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Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

Daily Themes

- Monday--MS/HS is Sports Day; Elementary is Camo Day
- Tuesday--MS/HS is Toga Day; Elementary is Sports Day
- Wednesday--MS/HS is Tacky Tourist Day; Elementary is Pajama Day
- Thursday--MS/HS is Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniors-white, Sophomores-blue, Freshmen-yellow, 8th grade-red, 7th grade-green, 6th grade-purple, Staff-pink); Elementary is Holiday Dress-up Day.
- Friday--Spirit Day

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The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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Homecoming Week!

Monday, September 21

MS/HS is Sports Day

Elementary is Camo Day

School Breakfast: Ham and egg sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, whipped potato, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, zucchini bread.

Birthdays: Julie Milbrandt • Joseph Groeblinghoff • Collin Gengerke • Larry Harry • Darlene Jones • Regan Lewandowski • Mary Lou Bierman • Dillon Freeman • Rhonda Swanson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:00 pm: Cross Country at Clear Lake

4:30 pm: JV Football hosts Milbank

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

7:30 pm: Homecoming Coronation

Tuesday, September 22

MS/HS is Toga Day

Elementary is Sports Day

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

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, carrots and dip, fruit.

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

Birthdays: • Katie Kampa • Darin Krueger • Alex McKiver • Keegan Schelle • Jason Mettler • Rose Waage • Madison McNickle • Jay Peterson

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

4:00pm: JHFB at Milbank (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

5:00pm: Boys soccer at Mitchell Christian

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Life on the Grid By Rep. Kristi Noem

We got together recently with some of the family for a quick lunch after church one Sunday. My brother-in-law, Wesley, had apparently had enough of seeing everyone on their phones during the meal, so he declared it a "No Cell Phone Event." We all pulled our phones out and stacked them one on top of the other in the middle of the table. If only for an hour, we were going to go without our devices. And you know what? It was kind of nice.

Sure enough, however, as soon as we'd all been able to get some in-person face time, we all picked our phones back up, logged in, and checked to see what happened in the short time we'd been away. The reality is that's the world we live in. It's an increasingly connected world that relies on one thing above all else: electricity.

Whether we're trying to keep our phones charged or the lights on, we need access to reliable and affordable electricity. For all the debates we have about new sources from which to harvest that power, however, one component is often times left out of the discussion: that is, our outdated electrical grid.

Energy executive Robert Catell told a group of city managers in 2010: "If Thomas Edison came back today, not only would he recognize our electricity system, he could probably fix it [when problems arise]." Clearly, it's time for an upgrade.

Fortunately, South Dakota is moving ahead of the curve and upgrades are underway. Earlier this month, I joined a handful of other state leaders and members of Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company to help break ground on the CapX2020 transmission line that will run between a new substation near Big Stone City and an existing substation by Brookings. For consumers, this ground breaking symbolizes the turning of a page to a new era of energy. By modernizing and expanding this section of the grid, you will have better access to reliable and affordable electricity for decades to come.

The grid upgrades also enable us to better tap into South Dakota's diverse energy resources. Coal and natural gas remain to be some of the most reliable and affordable sources of energy we have access to. In a state that spends a disproportionate amount of our family budgets on electricity costs, affordability has to be a big factor. The upgraded grid system will move this kind electricity more efficiently.

But we also live in a place that can capitalize on an abundant amount of wind and hydro power. Grid upgrades will allow us to take greater advantage of that as well.

Unfortunately, many experts have raised concerns that President Obama's Clean Power Plan puts a greater emphasis on regulation than innovation when it comes to modernizing our electrical system. Because the proposed EPA mandates are expected to put added strains on the grid, we could see decreased reliability and higher costs for consumers. It's irresponsible to compromise our energy security in this way.

Most of us live our lives on the grid. Making sure it is reliable and efficient has to be a priority. It was a privilege to be there while South Dakota took another step in the process of modernizing the grid, but more must be done. For that to happen efficiently, the federal government has to get out of the way and let innovation lead.

Climate Outlook Predicts Warm Conditions to Continue

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The recent National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Climate Outlook predicts warmer conditions to linger into winter with a mixed precipitation outlook.

"As usual precipitation continues to be the most inconsistent issue to forecast as the chances for a wetter fall have been reduced with the outlooks released Thursday," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist. "For most of the state, the expected chances for precipitation did not materialize in September."

Edwards added that the current outlook for October continues on that trend. "Currently there is no specific indication as to whether or not South Dakota will see wetter or drier conditions during the month."

The current longer-range models indicate chances for precipitation in the state especially in the early part of the October.

"Overall expected precipitation amounts do not look extraordinary for the month of October," said Dennis Todey, South Dakota State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Specialist.

With wetter conditions less likely, Todey said warmer than average temperatures are likely to continue into October and through the winter months.

"This warmth was expected through the main part of the winter because of the current El Nino, which will continue to affect the country through the winter," he said. "But the additional fall warmth has been a little bit of a surprise."

Throughout the month of September the warmth created pleasant conditions; but it has also delayed the first freeze - with only some spotty areas of frost in the east.

"With the warmer temperatures the chances for frost are likely going to be slim throughout the rest of September," Todey said.

From a harvest standpoint, these conditions have continued to push crops to maturity, Edwards said. "With early harvest getting kicked off from the early drying of crops, the delayed frost is good news as the additional time will allow crops to continue to mature."

She added that there seems to be limited concern for frost that would damage crops at this time. "Horticultural plants also have their reprieve on frost conditions allowing gardens to continue to produce. The only downside has been the continuation of mosquito and fly issues with the warm weather and lack of frost," she said.

The lack of precipitation will also allow for continued progress on harvest. "At this time there is little excessive precipitation expected," she said.

Future outlook

The outlooks for the rest of the winter leave South Dakota "in the middle."

"The NOAA outlooks hint at wetter conditions possible throughout the winter, mostly to the south of the state, while indicating drier conditions north of South Dakota throughout much of the winter," Todey said. "Thus, the outlook for South Dakota is rather mixed for precipitation."

These winter precipitation outlooks are rather difficult to assess. "The impact of El Nino on precipitation in the region is not very clear. And even in an overall dry winter, one large storm can throw off precipitation totals because the winter precipitation averages are so low. Even in the middle of an El Nino winter we cannot forecast an individual event," he said.

The take home message - El Nino is currently on track for winter with warmer than average conditions still quite likely. Though it is impossible to guarantee," Todey said. "As for harvest season - it should continue without major issues are crops are able to mature."

President's Energy Agenda Bad for South Dakota **By Sen. John Thune**

South Dakotans frequently share with me their frustrations and concerns with Washington's overreach into Americans' lives. Despite the progress the new Senate Republican majority has made on many issues that impact hard-working families and small businesses across the country, the fact remains that Washington continues to be plagued by the failed leadership of the Obama administration.

Every September, we mark an anniversary that has become symbolic of the administration's obstructionism: the filing of the construction permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. This year marks seven years since the permit was first filed. Even though the Obama State Department has reviewed hundreds of thousands of comments and completed five environmental impact statements, all of which found the pipeline would have no significant impact on the environment, the administration has continued to slow-walk an important infrastructure project that would immediately create "shovel-ready" jobs during construction, including 3,000-4,000 direct and indirect jobs in our state alone. The construction and operation of the pipeline would also bring crucial tax dollars to South Dakota municipalities along the route and bolster America's energy independence.

Legislation to approve the Keystone XL pipeline was the first bill the GOP-led Senate considered this year. It passed with a strong bipartisan vote of over 60 senators supporting the bill. In February, President Obama sided with the liberal wing of his party and vetoed this legislation that would bring more energy to the United States and more economic growth in South Dakota. This is not the kind of leadership that will get our economy working again.

I recognize that the Keystone XL pipeline is only one project, but the administration's attitude toward important energy investment has become all too pervasive. On August 3, the Obama Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its final rule against affordable electricity generation. This plan will increase electricity bills for Americans across the country, hurting job growth and families' pocketbooks as it forces our most reliable and affordable sources of power generation out of operation – all while countries like China and India continue to pollute and exploit a competitive advantage of cheaper energy.

In the coming weeks, the EPA is expected to finalize what is estimated to be the most costly regulations in the agency's history via a lower smog standard. The proposed range for a lower standard will draw large swaths of the country into nonattainment including areas in South Dakota, subjecting communities to stiff federal penalties, increased business costs, restrictions on infrastructure investment, and lost highway dollars. Even areas in marginal attainment will face steep challenges in attracting new economic development.

These and other regulations are hampering America's economic recovery and have real-world impacts on South Dakota families and small businesses. Many of our efforts in the Senate to combat these regulations have been thwarted by a president committed to cementing his legacy. Unfortunately for hard-working Americans, the president's legacy will be one plagued by obstructionism and federal overreach, the consequences of which will have a lasting impact. That is why Senate Republicans have been committed to enacting a pro-growth agenda that would help revive businesses, reduce tax and regulatory burdens, restore American values, and grow the middle class. The president might fight against this progress, but we'll continue to fight back.

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GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Steve Giedt was program leader for Kiwanis Club last week, and presented an overview of his business, and their new uptown location. Afterwards, Steve gave a tour of their new facility. Larry Wheeting, president; led the short business session. Members signed up for work stations at the annual Homecoming tailgate supper, next Friday.

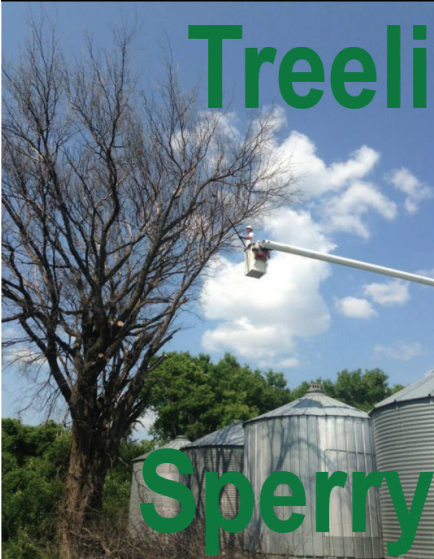
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Today in Weather History

September 21, 1960: In the morning hours of September 21st, Lightning struck and caused structural damage to a home in Clear Lake, Deuel County, and a home in Clark in Clark County, and two telephone poles near Milbank in Grant County. Power was also interrupted for a short time by lightning near Britton.

1894 - A heavy chicken house, sixteen by sixteen feet in area, was picked up by a tornado and wedged between two trees. The hens were found the next day sitting on their eggs in the chicken house, with no windows broken, as though nothing had happened. (The Weather Channel)

1938 - A great hurricane smashed into Long Island and bisected New England causing a massive forest blowdown and widespread flooding. Winds gusted to 186 mph at Blue Hill MA, and a storm surge of nearly thirty feet caused extensive flooding along the coast of Rhode Island. The hurricane killed 600 persons and caused 500 million dollars damage. The hurricane, which lasted twelve days, destroyed 275 million trees. Hardest hit were Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Long Island NY. The "Long Island Express" produced gargantuan waves with its 150 mph winds, waves which smashed against the New England shore with such force that earthquake-recording machines on the Pacific coast clearly showed the shock of each wave. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1954 - The temperature at Deeth, NV, soared from a morning low of 12 degrees to a high of 87 degrees, a record daily warm-up for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Tropical Storm Emily, which formed in the Caribbean the previous afternoon, caused considerable damage to the banana industry of Saint Vincent in the Windward Islands. Unseasonably hot weather continued in Florida and the western U.S. Redding CA and Red Bluff CA, with record highs of 108 degrees, tied for honors as the hot spot in the nation. (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Thunderstorms produced high winds and locally heavy rain in the southwestern U.S. One thunderstorm in west Texas produced wind gusts to 86 mph at Dell City completely destroying an airport hangar. A Cessna 150 aircraft housed within the hangar was flipped over and snapped in two. Thunderstorms produced large hail in east central Utah, while snow blanketed some of the higher elevations of the state. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo slammed into the South Carolina coast about 11 PM, making landfall near Sullivan's Island. Hurricane Hugo was directly responsible for thirteen deaths, and indirectly responsible for twenty-two others. A total of 420 persons were injured in the hurricane, and damage was estimated at eight billion dollars, including two billion dollars damage to crops. Sustained winds reached 85 mph at Folly Beach SC, with wind gusts as high as 138 mph. Wind gusts reached 98 mph at Charleston, and 150 mph at Shaw AFB. The biggest storm surge occurred in the McClellanville and Bulls Bay area of Charleston County, with a storm surge of 20.2 feet reported at Seewee Bay. Shrimp boats were found one half mile inland at McClellanville. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo strikes South Carolina as a Category 4 hurricane. Hugo cause \$7 billion in damage in the US and killing over 30 people.

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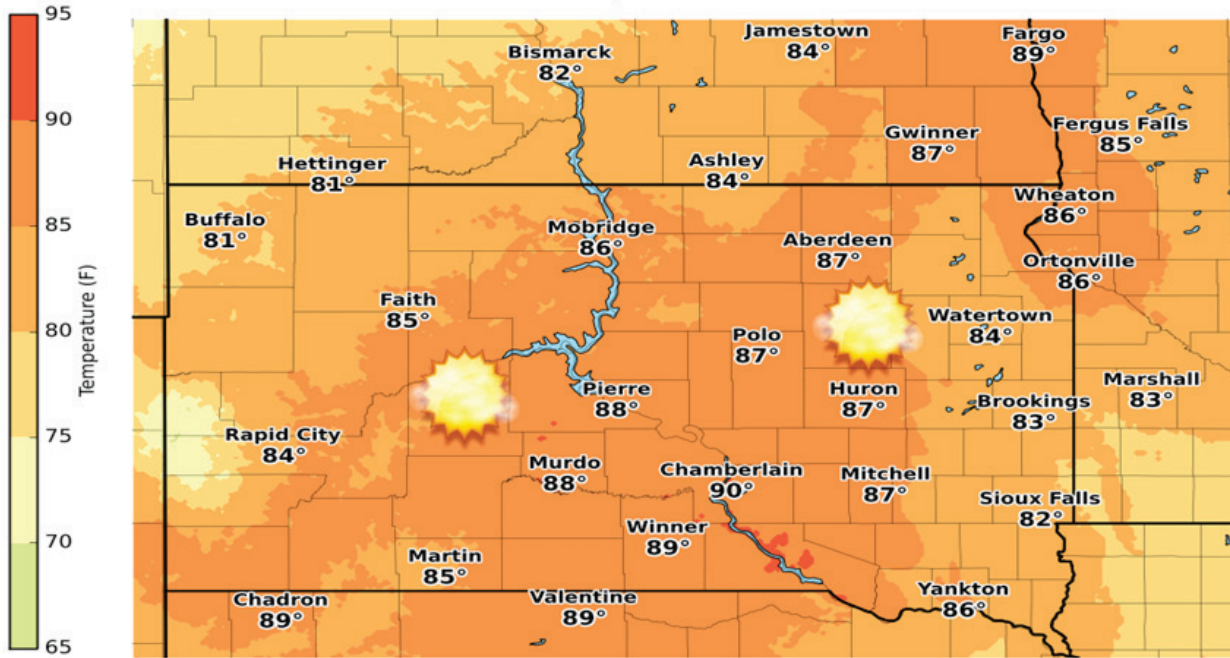
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Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 86 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 70 °F



Very Warm Today, Well Above Normal



Today's Highs
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Warm air will surge northward into the region today ahead of an approaching cold front. Highs will be well above normal with readings soaring into the 80s. The aforementioned cold front will move through the area tonight, bringing cooler temperatures for Tuesday. Highs will be back down into the 70s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 82.0 at 5:06 PM

Low: 53.3 at 1:25 AM

High Gust: 20 at 8:44 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 99° in 1936

Record Low: 22° in 1893

Average High: 70°F

Average Low: 43°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.55

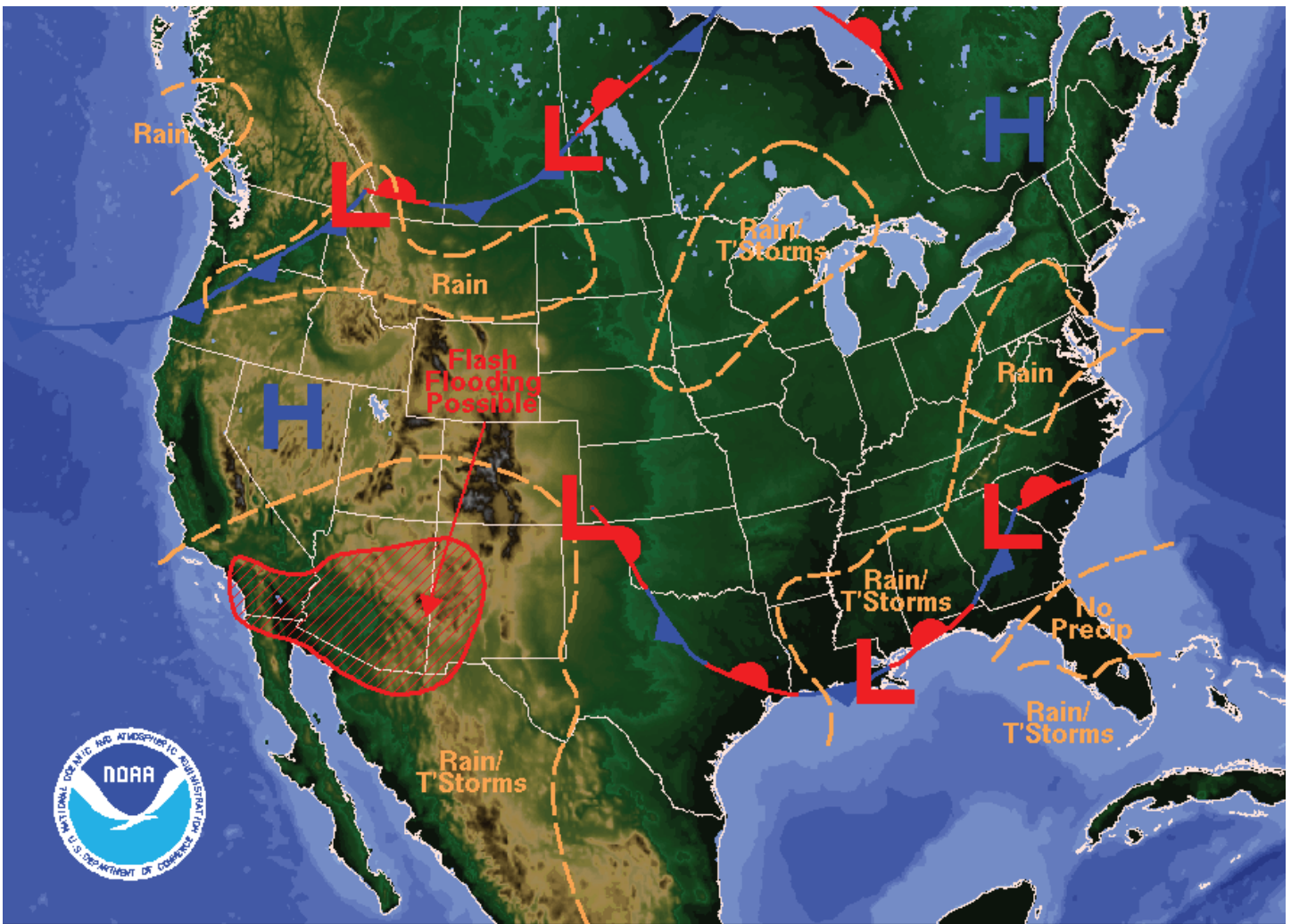
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.35

Average Precip to date: 17.84

Precip Year to Date: 17.15

Sunset Tonight: 7:33 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:20 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Sep 21, 2015, issued 4:32 AM EDT
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Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SHOP CAREFULLY

"Supermarket behavior" is fascinating to watch. It seems as though people change when they enter the door, get their cart and begin to walk through the aisles.

The cart becomes a very special "space" that we fill with various items for our particular wants and needs. We would consider someone strange if they met us at the door and said, "Here, take my cart and fill it with what you think I want and I'll meet you at the check-out area."

Often, however, we do that with our minds. We become careless with what we read, what we watch, what or who we listen to or what we think about. It can be dangerous, just as it would be, if we allowed some stranger to fill our cart.

We are warned in Proverbs to "guard your heart above all else for it determines the course of your life." In the Bible the heart is the "keeper" of our feelings and thoughts, guides our decisions and provides solutions for daily living. The heart is critical in the battle between wisdom and foolishness, righteousness and evil. That's why it is more important for us to set boundaries around our heart than it is to watch what goes into such a simple thing as a shopping cart.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to be very careful about the things that come into our minds and control our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

News from the Associated Press

Images of state's railroad history added to digital archive

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society's archive has added more than 600 photographs related to railroad history to the South Dakota Digital Archives.

The historical society says the photographs are from the R.C. Lathrop Collection.

State Archivist Chelle (SHEHL'-ee) Somsen says the photographs offer an "exceptional view" of railroad history in South Dakota.

The collection emphasizes railroad depots and features images dating between the 1900s and the 1970s.

Lathrop began as a railroad worker when he was 18 years old and eventually retired in 2004 after more than 40 years. He donated his collection of photographs and other materials to the state archives in 2011.

Venezuelan trade team to tour South Dakota ag facilities

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A five-member Venezuelan trade team is touring a South Dakota farm, grain elevator and ethanol plant.

The trade team visiting Monday includes Venezuelan grain buyers and a U.S. Grains Council representative from the Panama office.

The Grains Council is sponsoring the group's trip to the United States. The nonprofit organization develops export markets for U.S. barley, corn, grain sorghum and related products.

South Dakota Corn is acting as a local sponsor.

Western SD man indicted on prescription fraud charge

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a western South Dakota man who authorities accuse of trying to obtain painkillers with a false prescription.

Federal court records show Isaac Standing Bear has pleaded not guilty to one count each of false statements relating to health care matters and attempt to obtain controlled substances by fraud.

Authorities accuse Standing Bear of presenting a fraudulent prescription for hydrocodone at the Indian Health Services pharmacy on Pine Ridge in February.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Daneta Wollmann has set the jury trial for Standing Bear for Nov. 24 in Rapid City.

Chance of deer-vehicle collision remains high in the Dakotas

SIOUX FALLS, N.D. (AP) — The likelihood that a motorist will crash into a deer in the Dakotas remains higher than in most other states.

State Farm's annual ranking of states in terms of the likelihood of deer-vehicle collisions puts South Dakota fifth and North Dakota 14th.

In South Dakota, the chances of a driver hitting a deer are estimated at 1 in 73. In North Dakota, the chance is 1 in 113. The national odds are 1 in 169.

West Virginia tops the list for the ninth year in a row, with a 1-in-44 chance of a motorist hitting a deer.

Security guard placed on leave after shooting suspect in SD

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a private security officer has been placed on administrative leave after he shot and wounded a person.

Black Hills Patrol said Sunday night that the officer placed on leave had worked for the patrol for over three years. He was one of two officers responding to a report of a fight involving weapons early Sunday at a Rapid City convenience store. Officials say the officer fired his pistol at a vehicle that was apparently trying to strike him.

The wounded person was taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital and treated for non-life-threatening

injuries.

Rapid City police are investigating the incident. The Black Hills Patrol said this is the first time in its more than five-year history that one of its officers has been involved in a shooting.

Investigators on scene where ethanol tankers derailed

SCOTLAND, S.D. (AP) — An official says federal investigators have spent their first full day on the scene where seven ethanol tanker cars derailed in South Dakota this weekend.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Terry Williams says the train heading from Mina, South Dakota, to Deer Park, Texas, was traveling 10 mph at the time, which was the allowed speed.

No one was hurt when the cars derailed Saturday morning, and at least one caught fire. BNSF had said the train carrying ethanol derailed about 6:15 a.m. over a small bridge that spans a dry creek, between the towns of Scotland and Lesterville.

Williams said the investigation at the scene would take three to five days. BNSF Railway spokeswoman Amy McBeth said the company's estimate to reopen the tracks was 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Garden shows plants people would have used 1,000 years ago

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A garden showing a variety of plants that the first inhabitants of the Prehistoric Indian Village in Mitchell would have used 1,000 years ago is now open to the public.

The garden has 37 species of plants, including native roses, wild garlic, sunflowers, geraniums, wild plum and sage. Archeologists believe these plants would have been used for food, medicines and dyes.

The site is a 1,000-year-old Native American village being excavated by students from the University of Exeter and Augustana University. It is the only active archaeological site open to the public in South Dakota.

Executive director Cynthia Gregg says the plants selected to be part of the garden were carefully researched through pollen analysis of the site's soils and through information gathered from Native American ethnology.

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. U.S. MULLS ABSTENTION ON CUBA EMBARGO VOTE AT UN

In an unprecedented move, Washington may be willing to accept a United Nations condemnation of the trade restrictions against Havana without a fight, the AP learns.

2. POPE MEETS WITH FIDEL

However, Francis misses out on an encounter with Cuban dissidents, who are prevented from reaching the cathedral where the greeting was planned.

3. WHAT HURT UN'S EBOLA RESPONSE IN SIERRA LEONE

An AP investigation finds that weak leadership, shoddy supplies and infighting at the World Health agency aggravated a chaotic situation in the fight against the virus.

4. CROATIA OPENS RECEPTION CENTER FOR MIGRANTS

Meanwhile, Austrian police say that nearly 24,000 people fleeing their homelands have crossed the country's border with Hungary over the weekend.

5. SYRIAN FAMILY REBUILDS LIFE IN THE U.S.

"In Syria we lost a lot of our dignity. Here, I'm sure the situation will be much better," says Hussam Al Roustom.

6. WHY FIORINA'S CAREER AS HEWLETT-PACKARD CEO IS STILL DEBATED

"It is pretty hard to find too many people who think she did a great job there," says journalist Peter Burrows.

7. ISRAEL STRUGGLES TO COUNTER PALESTINIAN ROCK-THROWING THREAT

The weapon dating back to David and Goliath is becoming commonplace in Jerusalem, leading to calls

for a crackdown and adding to tensions over access to a key holy site.

8. WHICH NEW GOALS UN SETS

The organization adopts a new 15-year plan to staunch world poverty, to improve health and education and to quell climate change.

9. NEW ZEALAND FARMERS PINCHED BY CHINA CHANGES

Many of them are borrowing to stay afloat and rural suicides increase with a decline in Chinese demand for imported dairy products.

10. VIOLA DAVIS MAKES EMMY HISTORY

"The only thing that separates women of color from anybody else is opportunity," says the first black woman to win an Emmy for best drama series actress.

AP News in Brief

APNewsBreak: US weighs unprecedented abstention on UN vote condemning Cuba embargo

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the United States may be willing to accept a United Nations condemnation of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba without a fight, The Associated Press has learned.

U.S. officials tell the AP that the Obama administration is weighing abstaining from the annual U.N. General Assembly vote on a Cuban-backed resolution demanding that the embargo be lifted. The vote could come next month.

No decision has yet been made, said four administration officials who weren't authorized to speak publicly on sensitive internal deliberations and demanded anonymity. But merely considering an abstention is unprecedented. Following through on the idea would send shock waves through both the United Nations and Congress.

It is unheard of for a U.N. member state not to oppose resolutions critical of its own laws.

And by not actively opposing the resolution, the administration would be effectively siding with the world body against Congress, which has refused to repeal the embargo despite calls from President Barack Obama to do so.

Pope meets with Fidel, but misses out on seeing dissidents after they're blocked from vespers

HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis flies to eastern Cuba on Monday for the next leg of his pilgrimage after having met with both Raul and Fidel Castro but missing out on an encounter with Cuban dissidents.

The Vatican stressed that no official meeting had been planned with the dissidents. The Vatican embassy in Havana did make calls to some leaders "as a sign of attention to these people," the Vatican spokesman said, but in the end the dissidents were prevented from reaching the cathedral where the greeting was planned.

The Castro meetings went off without a hitch.

The Vatican described the 40-minute session with Fidel Castro at the former president's home as "informal and familial," with an exchange of books and discussion about big issues facing humanity, including Francis' recent encyclical on the environment and the global economic system.

Video of the encounter broadcast on Cuban state media showed the 89-year-old Castro chatting animatedly with Francis and shaking the pope's hand, the pope standing in his white vestments and Castro sitting in a white button-down shirt and Adidas sweat top.

AP Investigation: World Health agency's bungling hindered Ebola response in Sierra Leone

KENEMA, Sierra Leone (AP) — The chlorine was expired. The protective gear was missing. And the red tape was so thick that responders fighting last year's Ebola outbreak had trouble getting approval for boots and buckets.

The 2014 Ebola epidemic pitted a lethal virus against barely-there health systems, and it was always going to be deadly. But an Associated Press investigation has found that a string of avoidable errors badly undermined the work of international aid workers.

The World Health Organization, charged with leading the fight against global outbreaks, already has been criticized over its management of the disease-fighting effort. Earlier this year, an AP investigation found that WHO delayed declaring an international emergency — similar to an SOS signal — on political and economic grounds. Newly obtained emails, documents and interviews show that WHO and other responders failed to organize a strong response even after the signal was issued.

Experts say the bungling ultimately cost lives across West Africa.

"There's no question that a better and earlier response from WHO could have resulted in thousands and thousands of fewer deaths than we saw," said Dr. Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University in New York.

The Latest: Austria: Over 24,000 migrants came in this weekend from Hungary; more on Monday

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

11:40 a.m.

Austrian police say people keep streaming in by the thousands across the border from Hungary.

Police spokesman Helmut Marban says Monday that nearly 24,000 people fleeing their homelands had crossed in over the weekend.

Syrian refugee family rebuilds life in the US, hopeful relatives will be able to join them

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Hussam Al Roustom and his wife didn't tell anyone before they and their two small children left Syria, fearing their plans for escape could fall apart.

Leaving their homeland had never been part of the picture before. Al Roustom had a supermarket and owned their home in the western Syria city of Homs. But a civil war that started with unrest in 2011 had taken its toll, especially on his son Wesam, already dealing with autism and so traumatized by the barrage of violence that he stopped speaking entirely.

"When they would exit the house, it was only to the sounds of war," Al Roustom said through a translator. "When they would sleep, they would hear the sound of bullets."

These days, it's the sounds of passing cars and conversations between people on the street for Al Roustom and his wife, Suha, as they and their children settle into their small apartment in Jersey City, New Jersey. They've been here about three months, among the 1,500 or so Syrian refugees who have been resettled in the U.S. out of an estimated 4 million who had fled the country in recent years.

Wesem, now 7, speaks "a few words," his father said. He and Maaesa, 3, have been to the park, the pool and the beach, and Wesem has learned to swim. Al Roustom just started a job with a moving company, work found through the help of Church World Service, the organization that is helping resettle the family.

Carly Fiorina's rocky tenure as Hewlett-Packard CEO is still a matter of campaign debate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ten years after GOP presidential candidate Carly Fiorina was unceremoniously fired from her job as chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, her tumultuous business career is still the subject of heated discussion.

Even as she enjoys a surge in momentum after last week's Republican debate, Fiorina is facing more jibes about her tenure at HP. Rival candidate Donald Trump declared her time there "a disaster," after Fiorina boasted of HP's growth and the "tough choices" she made as CEO.

The truth is, her HP tenure was rocky. "It is pretty hard to find too many people who think she did a great job there," said journalist Peter Burrows, who wrote "Backfire," a book about Fiorina's reign at HP. "Her reputation is definitely tarnished in Silicon Valley."

Yet one outspoken Fiorina supporter is venture capitalist Tom Perkins, who clashed with Fiorina when he was on HP's board but now says it was a mistake to dump her. "I think she is brilliant and has gotten a lot of unwarranted criticism," Perkins told The Associated Press.

Some issues the 61-year-old Fiorina has encountered in her career:

Israel struggles to counter new wave of Palestinian rock-throwing attacks in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — After finding high-tech solutions to halt suicide bombings and rockets, tech-savvy Israel is struggling with the resurgence of a weapon dating back to David and Goliath: the hurled rock.

Rock throwing is becoming commonplace in Jerusalem amid a wave of Palestinian unrest, leading to calls for a harsh crackdown and adding to tensions over access to a key holy site. But the outbursts appear to be decentralized and unorganized, and any tough new measures risk setting off another full-fledged conflict.

The Palestinian rock thrower emerged as an iconic image of the first uprising against Israeli occupation in the 1980s and even as the second uprising last decade took on a more militant nature with suicide bombings and shooting attacks, rock throwing has been a regular feature of demonstrations since then. But in recent months, stone throwing has become a near daily occurrence in some neighborhoods of east Jerusalem, the section of the city captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war and claimed by the Palestinians as their capital.

After an Israeli motorist was killed when his car crashed after being pelted with stones on the eve of the Jewish New Year, the Israeli government pledged to crack down.

Israel quickly built a new fence and installed greater surveillance measures at the site of the attack, and the government has pushed for more lenient rules of engagement for police. It is also promising tougher minimum sentences for offenders and heavy fines for minors and their parents as part of a zero-tolerance approach.

Greek left-wing leader Tsipras sees off rivals right and left, but must impose new cutbacks

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek left-wing leader Alexis Tsipras will receive the formal mandate to govern for a second straight term Monday, after his unexpectedly decisive victory in early national elections that saw most Greeks back parties committed to the debt-heavy country's harsh bailout commitments.

At 41, Tsipras now dominates Greek politics, having seen off both the main, center-right opposition and his own party rebels despite a sharp policy U-turn that kept the country in the eurozone but ditched the anti-austerity platform which first swept him to power in January.

Tsipras quickly announced that he will renew his pro-European coalition with the small, right-wing populist Independent Greeks (ANEL) party, which beat opinion polls to clear the three percent parliamentary entry threshold.

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With more than 99.7 percent of Sunday's votes counted, Tsipras' Syriza had 35.5 percent, while New Democracy trailed with 28.1 percent. But in a sign of widespread discontent, more than four in 10 Greeks stayed away from the parliamentary election — the second this year — and Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn remained the country's third-strongest party with 7 percent.

Just two months ago, Syriza abandoned its pledges to reverse income cuts, tax hikes and labor reforms under duress to secure a third, 86-billion-euro (\$97 billion) international bailout for the recession-battered country. Tsipras has promised to put as human a face as possible on the inevitable new cutbacks and pension reforms his government must enforce to continue receiving the rescue loans.

HBO takes home a haul of Emmys; Davis, Hamm and Morgan win some hearts

HBO claimed the hardware at the annual Emmy Awards. Viola Davis, Jon Hamm and Tracy Morgan captured the hearts.

In the 67th edition of the television awards show Sunday, Davis became the first woman of color to win best actress in a drama series. Hamm was a sentimental favorite for winning best actor in his last chance with "Mad Men," and Morgan was an emotional surprise in appearing onstage following his traumatic brain injury in an auto accident last year.

For sheer awards tonnage, it was a triumph for HBO. The pay cable network won 14 awards Sunday night, with "Game of Thrones" named best drama, "Veep" best comedy and the miniseries "Olive Kitteridge" best limited series.

The next closest network was Comedy Central with four. Add in the creative arts Emmys awarded a week ago and HBO took a total of 43 awards (NBC was second with 12). The fantasy drama "Game of Thrones" was the most-honored program in any single year, with a total of 12 awards.

"Thanks again, HBO, for believing in dragons," said David Benioff, producer of "Game of Thrones." The show's Peter Dinklage won a best supporting actor award.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, September 21, the 264th day of 2015. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 21, 1897, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial, written anonymously by Francis P. Church, which declared, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1893, one of America's first horseless carriages was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Massachusetts, by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.

In 1912, magician Harry Houdini first publicly performed his "Water Torture Cell" trick at the Circus Busch in Berlin.

In 1925, the Rudolf Friml operetta "The Vagabond King" opened on Broadway.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1948, Milton Berle made his debut as permanent host of "The Texaco Star Theater" on NBC-TV.

In 1957, Norway's King Haakon VII died in Oslo at age 85. The legal mystery-drama "Perry Mason," starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.

In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

In 1975, the Warner Bros. motion picture "Dog Day Afternoon," starring Al Pacino, opened in New York.

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In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 in the United States). Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, hit by a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit.

In 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony on Cumberland Island, Georgia.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Rita swirled toward the Gulf Coast as a Category 5, 165-mph monster as more than 1.3 million people in Texas and Louisiana were evacuated. A JetBlue Airbus circled Southern California for hours, crippled by a faulty landing gear, while the passengers were able to watch the drama unfold on live television; the plane landed safely at Los Angeles International Airport. Japan's Parliament re-elected Junichiro Koizumi (joon-ee-chee-roh koh-ee-zoo-mee) prime minister. Former National Organization for Women president Molly Yard died in Pittsburgh at age 93.

Five years ago: The mayor and ex-city manager of the Los Angeles suburb of Bell were among eight current and former city officials arrested in a corruption scandal that authorities said cost the blue-collar city more than \$5.5 million in excessive salaries and illegal personal loans. Two men filed a lawsuit accusing Atlanta megachurch pastor Bishop Eddie Long of coercing them into sexual relationships when they were teenage members of his congregation. (Long, who denied the allegations, later reached out-of-court settlements with them and two other men.)

One year ago: Thousands of demonstrators filled the streets of Manhattan and cities around the world to urge policy makers to take action on climate change. A SpaceX cargo ship rocketed toward the International Space Station, carrying the first 3-D printer for astronauts in orbit. NASA's Maven spacecraft arrived at Mars after a 442 million-mile journey that began nearly a year earlier. Pope Francis briefly visited Albania, where he called for Muslims and all religious leaders to condemn Islamic extremists who "perverted" religion to justify violence. Ending months of vote-related tension, Afghanistan's election commission named Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai (ahsh-RAHF' gah-NEE' ah-mahd-ZEYE') the country's new president.

Today's Birthdays: Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 81. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 74. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 72. Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear is 71. Musician Don Felder is 68. Author Stephen King is 68. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is 66. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 65. Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Delahoussaye is 64. Rock musician Philthy Animal is 61. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is 58. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 58. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 56. Actor David James Elliott is 55. Actress Serena Scott-Thomas is 54. Actress Nancy Travis is 54. Actor Rob Morrow is 53. Retired MLB All-Star Cecil Fielder is 52. Actress Cheryl Hines is 50. Country singer Faith Hill is 48. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 48. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 47. Actress-talk show host Ricki Lake is 47. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 47. Actor Rob Benedict is 45. Actor James Lesure is 44. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro is 44. Actor Luke Wilson is 44. Actor Paulo Costanzo is 37. Actor Bradford Anderson is 36. Actress Autumn Reeser is 35. TV personality Nicole Richie is 34. Actress Maggie Grace is 32. Actor Joseph Mazello is 32. Actress Ahna O'Reilly is 31. Rapper Wale (WAH'-lay) is 31. Actors Nikolas and Lorenzo Brino are 17.

Thought for Today: "The only true measure of success is the ratio between what we might have done and what we might have been on the one hand, and the thing we have made and the things we have made of ourselves on the other." - H.G. Wells, English author (born this date in 1866, died 1946.)