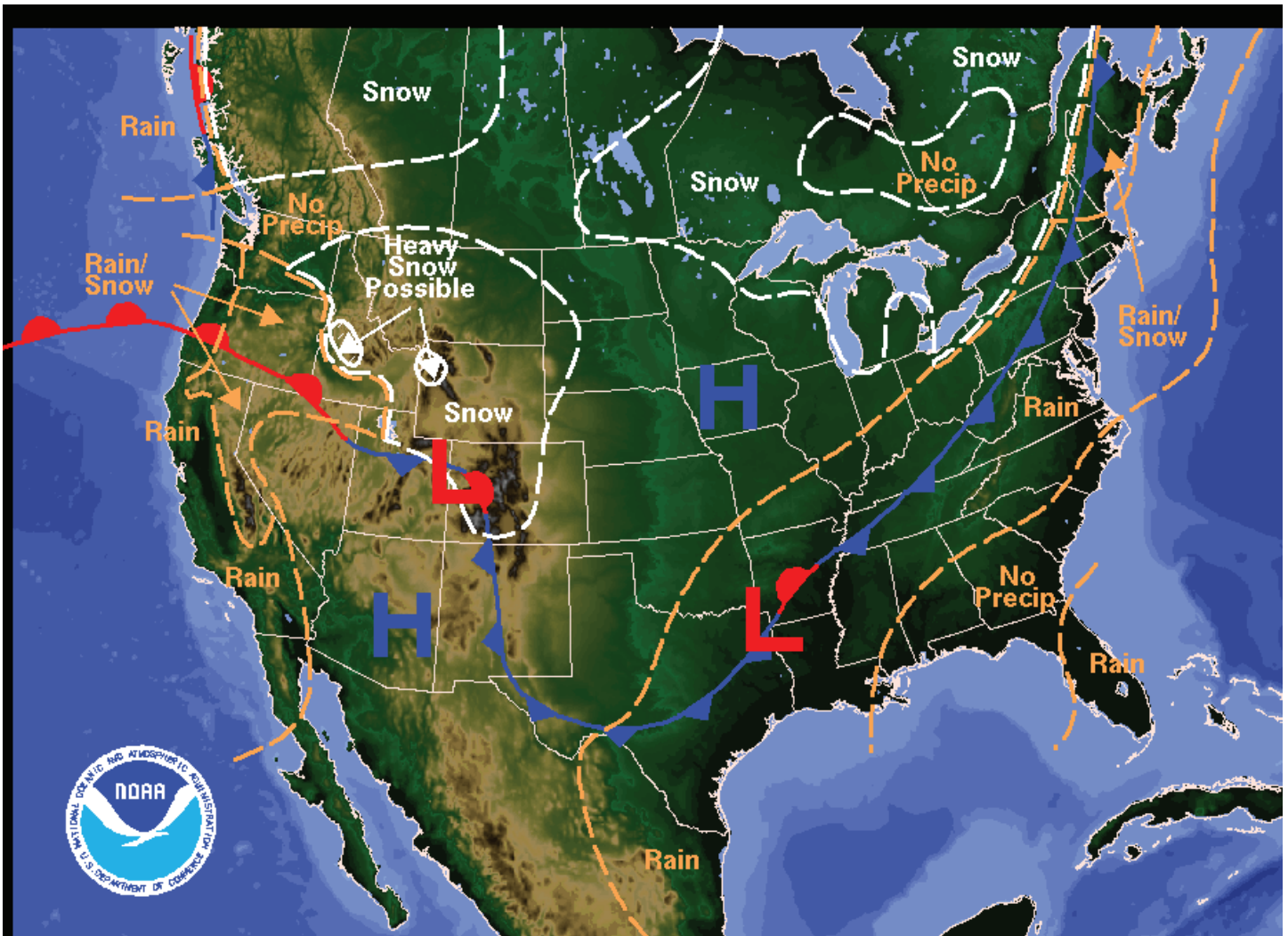
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.76

Average Precip to date: 21.20

Precip Year to Date: 13.99

Sunset Tonight: 4:52 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:54 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Dec 01, 2014, issued 2:59 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE BEST MEDICINE IS LOVE

A country doctor said, "I've been practicing medicine for over 30 years. During all those years I have prescribed many different things. But in the long run, I've learned that for most of what ails the human condition, the best medicine is love!"

"But," asked a student, "what if it does not work?"

"Double the dose," came the quick reply.

Many have said that love is the greatest medicine in the world. It can do more to heal the sick than most medicines. It is holding someone's hand, shedding a tear with a broken heart, sitting quietly beside someone who is grieving.

Love is not an emotion that is based on a passing feeling. It comes from a compassionate heart that has experienced the conversion that God has provided for us through His Son. Love is something that is born of God and given by God.

Love is a gift. Take it and let it grow.

Love is a sign. Wear it and let it show.

Love is an act. Do it and let it go.

Prayer: Fill our hearts, Father, with Your love. May we overcome selfishness by living lives of service as Your Son, our Savior did. In His name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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News from the **AP** Associated Press

Report: Midwest economic index dips again

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly economic survey index for nine Midwestern and Plains has dipped again.

A survey report issued Monday says the overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index fell in November to 51.3 from 51.8 in October. September's figure was 54.3.

After rising in June to its highest level in more than three years, the overall reading has hovered in a range pointing to much slower growth for the overall regional economy over the next three to six months.

The survey results from supply managers are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline.

The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Sheriff: SD priest dies in Montana plane crash

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a South Dakota priest has died in a plane crash in southeast Montana.

The Carter County Sheriff in Montana said the single-engine plane was discovered Sunday after it took off from Spearfish on Friday. Authorities say 50-year-old Peter Kovarik died in the crash. It's unclear if there was anyone else in the plane.

KEVN-TV reports Kovarik had ties to St. Ambrose Parish in Deadwood and the St. Patrick Parish in Lead.

The Civil Air Patrol was notified of the missing aircraft Saturday evening and found the plane by tracing its emergency beacon after a two-hour search Sunday morning.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman says the cause of the crash is unknown. Authorities are investigating.

Carter County Sheriff Neil Kittleman says the plane may have crashed in heavy fog over uneven terrain.

Calendars feature South Dakota 4-H photography

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Photographs that won 4-H awards at the South Dakota State Fair

FRIDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving 5-9 p.m.

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are featured in a calendar for sale, in time for the holiday season.

It's the sixth year the South Dakota 4-H has designed and sold calendars with photos chosen by state fair judges.

The 2015 calendar includes images from 44 young people ages 8 to 18 from 20 different counties.

Bos leads South Dakota over CS Bakersfield 68-66

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Brandon Bos scored 21 points and South Dakota used a late run to top CS Bakersfield 68-66 on Sunday.

Bos went 8 of 10 from the line and Casey Kasperbauer added 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Tyler Larson had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Coyotes.

Bakersfield (1-5) trailed by three with 8:12 left in the first half but went on a 14-0 run — including a pair of 3s by Dashawn Richmond — and led 40-29 at the break.

South Dakota (2-5) kept chipping away at the lead though and a 9-0 run, capped by Kasperbauer's 3-pointer, gave the Coyotes a 65-61 lead with 1:23 left.

Richmond and Kevin Mays had 14 points apiece for the Roadrunners. Mays added 10 boards. Bakersfield was just 3 of 18 from beyond the arc.

Florida Gulf Coast beats South Dakota State 71-58

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Brett Comer scored 14 points, Julian DeBose added 12, and Florida Gulf Coast pulled away from South Dakota State 71-58 on Sunday.

Bernard Thompson scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers, and Marc-Eddy Norelia grabbed 10 rebounds for the Eagles (6-1).

Deondre Parks led South Dakota State (2-3) with 18 points and Cody Larson scored 14 and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The lead flip-flopped seven times until South Dakota State pulled ahead 24-19 after a 3-pointer by Parks. The Eagles rallied and the lead traded hands three more times until FGCU's Nate Hicks tied it at 31 at halftime with a free throw. Parks scored 10 points in the half.

FGCU used a 12-2 run to pull ahead 43-33 in the second half. A 3 by Comer sparked a 9-2 run and the Eagles pulled away 52-37, outscoring the Jackrabbits 40-27 in the half.

Railroads say delays improving in Great Plains

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — Rail delays have been a problem for farmers throughout much of the Great Plains this year, but they've been less of an issue in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Grain elevators around Sioux City say their rail shipments of grain this year have been mostly on time, and they're cautiously optimistic about handling the big 2014 harvest over the next few months.

Don Truhe, general manager for the Southeast Farmers Elevator Coop, says his cooperative has been lucky to get all of its trains on time this year.

It helps that a significant portion of the grain grown in the region is used by feedlots or biofuel plants.

In recent reports to the Surface Transportation Board, BNSF, Union Pacific and Canadian National railroads said they are making significant progress.

SD man gets 30 months in prison in sex abuse case

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of having sex with an underage girl on multiple occasions has been sentenced to 30 months in prison.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 26-year-old Corey Flying Bye has also been ordered to register as a sex offender. Flying Bye earlier pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor.

Authorities say the incidents occurred between December 2013 and January 2014. Prosecutors say Flying Bye engaged in a sexual act with the girl after meeting her at a party. They add that the Little Eagle man then met with the victim two more times and engaged in a sexual act with her on both occasions.

Flying Bird has been turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Dino tooth from SD Mines on display at Smithsonian

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A cast of a Tyrannosaurus rex tooth belonging to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is now on display at a museum in Washington, D.C.

The Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History is displaying the dinosaur's tooth as part of the exhibition "The Last American Dinosaurs: Discovering A Lost World."

Michelle Pinsdorf is a technician with the museum and a Mines alumna. She says the tooth is unusual in that it is complete from root to tip. Pinsdorf adds that most T. rex teeth in fossil collections are either still in the sockets of the skull or jaw or they broke and fell out of the dinosaur's mouth.

The fossil was found in the Hell Creek Formation in 1981.

The exhibition runs through 2018.

USD students honored by the SD Historical Society

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is honoring five University of South Dakota anthropology students for their volunteer work.

The students participated in two archaeological projects by volunteering with Mike Fosha, assistant state archaeologist with the South Dakota State Historical Society and Archaeological Research Center.

The historical society chose students Alec Anton, of Pierre; Aaron Mayer, of Vermillion; Zach Nelson, of Sioux Falls; Jesse Van Maanen, of Yankton; and Bridget Wilds, of Rapid City.

Anton, Mayer, Nelson and Van Maanen worked on a rescue archaeology project containing many settler burials in North Sioux City.

Wilds worked on an archaeological survey at a site from the late 1800s that was slated for development.

SD hunters can register for depredation hunts

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials are encouraging residents to sign up to participate in potential winter depredation hunts.

Officials with the Game, Fish and Parks Department say these hunts allow individuals to help manage wildlife during winter months. Registration opens Monday for potential deer, antelope and turkey hunts.

Residents who register for the program are put into a random drawing to determine eligibility once a depredation hunt is authorized. Hunters can register to participate in up to 10 counties.

Keith Fisk is the state's wildlife damage program administrator. He says depredation hunts are used in some instances to alleviate wildlife damage to landowners' stored-feed supplies.

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Fisk adds that the hunts depend largely upon the severity of the winter, snowfall accumulations and the number of animals involved.

Spearfish teacher of 40 years receives award

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A retired South Dakota teacher has received a distinguished service award after 40 years of teaching music.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports (<http://bit.ly/1zt2RBf>) Sharon Gugel of Spearfish received the 2014 Distinguished Service to Music Award from the South Dakota Music Education Association. Gugel taught high school and junior high music and was involved in musicals, madrigals and variety shows. She also instructed at Black Hills State College and retired as a choir director in 2004.

Gugel says her mother and four older sisters were all teachers. She received her master's degree in education with an emphasis in music and art from Northern State College.

Eric Nies graduated from Spearfish High School in 1998. He says Gugel's love of music was "very infectious" and she was an "excellent" teacher.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. OBAMA WILL HOLD CABINET MEETING ON FERGUSON

The president will gather with his closest advisers, civil rights leaders and law enforcement officials to discuss the events surrounding the shooting death of Michael Brown.

2. CLIMATE FUNDS USED TO FINANCE COAL FACTORIES

Japan is using \$1 billion in loans to Indonesia to build three nonrenewable energy power plants under the provisions of a U.N. initiative to tackle global warming.

3. HIGH COURT WEIGHS INTERNET FREE SPEECH LIMITS

The Supreme Court will consider whether graphically violent Facebook posts and similar online ways of expression deserve First Amendment protections.

4. CIVILIANS STRUGGLE TO ENDURE KOBANI BATTLE

Residents of the Syrian town near the Turkish border are trapped in an existential fight against Islamic State militants that have inflicted enormous damage to them.

5. HOW AMAZON IS SPEEDING UP ITS SHIPPING OPERATIONS

The online mega-retailer is using 15,000 wheeled robots to deliver stacks of products to workers in warehouses who are preparing packages to ship during holidays.

6. WHAT U.S. RETAILERS ARE BANKING ON THIS WEEK

The research firm comScore expects people to spend about \$2.5 billion on Cyber Monday, the biggest online shopping day of the year.

7. GHANI PREPARES TO OVERHAUL AFGHANISTAN'S SECURITY

Officials tell the AP that the country's president will fire senior civilian and military leaders in volatile regions to reinvigorate the battle against militants.

8. LAWMAKERS TRY TO CRAM 2 YEARS OF LEFTOVER WORK INTO 2 WEEKS

The congressional to-do list includes keeping the government running into the new year and renewing expired tax breaks for individuals and businesses.

9. WHO CALLS FOR 'CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE' WITH MUSLIMS

Pope Francis and Orthodox Christian Patriarch Bartholomew I ask Muslims and Christians to work to-

ward "justice, peace and respect for the dignity and rights of every person."

10. MISSING BUCKEYES PLAYER DIED FROM SELF-INFLICTED GUNSHOT

Ohio State football player Kosta Karageorge was found dead in a dumpster four days after he went missing.

AP News in Brief

INSIDE KOBANI: Kurdish civilians endure battles with IS in hopes of rebuilding their lives

KOBANI, Syria (AP) — One of the few signs of life in this northern Syria border town is the old bakery, revived by Kurdish fighters battling the Islamic State group.

Closed down for some 20 years, the production line now bakes two tons of doughy bread every day to energize the fighters and feed the spatter of civilians left behind.

"We came and fixed up (the bakery) for use in these difficult times," said Fathi Misiro, a fighter with the People's Protection Units, or YPG, who works in the bakery. "Ten days ago...it was worse here. We've been helping people and sending bread to them daily."

An exclusive report shot by a videojournalist inside Kobani late last month offered a rare, in-depth glimpse of the destruction that more than two months of fighting has inflicted on the Kurdish town in northern Syria by the Turkish border.

Outside the bakery, children playfully jump in and out of foxholes — barely fazed by the thunderous explosions nearby. Kobani as it was has been virtually erased. Rubble is all that remains of people's homes and their memories. Shops are gutted. Schools are flattened.

Japan's 'clean' coal projects highlight lack of rules for UN climate money

KANCI KULON, Indonesia (AP) — About \$1 billion in loans under a U.N. initiative for poor countries to tackle global warming is going toward the construction of power plants fired by coal, the biggest human source of carbon pollution.

Japan gave the money to help its companies build three such plants in Indonesia and listed it with the United Nations as climate finance, The Associated Press has found. Japan says these plants burn coal more efficiently and are therefore cleaner than old coal plants.

However, they still emit twice as much heat-trapping carbon dioxide as plants running on natural gas. Villagers near the Cirebon plant in Indonesia also complain that stocks of shrimp, fish and green muskels have dwindled.

Japan's coal projects highlight the lack of rules to steer the flow of climate finance from rich to poor countries — a critical part of U.N. talks on global warming, which resume Monday in Lima, Peru. There is no watchdog agency that ensures the money is spent in the most effective way, and no definition of what climate finance is.

Japan, a top contributor of climate finance, denies any wrongdoing and has done nothing illegal — there are no rules against counting such projects as climate finance in the U.N. system.

Officials to AP: Afghan president to overhaul security by

firing military, civilian leaders

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Facing an intensified Taliban insurgency, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani plans to fire senior civilian and military leaders in the country's most volatile provinces to reinvigorate the battle against militants, officials have told The Associated Press.

Already, Kabul police chief Gen. Mohammad Zahir has resigned following a string of attacks in the capital over three days that killed four foreigners — including an employee of the British embassy — and several Afghan civilians. Officials and diplomats who spoke to the AP say Ghani next will remove governors and generals in five provinces where the Taliban have held territory for years.

With Afghan security forces suffering high casualties in the run-up to the official Dec. 31 end of the U.S. and NATO combat mission, the newly elected president is eager to chart a new course. But the question remains of what effect the shake-up will ultimately have in a war-torn country mired in corruption and riven by complex ethnic and tribal rivalries.

"Ghani feels there is a need for reform within the armed forces," said Franz-Michael Mellbin, the special representative in Afghanistan for the European Union. "There is an inherent weakness in the way the armed forces have been managing their personnel that didn't allow the best and brightest to step forward."

Ghani plans to replace officials in the northern provinces of Kunduz and Baghdis, Ghazni and Nangahar provinces in the east bordering Pakistan and Helmand in the south, presidential spokesman Nazifullah Salarzai told the AP.

Supreme Court to consider free speech rights of threatening language on Facebook

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is weighing the free-speech rights of people who use violent or threatening language on Facebook and other social media.

The justices will hear arguments Monday in the case of a man who was sentenced to nearly four years in prison for posting graphically violent rap lyrics on Facebook about killing his estranged wife, shooting up a kindergarten class and attacking an FBI agent.

Anthony Elonis of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, says he was just venting his anger over a broken marriage and never meant to threaten anyone.

But his wife didn't see it that way, and neither did federal prosecutors. A jury convicted Elonis of violating a federal law that makes it a crime to threaten another person. A federal appeals court rejected his claim that his comments were protected by the First Amendment.

Lawyers for Elonis argue that the government must prove he actually intended his comments to threaten others. The government says it doesn't matter what Elonis intended; the true test of a threat is whether his words make a reasonable person feel threatened.

Republican education committee leaders seek to fix outdated No Child Left Behind law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The No Child Left Behind education law could be making a political comeback. Sen. Lamar Alexander, the Tennessee Republican who is the incoming chairman of the Senate committee overseeing education, says his top education priority is fixing the landmark Bush-era law. His goal? Get a bill signed by President Barack Obama early next year.

Doing so will require bipartisanship that's been elusive since the law, primarily designed to help minor-

ity and poor children, came up for renewal in 2007.

The law requires schools to show annual growth in student achievement or face consequences, with all students expected to be proficient in reading and math this year. It has been credited with shining a light on how schools handle minority, low-income, English learners and special needs students, but led to complaints that teachers were teaching to standardized tests and that mandates were unrealistic and penalties ineffective.

Obama since 2012 has allowed states to get a waiver from some of the more stringent requirements of the law, but they had to agree to requirements such as adopting college and career ready standards — like Common Core — and implementing teacher evaluation systems with teeth. More than 40 states have a waiver.

Amazon shows off army of new robots designed to help workers meet holiday shipping crunch

TRACY, California (AP) — A year ago, Amazon.com workers like 34-year-old Rejinaldo Rosales hiked miles of aisles each shift to “pick” each item a customer ordered and prepare it for shipping.

Now the e-commerce giant boasts that it has boosted efficiency — and given workers’ legs a break — by deploying more than 15,000 wheeled robots to crisscross the floors of its biggest warehouses and deliver stacks of toys, books and other products to employees.

“We pick two to three times faster than we used to,” Rosales said during a short break from sorting merchandise into bins at Amazon’s massive distribution center in Tracy, California, about 60 miles east of San Francisco. “It’s made the job a lot easier.”

Amazon.com Inc., which faces its single biggest day of online shopping on Monday, has invested heavily this year in upgrading and expanding its distribution network, adding new technology, opening more shipping centers and hiring 80,000 seasonal workers to meet the coming onslaught of holiday orders. Amazon says it processed orders for 36.8 million items on the Monday after Thanksgiving last year, and it’s expecting “Cyber Monday” to be even busier this year.

CEO Jeff Bezos vows to one day deliver packages by drone, but that technology isn’t ready yet. Even so, Amazon doesn’t want a repeat of last year, when some customers were disappointed by late deliveries attributed to Midwestern ice storms and last-minute shipping snarls at both UPS and FedEx. Meanwhile, the company is facing tough competition from rivals like Google and eBay, and traditional retailers are offering more online services.

The Girls Scouts are going digital for the first time to sell you cookies

NEW YORK (AP) — Watch out world, the Girl Scouts are going digital to sell you cookies.

For the first time in nearly 100 years, Girl Scouts of the USA will allow its young go-getters to push their wares using a mobile app or personalized websites.

But only if their scout councils and guardians say OK.

“Girls have been telling us that they want to go into this space,” said Sarah Angel-Johnson, chief digital cookie executive for the organization covering about 2 million girls. “Online is where entrepreneurship is going.”

And the best news for these digital natives: They can have cookies shipped directly to your doorstep.

Historic Tenement Museum brings to life NYC's immigrant story for English learners

NEW YORK (AP) — The actress playing a real-life teenage Jewish immigrant in 1916 never stepped out of character as she talked about the hardships of living in three small rooms with nine family members. Her captive audience of 11 — squeezed into her tiny apartment at the historic Tenement Museum in lower Manhattan — were immigrants themselves, some recently arrived in New York City from Venezuela, Mali and other far-flung nations.

The group, representing eight countries, spent several hours one recent morning at a workshop that uses the museum's exhibitions of authentic former tenants' apartments to help the recent immigrants build their language skills.

Called Shared Journeys, the workshops in English for Speakers of Other Languages, or ESOL, encourage participants to imagine life in the tenement and to share and compare their own experiences to those of the early Irish, Italian, Jewish and German immigrants.

Voytek Chachlowski, 55, who came to the U.S. from Poland 20 years ago, said he could easily relate to 14-year-old Victoria Confino's story of living in cramped conditions. When he first arrived he had to "share two rooms and one bathroom with seven people."

The program is one of many immersive experiences at the museum located in a restored 4-story tenement building on the Lower East Side that housed 7,000 working class immigrants between 1863 and 1935.

A family's life rag-picking in New Delhi: 'I do not want my children to die in this trash'

NEW DELHI (AP) — Six months ago, Marjina stepped off a train in New Delhi with her two children, hoping to find a better life after her husband abandoned them without so much as a goodbye.

She thought leaving her home in West Bengal to find work in the Indian capital would give her children a chance at a better life. But the only job she could find was as a "rag picker" — picking through other people's garbage to find salvageable bits to resell or recycle.

It is filthy, dangerous work, performed by millions of people across India. Rag picking is effectively the primary recycling system in India. But the work is by no means environmentally friendly, and very far from being secure. While the rag pickers offer invaluable services to the city, they have few rights. Every day, they are exposed to deadly poisons.

Marjina, who goes by only one name, and her children — daughter Murshida, 12, and 7-year-old son Shahid-ul — spent their days at a landfill in Gazipur, on the outskirts of New Delhi. The next morning they would sit outside their single-room shanty and sort the trash into metal, plastic and paper. The children counted themselves lucky if they found a discarded toy or plastic jewelry to play with. The family earned just \$26 per month. Rent was \$9.

The work took a toll on the family's health. Marjina's children were constantly sick. Her daughter contracted dengue fever and had to be hospitalized.

Snow-day alternative creates new challenges

ADAM BEAM, Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Public school students in 13 districts across Kentucky will be home schooled — mainly via the Internet — during some snow days this year as part of an experiment aimed at keep-

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ing students learning amid the growing number of weather-related closings.

The state's solution has caused a new set of challenges for some districts in one of the country's most impoverished areas. Some students don't have computers or home Internet access. And the school district might lose some state and federal aid.

Nonetheless, the snow day problem is too significant for Kentucky to ignore. Schools across the state had nearly four times as many snow days last year as they did the previous year. Some districts canceled school for more than a month.

To make that time up, schools had to cancel spring breaks and shorten summer vacations, creating low attendance days that hurt their state funding. The legislature had to pass an emergency law letting five districts cut their school years short.

Educators fear they might face a similar problem this year. Some schools have already used snow days.

Coping with fierce winter weather by teaching over the Internet has become more common in recent years, but it's harder in states like Kentucky, which ranks 46th out of 50 states for availability of high speed Internet. The problem is most pronounced in rural counties, which is why the state is moving forward with a \$200 million plan to lay 3,000 miles of fiber-optic cables.

Still, Kentucky appears to be the first state to tackle the problem on a statewide basis, said Kris Amundson, executive director of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

"Everybody in the world is struggling with the same issue ... and the early cold weather here now is, I think, making people feel even more of a sense of urgency about it," Amundson said. "I think people will be really happy to let Kentucky go first and see how it works."

Thirteen school districts are part of an expanded program allowing students to complete assignments from home either by downloading them or working from packets prepared and sent home ahead of time. In exchange, the state will forgive up to 10 makeup days.

"If you could make this work, you would never have a snow day," said David Cook, director of innovation and quality management for the Kentucky Department of Education. "You would just have kids doing this kind of instruction and learning anytime you have snow."

Schools in Owsley County, where 90 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch, missed 30 days because of snow last year. Owsley officials say they embraced the program because interrupting schooling takes a disproportionate toll on high-risk students.

"It is going to impact us more if we don't do something," said Tim Bobrowski, the county's school superintendent.

As part of a pilot program last year, Owsley schools did not have to make up 10 of its 30 snow days because its students worked from home. But there is a tradeoff.

Districts that opt to use the home school option would lose state transportation dollars and federal money for free and reduced lunches. Losing those dollars would hurt in a state that the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities says has cut K-12 education funding by 11.4 percent since 2008, among the deepest cuts in the nation.

Bobrowski hopes to keep some of that aid. Though school buses might not be able to ply all the county's side roads to bring kids to school on snow days, education officials might still be able to deliver meals to the students at some central locations, such as community centers, he said. He has asked the federal government for permission to be a bit flexible with the meals.

"Instead of doing a breakfast and a lunch, we may do a lunch and a supper," he said.

Christian County Public Schools missed 17 days last year because of snow, but Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill said she opted not to participate in the snowbound program because not enough students

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in the district had access to the Internet.

"We just felt like that would best be done through technology, and quite honestly we don't have the capacity at this point to offer that to all of our families," she said.

Owsley County is fortunate, Bobrowski said, because 88 percent of its students have Internet access from fiber optic cables laid by the local electric cooperative. The remaining students would get the prepared snow day work packets.

In Grant County, where 84 percent of students have home Internet access, officials worry they might not have it on a snow day. They hope the packets will help those students.

"Sometimes students on snow days aren't staying at their house. They may be going to a day care or an aunt's house that may or may not have (that) capability," said Jennifer Wright, assistant superintendent for Grant County Public Schools. "We want to make sure that we provide the materials for each student of what they would need."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2014. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1974, TWA Flight 514, a Washington-bound Boeing 727, crashed in Virginia after being diverted from National Airport to Dulles International Airport; all 92 people on board were killed. Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 6231, a Boeing 727, crashed near Stony Point, New York, with the loss of its three crew members (the plane had been chartered to pick up the Baltimore Colts football team in Buffalo, New York).

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1860, the Charles Dickens novel "Great Expectations" was first published in weekly serial form.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

In 1921, the Navy flew the first nonrigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Washington, D.C.

In 1934, Soviet communist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note.

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

In 1944, Bela Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra was premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky.

In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

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In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Ten years ago: Tom Brokaw signed off for the last time as principal anchor of the "NBC Nightly News"; he was succeeded by Brian Williams. Texas Gov. Rick Perry blocked the execution of Frances Newton two hours before she was to be lethally injected for the deaths of her husband and two young children so her lawyers could conduct new tests on evidence in the 17-year-old murder case. (Newton was executed in September 2005.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 more U.S. troops into the war in Afghanistan but promised during a speech to cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to begin withdrawal in 18 months. General Motors Co. CEO Frederick "Fritz" Henderson stepped down after the board determined that the company hadn't been changing quickly enough.

One year ago: A New York City commuter train rounding a riverside curve derailed, killing four people and injuring more than 70 (federal regulators later said a sleep-deprived engineer had nodded off at the controls just before taking the 30 mph curve at 82 mph, causing the derailment). Edward J. "Babe" Heffron, 90, whose World War II service as a member of Easy Company was recounted in the book and television miniseries "Band of Brothers," died in Stratford, New Jersey.

Today's Birthdays: Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 91. Singer Billy Paul is 79. Actor-director Woody Allen is 79. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 75. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 75. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 72. Television producer David Salzman is 71. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 70. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 70. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 69. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 68. Former child actor Keith Thibodeaux (TV: "I Love Lucy") is 64. Actor Treat Williams is 63. Country singer Kim Richey is 58. Actress Charlene Tilton is 56. Actress-model Carol Alt is 54. Actor Jeremy Northam is 53. Actress Katherine LaNasa is 48. Producer-director Andrew Adamson is 48. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 47. Actress Golden Brooks is 44. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 44. Actor Ron Melendez is 42. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard (MIL'urd) is 42. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 39. Singer Sarah Masen is 39. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 37. Actor Nate Torrence is 37. Rock/Christian music singer-songwriter Mat Kearney is 36. Rock musician Mika Fineo (Filter) is 33. R&B singer Janelle Monae is 29. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 26. Pop singer Nico Sereba (Nico & Vinz) is 24. Actor Jackson Nicoll is 11.

Thought for Today: "The only people who attain power are those who crave it." - Erich Kastner, German author and poet (1899-1974).