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**A lot of new improvements have been done to Locke-Karst Field at the Groton Baseball Complex. One of those is the new outfield fence. Groton will be hosting the Legion Region Tournament starting Thursday.**

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**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**  
recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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## Tuesday, July 14

**Senior Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Christine Nyberg • Ava Kramer  
8:00am:Elementary Library open (Allison Weber reading at 10 am)  
10:00am:United Methodist Women's Bible Study  
5:00pm:T-Ball Black host Claremont  
6:00pm:T-Ball Gold host Columbia  
6:00pm:U8 Blue PW host Claremont  
7:00pm:U12 Midgets host Claremont  
7:00pm:Emmanuel Lutheran Council

## Wednesday, July 15

Jr. Teeners Tourney in Sisseton  
Game 1: Milbank vs. Mobridge at 5:30 p.m.  
Game 2: Groton vs. Sisseton at 8 p.m.

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

**Anniv:** Carroll & Helen Nehls • Lorin & Julie Flihs

**Birthdays:** Sharon Young • Bob Pray  
7:00am:United Methodist Men's Bible Study

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## 2015 School Budget in Review

Compiled by Business Manager Mike Weber

### General Fund

FY '15 Unreserved Fund Balance ended the year at \$1,567,544, down \$55,214 from FY '14. Our fund balance to expenditure ratio remains quite solid at 37.0%.

FY '15 revenue increased by \$100,599 to \$4,181,748 compared to \$4,081,149 the prior year. Increased collections in ad valorem taxes, bank franchise taxes, gate receipts and agency account transfers were the resulting factors.

Expenditures for FY '15 increased \$80,117 to \$4,236,962 up from \$4,156,845. Salary and benefit raises were the most likely cause, including an additional health June insurance payment due to a switch in care providers from Avera to Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Value added revenue from property valuations, utility and wind taxes, federal wetlands and state apportionments remain strong but tempered, with the exception of property tax values on agricultural property, which we expect to grow by an additional 20% each year until 2018. The Big Stone/Ellendale electrical transmission line project scheduled for 2016 construction and 2019 completion continues to move forward. It will become our next additional source of infrastructure revenue. Last year a drop in nation-wide oil and natural gas prices allowed us to save \$25,000 and \$15,000 respectively in fuel transportation costs and heating. Oil prices have rebounded somewhat this summer but are projected to go lower again in September and maintain into the winter months.

The Board of Education made a strong 2-year salary and benefit commitment to certified staff for 2015-16, which also included changes to the hiring schedule with regards to certification advancement. The action will hopefully slow the departure of good teachers to the private sector for better opportunities, as we have seen happen the last few years. The general fund forecast for next year is a drop of \$120,000 to \$150,000 in fund balance to 1.4 million, which projects as a percentage of 32%. We must continue to use our available resources to find and maintain good teachers.

### Capital Outlay

Capital Outlay Unreserved Fund Balance increased \$41,890 from \$672,675 to \$714,565. The balance amount kept in Capital Outlay at year end must be enough to pay for summer and fall work projects until November taxes are received. The current fund balance percentage is 66.4% down slightly from 67.1% last year. Fund balance grew out of necessity last year to guard against potential new legislation that may have limited capital outlay revenue growth to 3%. Those new laws did not materialize but may surface again in the future.

Capital Outlay projects in FY '15 included new Business Education textbooks, AED units, carpet and bathroom partition replacement, gym locker room flooring, roof top AC/Heat over the MS Science Room, a digital sign in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Arena parking lot patching and chip seal and a variety of Music equipment as part of the curriculum review cycle.

The tax levy for calendar year 2016 is being reduced \$50,000 from \$1,050,000 to \$1,000,000. This will soften the taxpayer burden due to a larger projected tax levy increase in Special Education. The drop in funds for FY'16 will only be \$25,000, since the levy is paid on a calendar basis and not a fiscal year school basis of July to June. Even with a slight drop in funding capital outlay fund balance should grow approximately \$15,000 next year.

### Special Education

Special Education Unreserved Fund Balance decreased \$21,501 from \$231,523 to \$210,021, resulting in a fund balance percentage of 31.6%. Expenditures in Special Education have increased by \$150,000 over the past three years due to additional staffing and services. In past years the levy has not been adjusted. So in CY'16 the levy will increase by \$100,000. Half of the increase will occur in 2015-16 and the other half in 2016-17. With the additional revenue, expected fund balance will still drop by \$10,000 at year end before rebounding the following year.

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## **Pension**

Pension Fund levy was reduced last year from .259 to .219. And the levy will slide downward again to .177 this year. An explosion in property values explains the drop in levy. The .177 levy will generate \$190,000 down from \$200,000 and will still provide needed funds to offset matching SD Retirement and Early Retirement Pension expenses. The \$10,000 reduction in levy will help offset the large levy increase in Special Education.

## **Bond Redemption**

Bond Redemption ended with \$147,256 in fund balance. That amount should be sufficient for CY '16. The levy provides funding for semi-annual payments on the 2004 Arena addition. The final payment is due to be made on December 15, 2020.

## **Food Service**

Food Service fund balance increased from \$38,766 to \$45,166 last year. We experienced quite a large drop in students eating two years ago due to federal program changes. That issue seems to have corrected itself and our robust fund balance total reflects it. There will be no meal price increase planned for next year.

## **Enterprise – Out of School Time & Driver's Ed**

The fund balance for Driver's Education increased \$1,669 from \$16,691 to \$18,360. This year will be the first time that vehicle mileage expense will be credited back to general fund for the use of the school vehicle. This year's program put 4,340 miles on the school car at an expense of \$0.37 per mile or \$1605.80. Next year the state per mile charge will increase to \$0.42. The district charges \$250 to students enrolled in the program.

OST lost \$3,598 in fund balance dropping from \$5,507 to \$1,909. Being that OST operates on extremely tight funding, it may be necessary to increase tuition rates to keep the program solvent. Current rates are \$2.50 per hour, \$25.00 per week and \$100.00 per month.

## **Agency**

Agency fund balance increased from \$193,112 to \$209,042, surprising since many funds were closed out to general fund. This fund holds money for students and their clubs, as well as outside organizations. The largest three accounts currently are Foundation Scholarships, HS Booster/PAC and Global Destination Imagination.



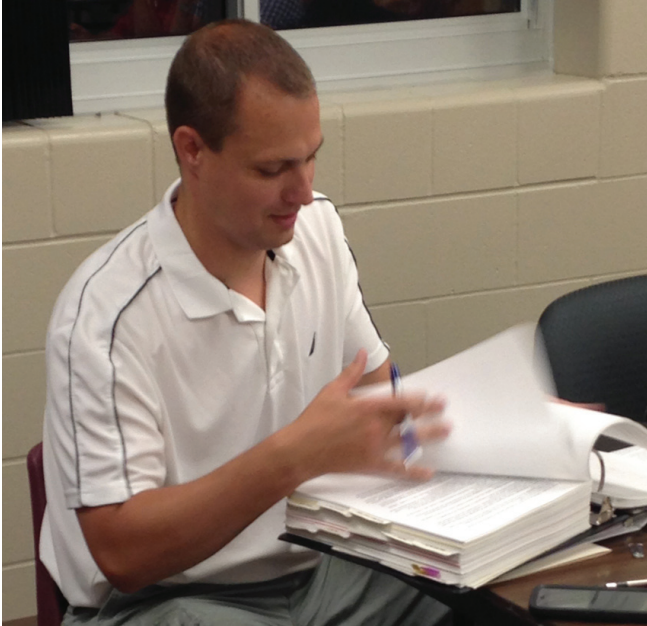
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## Sperry Stump Removal

## Bank standoff at School Board Meeting



**Superintendent Joe Schwan gets out the school board policy manual to find out how to break a tie on the designation of the official bank.**

There was a very lengthy discussion on designating an official bank at the Groton Area School Board meeting Monday with a tie vote happening at the end. For over an hour, board members, along with representatives from the First State Bank, Karla Davidson and Shelly Lerew, and from Wells Fargo Bank, Mandy Boe and Tom Crank, hashing out the differences in services. The main driving force was the fees that Wells Fargo charges. "If Wells Fargo didn't charge the fees, there would be no question we would stay there," said Business Manager Mike Weber. "I don't like paying fees."

Weber said that currently, the district has to have \$1.2 million in the checking account to offset the fees that Wells Fargo charges, taking money away from the interest bearing savings account. First State Bank does not charge fees in their Super Now account.

"I like the feel of a home town bank and no fees," said board member Kelly Kjelden. "What will be the actual dollars and cents? That's what I don't have in front of me."

By switching from Wells Fargo to First State Bank, the district would realize about a \$5,000 net income. Both banks pay .2 percent with Wells Fargo paying it on the savings account and First State Bank paying it on the checking account with no savings account needed. The

big hang-up is the change in procedure, but Weber said, "I'll adapt." The board considered making Wells Fargo the official bank until December 31, 2015, and then switching to First State Bank in January, giving the district time to make the transition.

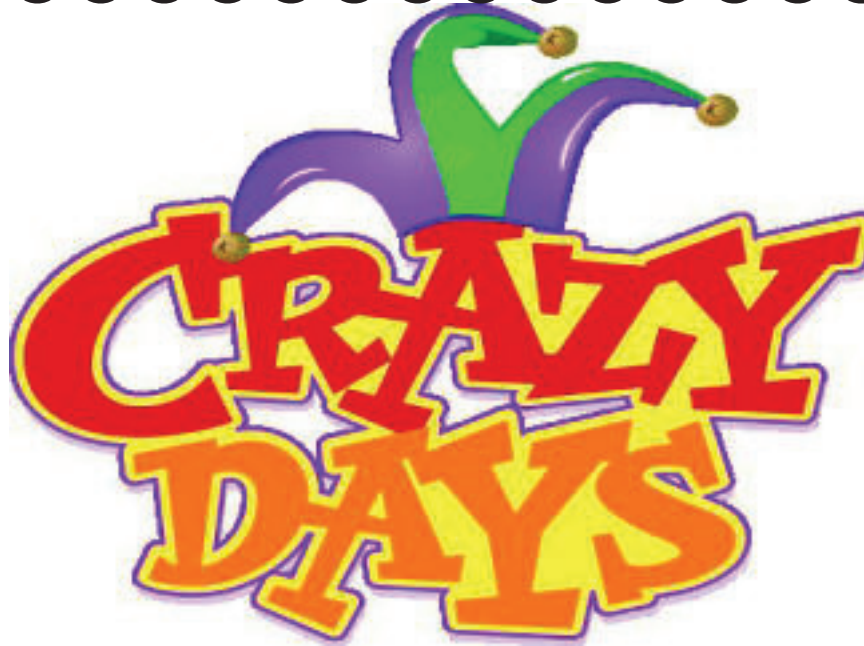
When the roll call vote was done, it ended up being tie with one side of the table, Merle Harder, Grant Rix and Lars Hanson voting yes, and the other side of the table, Kelly Kjelden, Dorene Nelson and Steve Smith voting no. Marty Weismantel abstained from voting as he is an employee of First State Bank.

Superintendent Joe Schwan then got out his big school board policy manual to find out what the next step was. "We have this three and one-half inch policy manual and there may be nothing in here that will help us," he said.

The board then voted to designate Wells Fargo as the official depository until December 31, 2015 on a 6-0 vote with Weismantel abstaining. This will give the district some extra time to sort out the differences and make an official designation effective January 1, 2016.

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## July 16-17-18

Thursday - 9-7, Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-3

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## Today in Weather History

July 14, 1964: A severe thunderstorm produced a tornado which caused damage to Ellsworth AFB. Another storm in Meade County produced a tornado that was spotted by Air Force personnel. This tornado was bearing down on a missile site near Creighton forcing the evacuation of the site. No damage to the site was reported.

July 14, 1970: A line of severe thunderstorms raced across southeast South Dakota into northwest Iowa causing extensive damage. The line of thunderstorms produced widespread high winds and large hail. The hail averaged quarter to hen egg size although some areas received stones the size of softballs and winds in excess of 70 mph were not uncommon. Apparently, the most extensive damage from the storms extended from Mitchell through Parker to near Beresford. Spotty areas reported 100% crop damage. In Lincoln County, the hail caused an estimated \$8 million dollars in crop damage and \$2 million dollars in property damage. In the town of Marion the hail was so large that it actually punched holes in some roofs.

July 14, 2009: A line of storms moving across north central South Dakota during the early morning hours on the 14th became heavy rainfall producing thunderstorms for northeastern South Dakota. Rainfall amounts of 2 to 5 inches caused mainly localized flooding. However in Grant County, a 20 foot wide by 17 foot deep culvert on 468th Avenue in Twin Brooks was washed away by flash flooding. The Grant County Highway Department said fixing the culvert would cost more than \$40,000 dollars.

1936 - Extreme heat prevailed across the central U.S. as severe drought raged from Texas to the Dakotas. Record high temperatures were established in sixteen states that summer, including readings as high as 120 degrees in the Great Plains Region. On this particular date, afternoon highs for 113 stations across the state of Iowa averaged 108.7 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1957 - Hail, with some stones up to an inch in diameter, covered the ground to a depth of three inches ruining crops in the Bath area of New Hampshire. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms in Iowa produced eight inches of golf ball size hail near Grafton, IA, completely stripping corn stalks in the area. Hail caused more than a million dollars damage to crops in Worth County and Mitchell County, and another million dollars damage in Ada County and Crawford County. Unseasonably cool weather prevailed in the Great Plains Region. Eight cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Duluth, MN, with a reading of 37 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Severe thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in the Northern Atlantic Coast Region during the afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms also spawned a rather strong tornado near Westtown, NY, and drenched Agawam, MA, with four inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern New Mexico to central Nebraska. One hundred soldiers were injured by flying debris and collapsing tents during a thunderstorm near Trinidad, CO. Thunderstorms in Colorado produced wind gusts to 77 mph at La Junta. Early morning thunderstorms produced torrential rains over parts of Louisiana, with 7.50 inches at Carencro, and 5.85 inches at Morgan City. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1995: On the evening of Friday, July 14th, thunderstorms producing severe weather were occurring over Upper Michigan and adjacent portions of Ontario near Sault Saint Marie. By late evening the storms had evolved into a bowing line just northwest of the Mackinac Bridge. At 10:17 PM EDT, the thunderstorm gust front hit the bridge and a gust to 90 mph was measured. Sustained winds above 80 mph continued on the bridge for 10 more minutes. Thus began the intense "Ontario-Adirondacks Derecho" that would cause hundreds of millions of dollars worth of damage, several deaths, and many injuries as it raced southeast from the northern Great Lakes to the Atlantic coast.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms
High: 89 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 87 °F



## Hot & Humid, Isolated T'Storms

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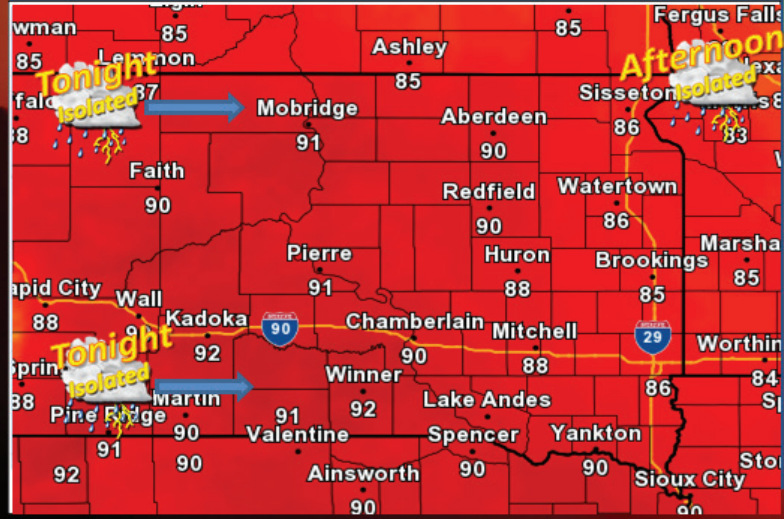


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### Afternoon High Temperatures



### Weather Headlines



**Today/Tonight:** Isolated thunderstorms possible across the region



**Wed-Thu:** Some strong storms, hail and gusty winds possible



**Workweek:** Hot and humid conditions persists through the week

Published on: 07/14/2015 at 5:31AM

Hot and humid conditions will persist across the region. There is a small chance for a thunderstorm across far northeast SD and west central MN this afternoon and evening. Then, tonight, isolated thunderstorm chances return to parts of western and central SD as well. A more defined system will move across the region Wednesday, with strong storms possible.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 89.7 at 5:31 PM

**Low:** 62.4 at 5:57 AM

**High Gust:** 25 at 3:52 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 106° in 1931

**Record Low:** 42° in 1967

**Average High:** 84°F

**Average Low:** 59°F

**Average Precip in July:** 1.49

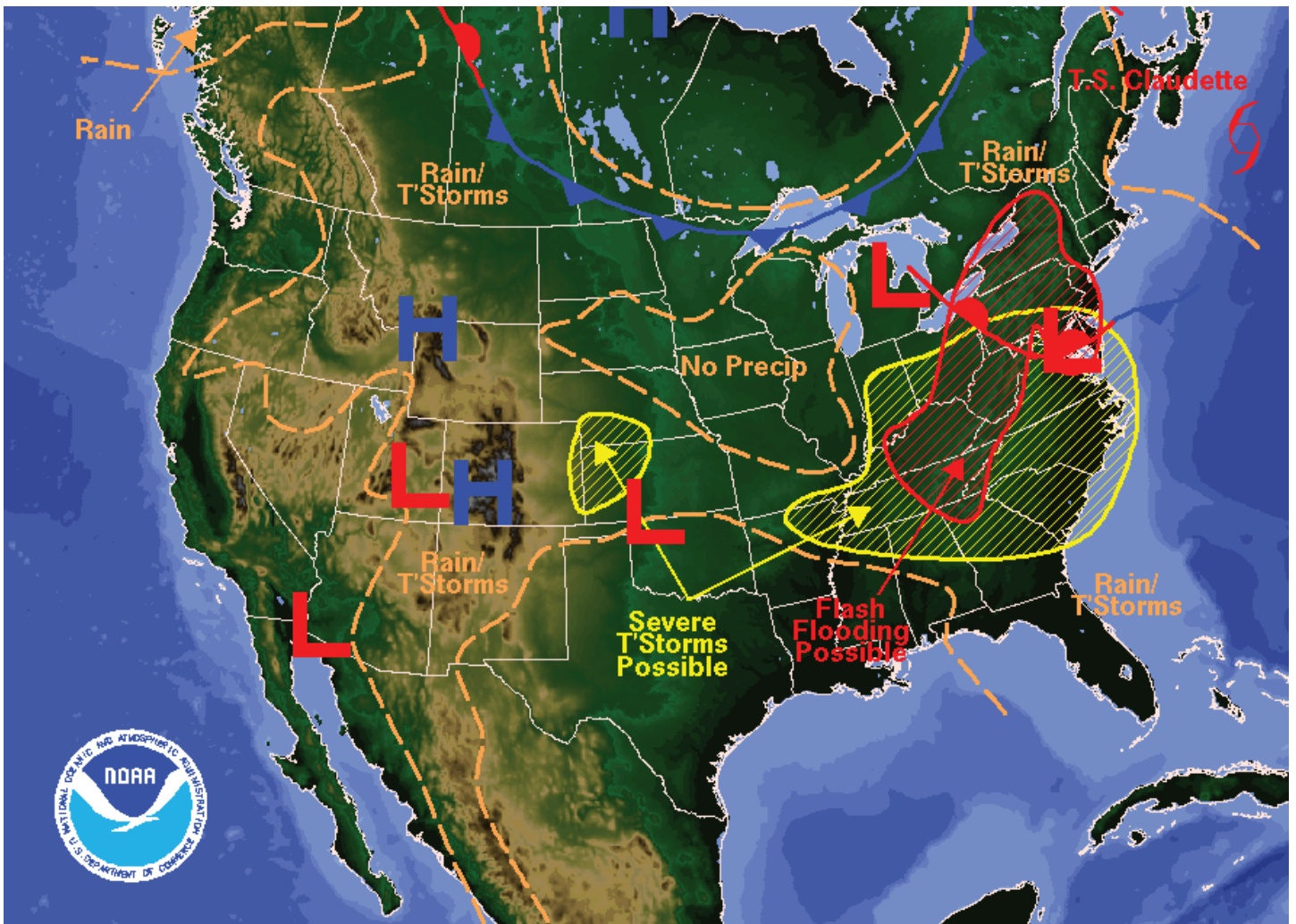
**Precip to date in July:** 1.77

**Average Precip to date:** 12.33

**Precip Year to Date:** 9.19

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:19 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:59 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jul 14, 2015, issued 4:35 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Pereira based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## KEEP ALERT!

Years ago LSU and Indiana were playing in the NCAA Regional finals. LSU was leading Indiana by eight points going into the last few minutes of the game.

Suddenly, LSU began playing a different type of game. They were trying to use the clock to their advantage. But it did not work out the way they planned. As they took their eyes off of the ball and watched the clock, Indiana stayed focused on the ball and won the game.

In the last hours of the life of Jesus, He asked three of His disciples to stay awake and watch as He prayed. But they fell asleep. When He returned and found them sleeping, He did not scold them. Instead, He warned them to "keep alert and pray!"

Temptations come to the Christian when least expected. Jesus wisely warned and advised His disciples to combine praying with alertness or they would not see temptation taking advantage of them.

**Prayer:** Lord, please help us to be aware and alert to temptation by being focused always on You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

## News from the Associated Press

### **Mount Marty financial aid director named to task force**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — The director of financial assistance for Mount Marty College has been named to a task force that plans the programming of a national financial aid conference.

The college says Ken Kocer will serve on the task force to help plan educational sessions for the 2016 National Association of Financial Aid Administrators National Conference.

Other appointees to the conference task force include representatives from institutions ranging from Yale University to the University of Michigan.

The conference attracts nearly 3,000 student aid staffers from across the United States.

Kocer has been the director of financial assistance at Mount Marty College for more than 20 years.

### **Daugaard: South Dakota ends 2015 budget year with surplus**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota ended its fourth consecutive fiscal year with a budget surplus, piling up \$21.5 million over projections because of higher revenues and lower-than-anticipated spending, Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced Monday.

Revenues grew by an unexpected \$10 million and state spending was \$11.5 million lower than economic estimates, which lawmakers approved in March. Stronger receipts in construction and insurance taxes coupled with lower spending for education and Medicaid were largely responsible for the surplus for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

Revenue projections had been revised down in December 2014 and again in March before finishing stronger than anticipated at the end of June, Bureau of Finance and Management Commissioner Jason Dilges said.

"If we are consistent in demonstrating a conservative approach to revenue projection, we distinguish ourselves from other states that often are rosy in their revenue projections and then end up with deficits that they paper over ..." Daugaard told The Associated Press. "In South Dakota, we don't do that."

Dilges said he's glad to see a balance of increased revenues and decreased expenditures, but that he'd like to have more gains in the state's sales tax, which makes up more than 60 percent of state general funding. It grew by 1.6 percent over the previous budget year, roughly following projections.

The \$21.5 million went into the state's budget reserves, which sit at more than \$125 million. Lawmakers could decide to spend much of the surplus during the 2016 legislative session, but Senate Minority Leader Billie Sutton, D-Burke, said it's often difficult to get enough support among lawmakers to appropriate reserve funds.

"South Dakota's reserves are growing and ... schools and (health care) providers in our state are struggling, and it doesn't look good," Sutton said.

Daugaard listed those areas as priorities for investing, but said he'll outline more specifics at his budget address in December.

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch, R-Rapid City, said he's pleased about the surplus but curious why estimates were so dire when lawmakers were negotiating with Daugaard during the legislative session. Daugaard's office warned spending might exceed what the state had available, Gosch said.

"They were reluctant to support any of the legislative spending priorities and showed great resistance to it," Gosch said. "To now hear there's a ... surplus makes me wonder about that."

The governor said estimates were very close to reality and said it's difficult to be exact when dealing with a budget that exceeds \$1 billion.

Daugaard said that the Legislature's economists projected even less money would be available than his administration in the March estimates, and said that he and lawmakers came to a good budget compromise.

## **Sioux Falls high school teacher accused of recording women**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Public school officials in Sioux Falls say a high school teacher accused of using a camera on his shoe to secretly record women has resigned.

Sioux Falls Superintendent Brian Maher says he received a letter of resignation from Dallas Wilkinson on Friday. The Roosevelt High School social studies teacher was arrested on Friday and is facing four misdemeanor counts of taking pictures without consent.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says police began investigating Wilkinson after receiving a call from an employee of a local grocery store. Clemens says the employee told police the man was seen standing close to women and sticking his foot out to photograph between women's legs with a shoe camera.

Wilkinson posted bail on Friday. An attorney for the man is not listed.

## **Company building 55-turbine wind farm in north central SD**

POLLOCK, S.D. (AP) — A New York-based company that specializes in large-scale renewable energy projects says it's building a 55-turbine wind farm in north central South Dakota.

Consolidated Edison Development says it has already begun working on its new farm in Pollock. Officials say they the farm is located on property owned by a group of local farmers.

The company says the farm will soon provide enough electricity to power approximately 25,000 homes for a year. It's expected to generate approximately 400,000 megawatt-hours annually and is scheduled to be operational by the end of the year.

The company recently finalized an agreement with Campbell County Wind Farm Holdings to build and operate the wind power project.

## **Utility Black Hills Corp. acquires SourceGas for \$1.2B**

**JOSH FUNK, AP Business Writer**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Regional utility Black Hills Corp. is buying natural gas provider SourceGas, which serves 425,000 customers in Nebraska, Arkansas, Colorado and Wyoming, for roughly \$1.2 billion.

Black Hills is buying control of SourceGas from investment funds Alinda Capital Partners and GE Energy Financial. As part of the deal, Black Hills is also assuming \$720 million of debt and expecting to receive \$150 million in tax benefits.

Black Hills Chairman, President and CEO David Emery told investors Monday that this deal will strengthen the Rapid City, South Dakota-based utility and increase its profits.

"It will supplement our strong earnings growth, improve our financial strength and help us create significant value both for customers and shareholders," Emery said.

Shares of Black Hills stock declined \$1, or 2.1 percent, to trade at \$45.84 on Monday afternoon.

Black Hills will serve more than 1.2 million customers after the addition of SourceGas, which is based in Golden, Colorado. The deal is expected to close sometime in the first half of 2016, but it must be approved by state and federal regulators.

SourceGas was created in 2007 after Kinder Morgan agreed to sell its retail natural gas utility division

to GE Energy Financial and Alinda.

Black Hills approached the investment funds selling SourceGas several times in the past five years before finally agreeing on this deal.

Emery said SourceGas is a good strategic fit for his company because of the territory it serves and its growth prospects.

"I think we see some great opportunities obviously to combine the two companies and make them very efficient," Emery said. "Just looking at the footprint, that's pretty obvious."

In addition to SourceGas' retail customers, it also operates a 512-mile interstate natural gas transmission pipeline in Colorado.

Black Hills already serves nearly 800,000 electricity and natural gas customers in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

## 2 Yankton residents die in weekend crash west of city

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Two Yankton residents died in a weekend crash on state Highway 52.

The Highway Patrol says 52-year-old Khuyen Nguyen (wihn) was driving a car that drifted across the center line and into the path of a sport utility vehicle Sunday afternoon about 5 miles west of Yankton. She and 39-year-old passenger Ryan Nguyen died at the scene. He was her son-in-law.

The two people in the SUV suffered injuries that the patrol says were serious but not life-threatening.

## New magistrate judge appointed for Third Judicial Circuit

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

Dawn Elshere has been the Codington County state's attorney since 2007. Before that she was a deputy state's attorney in both Codington and Brown counties. She also previously had a private law practice.

Elshere holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a law degree from the University of South Dakota. She lives in Watertown with her husband and their two children.

## 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. LANDMARK NUCLEAR DEAL REACHED WITH IRAN

The agreement includes a compromise between Washington and Tehran that will allow U.N. inspectors to press for visits to Iranian military sites, a senior diplomat says.

#### 2. WHO FACES DISSENT ON GREECE'S BAILOUT DEAL

The Greek prime minister must fight to cling to his government's majority after he was forced to introduce punishing austerity measures in exchange for the rescue package.

#### 3. WHEN 'EL CHAPO' BEGAN ESCAPE PLOTS

The drug kingpin started plotting to break out of jail almost immediately after his recapture in February 2014, documents obtained by The AP reveal.

#### 4. PENTAGON PLANS TO LIFT TRANSGENDER BAN

The proposal outlined by Defense Secretary Carter would formally end one of the last gender- or sexuality-based barriers to military service.

#### 5. NYC, FAMILY OF ERIC GARNER REACH SETTLEMENT

The city will pay \$5.9 million in the chokehold death case. Garner, 43, died in police custody almost a year ago.

## 6. CLOSING ARGUMENTS TO BEGIN IN COLORADO THEATER SHOOTING CASE

Attorneys have one last chance to convince jurors that gunman James Holmes was either a calculating killer or a man overcome by psychosis.

## 7. MANY U.S. AIRPORTS DOMINATED BY 1 OR 2 AIRLINES

As a result, passengers appear to be paying the price in higher fares and fees, an AP analysis finds.

## 8. HARPER LEE'S TOWN JOYFUL OVER 'MOCKINGBIRD' SEQUEL

Monroeville residents plan a full day of celebrations with readings, walking tours, lectures and a mint julep cocktail hour at the lawn of the Old Courthouse Museum.

## 9. SPOTLIGHT SHINING ON PLUTO

NASA's New Horizons spacecraft is on track to zoom within 7,800 miles of the dwarf planet left unexplored until now.

## 10. WHAT NEW STUDY FINDS ABOUT CONCUSSIONS IN SOCCER

While a ban on heading would help decrease head injuries, what the game really needs is better enforcement of rules about player-to-player contact.

## AP News in Brief

### **After hard negotiation, historic nuclear deal between Iran, world powers reached in Vienna**

VIENNA (AP) — After 18 days of intense and often fractious negotiation, world powers and Iran struck a landmark deal Tuesday to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions - an agreement designed to avert the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran and another U.S. military intervention in the Muslim world.

The accord will keep Iran from producing enough material for a nuclear weapon for at least 10 years and impose new provisions for inspections of Iranian facilities, including military sites. And it marks a dramatic break from decades of animosity between the United States and Iran, countries that alternately call each other the "leading state sponsor of terrorism" and the "the Great Satan."

"This is a historic moment," Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said as he attended a final session alongside his counterparts from the United States, Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia in Vienna on Tuesday morning. "We are reaching an agreement that is not perfect for anybody, but it is what we could accomplish, and it is an important achievement for all of us. Today could have been the end of hope on this issue. But now we are starting a new chapter of hope."

The formal announcement of the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action was to be made after the meeting. Its completion comes after more than two weeks of furious diplomacy, during which negotiators blew through three self-imposed deadlines. Zarif and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who conducted most of the negotiations, both threatened to walk away while trading accusations of intransigence.

The breakthrough came after several key compromises.

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## **The Latest: US President Barack Obama to speak from White House on Iran nuclear deal**

VIENNA (AP) — Here are the latest developments involving negotiations between Iran and world powers in Vienna over the Islamic Republic's contested nuclear program (all times local):

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11:55 a.m.

U.S. President Barack Obama will speak about the Iranian nuclear deal from the White House early Tuesday morning.

The quest for an accord with Iran has been a centerpiece of Obama's foreign policy. The president's diplomatic pursuit has deeply strained his relationship with Israel and angered congressional lawmakers in the U.S.

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## **Greece's Tsipras seeks to rally party, government in face of dissent over bailout deal**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras is trying to rally his party members Tuesday to support a preliminary financial rescue deal that include measures so onerous some of his own ministers were in open revolt.

The government must pass several measures through Parliament by Wednesday night, including consumer tax increases and pension reforms, in order to start negotiations with European creditors on a third bailout worth as much as 85 billion euros (\$95 billion).

The Greek leader faced a stark choice at a marathon eurozone summit that ended Monday morning: agree to the deal that tramples on practically all of his pre-election promises to repeal austerity, or see his country's banks collapse and Greece crash out of Europe's joint currency.

Tsipras is expected to have the numbers in Parliament to pass the measures, since he will have the support of most opposition parties. But the government's political survival is in danger if large numbers of its own lawmakers resign their seats or openly vote against the bill.

Energy Minister Panagiotis Lafazanis, one of the hardliners in Tsipras' radical left Syriza party, denounced the deal and called on the prime minister to cancel it before legislation reaches Parliament.

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## **DEA documents show Mexico drug lord 'El Chapo' began escape plots soon after his 2014 arrest**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's most notorious drug trafficker began plotting to break out of prison almost immediately after his recapture at a seaside resort in February 2014.

Internal Drug Enforcement Administration documents obtained by The Associated Press reveal that drug agents first got information in March 2014 that various family members and drug-world associates of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman were considering "potential operations to free Guzman."

The DEA alerted Mexican authorities 16 months ago about the plans, said a U.S. official briefed on the investigation. The official was not authorized to disclose the details and insisted on anonymity to do so.

Mexican Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong denied Monday night that authorities in Mexico were ever informed of potential escapes.

"They themselves have told us that they don't know where that information came from," he said referring to U.S. counterparts and the AP's report.

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## **Pentagon announces plan to lift ban on transgender individuals serving in military**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Ash Carter has ordered a six-month study aimed at formally ending one of the last gender- or sexuality-based barriers to military service, saying the Pentagon's current regulations banning transgender individuals from serving in the military need to be examined.

"The Defense Department's current regulations regarding transgender service members are outdated and are causing uncertainty that distracts commanders from our core missions," Carter said in a statement released Monday. "At a time when our troops have learned from experience that the most important qualification for service members should be whether they're able and willing to do their job, our officers and enlisted personnel are faced with certain rules that tell them the opposite."

Carter said he is creating a working group that will review the policies and determine if lifting the ban would have any impact on the military's ability to be ready for battle. But he said the group will begin with the presumption that transgender people should be able to serve openly "without adverse impact on military effectiveness and readiness, unless and except where objective, practical impediments are identified."

The plan, which was first reported by The Associated Press, gives the services time to methodically work through the legal, medical and administrative issues and develop training to ease any transition, and senior leaders believed six months would be sufficient.

Carter asked his personnel undersecretary, Brad Carson, to lead the working group of senior military and civilian leaders to take an objective look at the issue, including the costs, and determine whether it would create any insurmountable problems that could derail the plan. The group would also develop uniform guidelines.

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## **Family of black man who died after police chokehold to discuss \$5.9 million deal with NYC**

NEW YORK (AP) — The family of a black man who died after being placed in a white police officer's chokehold is holding a press conference to discuss a \$5.9 million settlement it reached with the city days before the anniversary of his death.

Tuesday's news conference will be held with attorneys for the family of Eric Garner and the Rev. Al Sharpton, who also will call on New Yorkers to attend a Saturday rally in honor of Garner and other victims of police misconduct.

The settlement was announced Monday. Garner's family in October filed a notice of claim, the first step in filing a lawsuit against the city, asking for \$75 million.

Garner, who was 43, was stopped last July 17 outside a Staten Island convenience store because police officers believed he was selling loose, untaxed cigarettes. A video shot by an onlooker shows Garner telling the officers to leave him alone and refusing to be handcuffed.

Officer Daniel Pantaleo placed his arm around Garner's neck to take him down. Garner, who had asthma, is heard gasping "I can't breathe!" 11 times before losing consciousness. He was pronounced dead later at a hospital.

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## **A guide to the Colorado theater shooting trial soon headed to a jury in suburban Denver**

Closing arguments are set for Tuesday in the long trial of Colorado theater shooter James Holmes. Here's a look at top elements in the case:

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### THE CRIME:

About 420 people were watching a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" on July 20, 2012, in the Denver suburb of Aurora when Holmes opened fire, killing 12 people. Fifty-eight others were wounded by gunfire and 12 were injured in the scramble to escape. Holmes surrendered to police outside the theater. His attorneys acknowledged that he was the gunman, but they said he was in the grip of a psychotic episode.

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## **AP Analysis: Many US airports dominated by 1 or 2 airlines, often leading to higher fares**

DALLAS (AP) — The wave of consolidation that swept the U.S. airline industry has markedly reduced competition at many of the nation's major airports, and passengers appear to be paying the price in higher fares and fees, an Associated Press analysis has found.

Over the past decade, mega-mergers reduced nine large U.S. airlines to four — American, United, Delta and Southwest — with the result that travelers are increasingly finding their home airport dominated by just one or two players.

Over the same period, domestic airfares rose faster than inflation, and analysts believe one leading factor is the decline in competitive pressure.

"Airlines aren't going at each other like they used to," said Mike Boyd, an aviation consultant frequently hired by airports. "They have their turf, and they very rarely go to the mattresses with one another."

At 40 of the 100 largest U.S. airports, a single airline controls a majority of the market, as measured by the number of seats for sale, up from 34 airports a decade earlier. At 93 of the top 100, one or two airlines control a majority of the seats, an increase from 78 airports, according to AP's analysis of data from Diio, an airline-schedule tracking service.

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## **NASA's New Horizons closing in on Pluto, first spacecraft to explore the dwarf planet**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's New Horizons spacecraft was expected to get up-close and personal with Pluto on Tuesday, on track to zoom within 7,800 miles of the small icy world left unexplored until now.

It's the final destination on NASA's planetary tour of the solar system, which began more than a half-century ago. Pluto was still a full-fledged planet when New Horizons rocketed away in 2006, only to become demoted to dwarf status later that year.

The 3 billion-mile journey from Cape Canaveral, Florida, culminates Tuesday at 7:49 a.m. EDT. That's when the spacecraft is due to fly past Pluto at 31,000 mph.

The New Horizons team gathered at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland, won't know for many hours if everything went well. The spacecraft will be too busy taking photographs and collecting information to "phone home." A confirmation signal is expected at around



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New Horizons has already beamed back the best-ever images of Pluto and big moon Charon. Pluto also has four little moons.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 14, the 195th day of 2015. There are 170 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1865, the Matterhorn, straddling Italy and Switzerland, was summited as a seven-member rope party led by British climber Edward Whymper reached the peak. (Four members of the party fell to their deaths during their descent; Whymper and two guides survived.)

### On this date:

In 1789, in an event symbolizing the start of the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner in present-day New Mexico.

In 1913, Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr., the 38th president of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. in Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1921, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were convicted in Dedham, Massachusetts, of murdering a shoe company paymaster and his guard. (Sacco and Vanzetti were executed six years later.)

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed. Cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his movie debut in the Fleischer Studios animated short, "Popeye the Sailor."

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure providing funds for a national monument honoring scientist George Washington Carver; the monument was built at Carver's birthplace near Diamond, Missouri.

In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy.

In 1965, the American space probe Mariner 4 flew by Mars, sending back photographs of the red planet. United Nations Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II died in London at age 65.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York.

In 1980, the Republican national convention opened in Detroit, where nominee-apparent Ronald Reagan told a welcoming rally he and his supporters were determined to "make America great again."

In 1999, race-based school busing in Boston came to an end after 25 years.

**Ten years ago:** Chief U.S. Justice William H. Rehnquist, ending a two-day stay in the hospital, pledged to continue working as long as his health permitted. (Rehnquist died in September 2005.)

**Five years ago:** An Iranian nuclear scientist who'd disappeared a year earlier headed back to Tehran, telling Iranian state media that he'd been abducted by CIA agents. (The U.S. said Shahram Amiri was a willing defector who'd changed his mind.)

**One year ago:** Citigroup agreed to pay \$7 billion to settle a federal investigation into its handling of risky subprime mortgages. The Church of England voted overwhelmingly in favor of allowing women to become bishops.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 89. Actress Nancy Olson is 87. Former football

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player and actor Rosey Grier is 83. Actor Vincent Pastore is 69. Music company executive Tommy Motola (muh-TOH'-luh) is 67. Rock musician Chris Cross (Ultravox) is 63. Actor Jerry Houser is 63. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 63. Actor Stan Shaw is 63. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 57. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 55. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 55. Actress Jane Lynch is 55. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 54. Actor Matthew Fox is 49. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 49. Rock singer-musician Tanya Donnelly is 49. Actress Missy Gold is 45. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Ross Rebagliati is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 40. Country singer Jamey Johnson is 40. Hip-hop musician taboo (Black Eyed Peas) is 40. Actor Scott Porter is 36. Rock singer Dan Smith (Bastille) is 29. Rock singer Dan Reynolds (Imagine Dragons) is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "The willing contemplation of vice is vice." - Arabic proverb.