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Tuesday, Sept. 1

Anniv: Perry & Laura Ptacek

Birthdays: TJ Johnson • Adam Feser • Shannon Koens

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

10:00am: Boys golf at Lee Park, Aberdeen.

6:30 pm: Volleyball at Ipswich

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Birthdays: Kylie Hawkins • Marvel Washnok • Brad Larson • Austin Schuelke • Jackson Doeden • Katie Osterman • Lee Schinkel • Susie Schuneman

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:00 pm: Olive Grove Men's League

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Council is cautiously evaluating bond issue

The city council met in special session Monday evening to talk with Ray Woodsend from Dougherty & Company, LLC, about refinancing options.

City Finance Officer Anita Lowary prefaced the meeting, stating that in the last 10 years, the city has done \$11.8 million in projects with only \$1.8 million of that being covered by grants. There is another \$3.2 million for special assessments and \$754,145.14 in donations.

The city council is now looking at bonding the city for \$2.8 million so the city can have manageable payments. "You will come out, at the end of the year, in the black instead of the red," she later told the council. It will also pay off the line of credit that the city is using this month from the First State Bank of \$240,000 just to pay the bills.

Over the years, the city has gotten loans through the state and they roughly add up to \$850,000. Woodsend told the council that they will need to talk with the state to see if they would be willing to roll the loans into the bond. There is another \$422,000 that cannot be rolled over into the bond as three projects were voted on by the tax payers and those loans were put into the upper 10 percent of the city's constitutional debt limit. "You cannot touch those," Woodsend said. "This is not an easy structure to put together."

The city has a constitutional debt limit of \$3.712 million. The swimming pool, with four years left on its payment schedule, still has a balance of \$454,667.18 and that currently is not considered part of the city's constitutional debt because it is a lease.

The bond would put the city general fund back in the black by \$500,000 to \$750,000 over the next 20 years, the length of the bond.

The council agreed to start with discussions with the state to find out which loans can be rolled over into the bonds, and then make another decision at its regular meeting Sept. 8, to decide to proceed with the bond. If all is approved, the city would get the funds in December.

Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Seniors met August 10 for a regular meeting. Twenty one members were present. Lee Schinkel played "America." Vice president Jan Raap opened the meeting and all recited the flag pledge. Minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Lee Schinkel donated a light weight folding table to the community center. Meeting was adjourned and cards played. The winners of the games. Whist- Carolyn Morehouse and Marian Raines, Bridge- Wally Fisher, Penochle- Don Dauwin. Door prizes were Carolyn Morehouse, Jan Raap, and Ella Johnson. Lunch was served by Ivan and Carolyn Morehouse and Tony Goldade.

August 17 meeting was a potluck dinner. Twenty five members and two visitors attended. Bingo was played. Audrey Padfield won black out. Some played cards after bingo. A get well card was signed for Bert Raap. Door prizes went to Tony Goldade, Bob Pray and Barb Davidson. Dessert and coffee was served before going home. Serving committee Mary Walker, DeLoris Knoll, Hazel McKittrick.

A regular meeting was held August 25. Twenty members were present. Lee Schinkel played and sang "America." President Ella Johnson opened the meeting with allegiance to the flag. Minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted. Five members went to the Brown Co Fair. Meeting was adjourned and cards played the winners of the games. Whist-Bob Pray, Ruby Donavon, Canosta- Beulah Hoops and Eunice McColister, Penochle- David Kleinsasser, and door prizes were Ruth Pray. Grace Albrecht and Marian Raines.

Horses Coming to State Fair Need Health Papers Issued Within 48 Hours of Arrival

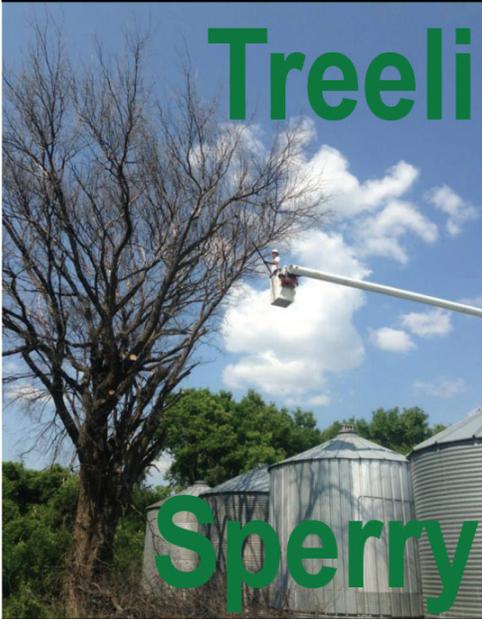
PIERRE, S.D. – Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) has been found at 29 locations in five counties in Western South Dakota since July 28, 2015. The disease causes painful blisters and sores on the mouth, nostrils, teats and feet of horses, cattle, swine and other livestock. To date, 27 of the premises have affected horses, while two cattle herds have also been infected.

State Veterinarian, Dr. Dustin Oedekoven* is recommending owners monitor their livestock, especially horses, closely. Animals traveling for shows, exhibitions or events need especially diligent observation. Horses traveling to Huron for events associated with the SD State Fair are required to have a CVI (certificate of veterinary inspection) issued by their veterinarian within 48 hours of arrival.

Flies and midges are the insect vectors responsible for transmitting VSV. The virus can also be spread through direct contact with infected livestock and indirectly through contact with contaminated equipment and tack. Isolation of affected and exposed animals, as well as fly and insect control are the most important steps in preventing the disease. Good sanitation and bio-security measures can help avoid exposure.

If you suspect VSV in your animals, contact your veterinarian immediately. Vesicular stomatitis should be immediately reported to the South Dakota state veterinarian at 605-773-3321. Affected premises are quarantined to prevent the spread of this disease. People who are in close contact with affected animals may develop an influenza-like illness with symptoms including fever, muscle aches and headache.

For further information regarding this press release, please visit the SD AIB website at: <http://aib.sd.gov/diseasecontrol.shtm#horses>.



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Today in Weather History

September 1, 1990: Several severe thunderstorms in northwest South Dakota dropped from penny to softball size hail during the afternoon and early evening hours which caused a good deal of structural damage to houses and farm buildings. The largest hailstone of 4 inches in diameter was reported at Sorum in Perkins County. There was also a wind gust to 86 mph measured at Buffalo during a severe thunderstorm.

September 1, 2010: A couple weak tornados touched down briefly in the late evening west of Tulare with no damage occurring.

1862: The Battle of Ox Hill (or Chantilly) is also known as the only major Civil War battle to have been fought during a storm. "A severe thunderstorm erupted, resulting in limited visibility and an increased dependence on the bayonet, as the rain soaked the ammunition of the infantry and made it useless." From Taylor, Paul. He Hath Loosed the Fateful Lightning: The Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly), September 1, 1862.

1894: The Great Hinckley Fire, which burned an area of at least 200,000 acres or perhaps more than 250,000 acres including the town of Hinckley, Minnesota occurred on this day. The official death count was 418 though the actual number of fatalities was likely higher.

1897 - Hailstone drifts six feet deep were reported in Washington County, IA. (The Weather Channel)

1914 - The town of Bloomington, MI, was deluged with 9.78 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. (31st-1st) (The Weather Channel)

1955 - The temperature at Los Angeles, CA, soared to an all-time high of 110 degrees during an eight day string of 100 degree weather. (David Ludlum)

1979 - A home in Centerville TN was hit by lightning and totally destroyed. It marked the third time that the house had been hit by lightning since being built in 1970. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cool Canadian air invaded the Midwest. Six cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Indianapolis IN with a reading of 44 degrees. Hot weather continued in the northwestern U.S. Five cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Hanover WA, where the mercury soared to 106 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Upper Mississippi Valley. Ely, MN, was drenched with three inches of rain in two hours, and pelted with one inch hail. The heavy rain flooded streets and basements, and the high water pressure which resulted blew the covers off manholes. (The National Weather Summary)(Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather in Oklahoma during the late afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms produced hail two inches in diameter west of Arapahoe, and wind gusts to 70 mph at Luther and south of Harrah. Early morning thunderstorms over Indiana drenched Kokomo with five to eight inches of rain, and spawned a tornado which injured three persons at Bruce Lake. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
Patchy Fog then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Hot	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms
High: 86 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 70 °F	High: 90 °F	Low: 70 °F	High: 87 °F



Warm Today

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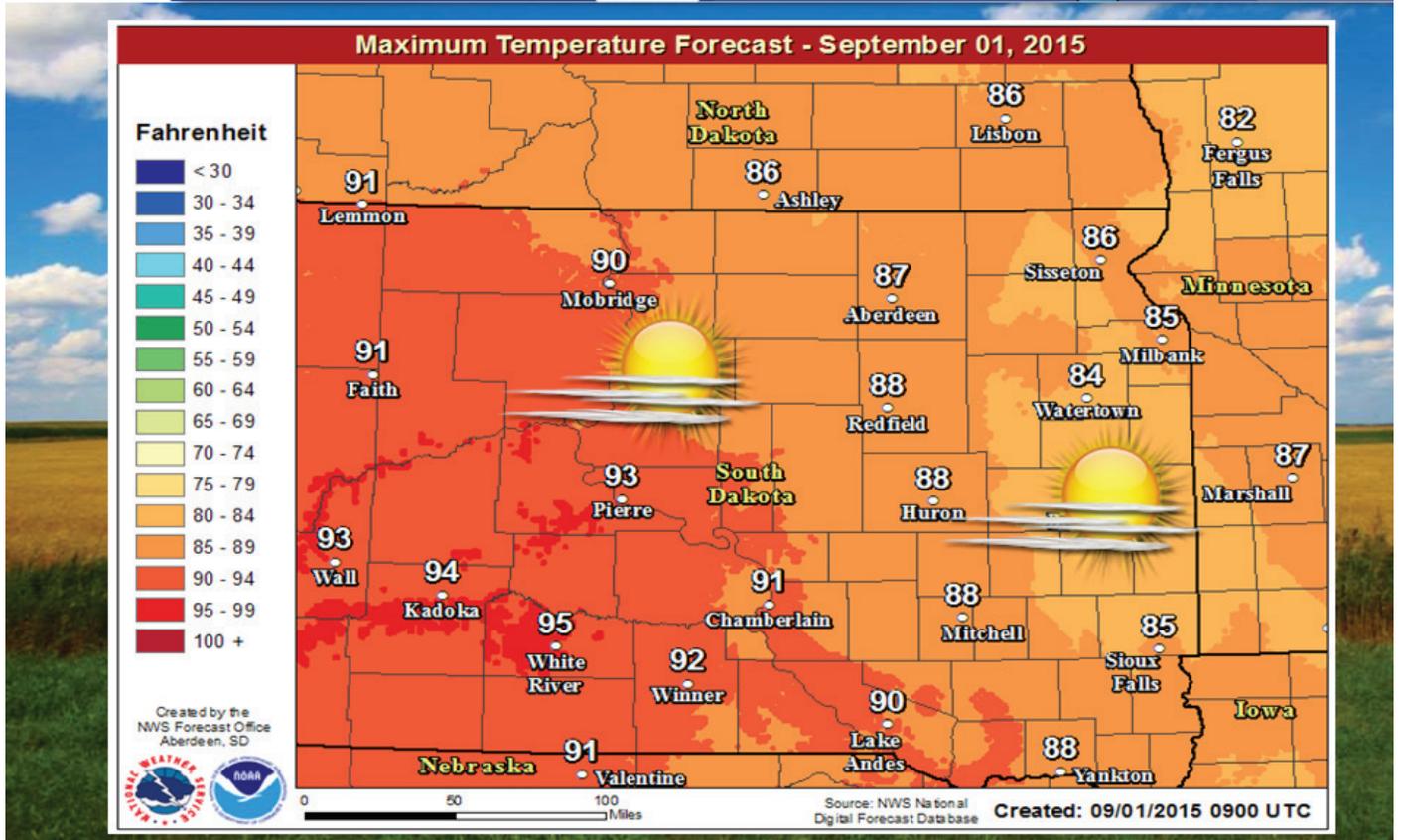
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Above normal temperatures are expected over the next couple of days with highs in the 80s and 90s. These temperatures are 10 to 20 degrees above normal for this time of year.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 77.2 at 6:04 PM

Low: 59.1 at 11:20 PM

High Gust: 22 at 8:12 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1913

Record Low: 30° in 1893

Average High: 78°F

Average Low: 52°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.08

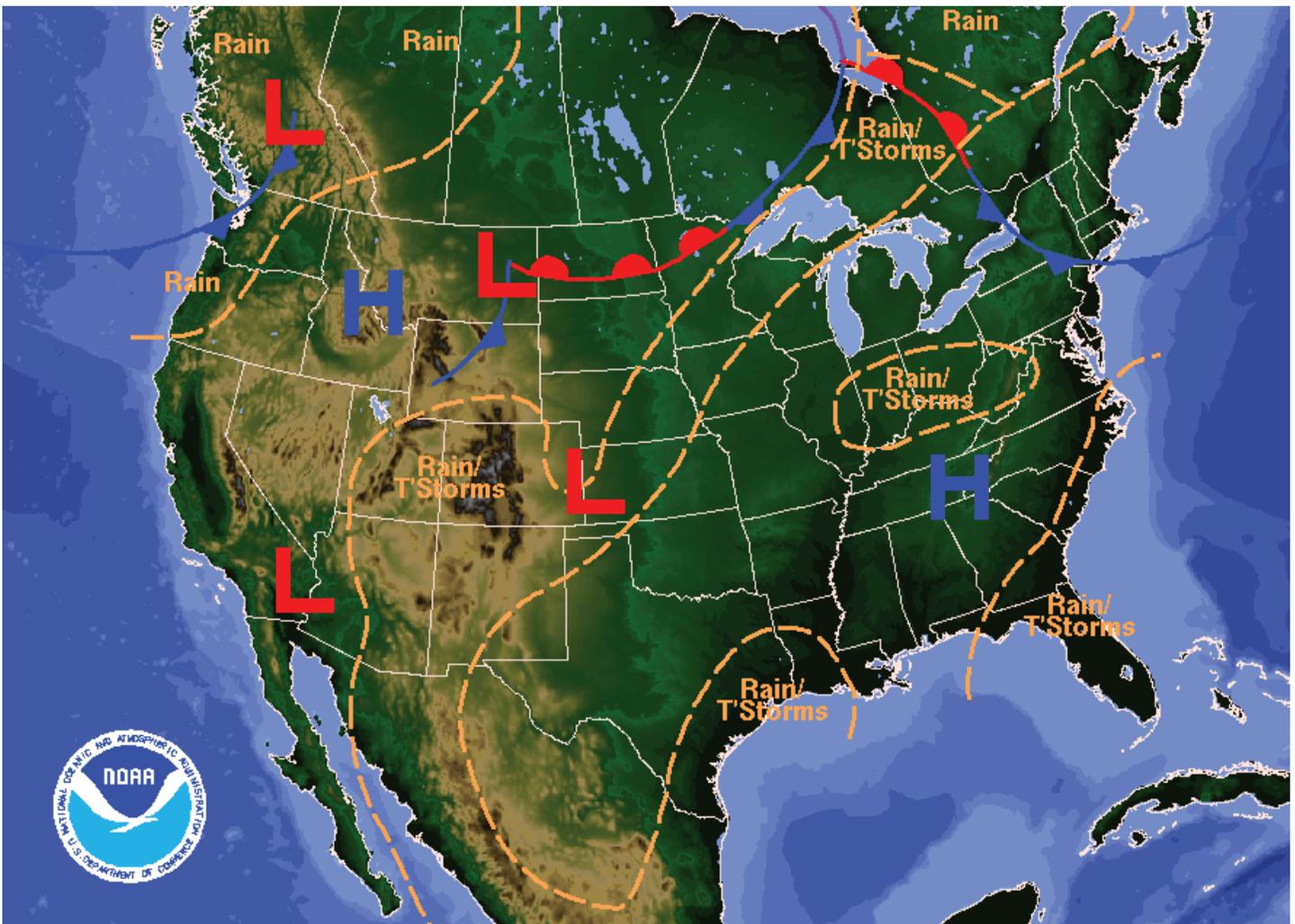
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 16.37

Precip Year to Date: 16.56

Sunset Tonight: 8:11 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:56 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 01, 2015, issued 4:13 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A BRIGHT EXAMPLE

Can you believe that street lighting was first introduced in Antioch, Greece in the fourth century? But it was Benjamin Franklin, the famed inventor, who introduced it to America. Other countries had street lights in their cities as early as the eighth century.

While serving as the postmaster in Philadelphia, Franklin urged the city fathers to install street lights in their city. The city fathers refused because they believed it was too costly.

Franklin refused to give up and hung a beautiful lantern on a bracket in the front of his home. As the people walked by, they realized the difference it made. They no longer stumbled or fell because it provided light for their path. It was not long before his neighbors recognized the value of the light and soon the entire neighborhood, and then the city, had lights in the dark places. Franklin achieved his goal, not by argument, but by example.

People everywhere are looking for ideas that work. If they make sense people will adopt them and apply them to their lives. That's why Paul encouraged Timothy to "set an example in speech, life, love, faith and purity."

God's Word works! When we apply it to our lives people will soon see that the Light of our lives makes a difference and follow our example.

Prayer: Lord, whenever our lives fail to live up to Your standards, give us no peace until we change. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

News from the Associated Press

Youth reading program coming to Cheyenne River

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — A series of youth reading initiatives will soon kick off at the Cheyenne Indian Reservation thanks to a grant from a national nonprofit.

The group Cheyenne River Youth Project has received a \$24,000 grant from the Virginia-based Child Fund International to fund the reading initiatives.

The South Dakota group says the "Just Read!" initiatives are critical in the reservation because children have little access to books at home or through public libraries and lack opportunities to read outside of school.

Tammy Eagle Hunter with the Cheyenne River Youth Project says the group hopes that the new initiatives will not only improve the reading performance of children, but also their overall academic performance.

The "Just Read!" project will include monthly theme-based reading festivals, book distributions and other programs.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Dakota Valley def. Madison, 25-23, 25-17, 25-22

Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Colman-Egan, 23-25, 25-13, 25-16, 25-11

SD hiker found uninjured nearly 24 hours after getting lost

BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST, S.D. (AP) — A 49-year-old hiker has been found uninjured after spending nearly 24 hours lost in the Black Hills National Forest.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says the Rapid City hiker was found on Monday in a dense area of forest between Highway 16 and Sheridan Lake Road. Authorities did not identify the man.

The sheriff's office says the hiker's family contacted the U.S. Forest Service Monday morning seeking assistance in locating the man. Family members of the hiker told authorities that he had not returned from a hike Sunday evening.

The sheriff's office says law enforcement and the hiker had periodic cellphone contact, until he was found after an approximate four-hour search.

The sheriff's office says the periodic communications between the hiker and first responders was helpful in the search.

Report: Landlords rent out 17.3M acres of SD farmland

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A government survey has found that there are 17.3 million acres of farmland rented out by landlords in South Dakota.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service on Monday reported the data, which come from its first survey of landowners since 1999.

The Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land survey was conducted last year. It found that there are 40,260 farmland landlords in South Dakota. But only 11,853 of those were actually farmers, the majority of them are non-farming landlords.

Cropland made up 65 percent of all farmland rented, while 34 percent was rented for pastures. The rest of the land was used for forests and other uses.

The agency also reported landowners expect to transfer almost 5 million acres to other owners in the next five years.

Livestock disease continues to be found in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A highly contagious livestock disease continues to be found in South Dakota facilities. The state Animal Industry Board says vesicular stomatitis virus has been found at 29 locations in five counties in western South Dakota since July 28. Twenty-seven of the premises have affected horses, while two cattle herds have also been infected.

The disease is transmitted by flies and midges. It infects mainly horses and cattle, though other animals including swine and sheep also are susceptible. It's rarely fatal but can cause economic hardship for people who own performance animals.

State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven (OH'-duh-koh-vuhn) recommends that livestock owners monitor their animals, especially those traveling for shows or other events.

The board says horses traveling to Huron for State Fair-related events must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 48 hours of arrival.

Injunction against federal water rule may expand

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal judge in North Dakota is allowing arguments over the scope of his injunction blocking a new Obama administration rule that would give the federal government jurisdiction over some smaller waterways.

U.S. District Judge Ralph Erickson in Fargo issued a temporary injunction last week that was requested by North Dakota and 12 other states to stop the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers from regulating some small streams, tributaries and wetlands under the Clean Water Act. The EPA maintains that injunction applied only to the 13 states said it began enforcing the rule in all other states on Friday.

"There appears to be a dispute between the parties as to the breadth of the court's order granting the motion for a preliminary injunction," the judge wrote in a brief to attorneys in the case. "Each side may file a brief addressing the issue of whether the injunction applies nationally or in a limited geographic area." The deadline was Tuesday at 5 p.m. CDT, the judge said.

North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, who filed the injunction request, tells The Associated Press that he and other lawyers from the 13 states believe the EPA, by enforcing the rule in the 37 other states, is doing so "contrary to, and in defiance of, the court's order."

The EPA said in a statement that it and the Army Corps are "considering next steps in the litigation."

The 13 states exempted for now are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The 13 states say the regulation is unnecessary and infringes on their sovereignty. The federal government said the new rule clarifies ambiguity in the law and actually makes it easier for the states to manage some waterways

Erickson, who was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2003, said in his ruling last week that the EPA had exceeded its authority in issuing the regulation.

Federal government files suit against Sioux Falls landlord

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. government has filed a lawsuit against a Sioux Falls landlord, alleging he refused to let a tenant with a fractured leg move back into an apartment over concerns that a wheelchair could damage the carpet.

The suit, filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls on behalf of Daniel Loring, seeks unspecified damages from Calvin L. Salem and the Alice B. Salem Family Trust.

Loring was using a walker in August 2013 when he leased one of the apartment building's rental units. After Loring fractured his left tibia in January 2014, he spent three months recovering in a skilled nursing facility while using a wheelchair.

The government alleges that after visiting Loring at the skilled nursing facility, Salem wrote a February 2014 letter to the facility saying that Loring was not capable of living independently, that he should be in a nursing home and that he could not return to the apartment using a wheelchair because it could damage the carpet.

The lawsuit alleges that Salem's actions violated Loring's rights under the Fair Housing Act.

"The discriminatory actions of the Defendants were intentional, willful, and taken in reckless disregard of the rights of Mr. Loring," the lawsuit said.

A phone message left for Salem on Monday was not immediately returned.

The suit said that Loring continued paying the rent for the apartment through January, February and March in 2014 while he lived in the skilled nursing facility. In mid-March, Loring let a friend stay as a temporary guest in the apartment as the man recovered from outpatient surgery.

The lawsuit said Salem initiated eviction proceedings less than a week later, saying that Loring allowed "unauthorized occupants to reside in the leased premises."

The suit also claims that Loring lost an opportunity to share a lease at another apartment in August 2014 after Salem sent a negative reference to his potential landlord.

Morning fire destroys livestock sales barn in Watertown

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — An early morning fire destroyed a sale barn at South Dakota Livestock Sales in Watertown.

The blaze started about 1:30 a.m. Monday. Assistant Fire Chief Don Rowland says the cause wasn't immediately determined.

No people were injured, and no animals were in the barn when it burned. State Highway 20 was shut down for a few hours while firefighters battled the blaze.

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. POLICE ARREST MAIN SUSPECT IN BANGKOK BOMBING

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha says the man is a foreigner and was arrested in eastern Thailand near the Cambodian border.

2. IN ALASKA, OBAMA PAINTS DOOMSDAY SCENE OF GLOBAL WARMING

The president is counting on the state's exquisite but deteriorating landscape to elicit a sense of urgency that his previous calls to action on climate change have not.

3. TEMPLE OF BEL IN SYRIA "DESTROYED"

A satellite image taken a day after an explosion near the 2,000-year-old structure in the city of Palmyra, which is occupied by Islamic State militants, shows it has been blown up, a United Nations agency says.

4. WHAT MIGRANTS JOURNEYING TO EUROPE CARRY WITH THEM

To survive days on end of walking and improvised camping in harsh weather, they must concentrate on essentials: pain relief medicines, first aid, food and personal hygiene items.

5. HOW BALTIMORE ADDRESSES SPIKE IN VIOLENCE

Community leaders are mobilizing on the ground to instill lessons of nonviolence, while police launch the war room, a physical and metaphorical effort to combat the increase in killings.

6. SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST CLERK IN GAY MARRIAGE CASE

Now Kim Davis faces her moment of truth: Hand out licenses or risk potential fines or even possible jail time.

7. SHIFTING FACE OF NORTH KOREAN ECONOMY

Independently run street stalls are spreading fast in the country, even though private commerce remains officially anathema here.

8. WHY CLINTON WON'T LIKELY FACE PROSECUTION OVER EMAILS

So far, there's no evidence of messages stored in her private server bearing classified markings, legal experts say.

9. BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT EXPERIENCING GROWING PAINS

Its fluid nature generates questions about exactly who is in charge, who is involved and what its goals are for the long term.

10. MIDLIFE OBESITY MAY SPUR RISK FOR EARLIER ALZHEIMER'S

The National Institutes of Health reports that being overweight or obese at age 50 may affect the age, years later, when the disease strikes.

AP News in Brief

Thai prime minister says main suspect in deadly Bangkok bombing has been arrested near border

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's prime minister said Tuesday that authorities have arrested a man they believe is the main suspect in a bombing at a shrine in central Bangkok two weeks ago that killed 20 people.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said the man is a foreigner and was arrested in eastern Thailand near the Cambodian border. He described him as the main person in the bombing but did not directly say he is suspected of actually planting the bomb.

Prayuth said officials knew from their investigation that people involved in the bombing were about to flee the country and had traced the man to Aranyaprathet district in Sa Kaeo, a major crossing point to Cambodia. The prime minister described the man as a piece in a jigsaw puzzle that would connect various parts of the case, which included a bomb that exploded harmlessly in a river next to a busy pier in Bangkok the day after the shrine blast.

It was not immediately known if the arrested man is the person who was seen in a security video wearing a yellow T-shirt and leaving a backpack at the shrine shortly before the blast there.

Prayuth warned against speculating about the arrested man until more information is learned.

Hungary shuts down rail traffic at main Budapest station to prevent migrants from boarding

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hungary suspended all rail traffic Tuesday from its main terminal in Budapest and cleared the train station of hundreds of migrants trying to board trains for Austria and Germany — the hoped-for end destinations in their flight from turmoil in the Mideast and Asia.

Migrants chanting "Freedom! Freedom!" congregated outside the station after being pushed out of the building, joining hundreds more in what has become a transit zone and place of refuge for those fleeing Syria's war and other hotspots.

Police acted shortly after authorities announced over station loudspeakers that all trains would be stopped from leaving for an indefinite period of time. Hundreds of passengers with travel documents and tickets remained in the cavernous station, some staring at information boards still showing arrival and departure times.

Scuffles broke out earlier Tuesday morning as some of the hundreds of migrants pushed toward metal gates at the platform where a train was to leave for Vienna and Munich, and were blocked by police. Several said they spent hundreds of euros (dollars) for tickets after police told them they would be allowed free passage.

The closure of the station appeared prompted in part by pressure from other European Union nations trying to cope with the influx of thousands of migrants flowing through Hungary. Europe has been overwhelmed by a surge of migrants, with over 332,000 arriving so far this year, according to the International Organization for Migration.

Obama paints doomsday scene of climate change in Alaska in campaign to boost global action

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — President Barack Obama is painting a doomsday scenario for the Arctic and beyond if climate change isn't dealt with fast: entire nations submerged underwater, cities abandoned and refugees fleeing in droves as conflict breaks out across the globe.

It's a harrowing image of a future that Obama insists is inevitable unless the world follows his and America's lead by making sweeping cuts to greenhouse gases. Lest his sense of urgency get lost, Obama was to drive the message home on Tuesday by hiking a melting glacier in Alaska.

Obama is counting on Alaska's exquisite but deteriorating landscape to elicit a sense of urgency that his previous calls to action on climate change have not. He opened his three-day trip to the nation's largest state on Monday with a speech to an Arctic climate summit, calling global warming an escalating crisis already disturbing Alaskans' way of life.

"We will condemn our children to a planet beyond their capacity to repair," Obama said. Alluding ironically to the threat of rising seas, he castigated leaders who deny climate change as "increasingly alone — on their own shrinking island."

As he traverses Alaska this week, Obama will become the first sitting president to visit the Alaska Arctic. Amid concerns that the U.S. has ceded influence to Russia in strategic Arctic waters, the White House announced Tuesday that it would ask Congress to speed up construction of new icebreakers. The U.S. currently has two working icebreakers, compared to Russia's 40.

UN: Satellite image shows main building, columns of Palmyra's Temple of Bel "destroyed"

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A satellite image on Monday shows that the main building of the ancient Temple of Bel in the Syrian city of Palmyra has been destroyed, a United Nations agency said. The image was taken a day after a massive explosion was set off near the 2,000-year-old temple in the city occupied by Islamic State militants.

Earlier, Maamoun Abdulkarim, the head of the Antiquities and Museums Department in Damascus, said there was conflicting information about the fate of the temple, one of the most prominent structures in a sprawling Roman-era complex, because eyewitnesses were unable to approach the site.

But Einar Bjorgo, manager of Geneva-based U.N. satellite analysts UNOSAT, said a satellite image taken Monday "unfortunately shows the destruction of the temple's main building as well as a row of columns in its immediate vicinity." UNOSAT based its findings after comparing the image with one taken on Aug. 27 which showed the main building and columns still intact.

Bjorgo said the images were important so the U.N. cultural agency UNESCO could have "objective information" about the situation in Palmyra, which UNESCO has designated a world heritage site.

The IS group, which captured Palmyra from forces loyal to President Bashar Assad in May, destroyed the smaller Temple of Baalshamin in the complex last week and posted images of the destruction days later. UNESCO condemned the act as a war crime.

Clinton, aides stressed need to protect sensitive State Department information in email

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton and her aides at the State Department were acutely aware of the need to protect sensitive information when discussing international affairs over email and other forms of unsecure electronic communication, according to the latest batch of messages released by the agency from Clinton's tenure as secretary of state.

The State Department made public roughly 7,121 pages of Clinton's emails late Monday night, including 125 emails that were censored prior to their release because they contain information now deemed

classified. The vast majority concerned mundane matters of daily life at any workplace: phone messages, relays of schedules and forwards of news articles.

But in a few of the emails, Clinton and her aides noted the constraints of discussing sensitive subjects when working outside of the government's secure messaging systems — and the need to protect such information.

Senior adviser Alec Ross, in a February 2010 email intended for Clinton, cited frustration with "the boundaries of unclassified email" in a message about an unspecified country, which Ross referred to as "the country we discussed." The email appears to focus on civil unrest in Iran during the period preceding the Green Movement, when Iranian protesters used social media and the Internet to unsuccessfully challenge the re-election of then-President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In an exchange from Feb. 6, 2010, Clinton asks aide Huma Abedin for talking points for a call she's about to have with the newly appointed foreign minister of Ecuador. "You are congratulating him on becoming foreign minister, and purpose is to establish a personal relationship with him," Abedin replied. "Trying to get u call sheet, its classified...."

Moment of truth: Will Kentucky clerk issue gay marriage license after court ruled against her?

MOREHEAD, Ky. (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled against the county clerk who refused to issue gay marriage licenses, leaving her with perhaps her toughest decision yet: Hand out licenses or risk potential fines or even possible jail time.

The moment of truth comes Tuesday morning when Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis opens her office doors. She appears to have run out of legal options after the high court denied her last-ditch appeal late Monday.

Davis has steadfastly refused to issue the licenses, saying her deeply held Christian beliefs don't let her endorse gay marriages. Her attorney said she would pray overnight and understands the consequences either way.

"Wow, wow, wow, I can't believe it, we might finally be able to get a license," said April Miller, who's been denied a gay marriage license twice. "I don't know if she'll stand her ground and deny licenses. But I guess we'll find out."

Davis stopped issuing all marriage licenses in the days after U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage across the nation. Two gay couples and two straight couples sued her, arguing that she must fulfill her duties as an elected official despite her personal religious faith. A federal judge ordered her to issue the licenses, and an appeals court upheld that decision. Her lawyers with the Liberty Counsel filed a last-ditch appeal to the Supreme Court on Friday, asking that they grant her "asylum for her conscience."

Flourishing street stalls show entrepreneurial undercurrent in North Korean economy

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Street stalls that offer North Koreans a place to spend — or make — money on everything from snow cones to DVDs are flourishing in Pyongyang and other North Korean cities, modest but growing forms of private commerce in a country where capitalism is officially anathema.

In sharp contrast to the common but semi-clandestine activities of old women hawking loose cigarettes on city backstreets or farmers selling their produce in makeshift fruit stands along highways, the kiosks appear to have the support of some important backers and are both conspicuous and spreading fast.

Near Pyongyang's main train station, for example, a hamburger stand is doing good business. A few blocks away is a kiosk that stocks buns and bakery goods. Other kiosks sell flowers, soft drinks and junk food. Since it's summer now, the big items are snow cones and ice cream, affordably priced at less than 1 U.S. dollar.

In the winter, it's roasted chestnuts, sweet potatoes and hot drinks.

Most of the kiosks are decidedly small-time. But fancy ones associated with well-established restaurants or state-approved enterprises are also multiplying, which could suggest the Pyongyang status quo may be trying to tap into, or even develop, the nascent domestic consumer market.

In the war room, on the streets: 2 distinct responses to spike in violence plaguing Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — There are only three rules at the Kids Safe Zone: Sign in, clean up after yourself, and read for 15 minutes before playing with the toys stacked around the space, a converted laundromat in West Baltimore.

Ericka Alston — who launched the center in the poor, crime-riddled neighborhood in response to the violence that followed the death of Freddie Gray — said she considered different rules: no fighting, no cursing, no violence. But she thought better of it.

“I said to myself: ‘If we don’t post those things, they won’t think about those things,’” Alston said. “We hug them. We say positive things to them. We let them know how special they are. That’s what’s missing from their home. We made a decision to be the village.”

It has been a bloody summer in cities across the country. Milwaukee surpassed its 2014 homicide total by mid-July. The nation’s capital reached that milestone last week.

And in nearby Baltimore — where the spike in killing has combined with unrest over a national spate of deaths of unarmed black men at the hands of police — an especially daunting challenge has emerged, and produced two very different responses.

Taiwan swipe card with image of Japanese porn star sells out within hours, despite criticism

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A special edition swipe card for Taiwan’s mass transit featuring the clothed image of a Japanese porn star sold out within hours overnight via a telephone hotline, despite a storm of opposition.

Taiwan’s EasyCard Corp. said on its website that it sold its full run of 15,000 card sets by 4:18 a.m. Tuesday after phone orders started at midnight.

The stored value cards — also used for convenience store purchases — feature images of Yui Hatano, a 27-year-old Japanese woman who local media say likes Taiwan and wants to help the card company’s charity donation scheme.

Hatano, also popular in Japan, is pictured from the elbows up and clothed. A pose on the cards’ wrapper appears with the word “angels” and another is accompanied by the word “demons.”

Critics, including parents, politicians and women’s advocacy groups, campaigned against the cards, saying the images disrespect women and send inappropriate messages to children. Many stores declined to sell them, and the company ended up offering them via telephone hotline only.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, September 1, the 244th day of 2015. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On September 1, 1715, following a reign of 72 years, King Louis XIV of France died four days before his 77th birthday.

On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

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In 1914, the last passenger pigeon in captivity, "Martha," died at the Cincinnati Zoo.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

In 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was September 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1976, U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, resigned in the wake of a scandal in which he admitted having an affair with "secretary" Elizabeth Ray.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off Newfoundland.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

Ten years ago: New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin issued a "desperate SOS" as his city descended into anarchy amid the flooding left by Hurricane Katrina. Al-Qaida's number-two made the terror group's first direct claim of responsibility for the July 7 bombings in London in a videotape.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama convened a new round of ambitious Mideast peace talks at the White House as he hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the first face-to-face negotiations in nearly two years. A man upset with the Discovery Channel's programming took two employees and a security officer hostage at the network's headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland; police shot and killed the gunman, James Jae Lee, and all three hostages escaped safely. Cammie King Conlon, 76, the former child actress who'd played the doomed Bonnie Blue Butler in "Gone with the Wind," died in Fort Bragg, California.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, addressing a union crowd in Milwaukee, renewed his push for Congress to raise the minimum wage in a buoyant accounting of the economy's "revving" performance. The U.N.'s top human rights body overwhelmingly approved the Iraqi government's request for an investigation into alleged crimes against civilians committed by the Islamic State group in its rampage across northeastern Syria and parts of Iraq. Cole Hamels and three Philadelphia Phillies relievers combined to pitch a no-hitter, the fourth of the season, beating the Atlanta Braves 7-0.

Today's Birthdays: Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird is 93. Actor George Maharis is 87. Conductor Seiji Ozawa (SAY'-jee oh-ZAH'-wah) is 80. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 77. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 76. Actor Don Stroud is 72. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 71. Singer Archie Bell is 71. Singer Barry Gibb is 69. Rock musician Greg Errico is 67. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 65. Singer Gloria Estefan is 58. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 54. Jazz musician Boney James is 54. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 52. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 51. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 49. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 45. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 44. Actor Maury Sterling is 44. Rock singer JD Fortune is 42. Actor Scott Speedman is 40. Country singer Angaleena Presley (Pistol Annies) is 39. Actor Boyd Holbrook is 34. Actress Zoe Lister-Jones is 33. Rock musician Joe Trohman is 31. Actress Aisling (ASH'-ling) Loftus is 25.

Thought for Today: "There is little that can withstand a man who can conquer himself." — King Louis XIV (1638-1715).