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## Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

### MS/HS Daily Themes

- Monday--Opposite Gender Day  
Tuesday--Toga Day  
Wednesday--Tacky Tourist Day  
Thursday--Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniors-white,  
Sophomores-blue, Freshmen-yellow, 8th grade-red,  
7th grade-green, 6th grade-purple, Staff-pink)  
Friday--Spirit Day

The daily themes for the elementary school  
will be released soon.

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

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

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### Tuesday, September 15

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

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

**Senior Menu:** Turkey and dressing, mashed  
potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pumpkin bar with  
topping or carrot cake.

**Birthday:** Mason Madsen

10:00am: Boys golf at Redfield Golf Course

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

5:00pm: Volleyball hosts Mobridge-Pollock (JV/C  
Match at 5 pm, followed by varsity)

### Wednesday, September 16

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

**School Lunch:** Pizza cruncher, corn, romaine  
salad, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas,  
Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** • Camille Sippel • Bonnie Nierman •  
Vera Weisenberger • Jeannie Clocksene • Ramona  
Rossow • Jayne Rossow

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Cen-  
ter

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

### Thursday, September 17

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

**School Lunch:** Taco salad, refried beans, bread  
stick, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Hot pork combination, mashed  
potatoes and gravy, carrot-raisin salad, pear halves,  
whole wheat bread.

**Anniversaries:** • Bary & Tricia Keith • Lauren



## Helping pollinators helps the whole system, advocate says

By Susan Smith, Special to Dakotafire Media



**Pete Berthelsen**

Populations of pollinating insects, such as monarch butterflies and bees, are considered a key indicator of overall environmental health.

"They're the canary in the coal mine," said Peter Berthelsen during a presentation to students and landowners Sept. 9 at South Dakota State University. "We have to figure out how to make all things work together. We think by doing that it addresses all concerns."

As director of habitat partnerships for Pheasants Forever, Berthelsen is working to turn as many acres of land as possible into nutrient-rich prairie smorgasbords for everything from bees to butterflies to pheasants to deer.

### **Fewer homes, less food for pollinators**

The top seven honey-producing states in the nation, including South and North Dakota, have lost millions of acres of natural wildlife habitat to crop production, Berthelsen said. Berthelsen calls this transfer of land the "death by 1,000 papercuts"—small changes have amounted to big impacts over the years. As land is converted from grassland to cropland, pollinators have

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fewer places to live and less food to eat.

In June 2014, President Barack Obama released a presidential memorandum that created a federal strategy to help bees and pollinators. The memo noted the sharp decrease in honey bee and monarch butterfly numbers. The monarch population hit all-time lows in 2013 and 2014. The decrease threatened the butterflies' annual migration from the United States to Mexico.

Disease, loss of foraging ground, pesticides, parasites, limited genetic diversity and poor nutrition caused a corresponding decline in the populations of commercial honey bees and native bees. The losses threaten the prosperity of an industry that adds \$15 billion to U.S. agriculture. The pollination of California's almonds—a \$6 billion industry—is totally dependent on honey bees, Berthelsen said.

The monarch is not as effective at pollination as the honey bee, but it is beloved and garners a great degree of attention when its numbers are threatened, Berthelsen said.

## **Making land that's left better**

The memo jump-started efforts to create and preserve pollinator habitats, Berthelsen said. Creating places they can gain good nutrition helps honey bees ward off other threats that are more difficult for humans to control.

"Forage is something we can control," Berthelsen said. "It addresses all things."

Berthelsen said the quest to use as much land as possible for farming has left wildlife with the scraps. If that's what deer, pheasants and pollinators are down to, he said, those acres should be the best they can be.

Farmers and ranchers have to benefit financially from conservation efforts, he said, or they won't be sustainable. The federal Conservation Reserve Program, which will have funding for 24 million acres as of the 2018 fiscal year, provides that benefit. So does the Honey and Monarch Butterfly Partnership between Pheasants Forever; Project Apis m., which directs research to improve the health of honey bees and crop production; and Browning Honey Company, a commercial honey producer in the upper Midwest.

The partnership began in the spring of 2015 and gives producers in North and South Dakota incentives to create pollinator habitat, including a three-year project guarantee, an annual \$50-per-acre rental payment, a \$15-per-acre planting incentive, and seed mixtures for honeybees and monarchs. The partnership also manages grazing and haying on project land.

"Bees, monarch butterflies, songbirds—they all want the same things," Berthelsen said. "Great pollinator habitat is the same habitat needed for growing pheasants and quail."

Berthelsen said those fields should bloom from early April until the beginning of October and should include a minimum of 12 kinds of grasses and 51 wildflowers. The seed mixtures Pheasants Forever distributes accomplish those goals. Pheasants Forever makes a similar mix for backyard gardens.

Mike Bjerke, a landowner in northern Clark County, attended Berthelsen's speech to get ideas on controlling noxious weeds on his conservation land. His family's efforts began in the 1970s, planting trees on parts of his property that weren't producing well. He's since put land in CRP, alfalfa and native prairie grass and food plots.

In a hard winter, he has 200 to 300 deer and many pheasants shelter on his land. One of his neighbors has taken similar measures.

"In Clark County, we don't farm every available acre," he said. "There's still lots of grassland."

Berthelsen's goals include encouraging other farmers to be as concerned about pollinators as Bjerke, and creating more land that can sustain wildlife—a strategy that in the long run can help people, too.

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## Guest Speaker returns to Groton C&MA Church

Pastor Mujahid el Masih is returning as a guest speaker at the Groton Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 706 N. Main Street in Groton on Sunday, September 20. Pastor el Masih will speak during the 9:15 Sunday School hour and at the 10:45a.m. and 7p.m. services. The public is invited to all the services.

Pastor Mujahid el Masih was born and raised in Pakistan. He emigrated to the United States in 1997 after he received Jesus as his LORD and Savior at age 25. He oversees by the grace of God close to 200 churches in Pakistan through his ministry Faith Covenant International, had established a Bible training school, Jesus Heals Medical Clinic and a child support ministry all in Pakistan, and since 2010 Faith Covenant International has begun a work in Sri Lanka, establishing a Bible school in each of Sri Lanka's twenty-four districts. Pastor el Masih has such a deep love for the Body of Christ, especially the persecuted believers around the world, but also is an evangelist to the many who have not heard the gospel message of Jesus in these last days. He is a wonderful example of the Scripture "We love because He (Jesus) first loved us." The Groton C&MA congregation invites you to hear this wonderful Christian pastor share about his life before and after his conversion, his congregations, his joys and his concerns for the Body of Christ in this 21st century. Don't miss this opportunity to hear an internationally known pastor share his heart with us!

# GRAND OPENING



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## School board switches banks

The long debate over which bank to use was finally decided at Monday night's school board meeting. Mandy Boe, store manager of Wells Fargo Bank of Groton, and Ryan Olson, service manager, of Wells Fargo Bank, were both on hand to discuss why the district should keep its \$3 million dollars with Wells Fargo.

"Wells Fargo is very secure," Boe said. "We have a huge budget for fraud security." She also said that Business Manager Mike Weber has a convenient payroll - it works for everyone. It's a streamline process.

"We've had a great partnership with the school over the years," Boe said. "Our roots go back to First National Bank here in Groton and we're not going any where."

Boe listed a number of projects that Wells Fargo has donated to in the community. "Your business means a lot to us and we will continue to be a big supporter of the school no matter what decision you make tonight," she said.

Superintendent Joe Schwan presented figures to the board about the savings by switching to First State Bank. The district would see a net increase of \$4,899.06 while the NorthCentral Coop would see a net increase of \$598.02 and the district agency account would see a net increase of \$47.14. Business Manager Mike Weber said, that the payroll cutoff would have to get moved back one day. There is a day to a day and half delay in direct deposit at First State Bank compared to Wells Fargo Bank. The board decided on a 4-1 vote with Marty Weismantel abstaining to declare First State Bank as the official depository effective January 1, 2016. Dorene Nelson voted no.

The football field scoreboard has run into several snags which is why it is not up, yet. The installation cost will be significantly higher than initially budgeted at \$32,000 with a budget of \$20,000. Doland has expressed an interest in getting the old scoreboard.

The Chamber Sign is operational and Superintendent Joe Schwan reported they have to decide what events will be put up on the board. The district had contributed \$10,000 to the project. Schwan said that it is not feasible to put all of the school events on the board.

MS/HS Principal Dr. Anna Schwan reported on some changes to homecoming this year. The float building will be done on the school grounds. The theme for this year is "Holidays." The last time this theme was used was in 1963. There will be no homecoming dance. Mike and Marsha Braun are the Parade Marshalls.

The robotics program is looking to use school transportation vehicles. Superintendent Joe Schwan said if the district were to charge the regular fee of 63 cents per mile, it would be about \$2,200 just in travel. The board agreed to allow them to pay for the fuel and use of the vehicles for free for in-state events. The district is currently not providing any financial support of the program. "It's a very good program and it's very academic," Schwan said. "It's good fit for 15 students."

The board approved the use of the elementary school showers for the Dakotas United Methodist Youth Group convention to be held in Groton. There will be 30 participants. The event will be held November 13-15. The only fee will be custodian fees if they are not donated.

A request to waive the fee for the Groton Youth Rally to be held November 18 in the Arena was approved.

The teaching contract for Desiree Yeigh was amended to include 9-12 instrumental stipend of \$3,325.

Lane changes for certified teachers was approved.

Amendments to auxiliary staff work agreements were approved.

The board approved hiring Justin Hanson as assistant boys basketball coach at 8% of base salary, Kelli Hanson as basketball cheerleader advisor at 4.5% of base salary, Kandi Weismantel and Jaimie Mitchell as special education paraprofessionals at \$10.50 an hour for seven hours per day.

An open enrollment from Sisseton in the seventh grade was approved. The board acknowledged receipt of two public school exemptions.

## Webster Area Invitational Cross Country Meet

### Girls 3000m Junior Varsity Division

Jenifer Fjelstad placed 26th with a time of 18:25.08  
Summer Smith placed 29th with a time of 19:05.27  
Gabrielle Kramer placed 35th with a time of 21:38.99

### Girls 2000m junior high division

Summer Smith placed 22nd with a time of 17:44.01.

### Boys 3000m junior varsity division

Micah Poor placed fifth with a time of 13:48.98  
Mitchell Koens placed ninth with a time of 14:22.96  
Isaac Smith placed 10th with a time of 14:26.06  
Dylan Graf placed 11th with a time of 14:27.87  
Noah Poor placed 34th with a time of 17:33.24  
Spencer Jacobs placed 40th with a time of 21:56.89

### Varsity girls 5000m division

Jasmine Schinkel placed eighth with a time of 22:22.00  
Hannah Lewandowski placed 27th with a time of 25:23.44  
Erin Smith placed 51st with a time of 28:45.65.  
AnneMarie Smith placed 55th with a time of 31:24.11

## Breck is fiddling to the top

Betty Breck placed second in the open fiddle contest at the 40th Annual National Old-Time Country, Bluegrass and Folk Music Festival held in LeMars, Iowa recently. The Festival features 650 scheduled performers on 10 stages for 7 days. Breck was one of the scheduled performers and also taught the beginning fiddle workshop at the festival. It is held the week before Labor Day every year at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds.

## Today in Weather History

September 15, 1977: Sioux Falls residents received a rude awakening during the morning hours as thunderstorms rolled through the city. Over two and one-half inches of rain fell in the city in an hour and 15 minutes. The large amount of rain in a short period of time led to street flooding in some areas. Lightning strikes from the storms also started several small fires.

1747: There are some historical reports of a hurricane that caused flooding on the Rappahannock River in Virginia. A slave ship was overturned and several fatalities were reported.

1945: A hurricane entered the south Florida coast at Homestead, curving northward right up through the center of Florida, remaining over land, and exited near Jacksonville Beach with winds gusting to 170 mph. The following is from the Homestead Air Reserve Base. "On Sept. 15, 1945, three years to the day after the founding of the Homestead Army Air Field, a massive hurricane roared ashore, sending winds of up to 145 miles per hour tearing through the Air Field's buildings. Enlisted housing facilities, the nurses' dormitory, and the Base Exchange were all destroyed. The roof was ripped from what would later become building 741, the Big Hangar. The base laundry and fire station were both declared total losses. The few remaining aircraft were tossed about like leaves."

1752 - A great hurricane produced a tide along the South Carolina coast which nearly inundated downtown Charleston. However, just before the tide reached the city, a shift in the wind caused the water level to drop five feet in ten minutes. (David Ludlum)

1910 - Rains of .27 inch on the 14th and .73 inch on the 15th were the earliest and heaviest of record for Fresno CA, which, along with much of California, experiences a "rainy season" in the winter. (The Weather Channel)

1939 - The temperature at Detroit MI soared to 100 degrees to establish a record for September. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - A snowstorm over Wyoming produced 16.9 inches at Lander to establish a 24 hour record for September for that location. (13th-15th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - The first snow of the season was observed at the Winter Park ski resort in Colorado early in the day. Eight inches of snow was reported at the Summit of Mount Evans, along with wind gusts to 61 mph. Early morning thunderstorms in Texas produced up to six inches of rain in Real County. Two occupants of a car drowned, and the other six occupants were injured as it was swept into Camp Wood Creek, near the town of Leakey. Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in central and northeastern Oklahoma. Wind gusts to 70 mph and golf ball size hail were reported around Oklahoma City OK. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to parts of the central U.S. Rainfall totals of 2.87 inches at Sioux City IA and 4.59 inches at Kansas City MO were records for the date. Up to eight inches of rain deluged the Kansas City area, nearly as much rain as was received the previous eight months. Hurricane Gilbert, meanwhile, slowly churned toward the U.S./Mexican border. (The National Weather Summary)

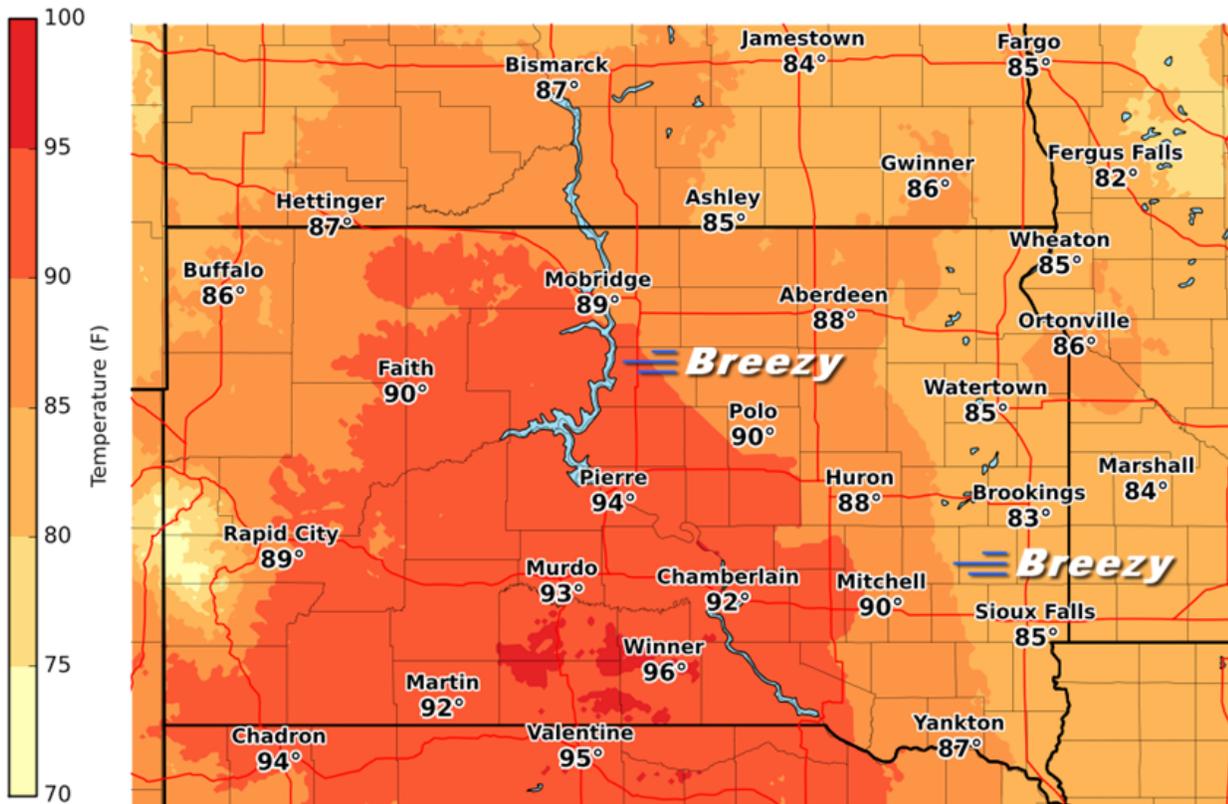
1989 - Showers and thunderstorms produced locally heavy rain in the Central Appalachians. Virgie VA received 2.60 inches of rain during the evening hours, and Bartlett TN was deluged with 2.75 inches in just ninety minutes. Heavy rain left five cars partially submerged in high water in a parking lot at Bulls Gap TN. Thunderstorms over central North Carolina drenched the Fayetteville area with four to eight inches of rain between 8 PM and midnight. Flash flooding, and a couple of dam breaks, claimed the lives of two persons, and caused ten million dollars damage. Hugo, churning over the waters of the Caribbean, strengthened to the category of a very dangerous hurricane, packing winds of 150 mph. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 88 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 67 °F

## Today's Highs Valid: September 15, 2015



National Weather Service  
Aberdeen SD  
09/15/2015 05:20 AM CDT

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2008: Hurricane Ike became extratropical on this day. The St. Louis Metropolitan Area experienced hurricane conditions, with Ike's remnants inflicting severe damage to homes. Several areas in Illinois and Indiana, already flooded by the frontal boundary to the north, saw significant additional rainfall. Due to flooding in Chicago, a state of emergency was declared for Cook County due to flooding of the Des Plaines River. Hurricane-force wind gusts were reported to the east of the center across parts of Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania with significant wind damage including structural damage to buildings and trees.

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## Today's Info

**Record High:** 102° in 1948

**Record Low:** 26 in 1949

**Average High:** 73°F

**Average Low:** 47°F

**Average Precip in Sept.:** 1.05

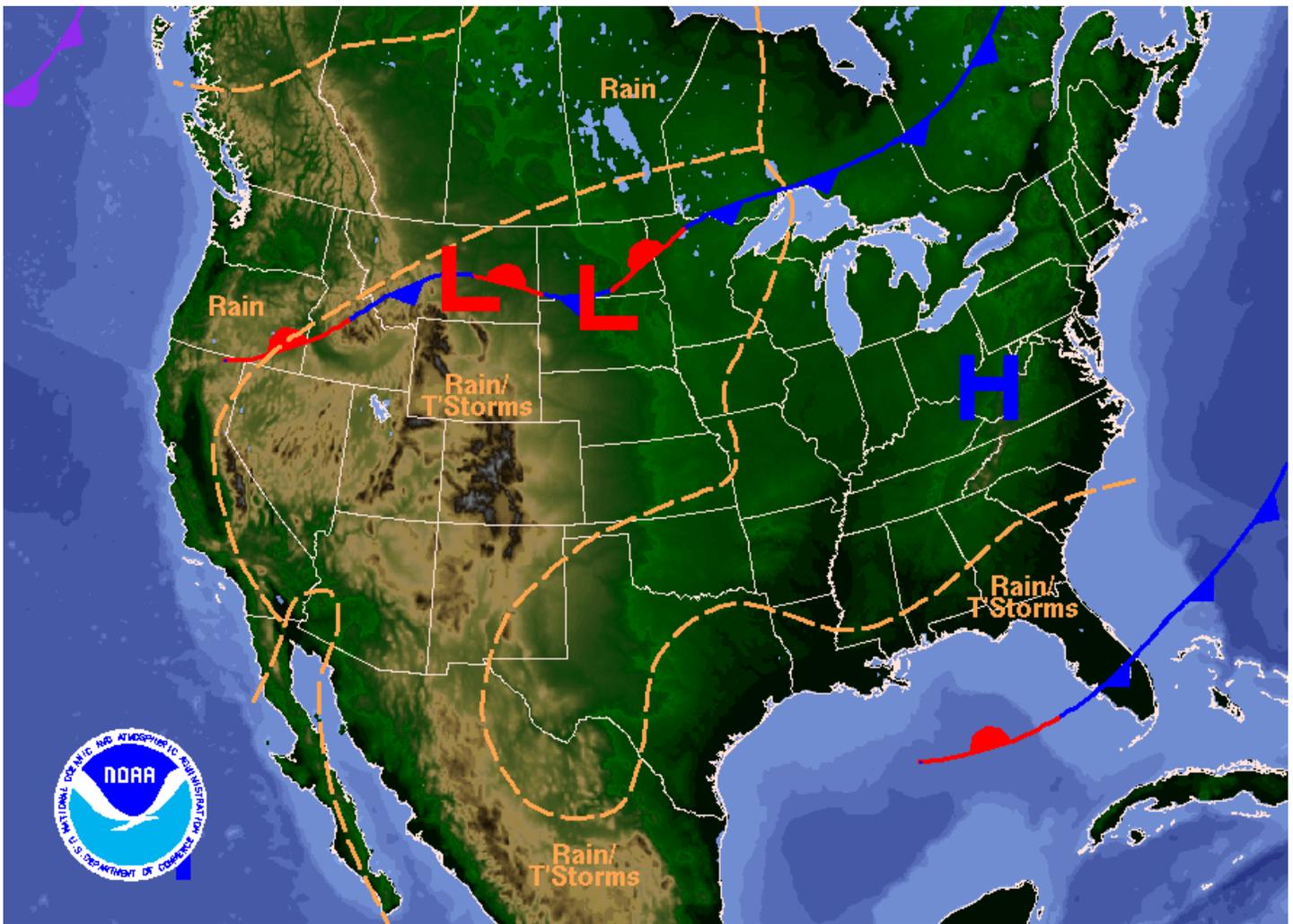
**Precip to date in Sept.:** 0.16

**Average Precip to date:** 17.34

**Precip Year to Date:** 16.96

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:47 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:11 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 15, 2015, issued 4:26 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## NOT US

Leaving church one Sunday morning, a husband and wife said to the pastor, "That was a great sermon, one of your very best. I only wish that our neighbors had been here with us. Everything you said applied specifically to them. They needed to hear it!"

Far too many individuals come to church with a shield or sieve not a wagon or wheelbarrow. Instead of taking the message with them and applying it to their lives, they deflect anything that applies to them or allow only little bits of sifted material to enter their minds or hearts.

One of the important parts of a healthy life style is an annual physical examination by a physician. It is designed as an early warning system to detect any life-threatening disease. Many times an illness can be stopped effectively before it becomes deadly.

That is why we need a Scriptural check-up. Paul wrote, "Examine yourselves...test yourselves" to see if you are truly Christian. A Scriptural checkup done daily will help us to see if there is a growing awareness of Christ's presence and power in our lives. If we are not getting closer to God every day, we are moving farther away from Him.

**Prayer:** Help us, Father, to be honest with You about our salvation and to be true Christians, not imposters. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 2 Corinthians 13:5-6 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.

## News from the Associated Press

### **CDC: State's vaccination rates for kids some of best in US**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal health officials say South Dakota's childhood immunization rates are among the highest in the nation.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released the results of its annual immunization survey. The survey tracks vaccination coverage among children aged 19 to 35 months.

The survey found South Dakota had the highest coverage rate in the nation for polio and Haempophilus influenza B, or "Hib" disease. The state also had rates in the top 10 in the country for 11 other vaccines tracked by the survey.

State epidemiologist Dr. Lon Kightlinger says South Dakota's high immunization rates are the reason the measles outbreak in Mitchell this year did not spread far in the community.

### **Filing deadline nears for Pine Ridge disaster jobless aid**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — People who lost jobs or became unable to do business because of severe storms, straight-line winds and flooding that hit the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in May have until Wednesday to file for disaster unemployment assistance.

The state Department of Labor and Regulation says that to be eligible for benefits, members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe must be unemployed or unable to do business as a direct result of the severe weather that affected the reservation from May 8 through May 29.

Tribal members will need their Social Security cards, copies of their most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs or documentation to show that they were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred.

People can apply for benefits by calling the Unemployment Insurance Call Center at 605-626-3179.

### **Bills in Congress would make bison the national mammal**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Hoeven wants to make bison the national mammal.

The North Dakota Republican says he and Democratic Sen. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico are introducing legislation to designate the American bison as the country's national mammal. The proposed National Bison Legacy Act also recognizes the historical, cultural and economic significance of the animal.

Hoeven says the bison "is one of the most powerful and inspiring symbols of America."

Members of the U.S. House including South Dakota Republican Rep. Kristi Noem introduced a similar measure in that chamber earlier this year.

### **State Historic Preservation Office seeks public comment**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The State Historic Preservation Office is seeking public comment on preservation needs and projects through Oct. 31.

The office within the South Dakota State Historical Society manages the National Register of Historic Places program and relates historic preservation to economic, social and educational state objectives. It surveys, inventories and registers historical properties and promotes public awareness and provides technical assistance.

The office is asking which properties or areas need to be inventoried and which should be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. It also wants to know which properties are at-risk or endangered and what types of technical preservation assistance is beneficial.

State Historical Society director Jay Vogt says the comments help program officials prepare an annual work plan.

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## Monday's Scores The Associated Press

### Volleyball

Castlewood def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-18, 16-25, 25-16, 25-27, 15-4  
Colome def. Marty Indian, 25-12, 25-9, 25-4  
Deuel def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-8, 25-18, 25-17  
Herreid/Selby Area def. Dupree, 25-13, 25-15, 25-19  
Howard def. Menno, 25-22, 25-10, 25-18  
Lake Preston def. Iroquois, 27-29, 25-12, 25-18, 17-25, 15-13  
Madison def. Vermillion, 25-16, 25-16, 25-16  
Platte-Geddes def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-11, 25-20, 25-16  
Rapid City Christian def. Hill City, 25-22, 25-19, 24-26, 18-25, 15-7  
Redfield/Doland def. Ipswich, 25-11, 24-26, 25-22, 25-13  
Scotland def. Freeman, 25-14, 25-19, 25-13  
Tea Area def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-17, 15-7  
Warner def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-17, 25-20, 22-25, 25-10

## Man who stabbed BIA official in back gets 18 years in prison

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A man accused of stabbing the Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent in the back on South Dakota's Crow Creek Indian Reservation was sentenced Monday to 18 years in federal prison.

Brian Iron Boulder, 51, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, pleaded guilty in June to attempted murder after authorities said he stabbed Patrick F. Duffy in the back with a knife on March 25, penetrating Duffy's chest wall. Duffy underwent two surgeries at a Sioux Falls hospital and returned to work about two months after being stabbed.

The government dropped assault charges in the plea deal with Iron Boulder, who could have faced up to 20 years in prison. The sentence he was given by U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange in Pierre, South Dakota, was in the middle of a range of between 15 ½ and 19 ½ years that attorneys on each side agreed to.

Defense attorney Douglas A. Abraham declined comment after the sentencing, saying he does not talk publically about his cases. He wrote in court documents last week that Iron Boulder deserved a lower-than-maximum sentence in part because he was drunk when he stabbed Duffy and that there was no premeditation.

"Due to Mr. Duffy's vulnerable position, (Iron Boulder) could have easily stabbed him multiple times and inflicted much more significant damage," Abraham wrote.

Duffy, who oversees BIA facilities in Fort Thompson and manages tribal land in his role as superintendent, has asked for privacy and declined comment on the incident. Federal prosecutors said they consulted with him before offering the plea deal.

"The attempted murder of this federal employee in his own workplace was a disturbing crime, and the 18-year sentence handed down today demonstrates that justice was served," Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler said in a statement. "Everyone has a right to feel safe in their work environment, and when that is jeopardized by an act of violence, the consequences of the crime must send a strong message."

Court documents allege that Iron Boulder used a pocket knife with a 4-inch blade to stab Duffy after speaking with him at his office more than once about Iron Boulder's girlfriend's land holdings. Iron Boulder's blood-alcohol content at the time of the stabbing was 0.179, more than double the legal limit for driving, Abraham said in court documents.

## **Investigators: Fire that destroyed famous bar was accidental**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities investigating a fire that destroyed a popular South Dakota biker bar say the blaze was accidental.

Officials said Monday that investigators can say “conclusively” that the fire at Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis started in the main part of the bar and was an accident.

The loss is estimated at \$10 million.

A team from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives started investigating the Sept. 8 fire last week, along with state and local officials.

Special Agent in Charge James Modzelewski says authorities examined artifacts from the scene and conducted interviews to help determine the fire’s cause.

The bar had been the subject a reality TV series that aired for several seasons starting in 2009. Its amenities include zip lines, musical stages and rental cabins.

## **Decision soon on listing eels under Endangered Species Act**

**PATRICK WHITTLE, Associated Press**

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Fishermen benefiting from booming prices for American eels are squirming about a decision expected this month on whether to list the fish under the Endangered Species Act.

An environmental advocacy group wants the federal government to list the American eel as threatened, giving the fish protections that would greatly limit fishermen’s ability to pursue and catch them.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s decision about protecting the eels will likely come toward the end of September, said Steven Shepard, a spokesman for the agency.

The decision will come as the market for baby eels, called elvers, is booming. In Maine, which has by far the most lucrative eel fishery in the country, elvers were worth more than \$2,100 per pound in 2015 after being worth less than \$100 per pound in 2009. The elvers are sold to Asian aquaculture companies that raise them to maturity and use them as food, including sushi.

The Fresno, Calif.-based Center for Environmental Science, Accuracy & Reliability says the eels have lost more than 80 percent of their habitat, largely due to dams that impede migration, and suffer from too much commercial fishing pressure. The group, which was called the Council For Endangered Species Act Reliability at the time of the petition, also states that the eels’ population is “declining catastrophically,” as are other eel species worldwide.

“In our time this species has been going through a dramatic decline with very little regulatory oversight,” said Rob Roy Ramey, a science adviser to the petitioners. “They’re slimy, they’re odd looking, they’re eels. They’re not warm and fuzzy and charismatic — this is like the passenger pigeon of our time.”

American eels range from Greenland to Venezuela, hatch their young in the Sargasso Sea, and are the subject of commercial fishing in several East Coast states. Their value rarely exceeded \$3 million per year from 1950 to 2010 before it ballooned to more than \$40 million in 2012, largely buoyed by Maine’s elver fishery. Value has waned somewhat in more recent years, in part due to a quota system and other controls, but remains far above historical averages.

Only Maine and South Carolina fishermen harvest elvers, and South Carolina’s fishery is much smaller. Several other states have fisheries for older eels, including Maryland, Virginia and Delaware.

Darrell Young, who co-directs the Maine Elver Fishermen’s Association and has fished for elvers for more than 20 years, said he is hoping the eels aren’t listed under the Endangered Species Act. He said some opponents of fishing assume eels are imperiled because Maine fishermen failed to reach their elver quota in 2015, and he thinks that opinion is misguided.

Fishermen didn’t reach their quota this year because the cold weather shortened the spring fishing season, Young said.

“After the season closed this year, there were plenty of eels running up the brooks,” Young said. “There’s going to be plenty of adult eels running out to the Sargasso Sea.”

American eels have become more valuable in recent years largely because of a sharp decline in their population across Europe in the 1990s.

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Regulators in Maine are monitoring the federal government's decision about whether to protect eels, but won't have a comment until a decision is made, said Jeff Nichols, a spokesman for the state's Department of Marine Resources.

## Minnesota man dies after police chase in South Dakota

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — A Minnesota man was killed after authorities said he fled from a Highway Patrol trooper in South Dakota's Brookings County and crashed.

Fifty-eight-year-old Douglas Bixby, of Windom, Minnesota, died late Sunday after crashing his car into a ditch embankment and a tree.

Authorities say the chase began when the patrol received a report of an erratic driver on Interstate 29. Speeds reached 80 mph.

## South Dakota soybean crop expected to be record size

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects South Dakota farmers to produce a record soybean crop, but less corn.

USDA's latest production report forecasts the state's soybean crop at 233 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year. Acres for harvest are down slightly, but average yield is forecast at a record 46 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2014.

The corn crop is expected to be 755 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Sorghum production in South Dakota is forecast at 11.7 million bushels, up 24 percent.

## 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. FLOODING KILLS AT LEAST 8 IN UTAH-ARIZONA BORDER TOWN

Five others are missing in a community that serves as a home base for imprisoned polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs, authorities say.

#### 2. HUNGARY DECLARES EMERGENCY IN 2 BORDER COUNTIES

The measure paves the way for the deployment of the army to assist police with border patrol and migrant-related duties.

#### 3. NORTH KOREA REPORTEDLY RESTARTS NUCLEAR BOMB FUEL PLANTS

The move, which experts say is designed to spur talks with the U.S., will push Pyongyang further toward a standoff with Washington and its allies, especially Seoul and Tokyo.

#### 4. MAN DIES OF GUNSHOT WOUND AFTER KILLING PROFESSOR, PARTNER

Shannon Lamb is suspected in the shooting deaths of two people in Mississippi, including a woman he was living with and a teacher at Delta State University.

#### 5. WILDFIRE DEVASTATES CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN TOWN

Middletown is evacuated — and gutted — by a blaze that shocks firefighters with its strength and speed.

#### 6. SENATE TO HOLD ONE MORE VOTE ON IRAN DEAL

Democrats are poised to block the measure and preserve Obama's foreign policy win.

#### 7. WHO BOOSTS SOCIAL WORK IN CUBA AHEAD OF POPE VISIT

The island's Catholic Church and its communist government build a warm relationship, allowing the former to take on activities unimaginable before.

#### 8. HOW RELIGIOUS CLERKS IN KENTUCKY REACT TO KIM DAVIS SAGA

Most of the state's 120 clerical staffers comply with the Supreme Court's order to issue licenses to gay marriage, though many struggle with the decision.

#### 9. WHY STATEHOUSE SEX SCANDALS MATTER

They distract elected officials from working on public policy and can cost taxpayers hundreds of thou-

sands of dollars in legal fees, lost productivity and special elections.

## 10. PRINCE HARRY TO CELEBRATE 31ST BIRTHDAY HONORING WWII PILOTS

He will watch as some 40 Spitfire, Hurricane and Bristol Blenheim bombers fly in formation before dispersing to wartime airfields in the south of England.

### AP News in Brief

## 8 dead, 5 missing after flash flood hits town known for sect leader on Utah-Arizona border

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A wall of water swept away two vehicles carrying women and children in a Utah-Arizona border town Monday, killing at least eight people and leaving five others missing in a community that served as a home base for polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs, authorities said.

Three people survived as the flash flooding washed the vehicles several hundred yards downstream about 5 p.m. MDT, Hildale assistant fire chief Kevin Barlow said.

The flood "obviously caught these people off guard," Barlow told The Associated Press. "Witnesses say they were backing out of it trying to get away from it and it still swept them in."

One survivor was found downstream at a bank in town. Barlow didn't have information on the others who were rescued.

Barlow said the rescue effort was ongoing through the night but scaled back because of treacherous conditions in the sister towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Arizona.

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## Man suspected of killing domestic partner, campus co-worker dies in apparent suicide

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP) — After an intense manhunt, authorities in Mississippi said a college instructor wanted in the deaths of a woman he lived with and a university professor he worked with died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound as police closed in on him.

News of Shannon Lamb's death late Monday night brought to a close a chaotic, frightening day during which students and faculty at Delta State University hid in their rooms as authorities scoured the campus looking for Lamb.

Cleveland Police Chief Charles "Buster" Bingham said Lamb was returning from Arkansas when a license plate reader picked up his plate as he crossed a bridge over the Mississippi River late Monday.

Police on the other side in Greenville followed Lamb but did not try to apprehend him, Bingham said. Lamb then pulled over and took off on foot. Bingham said the police were waiting for backup when they heard a single gunshot. When backup arrived, they searched and found Lamb with a gunshot wound to the head.

"We didn't want it to happen this way. It wasn't our intention for it to happen this way. But unfortunately he made that decision," Bingham said.

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## North Korea warns that it has revamped and restarted all nuclear plants to make more bombs

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A day after threatening long-range rocket launches, North Korea declared Tuesday that it has upgraded and restarted all of its atomic fuel plants so it can produce more — and more sophisticated — nuclear weapons.

Neither announcement was entirely unexpected, and outside analysts see the back-to-back warnings as part of a general North Korean playbook of using claimed improvements in its nuclear and missile programs to push for talks with the United States that could eventually provide the impoverished country with concessions and eased sanctions.

But the threats could deepen a standoff between North Korea and the U.S. and its allies because they strike at Washington's fear that each North Korean rocket and nuclear test puts it another big step closer to its stated goal of an arsenal of nuclear-tipped long-range missiles that can hit the U.S. mainland.

North Korea has spent decades trying to develop just such a weapon, and while it is thought to have a small arsenal of atomic bombs and an impressive array of short- and medium-range missiles, it has yet to demonstrate that it can produce nuclear bombs small enough to place on a missile or can make reliable long-range missiles.

Still, it has conducted three past nuclear tests and a series of steadily improving long-range rocket launches, and some analysts see Tuesday's announcement as foreshadowing an upcoming fourth nuclear test, which would push North Korea further along in its nuclear aims.

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## **Hungary set to deploy military to border as harsh anti-migrant laws take effect**

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The Hungarian government is expected to decide Tuesday to deploy the army to its border with Serbia as a set of harsh new measures meant to stop the huge flow of refugees and other migrants through the country takes effect.

Hungarian officials closed two of seven border crossings with Serbia Tuesday morning. The night before, Hungary deployed a boxcar covered with with razor wire to close a key border crossing along a railroad track that had been the main entry point for migrants.

As the country moved to seal off its border with Serbia, large numbers of confused migrants roamed the fields next to the barbed-wire fence that Hungary has recently built separating the two countries. Hungarian officials began distributing food to migrants but refused to let them in, sparking frustration.

"We don't want food. We want to get into the European Union," said Abbas Mandegar, from Afghanistan. "We are tired."

Those who managed to make it into Hungary the day before were boarding buses. One Hungarian police officer said they were being sent directly to Austria.

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## **The Latest: 22 people, including 4 children, drown off Turkey when boat sinks; 211 rescued**

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

11:50 a.m.

Turkish media say 22 people, including four children, have drowned after a 20-meter wooden boat sank off Turkey's coast.

The private Dogan agency said 211 people were rescued from Tuesday's sinking in international waters between Datca in Turkey and the Greek island of Kos. It wasn't immediately clear where the people were from, or what caused the sinking.

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## **California wildfire claims life of disabled woman, 72; caregiver says authorities failed**

MIDDLETOWN, Calif. (AP) — Barbara McWilliams told her caretaker she didn't want to leave her home near Middletown, despite a nearby wildfire. The world traveler and sharp-minded woman with advanced multiple sclerosis said she would be fine.

The decision ended up costing her life. Her body was found late Sunday in her burned-out home after flames kept Lake County sheriff's officials from reaching her.

The fire that sped through Middletown and other parts of rural Lake County, less than 100 miles north

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of San Francisco, has been burning nearly unchecked, despite a massive firefighting effort, since Saturday. Fueled by drought, it has consumed more than 95 square miles, injured four firefighters and sent hundreds of people to evacuation centers. Hundreds of homes have burned.

Jennifer Hittson, the caregiver, told the Press Democrat that she left McWilliams' home around 3 p.m. Saturday, unaware of the fire's seriousness or how quickly it would grow, even though officers were at that point turning drivers away from Highway 175, which leads to the Cobb Mountain area where McWilliams lived.

Hittson said she called the sheriff's office twice Saturday and CalFire on Sunday, only to be told by dispatchers, "we will get out there when we can."

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## Senate to vote once more on Iran nuclear deal, but Dems to ensure it fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans will try a second time on Tuesday to move ahead on a resolution rejecting the Iran nuclear deal, and the outcome is expected to be the same: Democrats are poised to block the measure and preserve President Barack Obama's foreign policy win.

Last week, Senate Democrats blocked GOP attempts to get a disapproval resolution to Obama's desk and House Republicans settled for passing two related measures that are never expected to get out of Congress.

The international accord backed by the United States, Iran and five world powers would curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from crippling sanctions that have undercut Tehran's economy.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has scheduled another vote Tuesday to end debate, but that motion is likely to be blocked by Senate Democrats as well. It's unclear if this is the last vote the Republican-led Senate will take on the Iran nuclear deal.

Republicans now are working to craft new sanctions legislation to maintain a hardline stance against Iran. Looking ahead to next year's elections, Republican campaign committees also have targeted Democrats who backed the deal and some organizations against the deal already have threatened to withdraw political contributions from members of Congress who backed it.

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## Most county clerks in Kentucky issue gay marriage licenses, but some see religious consequence

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Clerk Mike Johnston prays twice a day, once each morning and once each night, and asks the Lord to understand the decision he made to license same-sex marriage.

"It's still on my heart," said Johnston, whose rural Carter County sits just to the east of Rowan County, where clerk Kim Davis sparked a national furor by refusing to issue marriage licenses to gay couples, a decision that landed her in jail.

Johnston is one of Kentucky's 119 other clerks, many of them deeply religious, who watched the Kim Davis saga unfold on national television while trying to reconcile their own faith and their oath of office. Sixteen of them sent pleading letters to the governor noting their own religious objections. But when forced to make a decision, only two have taken a stand as dramatic as Davis and refused to issue licenses.

And others say they find the controversy now swirling around their job title humiliating.

"I wish (Davis) would just quit, because she's embarrassing everybody," said Fayette County Clerk Don Blevins, whose office serves the state's second-largest city, Lexington.

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## BMW CEO collapses during news conference at Frankfurt auto show, condition not worrisome

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — BMW CEO Harald Krueger collapsed Tuesday during a news conference at the Frankfurt auto show and was helped off stage by staff. His condition was not serious, the company

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said later.

Krueger stumbled backward and fell on his back during the first five minutes of the presentation of the German auto house's new lineup.

Staff rushed to help Krueger back on his feet, and he rubbed the back of his head, looking stunned as he was lifted up and led off stage by staff.

BMW spokesman Maximilian Schoeberl said that 49-year-old Krueger had been recently traveling a lot, and was not feeling well ahead of the presentation but decided to go ahead with it.

Schoeberl said Krueger, who took over as BMW's CEO earlier this year, was seen by a doctor following the incident, who recommended that he cancel his other appointments for the day and rest at home.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, September 15, the 258th day of 2015. There are 107 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On September 15, 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

### On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1857, William Howard Taft - who served as President of the United States and as U.S. chief justice - was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1890, English mystery writer Agatha Christie was born in Torquay.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul (sohl).

In 1955, the novel "Lolita," by Vladimir Nabokov, was first published in Paris.

In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

In 1965, the TV shows "Lost in Space" and "Green Acres" premiered on CBS.

In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.

In 1985, Nike began selling its "Air Jordan 1" sneaker.

In 1994, a tape recording of John Lennon singing with his teen-age band, The Quarrymen, in a Liverpool club on July 6, 1957, was sold at Sotheby's for \$122,500 (it was at this gig that Lennon first met Paul McCartney).

In 2000, the 2000 Summer Olympics opened in Sydney, Australia, with a seemingly endless parade of athletes and coaches and a spectacular display; Aborigine runner Cathy Freeman ignited an Olympic ring of fire.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush, addressing the nation from storm-ravaged New Orleans, acknowledged the government had failed to respond adequately to Hurricane Katrina, and urged Congress to approve a massive reconstruction program. Hurricane Ophelia continued to lash the Outer Banks of North Carolina with rain and wind. Producer Sid Luft, who was credited with reviving the career of then-wife Judy Garland, died in Santa Monica, California, at age 89.

**Five years ago:** A mortar attack by Palestinian militants and airstrikes by Israel provided a grim backdrop as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ended their latest round of peace talks still divided on major issues.

**One year ago:** U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in Paris for an international meeting of diplomats, said he wouldn't shut the door on the possibility of working with Iran against a common enemy in the Islamic State militant group, but that the two nations would not coordinate on military action. Hurricane Odile blazed a trail of destruction through Mexico's Baja California Peninsula that leveled everything from

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ramshackle homes to luxury hotels and big-box stores. Two Vietnam War soldiers received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama in a White House ceremony, nearly 50 years after they'd thrown themselves into harm's way to protect their brothers in combat. (Army Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins survived his injuries; Army Spc. Donald P. Sloat did not.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Forrest Compton is 90. Comedian Norm Crosby is 88. Actor Henry Darrow is 82. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 77. Actress Carmen Maura is 70. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 70. Writer-director Ron Shelton is 70. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 69. Movie director Oliver Stone is 69. Rock musician Kelly Keagy (KAY'-gee) (Night Ranger) is 63. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 55. Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino is 54. Actor Danny Nucci is 47. Rap DJ Kay Gee is 46. Actor Josh Charles is 44. Singer Ivette (EE'-veht) Sosa (Eden's Crush) is 39. Actor Tom Hardy is 38. Actress Marisa Ramirez (TV: "Blue Bloods") is 38. Pop-rock musician Zach Filkins (OneRepublic) is 37. Actor Dave Annable is 36. Actress Amy Davidson is 36. Britain's Prince Harry is 31. TV personality Heidi Montag is 29. Actress Kate Mansi is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "It is a curious thought, but it is only when you see people looking ridiculous that you realise just how much you love them." - Dame Agatha Christie (1890-1976).