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Emma Donley and Terrance Ketterling look at their photos with Joann Donley looking on.

Saturday, September 26

Birthdays: • Alan Strom • Heidi Krueger
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
1:00 pm: Girls soccer hosts Tea Area
3:00 pm: Boys soccer hosts Tea Area

Sunday, September 27

Anniversary: Harvey & Bernice Fliehs Sr.
Birthdays: • Ellie Howard • Landal Leonhardt • Greg Kjellsen • Lori Bahr • Jesse Kurtenbach • Andy Ries
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, September 28

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Chicken tetarazzini, California veggies, breadsticks, carrots and dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Goulash, green and gold beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.
Birthday: • Rick Hanson
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study Leaders Meet

Tuesday, September 29

School Breakfast: Cereal, juice, fruit, yogurt, milk.
School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, lettuce salad, fruit.
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato and sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: • Adam Atherton • Ben Brandt • Bob Johnson • Ken Dinger • Lauren Wheeting • Neil Johnson
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
1st Round of boys and girls soccer playoffs
4:00 pm: 8th grade FB at Aberdeen Central (Healy Field at Holgate MS)
5:30 pm: Title 1 Open House at Elementary School
6:00 pm: Volleyball at Tiospa Zina with C match and JV match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match

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Penalties propel Roncalli to a 3-touchdown win

When it comes to penalties, the Groton-Roncalli game had a ton of them. Coach Shaun Wanner said he and Roncalli Coach Terry Dosch talked after the game and both agreed that if the teams were going to proceed into the playoffs, they need to control the penalties. There were 240 yards of penalties in the game while the grand total of offense was 246 yards.

It was a double penalty against Groton that created a turning point in the game and Roncalli spoiled Groton Area's homecoming with an 18-0 Northeast Conference win.

Braden Sommers intercepted the ball to stop Groton's second drive. The Cavaliers took over on the Groton 17-yard line and threatened to score on a goal line stand, but the Tiger defense held as the first quarter ended scoreless. Groton was unable to get any offense going and the Cavaliers started at the Tiger 25 yard line. "They (Roncalli) are a good defensive teams," Wanner said. "Their quickness hurt us and we could not get our running game going and they had our quarterback on the run. We ended up punting deep which gave Roncalli good field position." The Cavaliers' drive started at the Groton 25 yard line and this time, they scored on a five yard run by Sommers. Hunter Lerew blocked the PAT kick and it was 6-0 with 9:08 left in the second quarter. The Cavaliers were



Hunter Lerew caught this pass for an eight yard gain for the Tigers.

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forced to punt on fourth and nine and the Tigers got into good field position at the Roncalli 18 yard line. On fourth and five, the Tigers were going to attempt a field goal. "I thought we if got a field goal, it would 6-3, and then later on, we could get a touchdown," Wanner said. But then a penalty moved the field goal attempt to 35 yards and it was wide on the attempt.

Roncalli got a couple of first downs and were marching down the field, using two time-outs to stop the clock, but on the last play of the first half, Bennett Shabazz intercepted the ball to thwart any big touchdown run.

Roncalli received the second half kick-off and was stopped at their own 12 yard line. The Cavaliers got three first downs and were down to the Groton 29 yard line. "We spent too much time on defense," Wanner said. The Tiger defense held its ground again, forcing Roncalli to punt on fourth and 35. The third quarter ended with Roncalli clinging to a 6-0 lead.

The Roncalli drive that started with 1:27 left in the third quarter at their own 44 yard line was benefited from Groton penalties. The Cavaliers got a first down when they were second and 15. Then when the Cavaliers were third and 30, a double penalty on Groton put the Cavaliers on the Groton 10 yard line. Four plays later, Anthony Andera scored on a three-yard run with 10:26 left in the game. The PAT run was stopped and it was 12-0. The next Tiger drive was stopped by a Roncalli interception. Roncalli got a first down with a penalty, but ended up punting on fourth and five. Groton took over on its own seven yard line and was pushed back to the five yard line on the next play. The snap when through the quarterbacks hands and into the endzone and it was recovered by Alex Garvin. Adam Herman blocked the PAT kick and Roncalli took an 18-0 lead with 4:25 left in the game, which ended up be-



Bennett Shabazz had limited running room behind the line.

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ing the final score. "The score does not show how well we played," Wanner said. "I told the kids after the game that we are not going to base our whole season on one loss. We have a lot of things to get accomplished yet this season. We played a very good football team and you will only get so many big plays in a game like that."

Groton had three first downs in the game while Roncalli had 16. The Tigers had 27 carries for 35 yards with Bennett Shabazz having 14 carries for 18 yards, Lucas Hinman with eight carries for 10 yards and Carter Jondahl with four carries for eight yards. Roncalli had 38 carries for 131 yards with Brandon Sommers having 16 carries for 64 yards and Anthony Andera having 15 for 65 yards.

Bennett Shabazz completed two of eight passes for 15 yards with two interceptions. Hunter Lerew had one catch for eight yards and Adam Herman had one for seven yards. Sommers completed six of 18 passes for Roncalli for 53 yards and one interception. Conner Fiedler completed one of two passes for 12 yards. Logan Karst had two catches for 38 yards.

Groton lost one of two fumbles and Roncalli recovered both of its fumbles. Groton had 12 penalties for 120 yards and Roncalli had 15 for 120 yards.

Defensive leaders for Groton Area were Carter Jondahl and Patrick Gengerke with 12 each, Alex Garvin had eight for Roncalli.

Groton continues to be the leader in the region with four wins while Roncalli had three. "This did not hurt us one bit in the regions for the playoffs," Wanner said. "We are 4-1 and Roncalli is 3-1."

Groton Area will travel to Sisseton on Friday while Roncalli plays Wagner. "It's going to be a big region game for us," Wanner said. "Sisseton is now in our region and they are 2-2 right now. We now have to position ourselves to host a playoff game." Wanner said that Sisseton likes to pass the ball so the Tigers will be gearing up for pass defense.



A new feature to the CUBEcast of the game by the Groton Daily Independent is comentary and stats by Tom Woods at halftime and at the end of the game.

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Jungle Day Bazaar

The Presbyterian Church held its Jungle Day Bazaar on Homecoming Day. In the top left photo are Brenda Craig, Janet Anderson and Dwight Zerr, above are Pastor Terry Kenny, Brenda Craig, Janet Anderson and Jackie Wagner.



RAM trucks, through the Aberdeen Chrysler Center, raised the maximum of \$5,000 for the Groton Area School District with their test drive event held yesterday. In addition, the senior class had the most votes and the senior class will receive \$500. Presenting the check to Groton Athletic Director Brian Schuring (middle) are Landon Jondahl (left) and Jason Holm (right). The Groton event raised more money than the event for Aberdeen Central. There were 254 who did the test drive in Groton while Aberdeen Central's event only had about 120 who did the test drive.

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High School
Marching Band

Homecoming Parade



Parade
Marshalls



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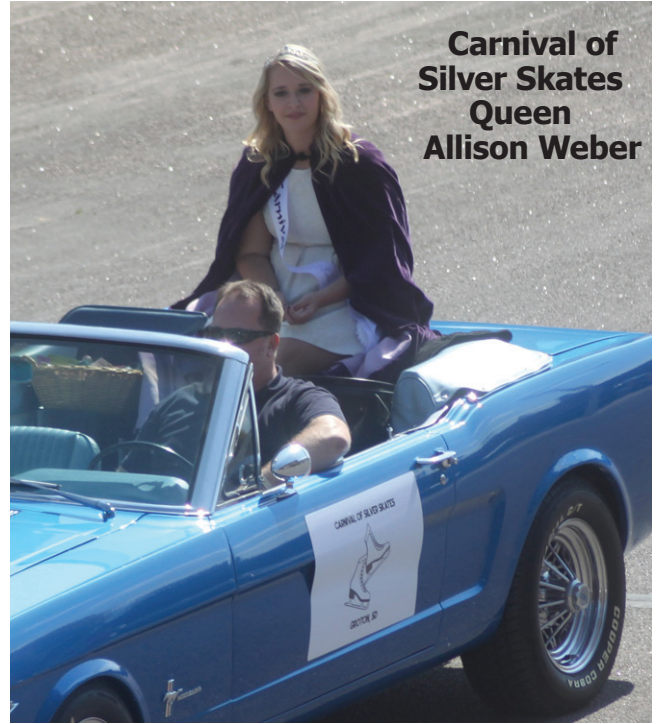
Wells Fargo

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Junior Kindergarten



Carnival of Silver Skates Queen Allison Weber



Kindergarten



First Grade



Groton Snow Queens

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Second Grade



Third Grade

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Fourth Grade



Fifth Grade

**Mikey D
Chapter of
Farm Safety 4
Just Kids**



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**St. John's
Lutheran
Church Float**

**Groton
Lions Club**



**King Dick and
Ruby Donovan
were chosen as
the Senior
Citizens King
and Queen**

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Sixth Grade
Float



Eighth Grade
Float

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Senior Class
Float
Third Place



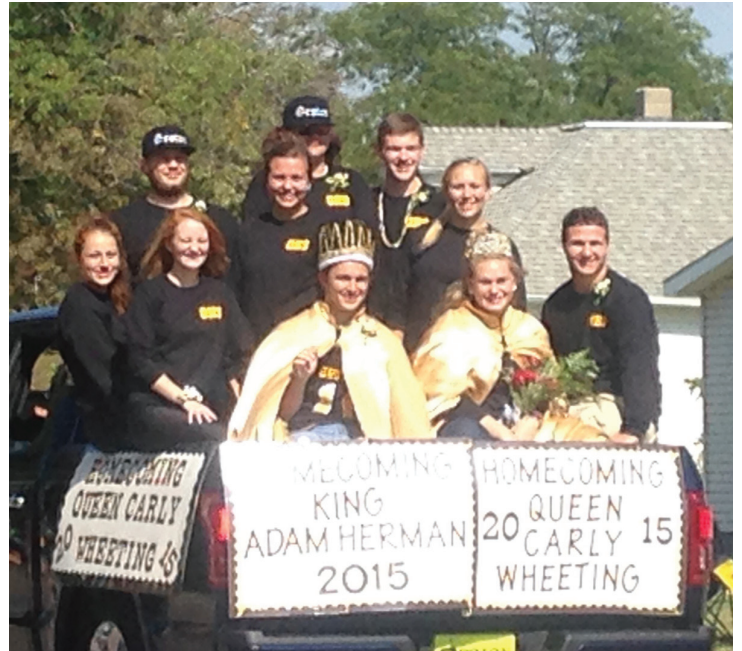
Seventh
Grade Float
First Place

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**United Methodist Church
Best Church Float**



Homecoming Royalty

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Commercial
Float**



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Sophomore
Class Float

Second Place

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Freshmen
Class Float



Golden Living
Center Royalty

King Gene
and
Queen Audrey

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James Valley
Telcommunications



Avera



FCCLA Club



Lana and Brock
Greenfield



Junior Class Float



Professional Management Services

Fall is the time to move or transplant trees. Dakota Tree Company have trees for sale that are ready to be planted this fall. They offer free estimates on all tree planting and removals. They have a phone number easy to remember - 725-WOOD (9663). Give them a call.

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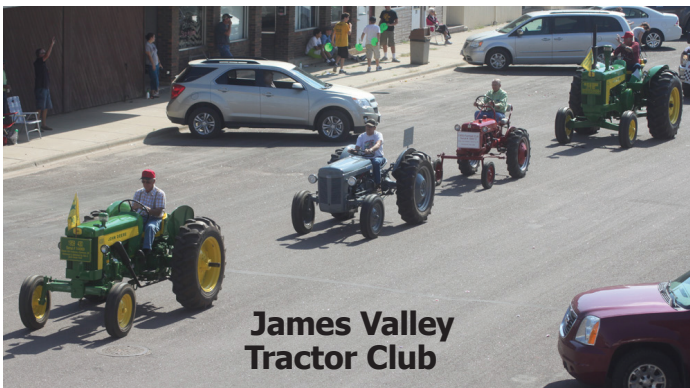
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Lori's Pharmacy



James Valley Tractor Club



Olde Bank Floral 'n More



Groton Fire and Rescue



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John Sieh Agency



National Guard with Burt Glover



Teen Miss Global Tourism Allison Weber



Groton FFA



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Jim Dumire - Class of 1983



Groton Ford

Arnie Bahr and Lee Schinkel- Class of 1961



Custom Cruisers



Junior High Band

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Class of 1965



Class of 1965



**Aberdeen
Chrysler Center**

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Groton Area School District #06-6

School Board Meeting

September 28, 2015 – 7:30 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.

2. Program Overview Presentations Grades JK, K, and 1...K. Krause, A. Gibbs, R. Swisher, J. Milbrandt, E. Eichler

3. School Board Committee Reports:

a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel

b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix

c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith

4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Spring 2016 Show Choir Travel [Mr. Cody Swanson].

2. Approve FY2016 district budget with amendments and authorize business manager to file tax request with county auditor.

3. Review Food Service Inspection of Groton Elementary Food Service Facility conducted by South Dakota Department of Health on 9/21/15.

4. Review District and School Report Cards for 2015.

5. Acknowledge receipt of Public School Exemption #16-05 (Grades K, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9).

6. Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) for student issue.

7. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

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Today in Weather History

September 25, 1965: A hard freeze hit most of Minnesota in the early morning causing the loss of millions of bushels of corn and soybeans. Some temperatures fell below 20 degrees far north in the state.

September 26, 1981: A tornado touched down in the early morning hours several times east of Vermilion. Two barns received extensive damage.

1936 - Denver, CO, was buried under 21.3 inches of snow, 19.4 inches of which fell in 24 hours. The heavy wet snow snapped trees and wires causing seven million dollars damage. (26th-27th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1950 - Residents of the northeastern U.S. observed a blue sun and a blue moon, caused by forest fires in British Columbia. (David Ludlum)

1963 - San Diego, CA, reached an all-time record high of 111 degrees. Los Angeles hit 109 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1970 - Santa Ana winds brought fires to Los Angeles County, and to points south and east. Half a million acres were consumed by the fires, as were 1000 structures. Twenty firemen were injured. (25th-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1979 - In the midst of a hot September for Death Valley, California, the afternoon high was 104 degrees for the second of three days, the coolest afternoon highs for the month. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Freezing temperatures were reported in the Northern and Central Appalachians, and the Upper Ohio Valley. The morning low of 27 degrees at Concord NH tied their record for the date. Temperatures soared into the 90s in South Dakota. Pierre SD reported an afternoon high of 98 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across Florida. Afternoon highs of 92 degrees at Apalachicola and 95 degrees at Fort Myers were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Rain spread from the southeastern states across New England overnight. Cape Hatteras NC reported measurable rainfall for the fourteenth straight day, with 15.51 inches of rain recorded during that two week period. Phoenix AZ reported a record high of 108 degrees, and a record 134 days of 100 degree weather for the year. Afternoon temperatures were only in the 40s over parts of northwest Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. (The National Weather Summary)

2004 - After making its infamous loop east of the Bahamas, Hurricane Jeanne made landfall the night of September 26th, 2004. Jeanne came ashore as a major category 3 hurricane just a few miles away from where Hurricane Frances made landfall a few weeks before. Jeanne produced extensive damage along the east central Florida coast from Volusia County south to Martin County. The highest wind gusts occurred over extreme Southern Brevard County as well as Indian River County with 110 - 120 mph estimates at the peak of the storm. (NWS, Melbourne, FL)

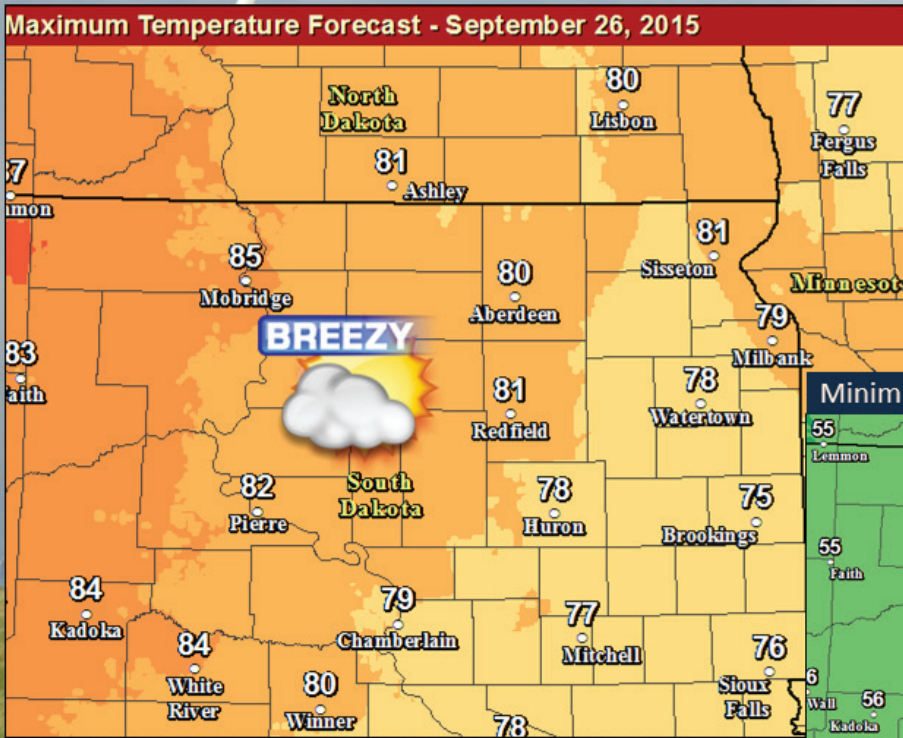
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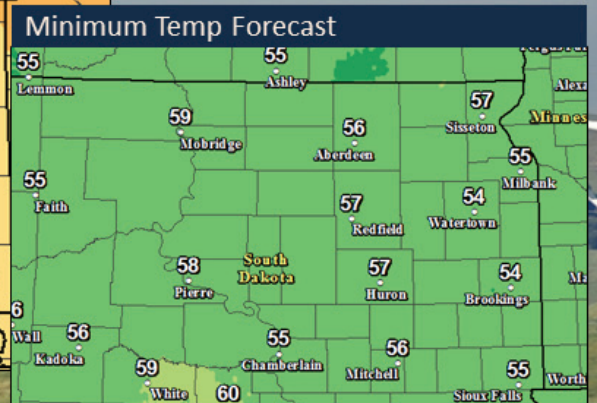
This Afternoon	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear and Breezy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chance Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 83 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 68 °F



Warm, Breezy Saturday



- Highs 10-15 degrees above average
- Wind gusts 25-35 mph
- Warm again Sunday but a cold front cools us down by Monday



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Much above average temperatures and gusty southerly winds will be with us for the weekend before a cold front passes Sunday afternoon and evening reducing temperatures back to near normal. A slight chance for rain showers exists Monday.

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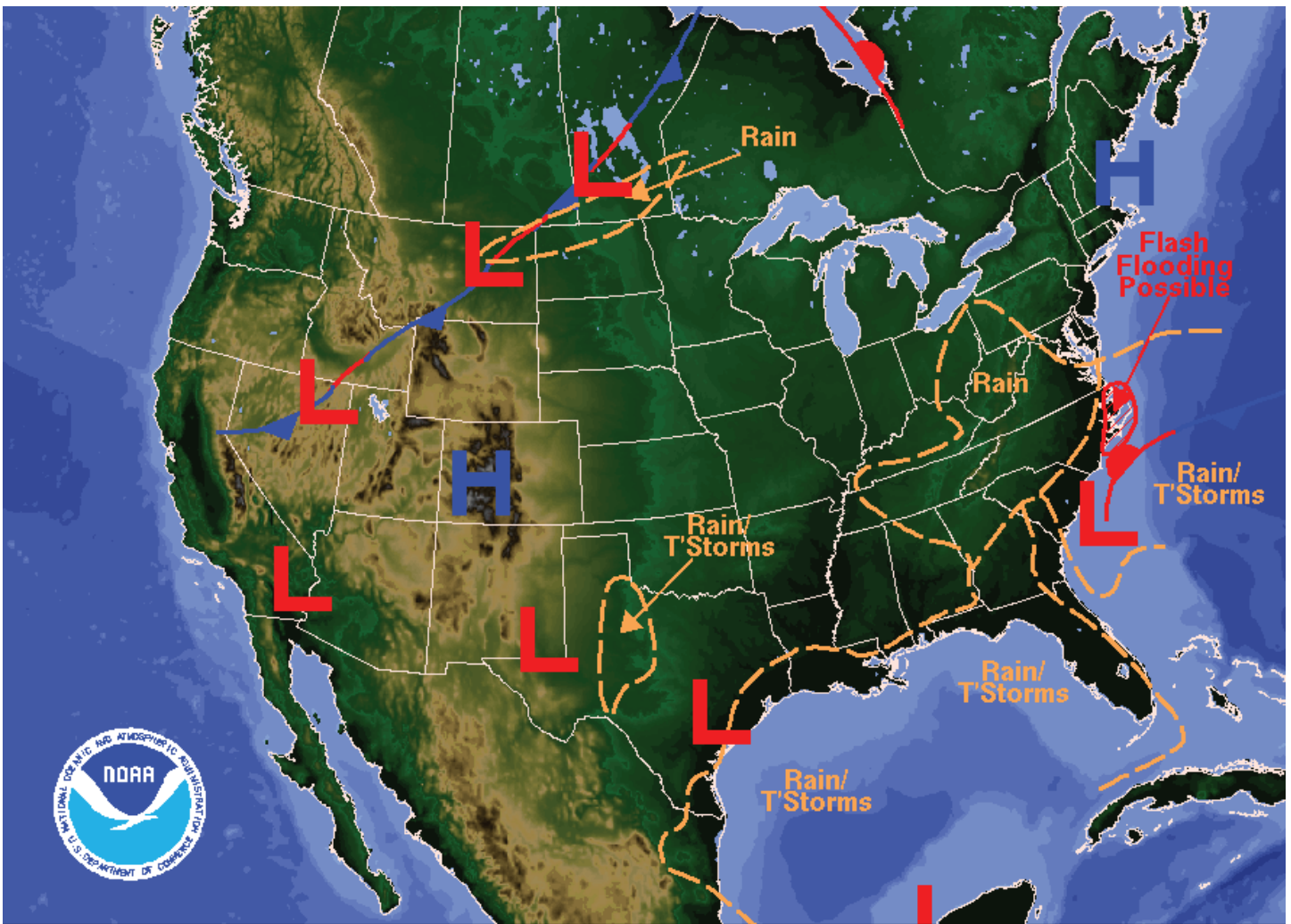
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 81.2
Low: 52.8
High Gust: 18
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1974
Record Low: 17° in 1939
Average High: 67°F
Average Low: 41°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 1.90
Precip to date in Sept.: 1.32
Average Precip to date: 18.19
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 7:23 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:26 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Sep 26, 2015, issued 3:24 PM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Pereira based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHAT NOW?

Each afternoon an old farmer and his Labrador retriever would walk to the train station, sit down together and wait for the train to arrive at three o'clock. When the engine appeared, the dog would jump up, wag his tail, wait for the train to get closer and then race alongside of it.

One day a stranger said to the farmer, "That's a crazy dog you got there, mister. Does he actually think he can catch that train?"

"Nope," said the farmer. "And he wouldn't know what to do with it if he did."

We often behave like that dog. We see things that are larger than life itself and go after them in hot pursuit. We conquer them or they may actually conquer us. But in the end, they have no value to us.

In His message about worry, Jesus advised us not to be concerned about worldly things – things that are here today and gone tomorrow. He warned that "these things dominate the minds of unbelievers."

Our focus, then as believers? "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else." When our priorities are in order, we will no longer chase things that really do not matter.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to trust in You, believing that You know whatever we need and will supply it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Matthew 6:25-34 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

News from the Associated Press

Buffalo Roundup draws 21,000 visitors to Custer State Park

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — A record crowd watched a herd of about 1,300 bison thunder across the prairie during the 50th annual Buffalo Roundup in Custer State Park.

Fred Kush, of Lacrosse, Wisconsin, said the Friday event made him think about what a sight it must have been in the 1800s before so many buffalo were killed off.

"The spectacle of it, to see this huge, majestic things in the meadows by themselves, or to see them charging, it just makes you go, 'wow,'" the former history teacher told the Rapid City Journal.

The roundup featured horseback riders joined by all-terrain vehicles and pickup trucks gathering some 1,300 bison into corrals. The buffalo are branded and given vaccinations, and then the herd is culled, or reduced, to about 900 that will be released back onto the park to roam free for another year. The rest are sold at auction.

This year's event drew about 21,000 visitors, which was about 50 percent larger than it typically draws.

Craig Pugsley, Custer State Park's visitor service coordinator, told KEVN-TV that the park has played a pivotal role in helping to bring back the numbers of bison throughout the United States. Pugsley said the buffalo is kind of the iconic image of the west, and the dust flies "in a spiritual way" as the animals rumble across the park during the roundup.

Dennis Harlow and Lois Halvorsen, of Minnesota, traveled to the event with friends of theirs from Denmark. They wanted to see the buffalo after they watched "Dances with Wolves," a movie filmed mainly in the Black Hills area.

"We went on a Jeep ride and got to see them up close," Harlow told the Journal. "They're huge, but calm, majestic animals."

Added Halvorsen, "Seeing them kick up all of that dust and hearing the sound of the ground, like thunder, it's well worth it."

City of Custer to be honored at governor's luncheon

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Black Hills city of Custer will be honored as the community of the year next month.

The award is part of the Governor's Philanthropy Luncheon to be held Oct. 6 at the Rushmore Holiday Inn in Rapid City.

The city was nominated based on its support of Operation Black Hills Cabin, based in Custer. This project started in 2011 as a way to provide a week-long respite for combat disabled veterans and their immediate family.

Custer Mayor Gary Lipp says the entire Black Hills community and all South Dakotans are part of the efforts to thank veterans for their service.

More than 200 people and 40 businesses including area attractions and restaurants welcome the veterans who have visited from 25 states.

Educational cooperative board hires firm to conduct audit

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The board overseeing a Platte educational cooperative thrust into the spotlight when an apparent murder-suicide claimed its two business managers has hired an outside firm to conduct an audit.

Scott Swier, an attorney representing Mid-Central Educational Cooperative, said board members this week voted to retain Eide Bailey to conduct a forensic audit.

Mid-Central had been administering a Native American college-readiness program for the state, but education officials pulled the \$4.3 million federal contract for GEAR UP.

Investigators believe Scott Westerhuis shot his wife and four children last week, then set the family

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home near Platte ablaze before shooting himself. Authorities are investigating the contract as part of an ongoing inquiry into the deaths.

Mid-Central provides speech, language and hearing services to several area school districts.

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra opens season next weekend

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra opens its 2015-2016 season next weekend at Sioux Falls' Washington Pavilion.

The orchestra will boast nearly 100 members for its Oct. 3 performance of Gustav Mahler's "Tragic" symphony. Music Director Delta David Gier says the work is one of the most exciting and challenging pieces of music ever written.

The 2015-2016 season marks the 94th for the orchestra. It also marks the launch of the new Crescendo Program, which offers \$10 tickets to all Classical Series performances to anyone under the age of 35 and free tickets for children with the purchase of an adult ticket.

Community members who have never attended a symphony orchestra performance before can receive a complimentary ticket to their first Classical Series concert.

New wellness center opening on School of Mines campus

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A new wellness center opens on the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology campus on Saturday.

A dedication and tour set for 3 p.m. cuts the ribbon on the new Stephen D. Newlin Family Student Wellness and Recreation Center, which adjoins the King Center on the south end of campus.

The center offers 24,750 square feet in new construction for students, including a fitness center, expanded cardio room and weight training areas, locker rooms, a rock climbing wall and the two-court Fraser Gymnasium.

The dedication will be attended by Newlin, a 1976 Mines graduate who gave \$2 million toward the \$8.9 million center.

Construction is funded primarily by student fees.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 18, Groton Area 0
Alcester-Hudson 50, Irene-Wakonda 36
Arlington/Lake Preston 19, Dell Rapids St. Mary 8
Baltic 48, Garretson 26
Belle Fourche 24, Hot Springs 0
Bennett County 33, Little Wound 14
Beresford 16, McCook Central/Montrose 8
Bison 55, McLaughlin 0
Bon Homme 40, Menno-Marion 20
Brandon Valley 30, Harrisburg 6
Britton-Hecla 56, Great Plains Lutheran 0
Brookings 54, Huron 12
Burke/South Central 55, Marty Indian 0
Canistota 38, Hanson 0
Canton 34, Dakota Valley 17
Castlewood/Estelline 38, Deubrook 6
Chester 67, Centerville 14
Colome 56, Avon 22

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Douglas 26, Sturgis 7
Edgemont 50, Kadoka Area 28
Eureka/Bowdle 34, Leola/Frederick 8
Faith 28, Timber Lake 26
Faulkton 36, Northwestern 6
Florence/Henry 42, Dakota Hills 32
Hamlin 28, Clark/Willow Lake 20
Harding County 50, Hill City 0
Herreid/Selby Area 46, Miller 26
Langford 45, Warner 23
Lemmon/McIntosh def. Newell, forfeit
Lennox 23, Tri-Valley 21
Lower Brule 63, Dupree 0
Madison 48, Vermillion 16
Milbank Area 33, Sioux Valley 21
Mitchell 49, Spearfish 42
Mobridge-Pollock 48, Jones County/White River 8
Parker 50, Viborg-Hurley 0
Parkston 44, Wagner 16
Philip 34, New Underwood 14
Pierre 31, Yankton 0
Platte-Geddes 48, Sunshine Bible Academy 24
Potter County 52, Hitchcock-Tulare 14
Redfield/Doland 18, Sisseton 0
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 44, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 26
Scotland 48, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 0
Sioux Falls Christian 43, Flandreau 0
Sioux Falls Lincoln 28, Aberdeen Central 0
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 40, Rapid City Stevens 9
Sioux Falls Washington 62, Rapid City Central 7
St. Thomas More 57, Custer 13
Stanley County 49, Rapid City Christian 7
Sully Buttes 40, Kimball/White Lake 28
Tea Area 28, Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 21
Todd County 45, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 14
Waverly-South Shore 54, Tri-State 6
Webster 32, Deuel 12
West Central 30, Dell Rapids 7
Winner 52, Chamberlain 6
Wolsey-Wessington 30, Gregory 6

Volleyball

Brandon Valley def. Aberdeen Central, 20-25, 14-25, 25-18, 25-17, 15-7

Federal funding stops flowing to Platte education co-op

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota is done routing millions of dollars in federal grant money for a Native American college-readiness program through a Platte educational cooperative thrust into the spotlight when an apparent murder-suicide claimed its two business managers.

The state's \$4.3 million contract with Mid-Central Educational Cooperative ended Friday, Tony Venhuizen, Gov. Dennis Daugaard's chief of staff, said in an email, although state education officials had already decided to pull the funding.

"The hope had been for an orderly and seamless transition from Mid Central to a new administrator, but the sad events in Platte have made that more difficult," Venhuizen said.

Investigators believe Scott Westerhuis shot his wife and four children last week, then set the family home near Platte ablaze before shooting himself. Authorities are investigating the contract as part of an ongoing inquiry into the deaths.

Attorney General Marty Jackley has said investigators will review a state audit of the cooperative and look over additional financial information. Shortly before the fire, Westerhuis learned the state was not renewing the contract with Mid-Central.

The cooperative provides speech, language and hearing services to several area school districts. Westerhuis was business manager for 15 or 16 years, and his wife, Nicole Westerhuis, served as assistant business manager for about eight years.

Mid-Central has received about \$10.7 million in federal GEAR UP funding over the last four years, Venhuizen said.

Before Friday, Mid-Central had a contract with the state to administer that grant funding. Venhuizen said officials are discussing with the Board of Regents potentially turning over administration of the grant to Black Hills State University and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The state Education Department decided not to renew the contract after a state audit last year took issue with Mid-Central's documenting of some expenses.

The audit found the co-op owed \$214,000 to the state, which it paid. But the audit did not look at organizations that received GEAR UP funding from Mid-Central through the agreement. Scott and Nicole Westerhuis had ties to two of those nonprofit organizations — the American Indian Institute for Innovation and the Oceti Sakowin Education Consortium — which have received at least \$2 million in GEAR UP funding since 2012, according to Internal Revenue Service records.

Mid-Central referred questions to its attorney, Scott Swier.

Swier in an email said the cooperative was aware of Scott Westerhuis' ties to both nonprofits but wasn't "aware of the extent" of the affiliation. IRS documents list Westerhuis as chief financial officer of the institute and his wife as business manager of the consortium.

Records back to 2012 list no compensation for Scott Westerhuis in his role as CFO. Nicole Westerhuis was paid about \$38,500 as business manager and an officer of the education consortium, according to a 2013 report.

Carlos Rodriguez, secretary and treasurer of the American Indian Institute for Innovation's governing board, said no questions were raised at a board meeting a few weeks ago after a report on the budget and financial position of the institute.

Rodriguez, who lives in Washington, said the loss of GEAR UP funding would be "devastating." He said the organization does valuable work with Native American children.

Christopher Bordeaux, executive director of the Oceti Sakowin Education Consortium, said that group's board is meeting in the "near future" to discuss the issue, but he declined to comment further.

Lawsuits challenge limits on industry that aim to save bird

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Officials in Idaho and Nevada and some mining companies sued the federal government over new restrictions on mining, energy development and grazing that are intended to protect a declining bird species across millions of acres of the American West.

The cases are the first to contest the Obama administration's declaration this week that it can protect the greater sage grouse without hobbling the region's economy. Some Republicans and critics from the mining and energy industries contend that the restrictions imposed instead of Endangered Species Act protections for the bird were equally onerous and would stifle development.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said Friday that federal officials wrongly ignored local efforts to protect the bird, leading him to sue in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

"We didn't want a (threatened or endangered) listing, but in many ways these administrative rules are worse," the Republican governor said in a statement.

A similar lawsuit was filed in Nevada by an attorney for two counties and some mining companies.

To shield the sage grouse from possible extinction, U.S. Department of Interior officials want to withdraw 10 million acres of land from future mining claims, prohibit oil and gas drilling near the bird's breeding grounds and impose new reviews on livestock grazing permits.

Such steps to limit disturbance of the sagebrush habitat where grouse dwell were a key factor in the government's decision Tuesday to reject listing the bird as threatened or endangered.

The two lawsuits were directed at newly signed federal land-use plans that cover portions of Nevada, Montana, Idaho, California, Utah and Oregon but have implications across the bird's 11-state range.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and their agencies were named as defendants.

Some wildlife advocates said the government's sage grouse plans were too permissive for industry. They also are considering legal challenges.

A spokeswoman for Jewell said the plans followed the best available science for protecting the bird.

"We believe the plans are both balanced and effective — protecting key sage-grouse habitat and providing for sustainable development," spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said.

She declined to comment directly on the lawsuits.

Opposition to the administration's plans is not universal among Republicans: Two GOP governors — Wyoming's Matt Mead and Nevada's Brian Sandoval — joined Jewell in Colorado this week when she announced the land-use plans.

North America's greater sage grouse population once numbered an estimated 16 million birds. In recent decades, the species lost roughly half its habitat to development, livestock grazing and an invasive grass that's encouraging wildfires in the Great Basin of Nevada and adjoining states. There are now an estimated 200,000 to 500,000 birds.

The Nevada lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Reno, warns of the "total destruction of certain businesses" if the land-use plans stand.

Attorney Laura Granier cited two gold and silver mining proposals that she said would be harder or impossible to develop under the new plans. Oil and gas exploration and grazing also would suffer, Granier said.

The plaintiffs in the case are Elko and Eureka counties, Quantum Minerals LLC and Western Exploration LLC.

Federal lands encompass more than 70 percent of Elko County and 80 percent of Eureka County, primarily administered by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, according to the lawsuit.

The proposal to withdraw 10 million acres from new mining claims will go through a review lasting up to two years before it can be finalized.

The land-use plans also called for rules barring new oil and gas drilling across roughly 10 million acres, Kershaw said. That's a smaller area than the 12 million acres cited by Interior officials when the plans were finalized this week and reflects changes from earlier proposals.

APNewsBreak: S. Dakota to pay \$242K in gay marriage fees

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota on Friday agreed to pay \$242,000 to attorneys for same-sex couples who challenged the state's ban on gay marriages.

Attorney Josh Newville told The Associated Press the deal was finalized Friday, bringing to a close the lawsuit filed in federal District Court in May 2014.

Newville sued the state on behalf of six same-sex couples, challenging South Dakota's ban on gay marriages and its refusal to recognize marriages of same-sex couples who legally wed in other states.

U.S. District Court Judge Karen Schreier ruled in Newville's favor in January, but put her decision on hold pending appeals. A federal appeals court affirmed Schreier's ruling in August, allowing attorneys to proceed with their plan to seek legal fees from the state.

Newville said he felt the case was resolved for him following Schreier's ruling in January and the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in June that legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states.

"This is just sort of background. What this case was really about was people's rights and treating people equally," he said.

The settlement provides about \$182,000 to Madia Law, the Minneapolis firm for which Newville works, and about \$59,000 to the National Center for Lesbian Rights, a national gay rights group who provided additional legal counsel in the case.

Under federal law, attorneys in federal civil rights cases can petition a court to award them legal fees if a court finds in their favor.

"The state has an obligation to defend the constitutionality of its laws, and this is a part of that process," said Tony Venhuizen, chief of staff for Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

South Dakota hogs and pigs up 5 percent from last year

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the number of hogs and pigs in the state is up 5 percent from the same time last year.

The South Dakota office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service says there were 1.33 million head on September 1, a 5 percent increase over the same time last year and a 1 percent increase from June 1.

The breeding hog inventory of 170,000 is a 3 percent decrease over the same time last year, but the 1.16 million market hogs are a 6 percent jump from last year and a 1 percent jump from last quarter.

The June-August 2015 pig crop of 977,000 head was up 3 percent from 2014. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 90,000 head, up 5 percent from last year.

NorthWestern says it has reached settlement on rates

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — NorthWestern Energy says it has reached a settlement with South Dakota Public Utility Commission staff on a pending electric rate case, and it has completed its acquisition of an 80-megawatt wind farm near Tripp.

If a majority of PUC commissioners approve the increase, NorthWestern would be allowed to increase base rates by \$20.2 million annually, less than the company's original request of \$26.5 million.

Thursday's settlement agreement would also place the wind project into the company's South Dakota rate base. NorthWestern bought the project from BayWa r.e. Wind LLC for \$143 million.

The settlement agreement would result in an annual rate increase less than the July 2015 interim increase. NorthWestern says it will refund the difference between the interim rate and final approved rate through customer bills by March.

Craig named head coach of Sioux Falls Skyforce

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The NBA Development League's Sioux Falls Skyforce has named its new head coach.

The Miami Heat has selected Dan Craig to become the 18th head coach of the Skyforce, a D-League franchise affiliated with the Heat. Craig has been a part of the Heat organization for the past 12 years.

Miami Heat President Pat Riley says Craig is a terrific young coach who will bring the Heat culture and great coaching to the Skyforce.

Craig has served as the head coach of Miami's summer league teams the past three seasons. He originally joined the organization as an intern in the video department in 2003 and has worked his way up through the ranks. Craig served as assistant coach/director of player development for the 2014-15 season.

Officials search river for traces of woman missing 2 years

HURON, S.D. (AP) — County and state officials have searched the James River for traces of a Woonsocket woman who disappeared under suspicious circumstances nearly two years ago.

Authorities say a tip led investigators to the river in the Huron area on Thursday. They did not provide details, nor did they say if they found any evidence in the case of Rachel Cyriacks.

The 30-year-old Cyriacks was last seen Nov. 13, 2013, in Woonsocket. Her pickup truck was found the following January, with a lot of damage to its undercarriage. Authorities at the time said they suspected foul play in her disappearance.

Giant pumpkin stolen from South Dakota yard in 'brazen' move

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Matthew Murraine wants to know who swiped his 100-pound pumpkin.

Murraine has been growing a type of large pumpkin at his home in Spearfish, South Dakota, this summer. Last Friday, someone stole the largest one in a heist Murraine believes was carefully planned.

"They backed right up to the house. That's pretty brazen," he told the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/1NQId7u>). "They brought a saw. You could see on the stem where they had cut."

The pumpkin grew as much as 2 inches per day, which Murraine said was fascinating "in a nerdy pumpkin grower kind of way." It still had a month of growing time left and would have reached about 120 pounds, he estimated.

"It dwarfed my daughter, and she is 3," he said.

During the growing season, the pumpkin required 20 gallons of water every four days and a gallon of milk each week for calcium. Murraine said the pumpkin was worth about \$200, but the value isn't what he considers most important.

"I want them to feel guilty about taking (it) from kids," he said.

AP News in Brief

On final leg of US visit, Pope Francis heads to Philadelphia for Catholic family assembly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After speeches to Congress and the United Nations, aimed squarely at spurring world leaders toward bold action on immigration and the environment, Pope Francis will embark on the segment of his American journey expected to be the most centered on ordinary Catholics: a Vatican-organized rally for the family that will culminate in an outdoor Mass for a million people.

Francis will spend the last two of his six days in the U.S. in Philadelphia as the star attraction at the World Meeting of Families, a conference for more than 18,000 people from around the world that has been underway as the pope traveled to Washington and New York.

In every city, Francis has been greeted by throngs of cheering, weeping well-wishers, hoping for a

glance or a touch from the wildly popular spiritual leader. Philadelphia is expected to be no different. The unprecedented security for the anticipated crowds has been so heavy that organizers of the visit worried people would be scared away.

"He has a magnetic personality that not only appeals to Catholics, but to the universal masses. He's not scripted. He's relatable. His heart, in itself, you can see that reflected through his message," said Filipina Opena, 46, a Catholic from LaMirada, California, as tour groups and families walked among Philadelphia's historic sites, taking pictures ahead of the pope's visit. "People feel he's sincere and he's genuine. The more people hear him, the more they see him, they all understand and realize it."

An Argentine on the first U.S. visit of his life, Francis will be given a stage steeped in American history. He will speak at Independence Hall, where the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, and will do so from a lectern used for the Gettysburg Address, another nod to Abraham Lincoln, one of the four Americans the pope cited as inspirations in his address to Congress.

Boehner's timing: He will leave as Congress clashes - again - over spending and borrowing

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker John Boehner says he had planned to resign at the end of last year but stayed on because he feared a leadership shakeup would create too much turmoil for House Republicans.

Now he's stepping down at the end of October, when Congress could once again be scrambling to avert a looming government shutdown, the loss of federal funding for thousands of highway projects and an unprecedented government default.

Talk about turmoil.

Boehner announced his resignation Friday amid growing discontent among some of the most conservative members of the House Republican conference.

Some tea partyers were pushing for a vote to oust Boehner as speaker, a formal challenge that hasn't happened in more than 100 years. They complained that Boehner wasn't fighting hard enough to strip Planned Parenthood of government funds, even though doing so risked a government shutdown next week.

Analysis: US-China agreement on commercial cybertheft a breakthrough - and a first step

WASHINGTON (AP) — China's pledge to help crack down on hackers who steal commercial secrets from the United States, even coming as it did amid a bit of arm-twisting by President Barack Obama, is a big breakthrough that could reduce U.S.-China tensions and end huge losses for American companies.

Analysts say the agreement between the world's two biggest economies is just a start but could lead to real progress on the cybertheft issue — depending on how well it's implemented. Obama announced the agreement at a joint news conference Friday with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"I think it's a big deal," said Dmitri Alperovich, who published a seminal paper in 2011 identifying Chinese cyber economic espionage and now runs the cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike. "For the first time ever, the Chinese have made a distinction between national security espionage and economic espionage."

Also significant, Alperovich said, is the fact that the Chinese have agreed to provide responses to U.S. government requests for investigations. "They can't just shrug and say, 'We don't do hacking; hacking is illegal,'" he said.

Mark MacCarthy, vice president for public policy at the Software and Information Industry Association, said the tech industry trade group agrees with Obama that the cybertheft of intellectual property must stop. "We are hopeful the understanding reached by the president and Chinese President Xi Jinping results in real progress on the ground," he said.

India raises death toll for citizens in hajj stampede to 18, Iranian ambassador among missing

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — As the hajj religious pilgrims entered its final day Saturday, officials in Saudi Arabia continued to grapple with the aftermath of a deadly stampede that killed at least 719 people.

India's government raised its estimated death toll for Indian citizens from 14 to 18, while Pakistan raised its estimated death toll from eight to 11.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup said Saturday in a press statement that his government was "working with Saudi authorities and family members" to confirm the identities of the deceased and expedite formalities for release of the bodies.

Meanwhile Iran, whose citizens comprised the largest number of fatalities confirmed so far, announced in a state TV broadcast that among those Iranians still missing are Ghazanfar Roknabadi, a former ambassador to Lebanon, as well as two Iranian state TV reporters and a prominent political analyst. According to the TV report, 134 Iranian pilgrims died and 85 were injured in the Thursday incident, while 354 Iranian pilgrims remain missing.

Iran has strongly criticized archrival Saudi Arabia over the disaster, blaming the Saudi government for "incompetence" and "mismanagement" of the annual hajj — which draws about 2 million pilgrims per year from more than 180 countries.

Even before deadly Seattle crash, critics called duck boats too dangerous for city streets

SEATTLE (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board's investigation into the deadly crash of a duck boat and charter bus is the first time the agency has looked into a land crash of the amphibious vehicles critics say are too dangerous for city streets.

The agency has scrutinized the military-style vehicles several times when they've been in accidents on water, board member Earl Weener said at a news conference Friday.

Four international students died in the crash Thursday after witnesses said the duck boat veered into the oncoming bus on a Seattle bridge.

A team of investigators arrived Friday and would spend a week or more on site. A typical investigation lasts a year, Weener said.

Even before the crash, calls had emerged for greater oversight and even an outright ban on the military-style vehicles that allow tourists to see cities by road and water.

10 arrests now linked to AP fish slave investigation; Indonesia threatens to sink Thai ship

SABANG, Indonesia (AP) — The Thai captain of a seized cargo ship carrying an estimated \$2 million worth of seafood has been arrested in Indonesia on suspicion of illegal fishing, in the latest development linked to an Associated Press investigation that uncovered a slave island earlier this year. At least one other crew member is still under scrutiny.

The massive Thai-owned Silver Sea 2 was first identified by AP in July through a high-resolution photo taken from space, showing slave-caught fish being loaded onto the refrigerated vessel in Papua New Guinea's waters. The AP then tracked the ship through its satellite beacon and informed Indonesian authorities when it crossed into their waters on its way home to Thailand.

Friday's arrest is one of at least 10 made in Indonesia and Thailand since the investigation tied the catch of migrant workers forced to fish to the supply chains of major U.S. food sellers and pet food companies six months ago. As a result, more than 2,000 men from Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos have been identified or sent home, a multi-million dollar Thai-Indonesian fishing business has been shut down, class action lawsuits have been filed and new laws have been introduced.

Touring the Silver Sea 2 on Friday, Indonesian Fisheries Minister Susi Pudjiastuti said she believed the frozen fish filling up its holds came from eastern Indonesia's Arafura Sea, where foreign fishing vessels are

banned. She also said authorities are looking further into evidence that suggests the ship may be linked to the human trafficking ring described by AP. The Silver Sea 2 is accused of receiving illegally caught fish at sea and turning off its satellite beacon. Its remaining 16 crew members will be deported.

Pudjiastuti said she hoped anyone found guilty would face harsh punishment as a deterrent, and added the vessel may be destroyed. Indonesia has already blown up dozens of smaller foreign boats accused of illegal fishing. The 2,285-ton ship is now at a naval base in Sabang in the country's far northwestern tip where it was seized last month.

Clerk Kim Davis, long a Democrat, switches to Republican party amid gay marriage furor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Defiant Kentucky clerk Kim Davis stood on a stage in a Washington, D.C., hotel Friday night and spread her arms triumphantly.

"I am only one, but we are many," she exclaimed to the crowd, and thanked God for the courage to continue her crusade against gay marriage.

Davis, who spent five days behind bars in early September for violating a federal court order, was honored by conservative lobbying group Family Research Council Friday night for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples despite the Supreme Court's decision in June that effectively legalized gay marriage across the nation.

Earlier in the day, Davis, a lifelong Democrat, announced she is switching to the Republican Party because she feels abandoned by Democrats.

"I've always been a Democrat, but the party left me," Davis said, according to the law firm representing her.

Mormon leaders caution members not worry about apocalyptic speculation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A rare confluence of a lunar eclipse and a supermoon set to happen this weekend has prompted such widespread fear of an impending apocalypse that the Mormon Church was compelled to issue a statement cautioning the faithful to not get caught up in speculation about a major calamity.

Sunday night's "blood moon" and recent natural disasters and political unrest around the world have led to a rise in sales at emergency-preparedness retailers. Apocalyptic statements by a Mormon author have only heightened fears among a small number of Mormon followers about the looming end of time. The eclipse will give the moon a red tint and make it look larger than usual. It won't happen again for 18 years.

It's unclear how many Latter-day Saints buy the theory, but Mormon leaders were worried enough that they took the rare step this week of issuing a public statement cautioning the faithful not to get carried away with visions of the apocalypse.

Leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints told its 15 million worldwide members that they should be "spiritually and physically prepared for life's ups and downs," but they urged them not to take speculation from individual church members as doctrine and "avoid being caught up in extreme efforts to anticipate catastrophic events."

The Mormons preparing to hunker down Sunday night aren't alone. Some from other religions also fear a doomsday scenario. A Christian pastor in Texas has written a book predicting a world-shaking event.

Michelle Obama chooses black Vera Wang gown for China State Dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama chose a dress by a Chinese-American designer for Friday's White House dinner for Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Mrs. Obama wore a custom-made black, off-the-shoulder mermaid gown by Vera Wang Collection for

the occasion. Fitted, with sheer sleeves, it skimmed the floor with its silk organza flounce. Mrs. Obama swept her long hair off to one side.

The first lady has worn Wang's designs before, winning raves for the draped, strapless, electric blue column she donned at The Kennedy Center Honors in 2011.

China's first lady Peng Liyuan, also a fashion icon, selected an embellished silk gown in a rich aquamarine hue. With three-quarter-length sleeves, it boasted intricate beading on its bodice and skirt.

Peng was considered more famous than her husband when he took office in 2013, having enjoyed a long career as a singer of ballads and patriotic anthems with the People's Liberation Army arts troupe. Since then she's emerged as a key force for Chinese "soft power," ever present by her husband's side during trips abroad, unlike previous first ladies who largely stayed in the background.

Islamist charged in destruction of Timbuktu mausoleums sent to International Criminal Court

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — An alleged Islamic extremist charged with involvement in the destruction of religious buildings in the historic city of Timbuktu in Mali in 2012 has been arrested and was sent to the International Criminal Court early Saturday to face justice.

Ahmad Al Mahdi Al Faqi, known as Abu Tourab, is the first suspect in the court's custody charged with the war crime of deliberately destroying religious or historical monuments.

"The people of Mali deserve justice for the attacks against their cities, their beliefs and their communities," the court's chief prosecutor, Fatou Nesouda, said in a statement.

She called the destruction "a callous assault on the dignity and identity of entire populations, and their religious and historical roots."

Al Faqi was surrendered to the court by Niger based on an arrest warrant issued a week ago. He was transferred to The Hague in the early hours of Saturday. No date was immediately set for his arraignment.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, September 26, the 269th day of 2015. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 26, 1960, the first-ever debate between presidential nominees took place as Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon faced off before a national TV audience from Chicago.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was confirmed by the Senate to be the first United States secretary of state; John Jay, the first chief justice; Edmund Randolph, the first attorney general.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, New Jersey.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1918, the Meuse-Argonne offensive, resulting in an Allied victory against the Germans, began during World War I.

In 1937, the radio drama "The Shadow," starring Orson Welles, premiered on the Mutual Broadcasting System.

In 1945, Hungarian-born composer Bela Bartok, 64, died in New York City.

In 1955, following word that President Dwight D. Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1964, the situation comedy "Gilligan's Island" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1990, the Motion Picture Association of America announced it had created a new rating, NC-17, to replace the X rating. (The first movie to receive the new rating was "Henry & June.")

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In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Arizona, called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

Ten years ago: Army Pfc. Lynndie England was convicted by a military jury in Fort Hood, Texas, on six of seven counts stemming from the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal. (England was sentenced to three years in prison; she ended up serving half that time.) International weapons inspectors backed by Protestant and Catholic clergymen announced the Irish Republican Army's full disarmament.

Five years ago: Gloria Stuart, the 1930s Hollywood beauty who later became the oldest Academy Award acting nominee as the spunky survivor in "Titanic," died in Los Angeles at age 100.

One year ago: Fire broke out in the basement of a suburban Chicago air traffic control center, temporarily halting operations at O'Hare and Midway airports; an FAA contract employee, Brian Howard, was accused of cutting cables and setting the fire before slashing his throat. (Howard pleaded guilty to willfully destroying an air navigation facility and using fire to commit a felony, and was sentenced on September 11, 2015 to 12 1/2 years in prison.) American warplanes and drones hit Islamic State group targets in Syria and Iraq as the U.S.-led coalition expanded to include Britain, Denmark and Belgium. Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton gave birth in New York to her first child, a daughter named Charlotte.

Today's Birthdays: Retired baseball All-Star Bobby Shantz is 90. Actor Philip Bosco is 85. Actor Richard Herd is 83. South African nationalist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is 79. Country singer David Frizzell is 74. Actor Kent McCord is 73. Television host Anne Robinson is 71. Singer Bryan Ferry is 70. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 69. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 67. Actor James Keane is 63. Rock singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 61. Country singer Carlene Carter is 60. Actress Linda Hamilton is 59. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cindy Herron (En Vogue) is 54. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 53. Actor Patrick Bristow is 53. Rock musician Al Pitrelli is 53. Singer Tracey Thorn (Everything But The Girl) is 53. TV personality Jillian Barberie is 49. Contemporary Christian guitarist Jody Davis (Newsboys) is 48. Actor Jim Caviezel (kuh-VEE'-zuhl) is 47. Actress Tricia O'Kelley is 47. Actor Ben Shenkman is 47. Actress Melanie Paxon is 43. Singer Shawn Stockman (Boyz II Men) is 43. Jazz musician Nicholas Payton is 42. Actor Mark Famiglietti (fah-mihl-YEH'-tee) is 36. Singer-actress Christina Milian (MIHL'-ee-ahn) is 34. Tennis player Serena Williams is 34.

Thought for Today: "Pity the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." - Don Marquis, American journalist-author (1878-1937).