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Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

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Saturday, September 12

WELCA fall workshop for officers at Frederick
Birthdays: • Cliff Pray • Doug Krueger • Tomas Yarborough • Alexa Nilsson • Craig Harms • Jared Poppen

9:30am: Cross Country at Milbank
10:00am: Boys Golf Tourney in Groton
1:00pm: Girls Soccer at SF Christian
3:00pm: Boys soccer at SF Christian
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, September 13

Birthdays: • Richard Krueger • Tami Zimney • Toby Doeden • Patty Tastad
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, September 14

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

School Lunch: Super nachos, sweet potato tots, romaine salad, bread sticks, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chicken rice casserole, green beans, spinach salad, chocolate pudding with bananas, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Gerald & Ann Rix

Birthdays: Bob Wehde • Bonnie Larson • Ryan Groeblichhoff

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
10:00am: Boys golf at Madison
4:00pm: Cross Country at Webster
5:00pm: JV Football vs. Redfield-Doland at Doland
7:30pm: School Board Meeting

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- Blacksmith Shop
- Heritage Crafts & Quilt Show
- Spinning & Weaving
- Toy & Doll Display
- Flea Markets
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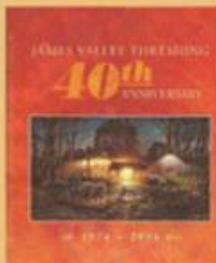


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BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2015 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
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Webster Area beats Waverly-South Shore

After a bad punt snap by Waverly-South Shore gave Webster Area good field position towards the end of the 4th quarter, Hunter Gaikowski scored with 1:53 remaining to lift Webster Area to a 24-18 win. Webster Area had tied the game with 5:08 remaining in the game.

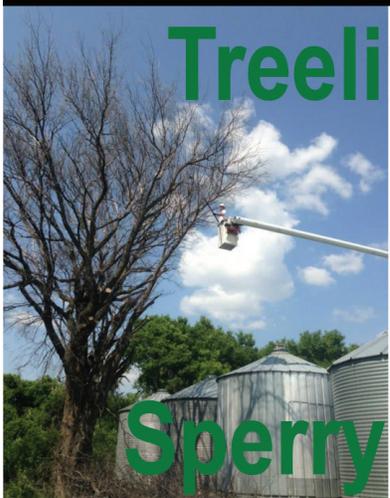
Kelby Hawkins, who transferred from Groton Area to Webster Area this year, completed one of five passes for 54 yards with one interception and one touchdown pass of 54 yards which tied the game at 18.

Noah Thurston had six carries for 15 yards and he completed two of two passes for 20 yards.

Webster Area is now 3-0 on the season while Waverly-South Shore goes to 2-1.

Faulkton beats Leola-Frederick

Faulkton defeated Leola-Frederick, 40-6. Leola-Frederick's touchdown came with the first play of the second period when Austin Sumption completed a 38-yard pass play to Zach Sumption. Faulkton had more total offense, 285-197. Austin Sumption completed nine of 27 passes for 153 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. Leading rushers were Austin Sumption with three carries for 21 yards while Zachary Mikkonen had one for 13 yards and John VanDover had five for 12 yards. VanDover had three kickoff returns for 33 yards



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We start on September 14th and 15th and go through March.

You don't have to be good, you just need to want to have fun.

Please contact Vickie Kramp at 382-7293 or leave your name and contact number at Jungle Lanes.

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Groton Area beats Redfield-Doland



The fans gathered on the field as the team huddled together after Groton Area's 14-7 win over Redfield-Doland Friday in Groton.

One would have thought that Groton Area won the state football title Friday night as the fans were on their feet, anticipating what may happen in the closing seconds of the game. Redfield-Doland had two incomplete passes into the endzone with less than 12 seconds left in the game as Groton Area hung on to go 3-0 on the season with a 14-7 Northeast Conference win.

"I'm proud of how our guys played," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "I knew it was going to come down to making the big plays."

But it was a big play that put Groton in the hole to start the game. Prior to the game, Wanner told his captains, "Now don't let them score on the first play of the game, or the second." Carter Klapperich took the opening kickoff and returned it 78 yards in 14 seconds as Redfield-Doland jumped out to a 6-0 lead. Riley Evans kicked the PAT and it was quickly a 7-0 lead for the Pheasants. "I have to quit saying that," Wanner said. "Mobridge-Pollock scored right away on us last week, too. But I'd rather have that than for them to score with 14 seconds left in the game. There was a lot of playing time left."

The Tigers tried to return the favor on its first possession, marching down to the 11-yard line, but then Alan Masat intercepted the ball in the endzone to end the Tiger drive. On Groton's next possession, the Tigers were sacked on fourth and one, but Lucas Hinman intercepted the ball.

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The teams went back and forth with no hit hitting paydirt. The Pheasants fumbled the ball as Jack McKiver made a sack and Hunter Lerew stripped the ball from the Redfield-Doland player and recovered the loose ball.

"We put ourselves in good situations, but we didn't capitalized on them," Wanner said. "I told the kids at half time that someone has to step up and make the big plays. I thought the kids did a good job in this close game."

Redfield-Doland still held a 7-0 lead at half time.

The Tigers would get a taste of the endzone early in the third quarter when Bennett Shabazz would escape and run for 38 yards. The PAT kick was no good and Redfield-Doland was still on top, 7-6.

Early in the fourth quarter, a high snap by the Pheasants put Groton Area within striking range at the Pheasant 24-yard line. On the next play, Shabazz would run 24 yards and he ran in the PAT as Groton took a 14-7 lead with 10:29 left in the game.

Groton Area then had a high snap. The Pheasants picked up the ball and Shane Simon turned around and dove to make the tackle. "There are some things you don't see on a stat sheet and that was one of them," Wanner said. "That was the play of the game. If Shane wouldn't have made



Lucas Hinman (Left) and Patrick Gengerke (right) tackle Redfield-Doland's Dalton Jessen.



The team is introduced.

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that tackle, Redfield would have ran it into the endzone untouched." Redfield was on the Groton four-yard line. A penalty made it first and nine, then it was second and six. On third down, Adam Herman made the interception in the endzone with 3:31 left in the game. "That was another big play," Wanner said.

The Pheasants had one more opportunity to score, taking over at the Groton 35 yard line with 47 seconds left in the game. Redfield-Doland got a first down with the ball at the Groton 24 yard line with 12 seconds left. Two incomplete passes into the endzone resulted in no score as Groton Area went on to win, 14-7.

In the game last week, Seric Shabazz ended up with a hairline fracture in his growth bone in his ankle area. Wanner said he will be in a cast for four weeks and then the doctors will re-evaluate his condition. "We were shuffling guys around and we had some illness this week so we were not as prepared as we wanted to be in this game," Wanner said. "We had to take out a sophomore and put in a freshman. We have a lot of inexperience out there right now, but that's the difference between an average football team and a good football team. A good football team gets better and I feel we are doing exactly that. The kids



Bennett Shabazz looks for an open person as the line makes the blocks and the crowd is watching in the background.

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are very positive with each other and they understand it's not just one person - everyone is contributing. I'm proud of how our guys are making the big plays."

Groton Area had more first downs, 10-8, and both teams had five penalties with Groton Area having 45 yards penalized and Redfield-Doland 30 yards. Groton Area carried the ball 42 times for 202 yards. Bennett Shabazz had 26 carries for 164 yards and two touchdowns, Carter Jondahl had six carries for 28 yards, Lucas Hinman had five carries for 17 yards,



Redfield-Doland's Dalton Jessen tries to run down Adam Herman.



Trevor Pray was just short of trying to catch this pass.

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Adam Herman had four for 23 yards and Patrick Gengerke had one for a minus 25 yards. Redfield-Doland had 31 carries for 35 yards. Cooper Baloun had 19 carries for 50 yards and Alan Masat had nine for 20 yards.

Bennett Shabazz completed one of six passes for five yards (to Trevor Pray) and one interception. Alan Masat completed seven of 22 passes for the Pheasants for 72 yards and two interceptions. Brandyn Binger had two catches for 39 yards.

Carter Jondahl had 10 tackles for Groton Area and Bennett Shabazz had eight. Leading tacklers for the Pheasants were Taylen Wiff with 11 and Bradyn Binger, Cooper Baloun and Collin Klebsch with 10 each.

Groton Area will travel to Milbank on Friday and Redfield-Doland will travel to Parkston. The Pheasants are 1-2 on the season.

"Milbank will be another big game for us," Wanner said. "Our goal is to win the conference championship and we have put ourselves in a situation to win it."



Above: Carter Jondahl gains a few yards before being brought down by Kevin Krumm. Below: Jondahl brings down Alan Masat.



Adam Herman brings down Cooper Baloun.



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A pair of siblings were helping a parent at the football game Friday night. In the left photo, Brian Schuring is keeping stats and is being helped by his son, Sean. In the right photo, Joann Donley is taking photos for the yearbook with her daughter, Emma, learning the trade.



It was a beautiful sunset as seen at halftime of the game.

Hughes speaks at Friday morning breakfast

Football player Billy Hughes was in Groton and was spending time with the Jondahls. He spoke to the football players at the Friday morning breakfast, according to Coach Shaun Wanner. "He said that football is the ultimate team sport. Too many times they are too individualized." Hughes gave a good pep talk, according to Wanner.

Today in Weather History

September 12, 1931: On this day in 1931, near record or record heat came to an end across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. From September 9th through the 12th, many record highs were set at Aberdeen, Kennebec, Mobridge, Timber Lake, Watertown, and Wheaton. High temperatures during this four-day period ranged from 95 degrees to 109 degrees. Aberdeen rose to 107 degrees on the 10th, Kennebec rose to 109 on the 9th, Mobridge rose to 105 on the 9th, Timber Lake's high was 106 on the 9th, Watertown rose to 104 on the 10th, and Wheaton rose to 108 degrees on the 10th.

1961: Super Typhoon Nancy was an extremely powerful tropical cyclone of the 1961 Pacific typhoon season. The system had possibly the strongest winds ever measured in a tropical cyclone, and caused extensive damage and at least 173 deaths and thousands of injuries in Japan and elsewhere. A reconnaissance aircraft flying into the typhoon near its peak intensity on September 12 determined Nancy's one-minute sustained winds to be 215 mph. If these values are reliable, they would be the highest wind speeds ever measured in a tropical cyclone. However, it was later determined that measurements and estimations of wind speeds from the 1940s to 1960s were excessive. Thus, Nancy's winds may actually be lower than its official best-track value.

1882 - Hot and dry winds caused tree foliage in eastern Kansas to wither and crumble. (David Ludlum)

1977 - Thunderstorms deluged the Kansas City area with torrential rains in the early morning hours, and then again that evening. Some places were deluged with more than six inches of rain twice that day, with up to 18 inches of rain reported at Independence MO. Flooding claimed the lives of 25 persons. The Country Club Plaza area was hardest hit. 2000 vehicles had to be towed following the storm, 150 of which had to be pulled out of Brush Creek, which runs through the Plaza area. (The Kansas City Weather Almanac)

1979 - Hurricane Frederick smashed into the Mobile Bay area of Alabama packing 132 mph winds. Winds gusts to 145 mph were reported as the eye of the hurricane moved over Dauphin Island AL, just west of Mobile. Frederick produced a fifteen foot storm surge near the mouth of Mobile Bay. The hurricane was the costliest in U.S. history causing 2.3 billion dollars damage. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain which caused flooding in North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Parts of Virginia received 3 to 4 inches of rain in just two hours early in the day. Later in the day, three to five inch rains deluged Cumberland County of south central Pennsylvania. Evening thunderstorms produced seven inches of rain at Marysville PA, most of which fell in three hours time. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - An afternoon tornado spawned a tornado which skipped across northern sections of Indianapolis IN damaging roofs and automobiles. It was the first tornado in central Indiana in September in nearly forty years of records. Hurricane Gilbert plowed across the island of Jamaica, and by the end of the day was headed for the Cayman Islands, packing winds of 125 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Snow whitened the mountains and foothills of northeastern Colorado, with eight inches reported at Buckhorn Mountain, west of Fort Collins. Two to three inches fell around Denver, causing great havoc during the evening rush hour. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Southern Plains Region between mid afternoon and early the next morning. Thunderstorms produced hail three inches in diameter at Roswell NM, and wind gusts greater than 98 mph at Henryetta OK. Thunderstorms also produced torrential rains, with more than seven inches at Scotland TX, and more than six inches at Yukon OK. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today

Tonight

Sunday

Sunday Night

Monday

Monday Night

Tuesday



Sunny



Mostly Clear



Sunny



Mostly Clear



Sunny



Partly Cloudy



Mostly Sunny

High: 75 °F

Low: 50 °F

High: 83 °F

Low: 56 °F

High: 84 °F

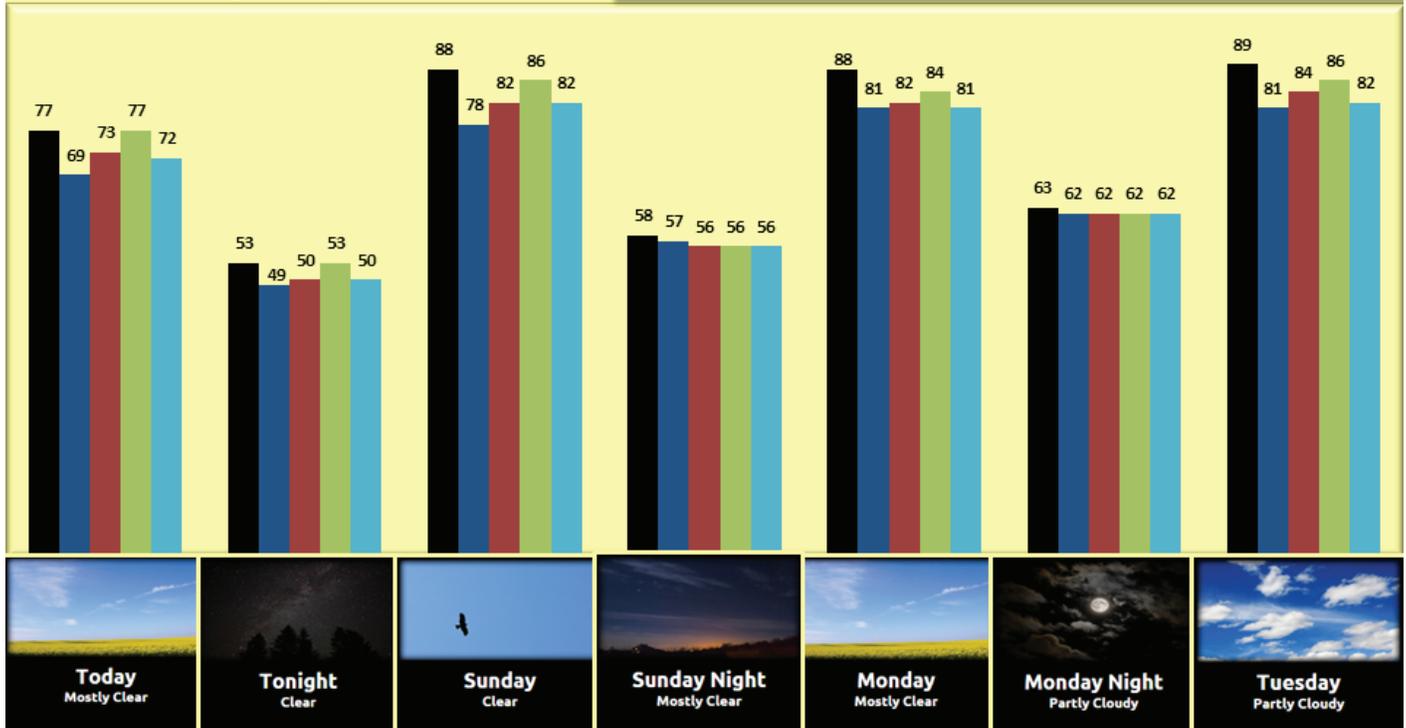
Low: 64 °F

High: 86 °F

Warming Trend Through Early Next Week

Forecast High & Low Temperatures Through Early Next Week

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 ■ Watertown Area
 ■ Aberdeen Area
 ■ Mobridge Area
 ■ Sisseton Area



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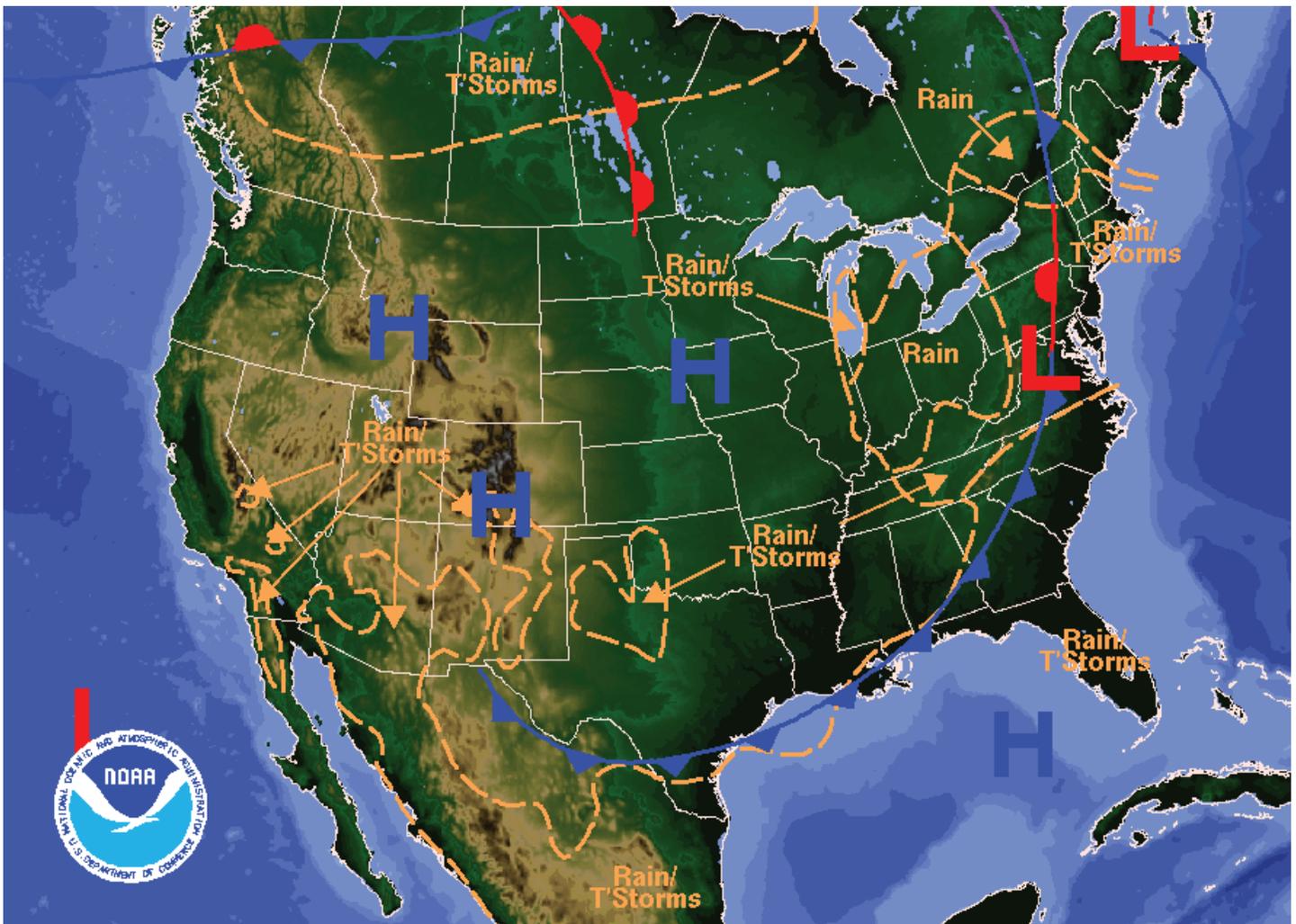
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 65.7
Low: 34.9
High Gust: 12
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1931
Record Low: 28.4 in 1902
Average High: 74°F
Average Low: 47°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 0.91
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16
Average Precip to date: 17.20
Precip Year to Date: 16.96
Sunset Tonight: 7:50 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:09 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Sep 12, 2015, issued 4:14 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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KNOWING AND DOING

Two men were enjoying the annual church golf tournament. While waiting for their turn, one said to the other, "There are times when I would like to ask God why He allows hunger and poverty. If He is all powerful, why doesn't He do something about it."

"Well," asked his friend, "why don't you ask Him?"

"Because," he answered, "I'm afraid He might ask me the same question."

Many believe that we only sin when we do what we know is wrong: by not following the Word of God. Not so, writes James.

He tells us that sin is also not doing what we know to be the right thing to do. We would all agree that it is a sin to speak evil of someone and harm their reputation. But it is also a sin if someone speaks evil of a brother or sister and we remain silent and do not speak up on their behalf. God expects us to do kind acts, serve others, guard their reputation and protect others the way He protects us.

Someday we will be judged by our standard of life not our standard of living.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to do what we know is right, to avoid what we know is wrong, and always be honest. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

News from the Associated Press

Spearfish police officers now equipped with body cameras

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Police in Spearfish are now equipped with body cameras but the chief says they're not a response to the nationwide push for the devices.

Spearfish Police Chief Pat Rotert tells the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/1g7Sdfr>) his officers have used audio recording devices for decades. He says his department began planning to purchase the cameras starting in 2012.

Rotert says recent national events, which have sparked discussions about requiring body cameras for law enforcement, had "no bearing" on the department purchasing the cameras.

Rotert says their hope is to augment their recording capabilities. Though the department has in-car cameras, he says often what needs to be documented is not happening in front of the vehicle.

The department will hold a demonstration for the city council on Sept. 21.

Mitchell voters to decide on fate of proposed indoor pool

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Voters in Mitchell will have a chance to decide whether the city should build an \$8 million indoor pool.

Organizers wanting to put the aquatics facility project to a public vote have gathered 555 signatures, exceeding the needed 460.

Steve Sibson helped circulate petitions. He tells the Mitchell Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1MiVUNN>) the project is costly and city funding could better be used to stimulate the economy.

Mitchell Aquatic Club President Ryan Huber says he believes people signed because they felt citizens needed to weigh in on a project this size and not because they oppose the pool. He says the facility will benefit residents.

The city council will decide later this month whether to hold a special election on the facility or wait until the November 2016 general election.

Officials breaking ground on School of Mines student housing

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and its foundation are breaking ground Saturday on a new residence hall to house 200 students.

The six-story building to be constructed just west of campus will offer 51 suite-style units, each with a living room, private bathrooms and bedrooms. Community lounges, kitchens and group study spaces will be provided throughout the building.

The School of Mines and the foundation will enter into a 30-year lease agreement for the completed project, built on a 1.78-acre site owned by the foundation. The South Dakota Board of Regents approved the proposal in June.

The new hall is in response to a 35 percent increase in enrollment over the past six years. It's expected to open by the fall 2016 semester.

Eagle Butte man gets 5 years for stabbing woman 17 times

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — An Eagle Butte man convicted of stabbing a woman approximately 20 times has been sentenced to over five years in prison.

Forty-seven-year-old Theodore Provencal was sentenced to 68 months in custody followed by two years of supervised release.

A federal grand jury indicted Provencal for assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury on April 14. He pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon on June 23.

Authorities say Provencal began fighting with a woman on April 3 in Bear Creek Community on the

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Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, stabbing her repeatedly with a kitchen knife.

The victim received approximately 20 stab wounds, stopped breathing and was unconscious for a period of time.

Provencial left the house after swinging the knife at another woman.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Central 21, Rapid City Stevens 18
Aberdeen Roncalli 20, Milbank Area 13
Alcester-Hudson 58, Garretson 26
Belle Fourche 59, Mobridge-Pollock 7
Bison 28, Hill City 16
Bon Homme 62, Gregory 54, OT
Bridgewater-Emery 48, Flandreau 0
Brookings 54, Douglas 13
Canistota 41, Howard 0
Castlewood/Estelline 59, Tiospa Zina Tribal 6
Chamberlain 36, Little Wound 22
Chester 29, Baltic 26
Clark/Willow Lake 6, Britton-Hecla 0
Colman-Egan 58, Elkton-Lake Benton 7
Custer 31, Red Cloud 6
Dell Rapids St. Mary 40, DeSmet 34
Edgemont 41, Hay Springs, Neb. 35
Faith 54, Newell 0
Faulkton 40, Leola/Frederick 6
Florence/Henry 66, Great Plains Lutheran 14
Gayville-Volin 35, Avon 0
Groton Area 14, Redfield/Doland 7
Hanson 50, Platte-Geddes 12
Harding County 40, New Underwood 0
Herreid/Selby Area 54, Sully Buttes 34
Huron 27, Sturgis 0
Langford 50, Hitchcock-Tulare 0
Lead-Deadwood 22, Bennett County 18
Lennox 28, Canton 21
Lower Brule 52, McLaughlin 0
Madison 28, West Central 7
McCook Central/Montrose 33, Elk Point-Jefferson 0
Miller 35, Eureka/Bowdle 12
Mitchell 13, Watertown 10, OT
Parker 60, Irene-Wakonda 6
Parkston 36, Vermillion 16
Pierre 30, Harrisburg 23
Rapid City Christian 21, Wall 12
Scotland 36, Andes Central 6
Sioux Falls Christian 48, Beresford 13
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 28, Brandon Valley 14
Sioux Valley 34, Sisseton 13

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Spearfish 25, Rapid City Central 23
St. Francis Indian 38, Pine Ridge 0
St. Thomas More 37, Hot Springs 6
Stanley County 59, Lyman 16
Sunshine Bible Academy 42, Crazy Horse 18
Tea Area 28, Dakota Valley 16
Timber Lake 18, Lemmon/McIntosh 14
Todd County 46, Crow Creek 0
Tri-Valley 12, Dell Rapids 7
Viborg-Hurley 41, Centerville 12
Warner 58, Ipswich/Edmunds Central 8
Webster 24, Waverly-South Shore 18
Winner 56, Wagner 6
Wolsey-Wessington 50, Arlington/Lake Preston 0
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 58, Deubrook 28

Volleyball

Hay Springs, Neb. def. Edgemont, 26-28, 25-23, 10-25, 25-23, 15-6
James Valley Christian def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-11, 25-27, 25-22, 25-23

Herrick man indicted on second-degree manslaughter charge

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A 77-year-old Herrick man involved in a fatal car crash in May has been indicted by a Gregory County jury.

Herris Lambley has been indicted on several charges, including second-degree manslaughter and misdemeanor reckless driving.

Authorities say Lambley was driving a pickup truck in May and struck a car being driven by Steven Wheeler at a rural intersection on the evening of May 26.

Wheeler, a Herrick resident, died at the scene. Lambley suffered injuries that the Highway Patrol at the time called serious but not life-threatening.

The state attorney general's office is prosecuting the case.

It's unclear whether Lambley has an attorney. He's not in custody and a man who answered the phone at Lambley's house said there is no comment at this time.

Man sentenced for stabbing 2 after Mission bar fight

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Attorney's Office says a 27-year-old man has been sentenced to three years and eight months in prison after pleading guilty to stabbing two men after a bar fight.

Acting United States Attorney Randolph J. Seiler says Kenneth Littlewolf of Mission pleaded guilty in June to assault with a dangerous weapon. U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange sentenced him on Wednesday.

Prosecutors say Littlewolf was at a bar near Mission on Jan. 31 and was asked to give a ride to two people. Littlewolf agreed, but got into an argument and stabbed both people. The bar's owner and bartender broke up that fight, but Littlewolf kicked the men with his work boots and stabbed them before fleeing in his vehicle.

AP News in Brief

AP Exclusive: EPA suspends new work at 10 mine sites across US to avoid repeat of huge spill

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Site investigations and some cleanup work at 10 polluted mining complexes in four states were suspended because of conditions similar to those that led to a massive wastewater

blowout from an inactive Colorado gold mine, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said.

The sites include three in California, four in Colorado, two in Montana and one in Missouri, according to details obtained by The Associated Press following repeated requests for the information.

They have the potential for contaminated water to build up inside mine workings, EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus said. That would set the stage for a possible spill such as last month's near Silverton, Colorado, where an EPA team triggered a 3 million gallon blowout of toxic sludge while doing excavation work on the inactive Gold King Mine.

The accident fouled rivers in three states and attracted harsh criticism of the EPA for not being prepared despite prior warnings that such a spill could happen.

"We want to take extra caution before we initiate any work," Stanislaus said of the work suspensions. Some the mines were abandoned decades ago and have grown more unstable over time, raising the risk of an accident.

Saudi official: Strong winds caused construction crane to smash into Mecca mosque, killing 107

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The head of Saudi Arabia's civil defense directorate says high winds caused a massive crane to topple over and smash into Mecca's Grand Mosque, killing at least 107 people ahead of the start of the annual hajj pilgrimage.

Director General Suleiman bin Abdullah al-Amro told satellite broadcaster Al-Arabiya on Saturday that unusually powerful winds in the area also tore down trees and signs as a storm whipped through the area.

He denied reports that lightning brought down the red-and-white crane or that some of those killed died in a stampede.

The civil defense directorate says 238 people were injured in the accident late Friday afternoon at the mosque, which houses the cube-shaped Kaaba and is ringed by several cranes engaged in ongoing construction work to expand the site.

Police swarm convenience store, question man in string of shootings that have rattled Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP) — Police have detained a man who they believe may have ties to a string of freeway shootings that have rattled Phoenix over the past two weeks.

It's not clear whether the man detained Friday after he was arrested at a convenience store near Interstate 10 is the only person of interest. The shooting scenarios have varied, said a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety. Some shootings involved bullets fired at random cars, others involved projectiles — possibly BBs or pellets — and one was apparently road rage, spokesman Bart Graves said.

Phoenix drivers have been unnerved since the shootings began Aug. 29, mostly along Interstate 10, a major route through the city. Many drivers have avoided freeways since then. Eight of the cars were hit with bullets and three with projectiles that could have been BBs or pellets. One girl's ear was cut by glass as a bullet shattered her window.

In a press release, the Department of Public Safety identified the man detained on Friday a 19-year-old from a Phoenix suburb. The department would not provide more information linking him to the shootings other than to say he was being questioned and that he had been booked into jail on an unrelated possession of marijuana charge.

Graves had said earlier Friday that investigators were questioning the man "about a number of things" besides the freeway shootings, but he declined to disclose what that entailed.

The Latest: Germany's vice chancellor says speed of influx is as big a problem as numbers

The latest developments as European governments rush to cope with the huge number of people moving across Europe. All times local (CET):

11:40 a.m.

Germany's vice chancellor is renewing calls for a European solution to the migrant crisis and saying that the speed of arrivals poses a problem.

Sigmar Gabriel said in the central city of Hildesheim Saturday that "Germany sees itself in a situation where we are reaching limits," news agency dpa reported. He added that "the speed is almost more problematic than the number."

New procedure triggers spike in people losing health law coverage due to immigration issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — A change in government procedures has led to a big jump in people losing coverage under the Obama health care law because of immigration and citizenship issues.

More than 400,000 had their insurance canceled, nearly four times as many as last year.

The Obama administration says it is following the letter of the law, and this year that means a shorter time frame for resolving immigration and citizenship issues. But advocates say the administration's system for verifying eligibility is seriously flawed, and consumers who are legally entitled to benefits are paying the price.

"Same dog, different collar," said Jane Delgado, president of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, evoking an old Spanish saying about situations that do not seem to change. "The bottom line is people got taken off health insurance when they applied in good faith."

The National Immigration Law Center says it believes the overwhelming majority of the 423,000 people whose coverage was terminated are legal U.S. residents and citizens snared in a complicated, inefficient system for checking documents.

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry first to exit 2016 race as Donald Trump suffocates GOP rivals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rick Perry's political career ended with a whimper, a remarkable if predictable fall for the longest-serving governor in Texas history and a leader many considered the Republican Party's savior just four years ago.

History may judge it an end sealed back in 2011, when Perry froze on a debate stage and tried to recover with an embarrassed "oops." Others may remember the former governor with the movie-star looks and resume to match as Donald Trump's first political victim.

Perry all but declared war on the billionaire businessman in July, calling Trump "a cancer on conservatism" who could destroy the Republican Party. On Friday night, Trump's campaign was soaring while Perry was pulling out of the race for the White House.

More than a dozen major Republican candidates remain in the 2016 field, yet Trump's dominance is suffocating his rivals. In still-early polls, the real-estate mogul and realty TV star has more support than the once-top-tier trio of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio combined.

In second, by the way, is another political rookie: retired surgeon Ben Carson.

Hollywood pilot working on Tom Cruise movies killed in Colombia air crash

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A small plane assigned to the crew of a movie starring Tom Cruise crashed in the Colombian Andes on Friday, killing two people, including a Los Angeles-based film pilot, and seriously injuring a third, the country's civilian aviation authority said.

An official with the aviation agency, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter, said Cruise was not on the aircraft.

The official said an American, Alan Purwin, was killed along with the Colombian Carlos Berl. A third person aboard, Jimmy Lee Garland, a pilot from Georgia, was rushed to a hospital in Medellin, where he was in intensive care.

The official said the twin-engine plane ran into bad weather late Friday afternoon after taking off from the colonial town of Santa Fe de Antioquia for a short flight to Medellin. No emergency was reported to air traffic controllers.

The Piper Aerostar-600, with tail number N164HH, appears to be the same aircraft that Cruise, a trained pilot, was photographed exiting the cockpit from upon his arrival in Medellin on Aug. 20 to start work on his new film.

Dogged by critics, Baltimore mayor drops re-election bid, saying she'll focus on governing

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is abandoning her re-election bid, dogged by critics who questioned whether she was fit to lead a city still reeling from a black man's mysterious death from injuries received while in police custody.

The mayor of this majority black city, still 15 months away from election day, said at a news conference Friday that she wanted to focus on governing, not campaigning. Rawlings-Blake said she wanted to guide the city through a difficult time and pointed to her achievements: ethics reforms to combat fraud, reducing the city's \$100 million budget deficit by half, adding 12,000 jobs and demolishing more than 3,000 vacant structures.

Her five years in office have been marred in the months since Freddie Gray's death, however. In April, the day of Gray's funeral, rioters smashed windows, set fires and caused millions of dollars in damage. In the aftermath, the head of an already troubled police department was fired, with one of his deputies tapped to restore trust in the community.

Systemic issues, including racial inequality and economic disparity, became all the more stark after festering for decades. And now, after reaching a \$6.4 million settlement with Gray's family, the prosecution of six officers charged in his death must continue.

"Many important decisions lie ahead, both from recovering from April's unrest and managing our city through the multiple trials we have coming up," said Rawlings-Blake, referring to the prosecution of the six officers charged in Gray's death.

Donald Trump tells 'Tonight' audience that for him, so far, apologizing is an alien act

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump clarified, sort of, a long-standing question about his personality during an appearance on Friday's "Tonight Show."

Host Jimmy Fallon asked him, playfully, if the billionaire developer and GOP presidential front-runner has ever apologized for anything.

"I fully think apologizing is a great thing," the famously self-assured Trump replied before winning the studio audience's applause by adding: "But you have to be WRONG. ... I will absolutely apologize sometime in the hopefully distant future if I'm ever wrong."

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That's how it went, with both Fallon and the audience eating out of his hand.

In what passed as one of the segment's more serious moments, Fallon asked what Trump was doing on the campaign trail that his Republicans aren't to win support from voters.

US Open Lookahead: A photo, video and two kids all these years later meet for a Slam title

NEW YORK (AP) — The day before Roberta Vinci and Flavia Pennetta went out and won their U.S. Open semifinals — Vinci stunningly ending Serena Williams' Grand Slam bid; Pennetta pulling off a lesser upset — Pennetta forwarded Vinci a photo she saw on Facebook.

It was a picture of the two Italians when they teamed up to win the 1999 French Open junior doubles title, a reminder of their shared past, growing up 40 miles (65 kilometers) apart in coastal towns in Puglia, a region on the heel of their country's boot-shaped peninsula.

And then, on the morning of their semifinals at Flushing Meadows, Vinci excitedly returned the favor, approaching Pennetta in the locker room to show her a video she unearthed of the pair being interviewed on TV after that long-ago triumph as teenagers in Paris.

"We were small. Really small," Pennetta said. "She said, 'Look! Look! Listen to our voices then!'"

Vinci noticed Pennetta's eyes welling.

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2015. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 12, 1962, in a speech at Rice University in Houston, President John F. Kennedy reaffirmed his support for the manned space program, declaring: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

On this date:

In 1814, the Battle of North Point took place in Maryland during the War of 1812 as American forces slowed British troops advancing on Baltimore.

In 1846, Elizabeth Barrett secretly married Robert Browning at St. Marylebone Church in London.

In 1914, during World War I, the First Battle of the Marne ended in an Allied victory against Germany.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten (soo-DAYT'-un) Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1944, the Second Quebec Conference opened with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in attendance.

In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier (boo-vee-AY') in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sehl-AH'-see) was deposed by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steve Biko (BEE'-koh) died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

In 1986, Joseph Cicippio (sih-SIHP'-ee-oh), the acting comptroller at the American University in Beirut, was kidnapped (he was released in December 1991).

In 1995, the Belarusian military shot down a hydrogen balloon during an international race, killing its two American pilots, John Stuart-Jervis and Alan Fraenckel.

In 2000, Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first first lady to win an election as she claimed victory in the New York Democratic Senate primary, defeating little-known opponent Dr. Mark McMahon.

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Ten years ago: Federal Emergency Management Agency director Mike Brown resigned, three days after losing his onsite command of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. At the start of his confirmation hearing, Supreme Court nominee John Roberts pledged to judge with humility and "without fear or favor" if approved as the nation's 17th chief justice.

Five years ago: The United States won its first world basketball championship since 1994, beating Turkey 81-64 in Istanbul behind a sensational performance from tournament MVP Kevin Durant, who scored 28 points. Lady Gaga swept the MTV Video Music Awards with eight wins, wearing a dress made of meat as she accepted the video of the year award for "Bad Romance." Movie director Claude Chabrol, one of the founders of the French New Wave movement, died in Paris at age 80.

One year ago: A South African judge found Oscar Pistorius guilty of culpable homicide, or negligent killing, in the shooting death of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp and declared the double-amputee Olympian not guilty of murder. Ian Paisley, 88, the divisive Protestant firebrand preacher who had devoted his life to thwarting compromise with Catholics in Northern Ireland only to become a pivotal peacemaker in his twilight years, died in Belfast.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dickie Moore ("Our Gang") is 90. Actor Freddie Jones is 88. Actor Ian Holm is 84. U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., is 76. Actress Linda Gray is 75. Singer Maria Muldaur is 73. Actor Joe Pantoliano is 64. Singer-musician Gerry Beckley (America) is 63. Original MTV VJ Nina Blackwood is 63. Rock musician Neil Peart (Rush) is 63. Actor Peter Scolaris is 60. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is 59. Actress Rachel Ward is 58. Actress Amy Yasbeck is 53. Rock musician Norwood Fisher (Fishbone) is 50. Actor Darren E. Burrows is 49. Rock singer-musician Ben Folds (Ben Folds Five) is 49. Actor-comedian Louis (loo-ee) C.K. is 48. Rock musician Larry LaLonde (Primus) is 47. Golfer Angel Cabrera is 46. Actor-singer Will Chase is 45. Actor Josh Hopkins is 45. Country singer Jennifer Nettles is 41. Actress Lauren Stamile (stuh'-MEE'-lay) (TV: "Complications") is 39. Rapper 2 Chainz is 38. Actor Ben McKenzie is 37. Singer Ruben Studdard is 37. Basketball player Yao Ming is 35. Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson is 34. Actor Alfie Allen (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 29. Actress Emmy Rossum is 29. Country singer Kelsea Ballerini is 22. Actor Colin Ford is 19.

Thought for Today: "Hope, like faith, is nothing if it is not courageous; it is nothing if it is not ridiculous." - Thornton Wilder, American playwright (1897-1975).