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## Sunday, September 27

**Anniversary:** Harvey & Bernice Fiehs 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

3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

## 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

## Wednesday, September 30

**School Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, green beans, broccoli and dip, fruit.

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
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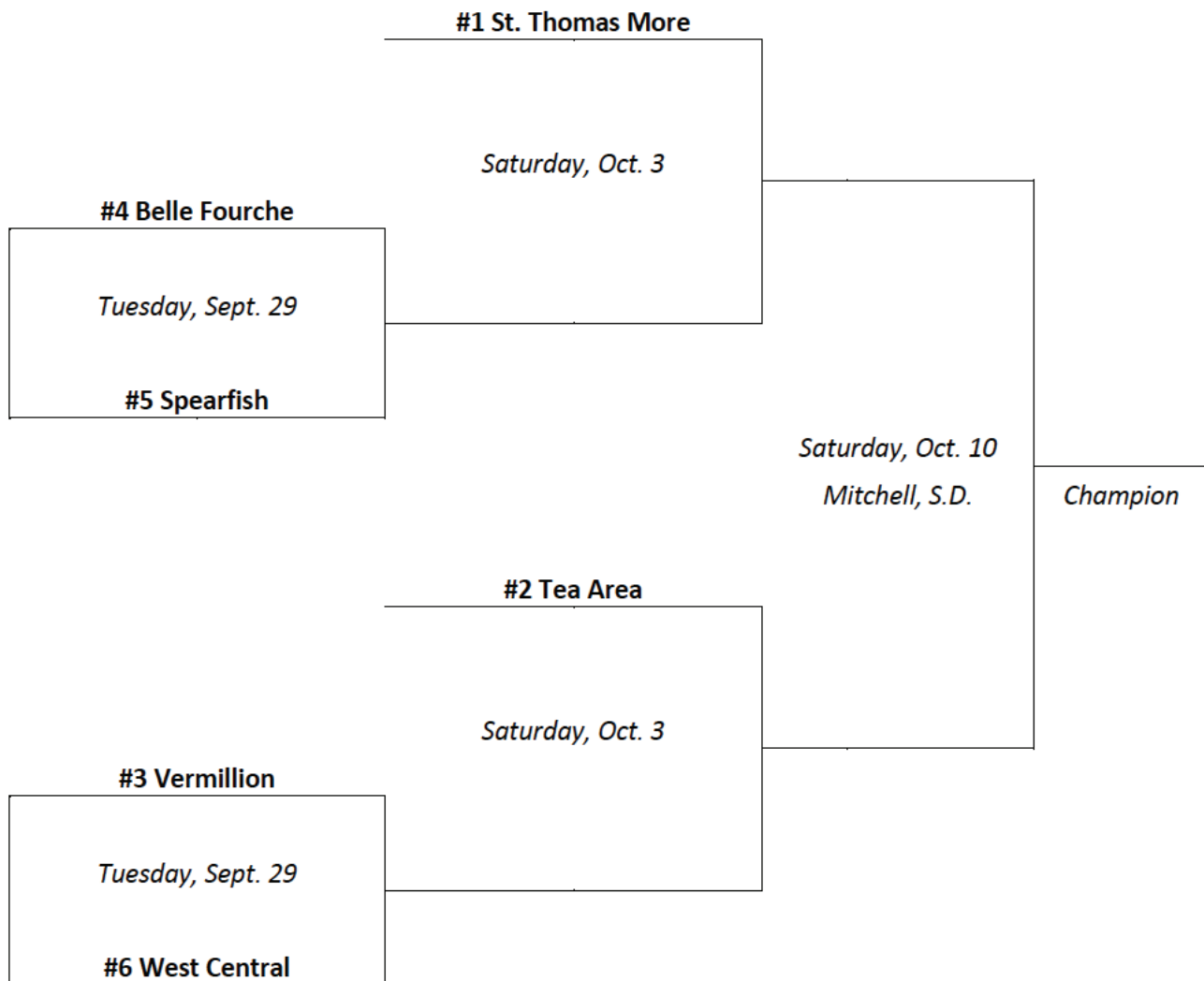
**Terry and Kristin Kenny, along with Gizmo, have this week's Yard of the Week sponsored by the Groton Garden Club. The Kenny house is located at 610 N Main Street.**

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## 2015 SDHSAA State Soccer Championships Class 'A' Girls' Bracket

First & Second Round Matches played at higher seed

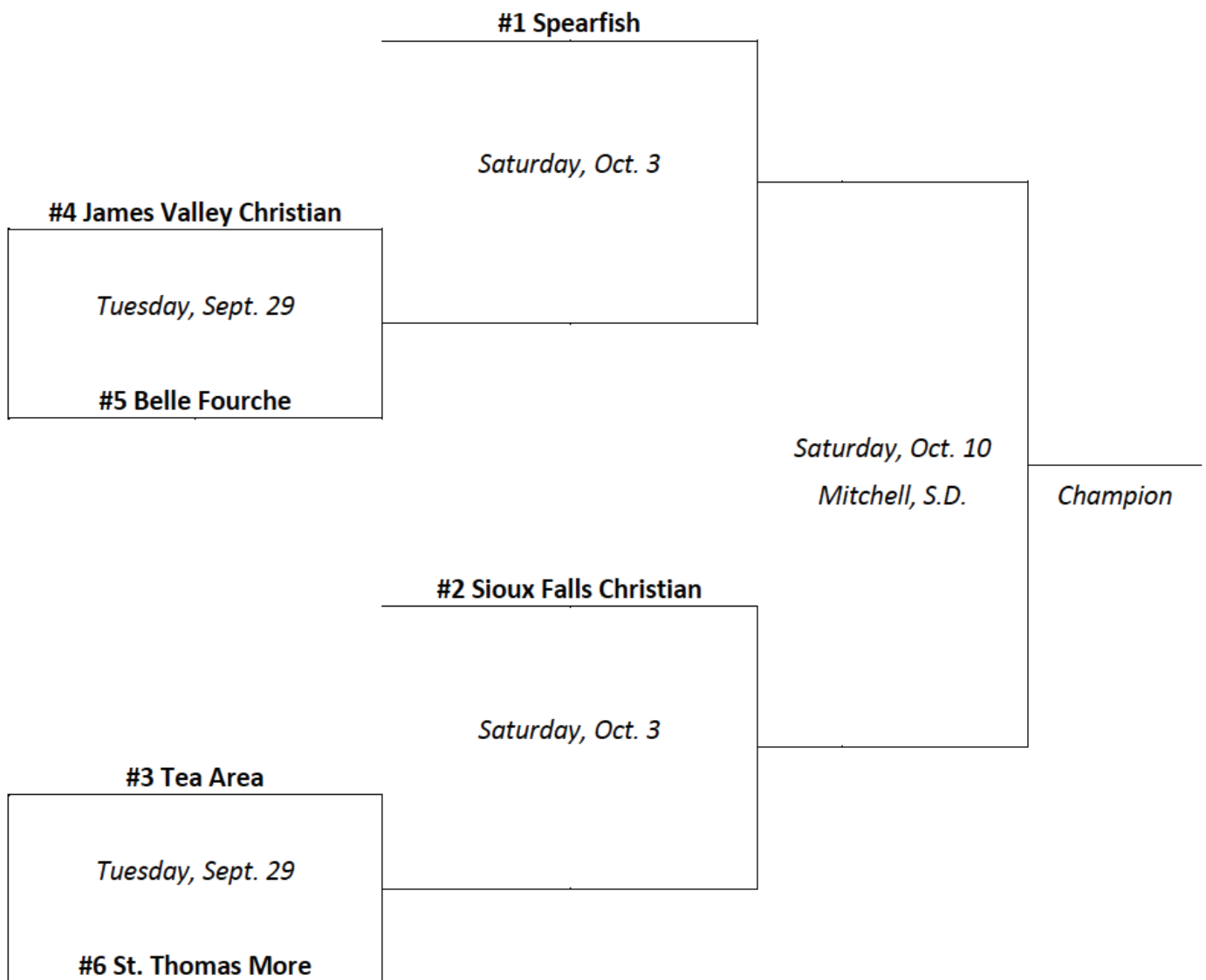


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## Health Department Investigates Meningococcal Death

PIERRE, S.D. – In the wake of a meningococcal death at Dakota Wesleyan University, the Department of Health is encouraging vaccination.

“Department disease prevention staff are now contacting those individuals who may have been exposed to offer them antibiotic prophylaxis,” said Dr. Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the department. “This is a serious illness but we want to emphasize that prophylaxis is only necessary for those who had very close contact, such as sharing a water bottle or kissing, or roommates. Those with casual contact are at low risk and do not need antibiotic prophylaxis.”

The meningococcus bacteria can cause a severe bacterial infection of the bloodstream and the lining covering the brain and spinal cord. It spreads by direct close contact with nose or throat discharges of an infected person.

South Dakota has reported nine cases of meningococcal infection in the past 5 years.

The death was initially investigated by the Mitchell Police Department and University officials have been in contact with students and families.

There is a vaccine that will protect against four of the strains of meningococcus. It is recommended for children 11 through 18 years of age and college freshmen. Meningococcal vaccine is available from family health care providers and campus student health centers. The department provides it for those 11-18 years of age who are eligible for the federal Vaccines for Children Program (Medicaid eligible, Native American or Alaskan Native, uninsured or underinsured).

More information about meningococcal infection is available on the department’s website, <http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/diseasefacts/Meningococcal.aspx>.

## **First State Bank of Claremont and Langford to Compete for \$15,000 Strong Communities Award**

(Langford, South Dakota) – The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines) is excited to announce that First State Bank of Claremont and the community of Langford have been selected as one of seven Strong Communities Award finalists vying for the opportunity to receive \$15,000 for The Front Porch, a community investor-owned business development project. This is the only project in South Dakota vying for this award.

FHLB Des Moines challenges communities to rally behind their community's project during a public vote from October 5 – October 16 on Strengthening Communities Together™ at [www.fhlbforcommunity.com](http://www.fhlbforcommunity.com). The voting will serve as a component of the selection process to award a \$15,000 stipend to support small business and economic development growth in their community.

FHLB Des Moines member First State Bank partnered with local leaders to develop the Langford Main Street Center dba The Front Porch. The center opened in July of 2015 and is home to four new Main Street businesses. The project has created and retained more than 40 jobs and has increased the community's tax revenue.

The Strong Communities Award honors the projects, the people and the programs that promote small business growth and retention in their communities.

## **Golfers at Sisseton Invitational**

The Groton Boys Golf team participated in the Sisseton Golf Invitational held Thursday. Landon Marzahn tied for eighth with a score of 91, Brody Sombke was 10th with a 93, Cade Guthmiller was tied for 11th with a 94, Sean Schuring was 18th with a 96 and Treyton Deigel was 26th with a score of 103.

Groton Area placed third with a score of 340. Sisseton won the team title with 318 followed by Roncalli with 337, Sioux Valley was at 340, Milbank Area 342, Redfield-Doland 345 and Watertown 347.

The regional tourney will be held Monday at Milbank.

## **South Dakota State announces scholarship recipient**

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Sept. 24, 2015 – South Dakota State University announced Eric May of Aberdeen will receive the Jim and Doniese Wilcox Scholarship this academic year.

May, son of Bruce and Rhonda May of Groton and Jason and Jackie Gauer of Aberdeen, is a senior majoring in operations management. A Groton Area High School graduate, May is involved in intramural sports at State.

## **Deuel Cross Country Results**

In the girls junior varsity division, Summer Smith placed 26th with a time of 18:38.

In the boys junior varsity division, Joy Htoo placed 19th with a time of 13:59, Issac Smith was 19th with a 14:18, Lee Williams was 37th with a time of 15:25 and Noah Poor was 59th with a time of 17:33.

Hannah Lewandoski placed 25th in the girls varsity division with a time of 23:38.

## Protecting the Most Vulnerable Among Us

By Sen. John Thune

Recently, the Senate took up a common-sense bill to protect human life, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This bill would protect unborn children who have reached the age of 20 weeks – the age at which unborn children can feel pain – from being killed by abortion. Unfortunately, this bill was defeated in the Senate after just three Democrats joined Republicans in voting for this legislation.

It's difficult for me to imagine how anyone could oppose this bill. Twenty weeks (about five months) into a pregnancy, the humanity of unborn babies is clearly visible. They have fingers and toes, eyebrows and eyelashes. They suck their thumbs. They yawn and stretch. They move around and make faces. They respond to noises. And they feel pain.

The scientific evidence on this point is incontrovertible: Five months into a pregnancy, the physical structure by which human beings experience pain is in place, and scientists can measure spikes in babies' stress hormones when the babies are confronted with painful stimuli. In fact, some scientific evidence suggests that babies of this age feel pain even more keenly than adults do, since some of the neural mechanisms that inhibit pain don't fully develop until after birth.

If there's one thing all Americans ought to be able to agree on, it's that unborn babies who feel pain deserve to be protected. Americans are rightly horrified by deliberate cruelty to animals – it is unthinkable that we allow unborn human beings who feel pain to be subjected to late-term abortion procedures that are so brutal it is difficult to even talk about them.

Thanks to advances in medical science, doctors and nurses in this country are saving babies who are born months early. A May 2015 article in the New York Times on advances in the treatment of extremely premature infants reported on one baby who was delivered at 22 weeks and 1 day and weighed 1.1 pounds at delivery, yet today is "a healthy 5-year-old." Yet in the United States, our laws allow a baby of the very same age to be killed by abortion.

There are only seven countries in the world that allow elective abortion past five months of pregnancy. Among those countries are China, North Korea, and the United States. That's not the company the United States should be keeping when it comes to protecting human rights.

And the American people agree. Polls show that a strong majority of Americans – including a strong majority of women – support banning elective abortions after five months of pregnancy.

Ultimately, it's simple: That unborn baby – the one with the fingers and toes, who sucks her thumb and responds to her mother's voice – that unborn baby is one of us, and as such she deserves to be protected. While I'm disappointed that the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act failed to pass the Senate this time, the fight is not over.

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## **Rapid Recovery** By Rep. Kristi Noem

It took five years to build the Hoover Dam; four years to erect the Golden Gate Bridge; 13 months to construct the Empire State Building; but in some cases, more than a decade to get a building permit approved by the federal government. This is outrageous.

According to a 2010 study by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 351 energy projects were stalled nationwide that would have had a total economic value of \$1 trillion and represented 1.9 million American jobs. Even in South Dakota, the impacts are being felt. The same study found that delays pushed \$500 million of economic output and 2,600 jobs down the road in South Dakota specifically.

It's no secret that the Keystone XL Pipeline was one of the projects the federal government has been working hard to delay. This pipeline has been on the list for a number of years. In fact, while the builders first submitted permit applications in September 2008, it took until 2014 for the U.S. State Department to issue its final Environmental Impact Statement, which is just one step in the federal permitting process.

This is a system that is broken – and it's costing families and local communities jobs, economic opportunities, and money. On September 25, I helped move forward H.R.348 – also known as the RAPID Act. This bipartisan legislation streamlines the environmental permitting and approval process to be sure builders, developers, and others get an answer from federal bureaucrats in a timely and efficient manner.

We do this by improving coordination between federal agencies, allowing for simultaneous reviews, avoiding duplication of state and federal efforts, and putting the federal government on a timeline that better serves the people. Moreover, to help eliminate frivolous lawsuits, we reduce the statute of limitations to challenge a final Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment from six years to six months.

It's unacceptable that federal agencies manipulate the system to slow down critical energy projects that could bring cost savings – and in some cases, greater security – to the American people. The RAPID Act would help to remedy that.



## **Environmental Regs: Finding Some Consolation In State Government**

**A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:**

In recent years, the EPA has proposed a number of new rules having potential to affect our daily lives. I know South Dakotans are concerned about some of these pending proposals and I share their concerns.

One prominent proposal imposes new regulations on coal-fired power plants, and will require states to rework their power grids. Another rule broadens a key definition describing bodies of water, to give the federal government authority to regulate small bodies of water on private land. A third rule would create a new standard for ozone. Depending upon the new standard chosen, it may be difficult for any state to comply.

At this point, it is unclear to what extent these regulations will really help the environment. But here is what is clear: if these new rules are implemented, South Dakotans will be left with higher costs.

So what can be done? South Dakota's delegation in Washington, D.C., has been working to roll back some of these proposed regulations through congressional efforts. At the state level, Attorney General Marty Jackley has joined with other states to challenge some of these proposals. We're also doing what we can in state government to keep our own environmental regulations appropriate and reasonable.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is responsible for implementing and enforcing EPA regulations at the state level. The agency regulates things like air quality, drinking water and waste management. It also protects surface and ground waters of the state. It is this agency's job to issue water permits without depleting water resources. The agency also regulates mining activities, petroleum storage tanks and your community's water and wastewater infrastructure.

Though DENR must assume the burden of implementing EPA regulations in our state, it strives to use whatever flexibility is available to make the federal regulations fit South Dakota. One example is the department's Feedlot Permit Program, which regulates concentrated animal feeding operations in a manner to protect the surface and ground waters in South Dakota. DENR is upholding its mission to protect public health and the environment without placing unnecessary hurdles in front of South Dakotans and those who want to do business here.

DENR has also excelled in open government efforts. Secretary Steve Pirner's initiatives have provided more information online than ever before. For example, DENR's One-Stop Public Notice webpage publishes all of the department's active public notices. Their One-Stop Interactive GIS Maps allow the public to locate and access information about dry draw location notices, spill site files, storage tank files, oil and gas well files, recycling businesses and more. DENR's One-Stop Permitting Guide leads industries through each environmental permitting process administered by South Dakota. The department also recently launched a new website. Check it out at [denr.sd.gov](http://denr.sd.gov).

I know South Dakotans are frustrated with government's increasing tendency to become involved with small details of our daily lives. I know business owners are trying to create jobs, farmers and ranchers are trying to stay in operation, and families are trying to make ends meet. I know it's hard to achieve these things when a government proposes rules without regard for the cost of those rules and the burden of ever-expanding red tape.

Still, I hope South Dakotans here will find some consolation in their state government. Our state agencies are doing what we can to fight burdensome federal regulations and make our own rules as reasonable as possible.

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## Pope Francis' Inspiring Message

By Senator Mike Rounds

Washington, D.C., recently hosted Pope Francis during his first visit to the United States. Not just Catholics, but citizens across the country have been preparing for his much-anticipated trip to our capital city. Tens of thousands flocked to the city to attend a special Mass, catch a glimpse of the pope-mobile or watch the pope's address to Congress on the West Lawn of the Capitol. As lifelong members of the Catholic Church, it has been a truly special experience for Jean and me to participate in the week's events. The pope's message of optimism and compassion is one we can all relate to.

On Wednesday, we were invited to attend a special White House ceremony welcoming the pope. Later in the day, we attended a canonization Mass celebrated by Pope Francis at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington, D.C. On Thursday, we watched from the House of Representatives chamber as Pope Francis gave an impassioned, spiritual message to a Joint Session of Congress.

The pope's message to us was one of hope and encouragement. It was not partisan or political. He reminded us that as members of Congress, our responsibility is to help our nation thrive and grow. As Congress continues to tackle pressing and important issues, I was energized by Pope Francis' call for a "renewal of that spirit of cooperation, which has accomplished so much good throughout the history of the United States." Despite the partisan politics that often makes headlines, our similarities are far greater than our differences. His message challenges all of us to reflect on how we can better serve one another.

The pope also reminded us of our responsibility to pursue the common good and to protect the most vulnerable among us—the very young, the very old, the sick and the poor.

Pope Francis has an ability to inspire and connect with people regardless of their politics or their faith. Many who came to Capitol Hill to watch his address on big-screen TVs were not Catholic, and some were not religious at all. But they all wanted to catch a glimpse of His Holiness. They wanted to hear his message of hope, optimism, compassion and love that resonates with all of us. I thank him for his encouraging words throughout his visit and for continuing to lead and inspire people throughout the globe. As the pope said to tens of thousands of onlookers who greeted him on the West Lawn of the Capitol, "God Bless America."



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## **Growing in Agriculture**

**By Lucas Lentsch, Secretary of Agriculture**

It seems like every week, we see new reports about how information on everything from soil conditions to crop yields is impacting agriculture. Having accurate data allows farmers and ranchers to be more efficient than ever.

Almost every farmer or rancher has received a call, a survey in the mail or an in-person visit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The farmer or rancher is asked to answer questions about his or her operation.

In agriculture, we tend to be a bit private. We don't always feel comfortable sharing our individual operation information. While it may seem that these questions are intrusive, the information gained from these surveys is critically important to our industry.

For example, this information is used by USDA and Congress to accurately gauge participation and costs of agricultural legislation and programs. The data collected is used by USDA's Risk Management Agency to administer certain crop insurance programs and by the Farm Service Agency to administer vital farm bill programs. Accurate crop production numbers are also used to implement pest and disease prevention programs where they will be most useful.

Producers often ask surveyors, "Is any other industry asked to provide the type of information we are asked to provide?" The answer is yes. The Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys nearly all types of households and industries covering a variety of areas. One survey involves gathering information about employment, a critical gauge of the health of the country's economy.

Here at the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, we, along with our partners, have recently released our annual South Dakota Agriculture Bulletin. The book is a compilation of all NASS reports issued throughout the year. Additionally, it includes a study that used NASS data, based on producer surveys, to measure the economic impact our industry has in the state. For instance, it showed us that agriculture generates a \$25.6 billion economic impact in this state each year and provides employment for more than 115,000 people.

The information we use and the decisions that are made based on that information is only as good as the responses NASS receives from you and me. This is why it is so important to answer those surveys and answer them accurately. So, during your next survey, please know the value of the information provided ensures the accurate telling of South Dakota's ag story.

The 2015 South Dakota Agriculture Statistics Bulletin is available in online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> under the "Happening Now" section. I encourage you to check it out!

## Groton Area enrollment sees nearly 3% drop

The enrollment numbers for the Groton Area School District are down by 17 from last year, or 2.8 percent. The elementary school actually seen an increase of one student to 273. The middle school has seen a drop of five students and the high school has seen a drop of 13 students. Groton graduated 55 students last year and there are 41 coming in as freshmen. This year's kindergarten numbers are up by 11 from last year at 49 while the junior kindergarten numbers have dropped by six.

	This Year	Last Year
Elementary	273	272
Middle School	126	131
High School	180	193
Total	579	593

The follow enrollment numbers, with the exception of JK and Kindergarten, reflect the same class enrollment numbers. For example, the first grade number this year is 39 students. As a group of kindergarten students last year, their enrollment number was 38, so that class has seen an increase of one, etc.

	This Year	Last Year
JK:	14	20
K:	49	38
1:	39	38
2:	50	48
3:	40	40
4:	42	43
5:	39	40
6:	38	43
7:	49	48
8:	39	41
9:	41	42
10:	30	33
11:	54	53
12:	55	52

## Groton Area Elementary Earns Title of Exemplary High Performing School

On Tuesday, the South Dakota Department of Education released its 2015 state report card which scores schools on a variety of performance indicators including the much anticipated Smarter Balanced Assessment. Based on their overall performance in the prescribed indicators, schools earn a rating score in the form of a School Performance Index, a 100-point scale. Schools are then placed in rank order and the top 5% of those schools are designated as the state's Exemplary High Performing Schools. Those schools ranking between the top 5% and 10% of schools are designated as Status Schools. The bottom two tiers of schools are classified as Priority Schools and Focus Schools and receive additional assistance from the Department of Education to improve results for their children.

Based on the School Performance Index, Groton Area Elementary has earned the distinction of being an Exemplary High Performing School. All elementary schools receive points for student achievement in mathematics and English language arts as well as attendance. Groton Area Elementary School received a total School Performance Index of 74.50 out of 100.

Superintendent Joe Schwan said, "This achievement is the result of the tireless work of a community dedicated to its young people including the teachers, support staff, students, parents, board members, and administrators that make the success of our students a priority."

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## Today in Weather History

September 27, 1983: A lightning caused grass fire burned 25,000 acres northwest of Reliance during the evening hours. At its peak, the fire was four miles wide by ten miles long.

September 27, 1985: Snow fell across south central South Dakota from the evening of the 27th until the early afternoon of the 28th. Three to five inches of snow occurred with up to 18 inches reported around Winner. Eight to 12 inches fell around Gregory and Burke.

1816 - A black frost over most of New England kills unripened corn in the north resulting in a year of famine. (David Ludlum)

1959 - A tornado 440 yards in width traveled twenty miles from near Hollow, OK, to western Cherokee County KS. Although a strong tornado, it was very slow moving, and gave a tremendous warning roar, and as a result no one was killed. (The Weather Channel)

1970 - Afternoon highs of 103 degrees at Long Beach, CA, and 105 degrees at the Los Angeles Civic Center were the hottest since September records were established in 1963. Fierce Santa Ana winds accompanying the extreme heat resulted in destructive fires. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - A record early season snowstorm struck the Central High Plains Region. The storm left up to nineteen inches of snow along the Colorado Front Range, and as much as a foot of snow in the High Plains Region. (Storm Data)








1987 - While those at the base of Mount Washington, NH, enjoyed sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s, the top of the mountain was blanketed with 4.7 inches of snow, along with wind gusts to 99 mph, and a temperature of 13 degrees. Severe thunderstorms developed along a cold front in the south central U.S. A thunderstorm west of Noodle TX produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 70 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced large hail in southeastern Wyoming during the afternoon, with tennis ball size hail reported at Cheyenne. Strong winds ushering the cold air into the north central U.S. gusted to 59 mph at Lander WY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Freezing temperatures were reported in the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley. Houghton Lake MI reported a record low of 21 degrees. Thunderstorms in the western U.S. produced wind gusts to 50 mph at Salt Lake City UT, and gusts to 58 mph at Cody WY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chance Showers
High: 80 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 67 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 69 °F

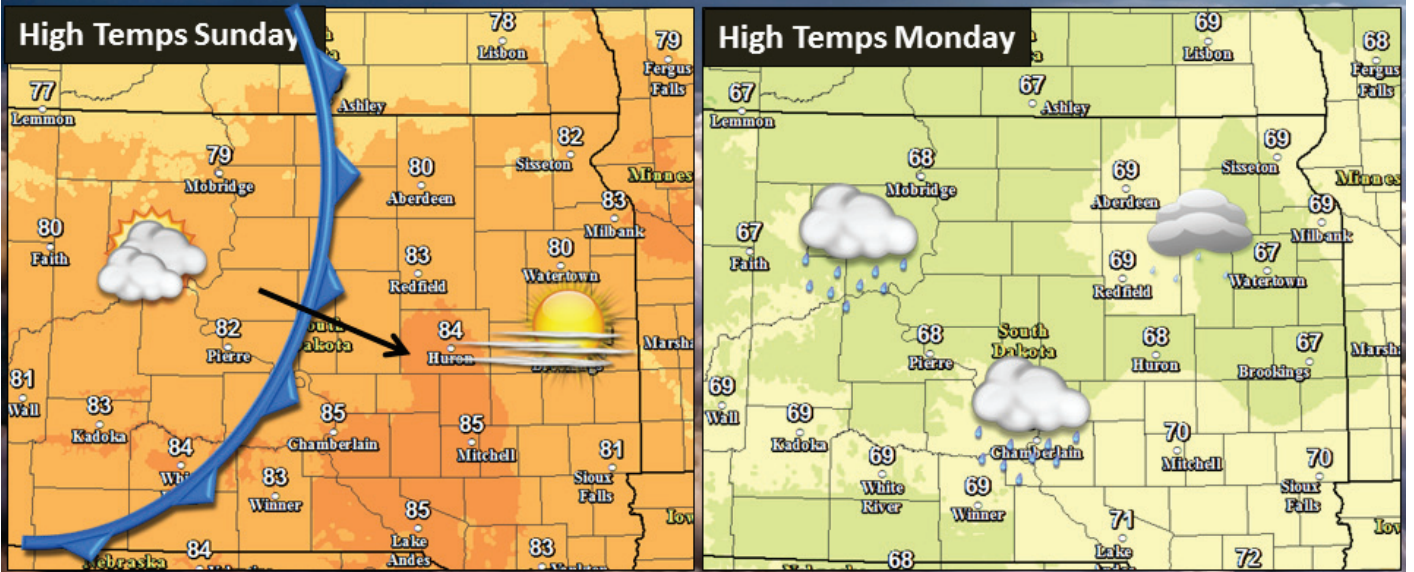
## Sunny + Warm Sunday Slightly Damp + Cool Monday

### Sunday

- Plenty of sunshine, cold front passage
- Clouds and cooler air overnight

### Monday

- Chance of showers, especially for central SD
- Average high temperatures



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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Updated: 9/27/2015 4:48 AM Central

Published on: 09/27/2015 at 4:58AM

Expect one more 10-15 degrees above average temperature day Sunday, as well as a good amount of sunshine and slightly breezy winds. Cooler air and cloud cover push in from the west for the overnight, and the trend continues during the day Monday when cloud cover and shower activity will encompass much of the area. Though high temperatures may feel quite cool, they will actually be right around average for this time of year. The cool weather will continue for the remainder of the work week, and it looks like we'll be starting a more active precipitation pattern as well.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 81.4 at 3:58 PM

**Low:** 59.2 at 3:40 AM

**High Gust:** 32 mph at 4:31 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 95° in 1952

**Record Low:** 22° in 1900

**Average High:** 67°F

**Average Low:** 41°F

**Average Precip in Sept.:** 1.97

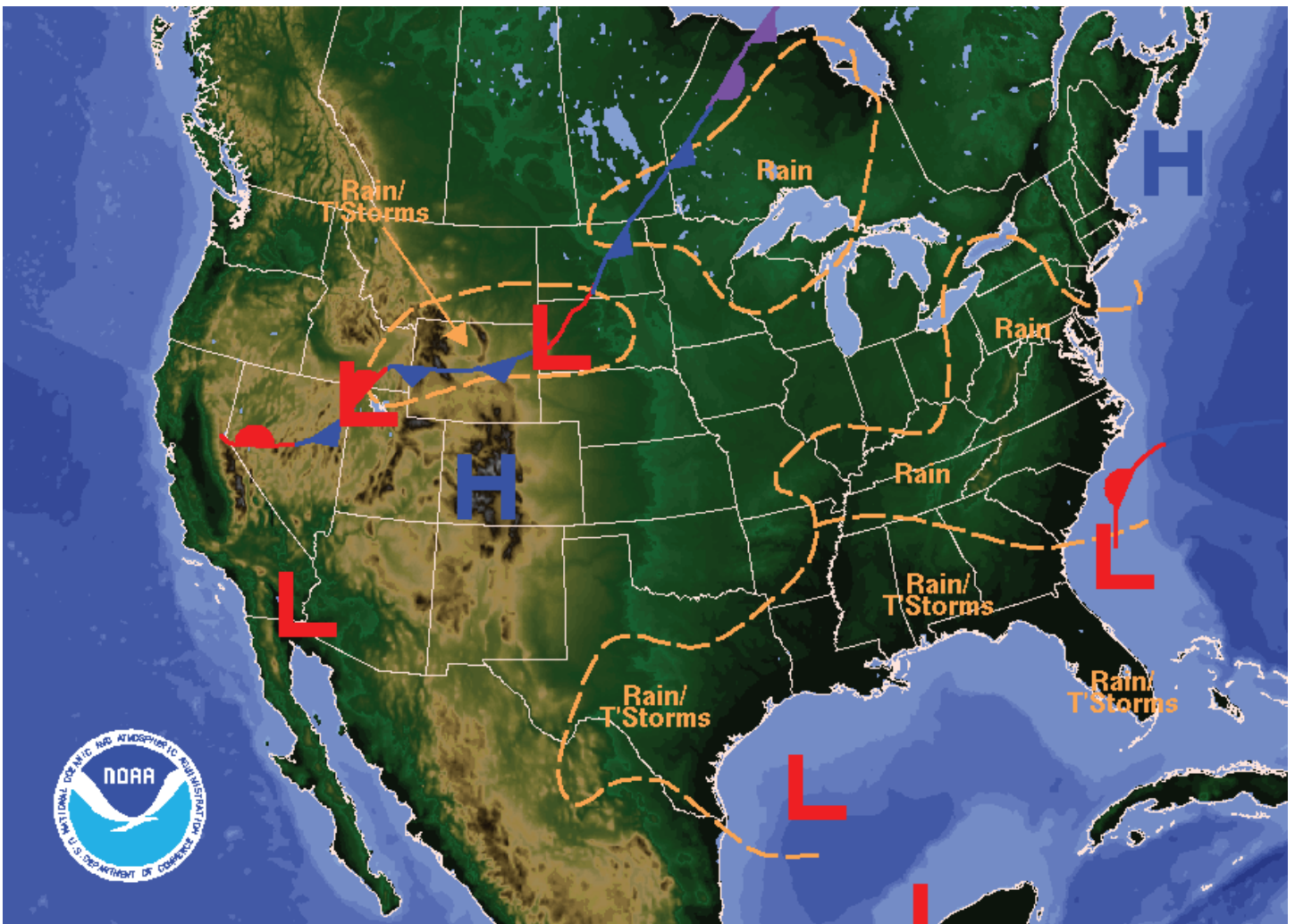
**Precip to date in Sept.:** 1.32

**Average Precip to date:** 18.26

**Precip Year to Date:** 18.12

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:21 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:27 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Sep 27, 2015, issued 4:24 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## WRITING FOR ETERNITY?

Thomas Mann was a widely known and highly regarded novelist. His books were well written and on one occasion he won the Nobel Prize. He was also recognized for the length of time it took him to write one of his books. On one occasion his publisher complained to him saying, "You have been working on this book for an eternity!"

"After all," he replied, "I am writing it for eternity."

But even though his writing skills and insights were known around the world and had great influence, none of them could produce life. There is only one Book that has life-giving power: God's Book – His Word.

Jesus said, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." One Word, one Person, one purpose: Life through Christ.

The writer to Ecclesiastes said, "Of the writing of many books there is no end and much study wearies the body." We read and study, learn and think and come to some well thought-out conclusions. But in the final analysis, life does not come through knowledge - it only comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Prayer:** Father, may we know and believe that You are the Way, the Truth and the Life and trust only You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** John 20:31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



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## News from the Associated Press

### Landscape and wildlife photography exhibit opens Monday

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An exhibit of landscape and wildlife photographs opens Monday at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The "Majestic Moments" exhibit at the Apex Gallery on campus will showcase the landscape and wildlife photography of local photographer Erica Harvey. An opening reception will be held on Friday from 5-7 p.m. with an artist talk at 6 p.m.

The exhibit features 21 landscape and wildlife images taken at national parks around the U.S. and Canada. Harvey's use of rich color and subtle light give her images a stillness that allows the photograph to reveal itself slowly as it tells the story of national parks.

Harvey says the images represent some of her favorite moments and convey her passion for traveling and seeing the world.

### Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

#### Volleyball

Britton-Hecla def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-17, 25-17, 25-17  
Brookings def. Sioux Falls Washington, 23-25, 25-23, 26-24, 27-25  
Clark/Willow Lake def. Castlewood, 18-25, 25-20, 23-25, 25-11, 19-17  
James Valley Christian def. Lake Preston, 25-11, 25-21, 19-25, 25-16  
Pierre def. Mitchell, 25-19, 25-19, 25-17  
Pine Ridge def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 22-25, 25-22, 25-16, 25-21  
Watertown def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-20, 25-21, 20-25, 21-25, 15-10  
Eastern Coteau Conference Tournament  
Pool Play  
Pool 1  
Great Plains Lutheran def. Wilmot, 25-18, 20-25, 25-22  
Great Plains Lutheran def. Rosholt, 25-20, 25-20  
Wilmot def. Rosholt, 25-15, 25-22  
Pool 2  
Waubay/Summit (VB) def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-20, 26-24  
Waubay/Summit (VB) def. Florence/Henry, 25-17, 25-21  
Waverly-South Shore def. Florence/Henry, 25-20, 25-18  
Fifth Place  
Florence/Henry def. Rosholt, 25-15, 25-15  
Third Place  
Wilmot def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-23, 25-22  
Championship  
Waubay/Summit (VB) def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-11, 25-14  
Eastern Tournament  
First Round  
Crofton, Neb. def. Tri-Valley, 25-12, 25-15  
Dakota Valley def. Sisseton, 25-14, 26-24  
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Milbank, 25-16, 20-25, 25-19  
Tea Area def. Winner, 22-25, 25-17, 25-18  
Second Round

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Crofton, Neb. def. Milbank, 25-22, 25-11  
Dakota Valley def. Winner, 25-22, 25-13  
Sisseton def. Tea Area, 25-19, 25-18  
Tri-Valley def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-13, 25-21  
Seventh Place  
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Tea Area, 25-23, 19-25, 25-20  
Fifth Place  
Sisseton def. Tri-Valley, 25-20, 25-19  
Third Place  
Milbank def. Winner, 25-20, 25-23, 25-13  
Championship  
Dakota Valley def. Crofton, Neb., 18-25, 25-20, 25-16  
Elkton-Lake Benton Tournament  
Alcester-Hudson def. Centerville, 25-13, 25-13  
Alcester-Hudson def. Iroquois, 25-6, 25-13  
Alcester-Hudson def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-8, 25-17  
Centerville def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-15, 24-26, 25-18  
Centerville def. Iroquois, 25-20, 25-19  
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Alcester-Hudson, 16-25, 25-16, 25-14  
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-8, 25-3  
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Iroquois, 25-9, 25-13  
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Centerville, 25-13, 25-13  
Iroquois def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-13, 16-25, 25-23  
Kimball Tournament  
First Round  
Burke/South Central def. Wessington Springs, 25-10, 25-20  
Colome def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 21-25, 25-17, 25-16  
Jones County def. Wolsey-Wessington, 19-25, 26-24, 25-20  
Kimball/White Lake def. Canistota, 25-19, 25-22  
Consolation Semifinal  
Sunshine Bible Academy def. Wessington Springs, 27-25, 25-16  
Wolsey-Wessington def. Canistota, 31-29, 25-20  
Semifinal  
Burke/South Central def. Colome, 25-19, 25-23  
Kimball/White Lake def. Jones County, 25-15, 25-11  
Seventh Place  
Wessington Springs def. Canistota, 22-25, 25-17, 25-23  
Fifth Place  
Wolsey-Wessington def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-15, 25-23  
Third Place  
Jones County def. Colome, 25-23, 25-15  
Championship  
Kimball/White Lake def. Burke/South Central, 25-22, 25-23

## Lujan leads S. Dakota St. over Robert Morris 34-10

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Zach Lujan threw for 395 yards and three touchdowns as South Dakota State beat Robert Morris 34-10 on Saturday.

Lujan completed 25 of 43 passes, tying Austin Sumner for the school's second-most passing yards in a game. Brandon Anderson hauled in a 13-yard touchdown pass from Lujan, who also threw 10- and 29-yard scoring throws to Jake Wieneke for South Dakota State (3-0).

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"Because of the bye week we put a lot of stuff on him," South Dakota State coach John Stiegelmeier said of Lujan. "I thought Zach responded well with all the stuff he had on his plate."

Wieneke finished with seven catches for 163 yards and has caught two touchdown passes in each of the Jacks' three games.

"All in all a good game, a good win," Lujan said. "Our offensive line did a great job. Statistically it was a great game, but the box score doesn't always tell the story."

SDSU limited the Colonials (1-3) to just 26 yards in the second half before Dante Satcher broke off a 54-yard run in the closing minutes. Robert Morris ran for a quiet 228 yards. It had just 85 yards of total offense in the second half.

"Great job by our defensive coaches at halftime," Stiegelmeier said. "I'm happy with a lot of things."

Nic Lamica scored the Colonials' only touchdown on a 6-yard pass from Mathew Barr. Lamica had three catches for 37 yards.

Four Robert Morris quarterbacks combined to go 4-for-17 for 43 yards.

SDSU's Brady Mengarelli rushed 17 times for 79 yards and Issac Wallace ran 12 times for 38 yards, including a 3-yard TD run in the second quarter as the Jacks took a 20-10 lead.

SDSU led 7-3 after one quarter. Wieneke's 10-yard scoring pass with 8:39 left in the quarter capped an eight-play, 70-yard drive.

The Colonials countered with a 46-yard field goals by Connor Shennan with 10 seconds left in the quarter.

Wallace added to the lead on SDSU's next possession, capping a 10-play drive that covered 75 yards.

Barr, the only Robert Morris quarterback to complete a pass, was injured and did not play in the second half.

Jay Carlson kicked field goals of 21 and 25 yards for SDSU.

SDSU plays host to third-ranked North Dakota State next weekend. "It's a great rivalry and we're playing for a lot of things," Stiegelmeier said.

## Platte community gathers to remembers slain kids

PLATTE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota community of Platte gathered Saturday to remember the four children killed in what authorities have described as an apparent murder-suicide.

The Argus Leader reports (<http://argusne.ws/1OYKm1Y>) that more than 200 relatives, friends and community members attended the service at the Platte-Geddes school gymnasium for 16-year-old Michael Westerhuis, 14-year-old Connor, 10-year-old Jaeci and 9-year-old Kailey.

Michael's football teammates carried the caskets from the gym to hearses waiting outside before family members attended a private burial service.

Investigators believe the family's father, Scott Westerhuis, shot his wife and four children last week, then set the family home near Platte ablaze before shooting himself.

Pastor Harry Koops spoke fondly of each child and noted the effect the family's deaths have had on Platte.

## AP News in Brief

### France fires first airstrikes on extremists in Syria, president's office says

PARIS (AP) — France has fired its first airstrikes in Syria as it expands military operations against Islamic State extremists, President Francois Hollande's office announced Sunday.

The office said that "France has hit Syria" based on information from French reconnaissance flights sent earlier this month. It didn't provide any further details.

France has been firing airstrikes on IS extremists in Iraq as part of the U.S.-led coalition since last year, but had resisted airstrikes in Syria because it didn't want to strengthen President Bashar Assad. Hollande announced a change in strategy earlier this month because of growing concern about the Syrian refugee crisis.

The president's office argued Sunday that it was a question of national defense, as France has been attacked and threatened by extremists claiming ties to IS.

Hollande, heading to the U.N. General Assembly, also stressed the importance of seeking a political solution for Syria.

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## **Wrapping up tour of US, pope to celebrate Mass in Philadelphia with as many as a million**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Greeted by throngs of cheering faithful at every turn, Pope Francis is capping his whirlwind visit to the United States in an entirely fitting way — Mass for the masses on Philadelphia's grandest boulevard — while also spending time with inmates at its largest jail.

The 78-year-old "people's pope," who seems to feed off the energy of the crowds, is expected to see the largest of his six-day tour on Sunday when he celebrates a climactic outdoor Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway before flying back to Rome.

The Mass is the culminating event of a Vatican-sponsored conference on the family that drew the wildly popular pontiff to Philadelphia.

He'll begin his day by speaking to bishops from around the world before heading to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, where he'll visit with 100 inmates — a cross-section of suspected killers, rapists, mobsters. He's expected to offer them words of hope, forgiveness and redemption.

"His mission is the marginalized, the forgotten," prison spokeswoman Shawn Hawes said. "From our understanding, he wants those who are in custody to know that they are not forgotten and they can be redeemed."

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## **High after Boehner's resignation, GOP religious conservatives channeling anger toward victory**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Religious activists in the Republican Party, bolstered by House Speaker John Boehner's sudden exit, say the next GOP presidential nominee must share their uncompromising stance on abortion rights, gay marriage and other priorities.

The Family Research Council Action's annual Values Voter Summit drew nearly 2,700 activists to Washington this weekend.

The group's president, Tony Perkins, says a GOP candidate cannot win a primary and succeed in the general election without voters who are socially conservative.

Participants cheered Boehner's announcement Friday that he would resign from Congress by the end of October. That the veteran congressman was viewed by many in the party base as unwilling to do everything possible to thwart Democrats, including shutting down the government over Planned Parenthood funding, was evidence of the deep divide within the GOP.

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## **AP Interview: Egypt's leader says country in 'ferocious war,' some nations face 'failure'**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said in an interview that the Mideast region needs to cooperate to defeat a worsening terrorist threat that has led to a "ferocious war" in Egypt and created the danger of some countries "sliding into failure."

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press Saturday night, el-Sissi also said that Syria should not be divided after its civil war, that the Egyptian military needs to be "augmented" to defeat terrorists fighting in the Sinai and Western Desert, and that efforts should be renewed to solve the Palestinian issue and expand Egypt's nearly 40-year-peace with Israel to include more Arab countries.

Resolving the Palestinian question, he said, could "change the face of the region and ... bring about enormous improvement to the situation. ... I'm optimistic by nature and I say that there is a great opportunity."

The 60-year-old former military chief, who ran for president and assumed office in 2014 after the army ousted his predecessor Mohammed Morsi the year before, spoke with AP at a New York hotel on Saturday night after he addressed a U.N. summit that adopted new development goals for the next 15 years. He will also attend the annual ministerial meeting of the General Assembly at U.N. headquarters that begins Monday.

Speaking just days after pardoning and releasing two jailed Al-Jazeera English journalists in Cairo, el-Sissi said he is open to clemency to other journalists who have been tried and convicted in absentia. But he said he would only act within his powers as president and would also respect the prerogatives of Egypt's judiciary.

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## **From hostel operators to traffickers, Europe's migrant crisis proves boon for some businesses**

BERLIN (AP) — People crammed into boats and trekking across borders have become the dominant images of Europe's migrant crisis. In the shadows, however, there are those who are profiting, for whom every migrant is a business opportunity.

The business of migration extends far beyond the human traffickers, who often grab migrants' money and send them on life-threatening journeys on rubber boats or in cramped trucks. It include bus companies and shelter operators that provide essential logistical help to authorities overwhelmed by the sheer number of people in need of housing and transportation. Telecoms companies that sell SIM cards with special contracts for cross-border calls. And petty food-and-drink vendors at train stations are even known to be price-gouging, charging migrants double or triple the amount they'd be charged in stores around the corner.

There are no overall estimates for how much the business of migration rakes in — but there's no doubting it's a multi-million dollar industry. Authorities in Germany estimate the cost of housing and feeding migrants alone at about 12,000 euros (\$13,400) per person, per year.

Entrepreneur Bert Karlsson is among those profiting from the wave of migrants coming to Europe. The record company boss and founder of a now-defunct anti-immigrant party in Sweden raised eyebrows recently when Swedish media reported that his company, Jokarjo, had billed the government 132 million Swedish kronor (\$16 million) to house asylum seekers.

Sara Sundelius, a spokeswoman for the Swedish migration service, said the government would normally house asylum seekers in regular apartments. But due to the sharp rise in numbers, some 21,000 asylum seekers are being put up in cabins, small hotels and hostels at a cost of between 250-300 Swedish Kronor per day, per person.

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## **Catalans vote in election that could determine their northern region's future as part of Spain**

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Voters in Catalonia participated in an election Sunday that could propel the northeastern region toward independence from the rest of Spain or quell secessionism for years.

Secessionists have long pushed for an independence referendum, but Spain's central government has not allowed one, arguing it would be unconstitutional because only it can call such a vote.

Sunday's election is for Catalonia's 135-member Parliament, located in the region's capital Barcelona. Secessionists argue that if they win 68 seats, the result would give them a democratic mandate to initiate a split from Spain that could include a unilateral declaration of independence.

The central government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy says it will use all legal means to prevent Catalonia from breaking away, an exit European leaders warn would include ejection from the European Union.

Polls have forecast a slim win for the pro-independence parties. But they also indicate that the leading bloc of separatist parties "Together for Yes" will likely need the support of the extreme left-wing CUP to cobble together a majority of seats needed to launch their push to sever century-old ties with the rest of Spain.

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## **Twin polygamous towns on Utah-Arizona border host memorial for 13 in family who died in flood**

HILDALE, Utah (AP) — A survivor so young he stepped on a stool to reach a podium microphone, remembered his heart “whacking like a sledgehammer” in the moments before a flash flood swept him and his family away nearly two weeks ago.

Joseph Jessop Jr. spoke Saturday during a rare public memorial service hosted by two often-secretive polygamous towns on the Utah-Arizona border that typically shun outsiders and loathe government interference.

Funerals have previously been handled discreetly, with no invitations extended to outsiders, including family of the deceased, if they aren't members of this sect of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Nine of 12 bodies recovered have already been buried in a town cemetery with modest markers.

But Saturday's memorial was open to anyone and held in the same lush park surrounded by rich red rock canyon walls where sisters Josephine Jessop, Naomi Jessop and Della Black are thought to have been on Sept. 14 with their 13 children before driving down the canyon during a flash-flood alert.

A display affixed to a backstop at the park's baseball field told their story, with a writerly touch and images captured on cellphones of the women moments before, describing the red-brown water, “tumbling its load and writhing like a massive serpent.”

## **Concert-goers injured after crowd rushes stage at music festival in Arizona; 10-12 people hurt**

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — As many as 12 people were injured after a crowd rushed a stage during a music festival Saturday night at a park near the city's downtown, authorities said.

Tempe fire officials tell KNXV-TV (<http://bit.ly/1OZaFFb><http://bit.ly/1OZaFFb>) that nine people were taken to a nearby hospital after the incident 7 p.m. at Tempe Beach Park. The station reports that two minors were taken from the Summer Ends Music Festival with life-threatening injuries.

The city's fire department, aided by fire departments in Scottsdale and Phoenix, came to the scene after getting reports that as many as 40 people were hurt at the event after concert-goers began rushing the stage.

People who were at the front of the stage had trouble breathing, KNXV reported.

Witnesses told the station two women collapsed at the front of one of the stages after apparently suffering seizures.

## **Chris Brown's Australian tour in jeopardy after government warns it may refuse singer a visa**

SYDNEY (AP) — Chris Brown's plans to tour Down Under were in jeopardy on Sunday after the Australian government formally warned the troubled R&B singer that he is likely to be denied a visa because of his criminal conviction for assaulting pop star Rihanna.

The immigration department issued Brown a “notice of intention to consider refusal,” giving him 28 days to present evidence as to why he should be allowed to enter the country, Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said in a statement.

The notice comes just days after former Immigration Minister Michaelia Cash urged Dutton to refuse the 26-year-old American a visa on character grounds.

“People need to understand if you are going to commit domestic violence and then you want to travel around the world, there are going to be countries that say to you: “You cannot come in because you are not of the character we expect in Australia,”” Cash, who is now minister for women, told reporters last week.

Australia isn't the first country to consider rejecting Brown. Britain, Canada and New Zealand have also refused to give him visas.

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## **Pac-12 after dark turns horrific for No. 13 Oregon, No.16 Arizona; Big 12 goes batty**

Pac-12 after dark was a horror show for No. 13 Oregon and No. 16 Arizona as No.18 Utah and No. 9 UCLA turned the only games matching ranked teams on Saturday into routs.

The Utes (4-0) put a record-breaking beat down on the Ducks at Autzen Stadium, pounding Oregon 62-20.

After a week spent discussing whether Alabama was on the decline after the Crimson Tide lost at home, maybe it's time to start having that conversation about Oregon in the post-Chip Kelly and post-Marcus Mariota era.

For the first time in more than a decade, the Ducks look done before October even starts. The last time the Ducks (2-2) lost two games in September was 2004. They finished 5-6 that season, the only losing record for the program since 1993.

If quarterback Vernon Adams can get healthy and the defense can figure out a way to plug massive holes, Oregon could still win the Pac-12 North. But the Ducks have a long way to bounce back from allowing the most points ever by an opponent ever in Autzen.

## **Today in History The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, September 27, the 270th day of 2015. There are 95 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On September 27, 1995, the government unveiled its redesigned \$100 bill, featuring a larger, off-center portrait of Benjamin Franklin. (Yet another redesign, featuring a high-tech makeover aimed at thwarting counterfeiters, was announced in April 2010.)

### **On this date:**

In 1540, Pope Paul III issued a papal bull establishing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, as a religious order.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean passenger vessel occurred when the steamship SS Arctic sank off Newfoundland; of the more than 400 people on board, only 86 survived.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

In 1935, Judy Garland, at age 13, signed a seven-year contract with MGM.

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1942, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra performed together for the last time, at the Central Theater in Passaic, New Jersey, prior to Miller's entry into the Army.

In 1954, "Tonight!," hosted by Steve Allen, made its debut on NBC-TV.

In 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

In 1965, silent film star Clara Bow, 60, died in Los Angeles.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1989, Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. agreed to a \$3.4 billion cash buyout by Sony Corp.

In 1994, more than 350 Republican congressional candidates gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign the "Contract with America," a 10-point platform they pledged to try to get enacted if voters sent a GOP majority to the House.

**Ten years ago:** In a fiery appearance before Congress, former FEMA director Michael Brown angrily blamed the governor of Louisiana, the mayor of New Orleans and even the Bush White House that appointed him for the dismal response to Hurricane Katrina; in response, lawmakers alternately lambasted and mocked the former official. New Orleans Police Superintendent Eddie Compass stepped down from his post four weeks after Katrina destroyed the city. Army reservist Lynndie England was sentenced to three years behind bars for her role in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal. (She ended up serving half that time.)

**Five years ago:** Southwest Airlines announced the \$1.4 billion purchase of AirTran. Temperatures reached

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113 degrees in downtown Los Angeles, the highest in records kept since 1877.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama, in an address to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, said that a widespread mistrust of law enforcement that was exposed by the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in Ferguson, Missouri, existed in too many other communities and was having a corrosive effect on the nation, particularly its children. The Mount Ontake (ahn-TAH'-kay) volcano in central Japan erupted, killing 57 people. Hong Kong activists kicked off a long-promised massive civil disobedience protest to challenge Beijing over restrictions on voting reform. James Traficant, the colorful Ohio Democrat-turned-independent whose conviction for taking bribes and kickbacks made him only the second person to be expelled from Congress since the Civil War, died in Youngstown at age 73. Actor George Clooney married human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin in Venice, Italy.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Kathleen Nolan is 82. Actor Wilford Brimley is 81. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 81. Author Barbara Howar is 81. World Golf Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth is 76. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 72. Rock singer Meat Loaf is 68. Actress Liz Torres is 68. Actor A Martinez is 67. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is 66. Actor Cary-Hiroiyuki Tagawa is 65. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 57. Comedian Marc Maron is 52. Rock singer Stephan (STEE'-fan) Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 51. Democratic National Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz is 49. Actor Patrick Muldoon is 47. Singer Mark Calderon is 45. Actress Amanda Detmer is 44. Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is 43. Rock singer Brad Arnold (3 Doors Down) is 37. Christian rock musician Grant Brandell (Underoath) is 34. Actress Anna Camp is 33. Rapper Lil' Wayne is 33. Singer Avril Lavigne (AV'-rihl la-VEEN') is 31.

**Thought for Today:** "I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am most certain of the first time." - "Josh Billings" (Henry Wheeler Shaw), American humorist (1818-1885).