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## Belle Fourche edges past Groton Area in volleyball

The volleyball team is at the Redfield Tourney today. In the first match, the Tigers lost to Belle Fourche, 26-24 and 25-21. Groton Was 34 of 38 in serves with three ace serves. Marlee Jones was six of six with and ace and Miranda Hanson was 11 of 12 with an ace.

In sets, Groton was 93 of 93 with 19 assists. Marlee Jones was 64 of 64 with 19 assists.

In spikes, Groton was 45 of 58 with 19 kills. Josie Doeden was 11 of 14 with seven kills, Audrey Wanner was 13 of 16 with four kills and Gia Gengerke was eight of 10 with four kills.

Groton Area had 32 digs with Katie Koehler having nine and Paityn Maine with six. Groton Area had three blocks with Doeden having two and Gengerke one.

## Saturday, October 10

**Birthdays:** • Jenn Gustafson • Erica Swisher • Mandilyn Krueger Flihs • Megan Erickson  
9:00am: VB Tourney at Redfield  
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

## Sunday, October 11

**Birthdays:** Ricky Thurston • Donna Bahr  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship  
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Trinity  
6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible Study

## Monday, October 12

NO SCHOOL - Native American Day  
Columbus Day (regional holiday)  
**Senior Menu:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread  
**Anniversaries:** Marc & Jane Johnson • Charles & Sabrina Padfield  
**Birthdays:** • Tyler Holm • Heather Merkel • Carroll Nehls • Cadance Jo Tullis • Michaela Kavanaugh  
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
7:30pm: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, October 13

Oral Interp at Milbank  
**School Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

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## Wanner racks up 200th win as Tigers beat Wagner



**Coach Shaun Wanner is flanked by the team that made his 200th win possible. He received a signed football and a case to put the ball in.**

Six of Groton's seven touchdowns were scored by different players as the Tigers defeated the Wagner Red Raiders, 48-0. "It was nice to see so many different people score," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "It got everyone going on offense."

Penalties were also under control with the varsity squad having only three penalties on the night. "We ran quite a bit this week," Wanner said. "We ran more this past week than we did at the beginning of the year. I told them that whatever penalties we have against Wagner would carry over into practice until the Parkston game." That is in two weeks as Groton has a bye week.

### Coverage of the game sponsored by

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The game also marked the 200th win for Coach Shaun Wanner as he is in his 29th year of coaching. There are only 16 coaches in South Dakota history that have reached this milestone. Of them only six are still coaching.

Wanner started coaching in Langford where he coached for five years, then he coached for nine years in Ipswich where he reached his 100th win, and the past 15 in Groton. "I try not to get too caught up in it," Wanner said. "It's a nice accomplishment."

Wanner also pointed out that Assistant Coach Travis Kurth has been with Wanner for nearly 100 games. "I coached him for a couple of years in Langford, then he did some student teaching with me and he's been an assistant for the 15 years in Groton. He's been a big part of my success."

Wanner's career record is 200-88.

Groton scored on its first possession of the football, starting at its own 25 yard line. Marching down the field, securing two first downs and about five minutes later, Adam Herman caught a 49-yard pass from Bennett Shabazz for the touchdown with 7:31 left in the first quarter. James Thompson kicked the PAT and it was 7-0.

Groton's next touchdown drive started with 1:03 left in the first quarter starting at its own 45 yard line. Groton Area got two first downs before Bennett Shabazz scored on a one-yard run with 9:12 left in the first half. James Thompson kicked the PAT and it was 14-0.

On Wagner's third play of its next possession, the Red Raiders fumbled the ball on their own 25 yard line. Trevor Pray made a catch

to give Groton a first down at the eight yard line. Bennett Shabazz then scored on an eight yard run with 6:40 left in the half. Thompson kicked the PAT and it was 21-0.

Wagner fumbled the ball on the very first play of its next possession and Hunter Lerew came up with the loose ball at the Wagner 15 yard line with 7:05 left in the half. The Tigers got a first down before Carter Jondahl hit paydirt from two yards out with 6:40 left in the half. Thompson kicked the PAT and it was 28-0.

Groton Area would score one more time before the half when Patrick Gengerke would score on a 25-yard interception return with 1:47 left in the half. The PAT kick was short by Thompson and Groton took a 34-0 lead at half time.

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**Adam Herman scored Groton Area's first touchdown of the game.**

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Groton Area received the opening kickoff of the second half and started at its own 41 yard line. Two first downs later, Hunter Lerew would catch the ball from Bennett Shabazz and would complete the 28-yard pass play with 8:31 left in the third quarter. Thompson kicked the PAT and it was 41-0.

Groton Area would score one more time in the game, starting its drive at the Wagner 37 yard line with 5:06 left in the third quarter. Lucas Hinman would score for the Tigers on a 37-yard run on the next play. Thompson kicked the PAT and it was 48-0.

Groton Area would rack up 18 first downs and 345 yards total offense and 45 yards in penalties. Wagner had two first downs and 35 yards in total offense and 23 yards in penalties.

Groton Area had 36 carries for 232 yards. Ball carriers were Bennett Shabazz with 11 carries for 74 yards, Lucas Hinman with eight carries for 48 yards, Carter Jondahl had seven carries for 42 yards, Adam Herman had three carries for 21 yards, James Thompson had three carries for 18 yards, Brandon Keith had two carries for 10 yards and Trevor Pray had one carry for 19 yards. Wagner had 23 carries for eight yards rushing.

Bennett Shabazz completed four of 11 passes for 110 yards and Marshall Lane completed one pass for three yards. Receivers with one catch each were Adam Herman for 49 yards, Hunter Lerew for 28 yards, Trevor Pray for 23 yards, Carter Jondahl for 10 yards and Jackson Oliver for three yards.

Kaden Kazens completed one of seven passes for Wagner for 12 yards and Mato Penny completed two of five passes for 15 yards. Hunter Hewitt caught two passes for 13 yards.



**James Thompson had a nice run in the second half, only to have it recalled by a penalty.**



**Hunter Lerew caught the ball and ran the 28 yards to score Groton's first touchdown in the second half.**

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Leading tacklers for Groton Area were Carter Jondahl and Brandon Keith with eight each and Jack McKiver with seven. Hunter Hewitt led Wagner with eight.

Groton Area, now 6-1 on the season, will take next week off. The following week on October 22, the Tigers will travel to Parkston for the final regular season game. Wanner said Parkston has a lot at stake. He said that Parkston just lost big to Winner and they have to beat Groton so they don't have to make a return trip to Winner in the playoffs. "They have a few kids back from last year's state championship team," Wanner said. Parkston is 4-3. They defeated Redfield-Doland, 47-14, and Wagner, 44-16.



Lucas Hinman tries to escape from Wagner's Dawson Petrick. Also pictured is Tylan Glover in the background.

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## Today in Weather History

October 10, 1928: The temperature reached 90 degrees at Minneapolis, Minnesota their latest such reading on record.

October 10, 1982: October 8th through October 10th, 1982 record amounts of snow piled up in the northern Black Hills. Not only was the storm a record breaker because it came so early in the season, it was a record snowfall producer for any time of year. Amounts of three to six feet were common across the northern hills. On October 9th, 1982 thirty-two inches of snow buried Lead. The thirty-two inches that day is the most on record for a 24 hour period in South Dakota. Lead's three day storm total of 55.3 inches is the largest single storm total on record in South Dakota.

1804 - A famous snow hurricane occurred. The unusual coastal storm caused northerly gales from Maine to New Jersey. Heavy snow fell across New England, with three feet reported at the crest of the Green Mountains. A foot of snow was reported in the Berkshires of southern New England, at Goshen CT. (David Ludlum)

1928 - The temperature at Minneapolis, MN, reached 90 degrees, their latest such reading of record. (The Weather Channel)

1973 - Fifteen to 20 inch rains deluged north central Oklahoma in thirteen hours producing record flooding. Enid was drenched with 15.68 inches of rain from the nearly stationary thunderstorms, which established a state 24 hour rainfall record. Dover OK reported 125 of 150 homes damaged by flooding. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1979 - A storm blanketed Worcester, MA, with 7.5 inches of snow, a record snowfall total for so early in the season for that location. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Eleven cities in the north central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Colorado Springs CO with a reading of 23 degrees, and Havre MT with a low of 11 degrees above zero. Light snow was reported as far south as Kansas. Omaha NE reported their third earliest snow of record. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Sunny and mild weather prevailed across the nation for Columbus Day. The afternoon high of 77 degrees at Kalispell MT was the warmest reading of record for so late in the autumn season. Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced wind gusts to 56 mph at Lorain OH. Snowflakes were observed at Milwaukee WI around Noon, but quickly changed to rain as temperature readings were in the lower 60s. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced torrential rains along the northeast coast of Florida. Augustine was deluged with 16.08 inches of rain. The heavy rain caused extensive flooding of homes and businesses, and left some roads under three feet of water. Ten cities from South Carolina to New England reported record low temperatures for the date, including Concord NH with a reading of 23 degrees. Temperatures dipped into the 30s in the Carolinas. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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This Afternoon	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Columbus Day	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Breezy	Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 85 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 72

Fire Weather Watch



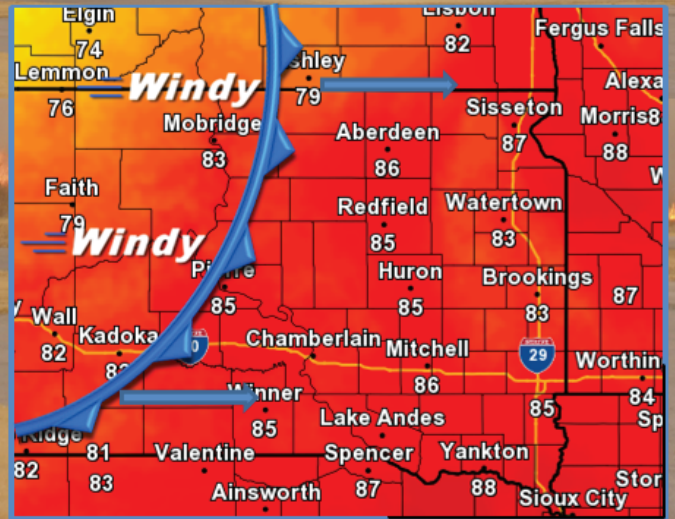
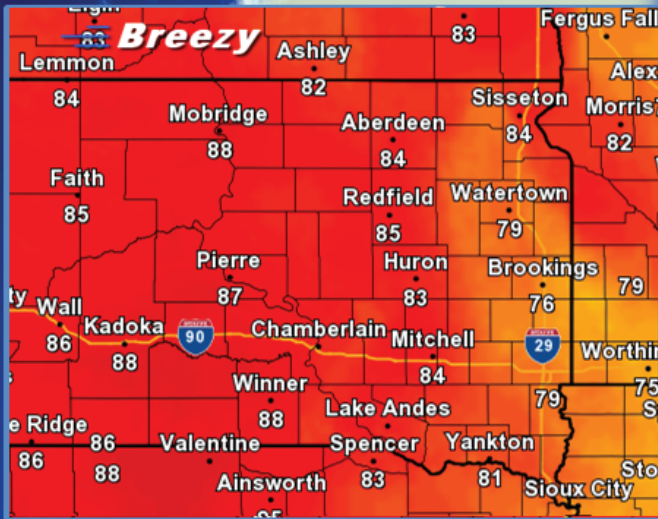
## Unseasonably Warm, Dry Weekend

**Today**

Warm & Dry  
Westerly breezes  
High fire danger for parts of western & central SD

**Sunday**

Warm, dry, very windy conditions may result in a critical fire danger situation



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Updated: 10/10/2015 12:37 PM Central

Published on: 10/10/2015 at 12:40PM

Temperatures this weekend will be at least 20 degrees above normal for this time of the year! They could even be record breaking in some locations. Along with the heat, conditions will be very dry. When northwest winds increase behind a cold front on Sunday, fire danger will become a valid concern. Much cooler air will follow Monday.



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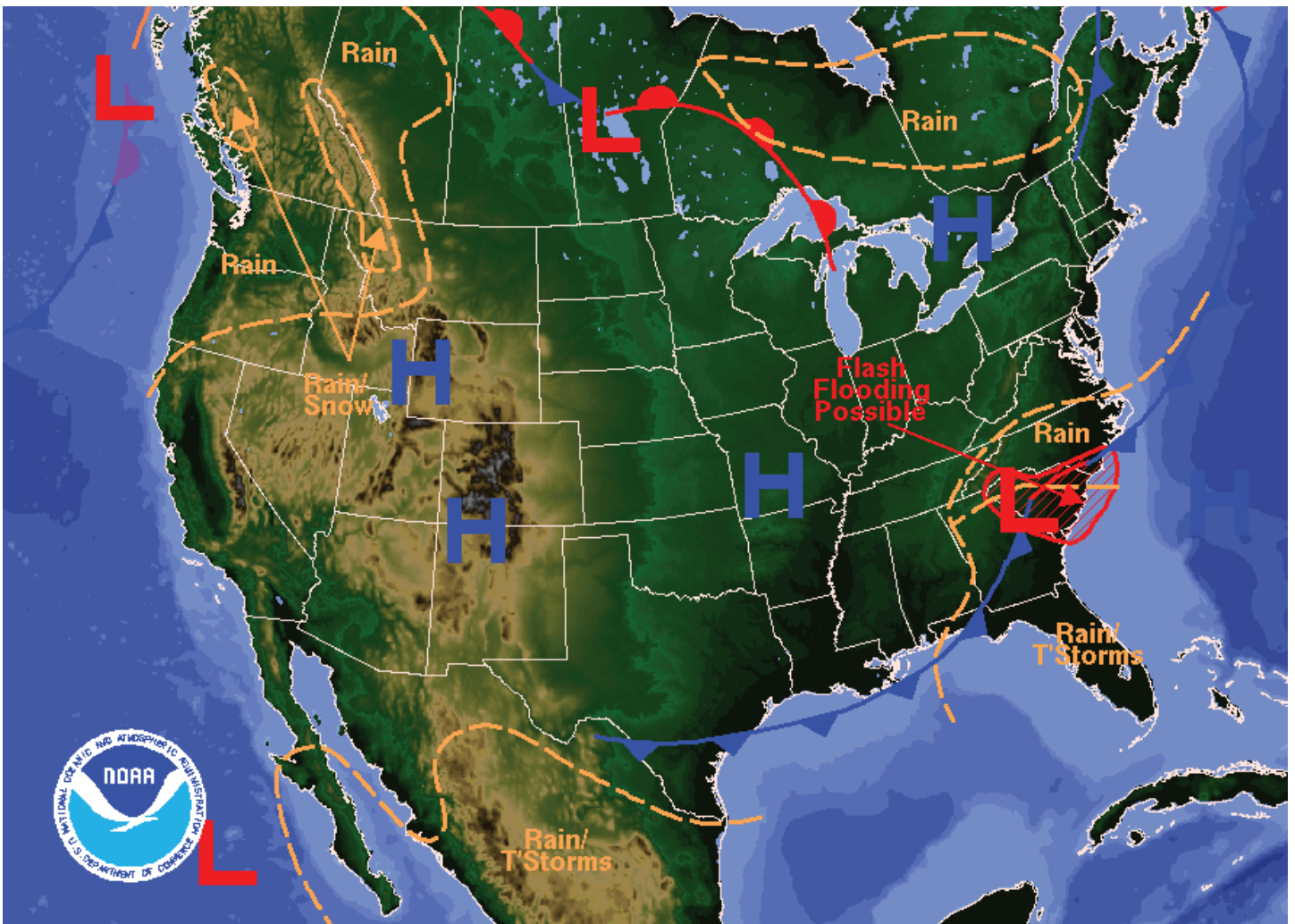
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 62.6  
**Low:** 29.6  
**High Gust:** 21  
**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 90° in 1910  
**Record Low:** 10° in 1919  
**Average High:** 61°F  
**Average Low:** 35°F  
**Average Precip in Oct.:** 0.74  
**Precip to date in Oct.:** 0.00  
**Average Precip to date:** 19.22  
**Precip Year to Date:** 18.12  
**Sunset Tonight:** 6:57 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:44 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Oct 10, 2015, issued 4:25 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## KEEP AT IT!

Little Leslie looked out the window at a large snow bank that blocked the sidewalk to the front door. He decided to do something about it. Bundling up in his warmest clothes, he got a snow shovel, went outside and began to remove the snow.

His neighbor was walking by and said to him, "How can such a small child like you expect to remove so much snow?"

Looking the man in the eye he said, "My Dad told me that if I don't give up and keep at something, I can always get through it!"

The committed person is not the one who sees through something. The committed person is the one who sees something through!

Paul said that Christians are to "stay true to the Lord." This is often difficult to do. We remind ourselves continually to keep our eyes on Jesus and never forget that this world is not our home.

George Whitfield constantly prayed, "Lord keep a thorn in my nest so I won't get too comfortable and forget that I am here on this earth to work for You every day of my life."

**Prayer:** Lord, may everything about us show those around us that we are faithful and true to You, our Savior. In Jesus' Name, Amen

**Scripture for Today:** Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Officer-involved shootings reach record number this year**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota has seen the most officer-involved shootings this year since the state started keeping records in 2001.

The Mitchell Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1JZPLij>) reports there have been six officer-involved shootings in South Dakota in 2015.

The Attorney General's office says officer-involved shootings are when on-duty police officers shoot a citizen.

The state started keeping records informally in 2001 and implemented a formal protocol in 2003.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says the shootings are "on the mind" of attorneys general across the nation.

Jackley is hosting a National Association of Attorneys General summit on 21st century policing as part of an initiative focusing on issues including officer-involved shootings and police body cameras.

Jackley has praised the training South Dakota officers complete for high-pressure situations.

### **State working to submit request to name new GEAR UP manager**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota hopes to file a formal request soon with the federal government to name a new administrator for a Native American college-readiness program.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1QgzpHn>) reports that officials want make the request in the next week.

The grant's future has been uncertain since the state decided not to renew its contract with Mid-Central Educational Cooperative for federal GEAR UP program administration.

Tony Venhuizen, Gov. Dennis Daugaard's chief of staff, says the state has contacted the U.S. Department of Education to figure out how to transfer the grant.

Authorities believe Mid-Central employee Scott Westerhuis killed his family and then himself shortly after the cooperative learned the contract wouldn't be renewed.

GEAR UP supporters say it's an effective program for Native American students.

### **SD higher ed schools make own security decisions**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents says it has left many security decisions to the colleges it oversees, but it's unclear whether each school has a plan for "active shooter" scenarios.

The board says schools have done extensive planning for all emergency situations, but that's not dictated by policy. At least two schools have held emergency drills.

Eight years after the Virginia Tech massacre prompted tighter campus security measures, some universities make "active shooter" training mandatory for incoming students, while others offer little guidance on what to do if there's a gunman on the loose, a national review by The Associated Press has found.

South Dakota's university system includes six public universities, the school for the deaf, and the school for the blind and visually impaired.

### **City searching for new director of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The City of Riders is searching for someone to oversee the growth of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which celebrated its 75th anniversary this year.

Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie tells KEVN-TV (<http://bit.ly/1MncaMS>) the city is looking to hire for the position by January.

Sturgis estimates that a record 739,000 people attended this year's rally, beating out the previous record



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of an estimated 633,000 people who flooded Sturgis at the 60th rally in 2000.

Ainslie says the position includes a lot of planning and working with sponsors and vendors. Applications have come in from locals and as far away as South Africa.

Brenda Vasknetz is stepping down to explore new options after seven years as director of the annual rally.

## Rapid City dental specialist pursuing state House seat

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City dental specialist says he's running for a seat in the state House of Representatives in the 2016 election.

Republican Richard Mounce is pursuing the west river seat and says he's committed to limiting government and cutting regulations.

Mounce tells the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1ZoiXex>) that his highest priorities are finding solutions to fund education "responsibly and sensibly" and promoting the area's economy.

Mounce is stressing his Christianity, his conservative principles and experience as a business owner.

District 30 Reps. Lance Russell and Mike Verchio, both Republicans, can't run for re-election to their House seats because of term limits. Bruce Rampelberg serves as the district's senator.

The district includes Custer and Fall River counties and much of Pennington County's land area.

## O'Rear named city of Brookings airport manager

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Ryan O'Rear has been named the new airport manager for the city of Brookings. O'Rear replaces Philip Tiedeman, who left the position in August. O'Rear previously served as an airport operations supervisor at Sloulin Field International Airport in Williston, North Dakota. In that position, he coordinated snow removal and construction operations, conducted daily airfield inspections and performed aircraft firefighting functions.

O'Rear has an aviation technology degree and a minor in management from Metropolitan State University of Denver. He is a member of the American Association of Airport Executives and is certified in aircraft rescue and firefighting and weather observation.

## Friday's Scores The Associated Press

### PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Central 20, Pierre 13  
Aberdeen Roncalli 28, Sisseton 0  
Baltic 52, Viborg-Hurley 6  
Belle Fourche 27, Spearfish 0  
Brandon Valley 21, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 7  
Bridgewater-Emery 45, Elk Point-Jefferson 6  
Britton-Hecla 41, Deuel 0  
Burke/South Central 43, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 0  
Canistota 50, Alcester-Hudson 14  
Chamberlain 52, St. Francis Indian 0  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 72, Crow Creek 44  
Clark/Willow Lake 63, Great Plains Lutheran 12  
Colman-Egan 38, Castlewood/Estelline 34  
Corsica/Stickney 48, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 0  
Dell Rapids St. Mary 78, Deubrook 42  
DeSmet 48, Elkton-Lake Benton 0  
Edgemont 26, Bison 22  
Eureka/Bowdle 14, Potter County 0  
Faith 30, Lemmon/McIntosh 8

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Florence/Henry 38, Tri-State 14  
Groton Area 48, Wagner 0  
Harding County 54, Newell 0  
Harrisburg 21, Douglas 20, OT  
Herreid/Selby Area 50, Faulkton 14  
Hot Springs 38, Custer 0  
Howard 22, Menno-Marion 20  
Irene-Wakonda 51, Garretson 14  
Langford 66, Ipswich/Edmunds Central 12  
Lead-Deadwood 32, Little Wound 14  
Lennox 28, Dakota Valley 26  
Lower Brule 52, Sunshine Bible Academy 20  
Lyman 24, New Underwood 22  
Madison 41, Canton 14  
McLaughlin 65, Dupree 12  
Milbank 26, Dell Rapids 21  
Milbank Area 26, Dell Rapids 21  
Miller 50, Platte-Geddes 0  
Mitchell 49, Brookings 41  
Mobridge-Pollock 42, Redfield/Doland 6  
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 51, Hanson 14  
Scotland 32, Gayville-Volin 12  
Sioux Falls Christian 44, Vermillion 8  
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 47, Rapid City Stevens 7  
Sioux Valley 20, Beresford 14  
Sully Buttes 50, Hitchcock-Tulare 0  
Wall 44, Philip 8  
Warner 47, Leola/Frederick 0  
Webster 32, Hamlin 22  
West Central 40, Tea Area 10  
Winner 43, Parkston 0  
Wolsey-Wessington 42, Bon Homme 24  
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 40, Kimball/White Lake 14  
Yankton 45, Huron 18

## Volleyball

Sully Buttes def. James Valley Christian, 25-18, 28-26, 25-17  
 Fargo Invitational  
 Pool Play  
 Pool D  
 Fargo Shanley, N.D. def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-20, 25-20  
 Sioux Falls Washington def. Dickinson, N.D., 25-17, 25-17  
 Sioux Falls Washington def. West Fargo, N.D., 20-25, 25-12, 15-12  
 Pool E  
 Fargo Davies, N.D. def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-17, 25-17  
 Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Turtle Mountain, N.D., 25-14, 25-14  
 Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Mandan, N.D., 25-17, 25-18  
 Lakeville North Tournament  
 Pool Play  
 Pool 1



Prior Lake, Minn. def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-13, 25-10  
Stewartville, Minn. def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-15, 25-20

## **Barrasso questions proposed EPA in-situ uranium standards**

**MEAD GRUVER, Associated Press**

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is overstepping its authority and endangering an industry by proposing extensive new standards to protect groundwater from uranium mining, said a U.S. senator from Wyoming, the top uranium-mining state.

The EPA earlier this year proposed the standards to account for how nearly all uranium produced in the U.S. nowadays comes from in-situ mining rather than conventional mining.

In-situ mining involves pumping into the ground a solution to dissolve minerals, then pumping out of the ground a solution containing uranium. The EPA maintains it has authority under federal laws to update contamination standards for implementation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The standards are too stringent and threaten the uranium extraction industry, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said at a Wednesday hearing of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

"I believe the EPA is once again asserting power over another area of the economy even though they are not the primary agency that congress created to manage and oversee uranium production. That role belongs to the NRC," Barrasso said.

He asked NRC officials if EPA had sufficiently consulted with them about the proposed standards.

"I think the NRC and EPA have a very solid, ongoing working relationship," NRC Commissioner William Ostendorff said. "We have, however, as an agency, identified concerns with perhaps their regulatory footprint going into our jurisdictional issues and dictating how certain methods are to be used by our licensees."

EPA officials declined to respond to Barrasso's remarks. The EPA received more than 1,700 substantive comments during a public comment period on the proposed rules that ended May 27, EPA spokeswoman Christie St. Clair said by email.

"EPA is currently evaluating the comments and information received and will proceed to follow the official rulemaking process," St. Clair wrote.

The EPA anticipates publication of the final rules in the Federal Register next April.

In-situ mining in Wyoming accounts for over half of U.S. uranium production. Wyoming has four of the seven operational in-situ uranium mines in the U.S. Two are in Texas and one in Nebraska.

Others still in need of full permitting are in South Dakota and New Mexico.

The rules would set groundwater protection standards at in-situ mines for substances including arsenic, cadmium and selenium. Once mining begins, a cleanup plan would need to be in place no later than 90 days of any contamination detected in monitoring wells away from the mining area.

The rules also would require long-term groundwater monitoring after mining ends. Monitoring could continue for as long as 30 years rather than just a few years currently.

There is no guarantee a mine operator could be held responsible for cleaning up contamination discovered by new monitoring decades from now, the proposed rule published Jan. 26 asserts.

"It is likely, however that the costs of such future remediation would far exceed the costs of the more extensive monitoring (in all phases of site activity) that we are proposing," the EPA wrote.

The EPA proposal "ignores the successful 40-year history of in-situ recovery projects," Barrasso said at the hearing.

However, some Wyoming in-situ uranium mines have a history of off-site underground contamination problems known as excursions. Cameco in 2008 paid a then-record \$1 million state fine for such problems at its Smith Ranch-Highland mine in Converse County.

## **Gov. Ricketts determined to address Whiteclay beer sales**

**GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts says he's determined to address the problems that plague the village of Whiteclay and is working with a Native American activist to seek solutions.

Whiteclay's four beer stores sell primarily to residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation across the border in South Dakota, home of the Oglala Lakota Nation. The reservation does not sell alcoholic beverages.

"I am determined to address this important set of problems during my administration," Ricketts said in a July 30 letter to Rebecca Wells, a Lincoln nurse who works frequently on the reservation with children who suffer from fetal alcohol syndrome. Ricketts told her he is working with Frank LaMere, a Native American activist from South Sioux City.

The letter was obtained by The Associated Press from Wells and the governor's office, and comes as activists in Nebraska renew their push to close Whiteclay's beer stores, which sold the equivalent of 3.9 million cans of beer last year in a town with 14 residents.

On Friday morning, LaMere and a small group of activists walked into the governor's office to request an impromptu meeting with Ricketts. The group met privately with a staff member for 45 minutes, asking that Ricketts take steps to increase the number of state inspections at the beer stores and investigate the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

LaMere, who has fought for decades to close Whiteclay, emerged and said he was optimistic for the first time in years that state officials will look seriously at the problem.

"I believe the effort to shut down Whiteclay and deal with the illegalities has reached critical mass," he said.

A spokesman for Ricketts said the governor was unavailable for an interview, but confirmed Ricketts and LaMere have met once before to discuss the problem.

Protesters also said they plan to gather Friday night outside a Budweiser facility in Lincoln to protest Whiteclay's beer stores. A new documentary, "Sober Indian/Dangerous Indian," was shown in Lincoln and Omaha this week in an effort to raise awareness. The film follows four men and their families, including one man who says he sold himself for sex so he could buy more alcohol.

Nebraska lawmakers have struggled for years to address the problems in Whiteclay with little success. Most of the legislation has stalled amid resistance from the grocery and alcohol industries and the owners of the beer stores, who argue they have a legal right to conduct business.

One man featured in the new documentary, Robert Young Dog, suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome and says he was physically and sexually assaulted in his youth. The 44-year-old from Oglala, South Dakota, said he's been sober for four months and wants to meet Ricketts to provide a firsthand account.

"I've really got to get into his mind what alcohol is doing to the Oglala Sioux," Young Dog told the AP. "Until something does happen, I've got to keep voicing my concerns."

Previous debates about Whiteclay haven't looked at the cost the town imposes on state taxpayers, documentary producer John Maisch said.

The stores generated about \$113,800 in state excise taxes and \$213,000 in federal excise taxes last year, according to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. But the revenue is more than offset by the costs of caring for foster children with fetal alcohol syndrome, a cost often covered by government programs, said Maisch, a Nebraska native and former Oklahoma alcohol regulator.

## **South Dakota tribal officials accused of stealing money**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Current and former officials of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate are facing federal charges for writing themselves checks for more than \$50,000 from a tribal account for expenses that were not justified, according to an indictment filed this week in U.S. District Court in South Dakota.

The indictment charges the six officials with conspiracy, embezzlement and theft from an Indian tribal organization in connection with the scheme that authorities say happened between June 2010 and March



2013 on the reservation in South Dakota's northeast corner. The individuals were executive board members of tribe's Big Coulee District during the period when the alleged crimes happened, and at least three continue to work in tribal government.

The indictment names Carrie Godfrey, Gerald German Jr., Ann German, Calvin Max Sr., Gerald Heminger Jr. and Colette White as defendants. All but Ann German served on the district's executive board during the time covered by the indictment. Ann German has been the district's coordinator since approximately November 2008.

"The defendants wrote themselves checks from the District's account, purportedly for home repair or emergency repair assistance payments," according to the indictment, but the assistance checks were not "properly supported" with a complete application and supporting documents. Authorities argue the defendants used the funds for their own purposes.

Federal authorities also accuse the defendants of writing themselves checks from the district's account to help them cover their income tax liability incurred from the stipends they received as district executives. Those checks had not been authorized by the district.

In all, they are accused of defrauding the tribe of \$54,237. The court case does not list defense attorneys who could comment on the charges.

District Secretary Leslie Heminger confirmed Thursday that Max and White are the district's vice chairman and treasurer respectively. Max couldn't be reached by phone. Neither Ann German nor White returned messages seeking comment.

In one of several instances described in the indictment, federal authorities say Godfrey and Heminger signed five district checks on Jan. 28, 2011. One check was payable to Godfrey in the amount of \$4,944.69, while the four other checks payable to Gerald German, Ann German, Max and Heminger were in the amount of \$5,000 each. Each check was purportedly issued for home repair assistance, according to the indictment.

A hearing in the case at the federal district courthouse in Aberdeen has not yet been scheduled.

## **Sioux falls man convicted for stabbing girlfriend to death**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man could spend the rest of his life in prison after being convicted of first-degree manslaughter in the stabbing death of his girlfriend.

The Argus Leader reports (<http://argusne.ws/1G37LND> ) Michael Martinez was found guilty Thursday of three counts of first-degree manslaughter, but was acquitted of second-degree murder and a count of first-degree manslaughter.

The conviction is for the July 2014 killing of 21-year-old Beverly Guerra. Authorities say Martinez stabbed her 14 times with a knife during an argument in their apartment.

Guerra died before emergency responders arrived at their apartment.

Guerra's 3- and 6-year-old children were in a back room during the incident. They were put in the custody of social service officials.

Martinez' attorney didn't immediately return a request for comment.

## **Record South Dakota soybean crop expected; corn yield up**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects South Dakota farmers to produce a record soybean crop and more corn than last year.

USDA's latest production report forecasts the state's soybean crop at 235 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Acres for harvest are tying the previous record, and average yield is forecast at a record 46 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2014.

The corn crop is expected to be 797 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year. Sorghum production in South Dakota is forecast at 16.4 million bushels, up 73 percent.

Sunflower production is expected at 1.27 billion pounds, which is up 45 percent over last year. But dry edible beans are expected to be at 240,000 hundredweight, which is down 1 percent from 2014.

## **FEMA sending trailers to Pine Ridge Reservation**

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — The federal government is sending trailers to South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where residents are still recovering from severe storms last spring.

Crews are delivering 50 Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers to the Oglala Sioux tribe to help tribal members affected by storms, straight-line winds and flooding over a three-week period in May.

The first two homes were shipped from Alabama and arrived at Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City on Thursday. They'll be sent from there when tribal officials are ready for their arrival.

For now they're being housed in an old parking area for bombers, according to Dana Powell, who works with the base's Plans and Programs office.

"Now it's used for a good use," Powell said.

President Barack Obama in August declared the reservation a disaster, paving the way for federal aid that includes temporary housing, low-interest loans, grants for home repairs and disaster unemployment assistance.

"We've had more than 1,600 applications for assistance," FEMA spokesman Brian Hvinden said. "We have to go through the eligibility determinations on those, but we're hoping to help as many families as are eligible for our assistance."

Hvinden said the trailers are being sent to Pine Ridge for permanent use.

## **USDA lowers corn, soybean harvest estimates by 1 percent**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has slightly lowered its corn and soybean harvest estimates based on updated harvest figures across the U.S.

Farmers are expected to bring in 13.56 billion bushels of corn, about 1 percent lower than the September estimate but still the third largest crop on record. Record per-acre corn yields are expected in 11 states — including Iowa, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Soybean production estimates are also 1 percent lower. But the 3.89 billion bushels would be the second largest on record. Best-ever yields are expected in seven states, including Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota.

About a fourth of the nation's corn crop has been harvested, which is slightly behind average. Soybeans are ahead of the five-year average with 42 percent harvested.

## **Order suspending poultry shows in South Dakota lifted**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Animal Industry Board has rescinded an order that suspended poultry shows statewide.

The order was implemented in May due to an outbreak of bird flu, and affected such exhibitions as the State Fair. It was rescinded Thursday.

The Animal Industry Board says avian influenza was last detected in the country in mid-June. Since then, nine of the 10 affected farms in South Dakota have restocked with poultry.

Poultry owners are still encouraged to be vigilant for signs of illness in their birds, and to contact their veterinarian if they observe unusual death loss or illness.

## **Rapid City man ordered to stop selling medical devices**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a retired Rapid City dentist must stop selling laser devices with the claim that they treat a large number of serious diseases and disorders.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken has issued a permanent injunction against Robert "Larry" Lytle, who has been selling the QLaser and other medical devices.

The Justice Department says Lytle has been distributing the devices with false and misleading claims, including that they treat cancer, HIV/AIDS and diabetes.

Lytle tells the Rapid City Journal that he plans to appeal. He says his medical devices are safe and helpful. He says he hasn't had a written complaint in 17 years.

## AP News in Brief

### **US officials: CIA-backed rebels in Syria pressured Assad before Russian bombs began falling**

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA-backed rebels in Syria, who had begun to put serious pressure on President Bashar Assad's forces, are now under Russian bombardment with little prospect of rescue by their American patrons, U.S. officials say.

Over the past week, Russia has directed parts of its air campaign against U.S.-funded groups and other moderate opposition in a concerted effort to weaken them, the officials say. The Obama administration has few options to defend those it had secretly armed and trained.

The Russians "know their targets, and they have a sophisticated capacity to understand the battlefield situation," said Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kan., who serves on the House Intelligence Committee and was careful not to confirm a classified program. "They are bombing in locations that are not connected to the Islamic State" group.

Other U.S. officials interviewed spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The CIA began a covert operation in 2013 to arm, fund and train a moderate opposition to Assad. Over that time, the CIA has trained an estimated 10,000 fighters, although its current size isn't clear.

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### **House Speaker John Boehner's here to stay, for now, and that means leverage on budget fights**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker John Boehner wants to leave the House. He really does.

But the Ohio Republican is staying put, for now — and that could improve the chances for a debt limit increase by early next month to avoid a market-shattering government default.

Boehner's continued presence also might help a bipartisan budget deal to head off a government shut-down in December.

The tea party forces that pushed Boehner to plan his exit after nearly five years in the top job now have less leverage against a man with nothing to lose. Conservative hardliners have caused further chaos by blocking the ascension of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

Yet there is no move afoot to hasten Boehner's exit as House Republicans decide how to fill the top job.

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### **Portraits of some of the victims in the airstrike on hospital in Afghan city of Kunduz**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — On Oct. 3, a U.S. AC-130 gunship — at the request of Afghan ground forces fighting the Taliban, according to the American commander in Afghanistan Gen. John F. Campbell — mistakenly bombed a trauma hospital run by Doctors Without Borders in the northern Afghan city of Kunduz, killing at least 10 patients and a dozen Afghan staffers. Many more were wounded, and many remain missing in the wreckage of the now-abandoned hospital. The aid group's international staff members have been accounted for. President Barack Obama apologized and the U.S. military is investigating.

Family and friends of some of the victims spoke with The Associated Press. Here are their stories:

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Muhibullah Waheedi

Waheedi, known as Dr. Muhibullah, 35, grew up in the Pakistani city of Quetta, where his family took refuge during the 1980s invasion of Afghanistan by the former Soviet Union. He graduated in medicine from Kunduz University before returning to Quetta, where he worked for two years with Doctors Without Borders, known by its French initials MSF. He was married with five children — three girls and two boys, the youngest aged three. He also had four brothers, three of them doctors.



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## **Turkish Interior Ministry says 30 killed, 126 injured in bomb attacks in capital Ankara**

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's Interior Ministry says two bomb explosions apparently targeting a peace rally in the capital Ankara has killed 30 people and injured 126 others.

The ministry said the explosions occurred as demonstrators were starting to gather for the rally Saturday. It condemned the attack which it said "targets Turkey's democracy and peace."

The explosions occurred minutes apart near Ankara's train station as people gathered for the rally organized by the country's public sector workers' trade union. The rally aimed to call for an end to the renewed violence between Kurdish rebels and Turkish security forces.

It was not clear if the attacks, which came weeks before Turkey's Nov. 1 elections, were suicide bombings.

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## **Israel struggles to contain spreading violence; 6 Palestinians reported killed in border clash**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Unrest that erupted several weeks ago at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site spread Friday to Gaza in the form of deadly border clashes with Palestinian protesters, as Israeli security forces struggled to contain a wave of Palestinian stabbing attacks against civilians and soldiers.

For the first time since the current violence began, clashes broke out along the Gaza border after Palestinians in the territory ruled by the Islamic militant group Hamas rolled burning tires and threw rocks at Israeli troops on the frontier. Six Palestinians were killed and a dozen were wounded, the Palestinian Health Ministry said.

The Israeli military said "More than a thousand rioters infiltrated the buffer zone engaging the forces at the security fence. Rioters reached the security fence- hurled a grenade, rocks and rolled burning tires at Israeli forces ... threatening to breach the fence and storm the adjacent communities." It said troops fired warning shots and then fired at main instigators to prevent their advance.

Recent days have seen a series of attacks by young Palestinians wielding household items like kitchen knives, screwdrivers and even a vegetable peeler. The youths had no known links to armed groups who have targeted Israeli soldiers and civilians at random, complicating security efforts.

The violence, including the first apparent revenge attack by an Israeli, raised fears of the unrest spiraling further out of control.

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## **The Latest: Police say Palestinian attacker stabs 2 in Jerusalem in latest violence**

JERUSALEM (AP) — The latest developments in ongoing violence between Palestinians and Israelis (all times local):

09:45 a.m.

Police say a Palestinian attacker has stabbed two people in Jerusalem, lightly injuring them.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld says Saturday morning's attack took place in the central part of the city and police forces killed the attacker.

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## **N. Korea parades missiles at anniversary celebration as Kim Jong Un says set for any US threat**

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un declared Saturday that his country was ready to stand up to any threat posed by the United States as he spoke at a lavish military parade to

mark the 70th anniversary of the North's ruling party and trumpet his third-generation leadership.

The parade, which featured thousands of goose-stepping soldiers and military hardware including missiles and drones mounted on trucks, kicked off what is expected to be one of the North's biggest celebrations ever — an attention-getting event that is the government's way of showing the world and its own people that the Kim dynasty is firmly in control and its military a power to be reckoned with.

Kim, clad in black, walked down a red carpet and saluted his honor guard. He then walked up to a podium and waved to the troops taking part in the parade in Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square. Visiting Chinese official Liu Yunshan stood clapping to Kim's left, with senior North Korean officials on Kim's right. Kim smiled as he spoke with Liu through an interpreter.

Kim then delivered a speech in which he said North Korea would stand up to the U.S., issuing the type of fiery rhetoric that is commonly used by the North.

"Our revolutionary force is ready to respond to any kind of war the American imperialists want," said Kim, whose speech was interrupted by applause several times.

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## **As Oregon town buries campus shooting victims, strong emotions flare during president's visit**

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — Gun-rights activists and others gave voice to strong emotions when President Barack Obama came to meet privately with grieving families whose loved ones were killed on a college campus in Roseburg, Oregon.

During Obama's brief visit on Friday, many residents showed anger over the call he made soon after last week's shootings for more gun restrictions.

However, there were also Obama supporters among the people waiting behind a security fence near the airport to catch a glimpse of the president.

They included two men on bicycles — Phil Benedetti and John Poole.

"I want to support our president," said Benedetti, a Roseburg physician. "This isn't about gun control, it's about caring about the welfare of the small town and every small town when tragedy happens."

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## **Donald Trump, brash New Yorker, picks up campaign in Southern states key to GOP nomination**

ATLANTA (AP) — Donald Trump is a brash New Yorker who knows the path to the Republican presidential nomination runs through a swath of Southern states where residents pride themselves on graciousness and gentility.

He leads many state polls in the region just as he does nationally. In the last few weeks he's hired staff members in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia to go along with staff in South Carolina, which hosts the South's first primary.

"It's almost like we're running a campaign for president of the United States," quipped Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski when asked about the expansion.

Lewandowski said the hires and Trump's schedule — he'll be in metro Atlanta on Saturday — are proof that Trump is in the race for good. Trump and his aides are pushing back on suggestions — fueled by his own comments — that he is plotting an exit in case his poll numbers continue to slide, as they have recently.

Lewandowski declined to talk about advertising plans and side-stepped questions on whether any firms have been hired to help with ballot access work. But he and political players in the South say Trump shouldn't be taken lightly in the region, even if it may not seem like a natural fit.

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## Divided House GOP pressures Paul Ryan to run for speaker: 'The only guy who can unite us'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Endlessly divided, House Republicans pleaded with Rep. Paul Ryan on Friday to rescue them from their damaging leadership vacuum. But the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee showed little appetite for the prestigious yet thankless job of speaker of the House.

The Wisconsin Republican who chairs the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee — his dream job, he's repeatedly declared — refused comment again and again as reporters chased him around the Capitol a day after Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy shocked his colleagues by withdrawing from the speaker's race moments before the vote.

McCarthy's abrupt decision came just two weeks after the current speaker, John Boehner of Ohio, announced his own plans to resign at month's end, citing opposition from the small but strident bloc of hardcore conservatives who almost immediately turned on McCarthy, Boehner's No. 2.

That left Republicans in chaos, with a yawning void at the top of their leadership ladder even as they confront enormous fiscal challenges and budgetary deadlines that could threaten a government shutdown and unprecedented default in the months to come.

So GOP lawmakers, from Boehner and McCarthy on down, turned to Ryan, 45, the only figure in the House seen as having the stature, wide appeal and intelligence to lead Republicans out of the mess they're in.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, October 10, the 283rd day of 2015. There are 82 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On October 10, 1935, the George Gershwin opera "Porgy and Bess," featuring an all-black cast, opened on Broadway, where it ran for 124 performances.

### On this date:

In A.D. 19, Roman general Germanicus Julius Caesar, 33, died in Antioch under mysterious circumstances, possibly from poisoning.

In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Maryland.

In 1913, the Panama Canal was effectively completed as President Woodrow Wilson sent a signal from the White House by telegraph, setting off explosives that destroyed a section of the Gamboa dike.

In 1938, Nazi Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland (soo-DAYT'-uhn-land).

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

In 1955, the film version of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" premiered before an invitation-only audience at the Rivoli Theatre in New York.

In 1964, the first Summer Olympics to be held in Asia were opened in Tokyo by Japanese Emperor Hirohito. Entertainer Eddie Cantor, 72, died in Beverly Hills, California.

In 1967, the Outer Space Treaty, prohibiting the placing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, entered into force.

In 1968, the sexy science-fiction spoof "Barbarella," starring Jane Fonda, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

In 1985, U.S. fighter jets forced an Egyptian plane carrying the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) to land in Italy, where the gunmen were taken into custody. Actor-director Orson Welles died in Los Angeles at age 70; actor Yul Brynner died in New York at age 65.

In 1997, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and its coordinator, Jody Williams, were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Ten years ago:** Angela Merkel struck a power-sharing deal that made her the first woman and politician from the ex-communist east to serve as Germany's chancellor. President George W. Bush dined in the French Quarter and stayed in a luxury hotel to showcase progress in hurricane-battered New Orleans.



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Israeli-American Robert J. Aumann and Thomas C. Schelling of the U.S. won the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for their research on game theory. Milton Obote (oh-BOH'-tay), the first prime minister of an independent Uganda, died in Johannesburg, South Africa, at age 79.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama delivered one of his most stinging criticisms yet of the GOP record to several thousand people in Philadelphia's Germantown neighborhood as he urged voters not to sit out the midterm elections. Kim Jong Il's heir apparent, Kim Jong Un, joined his father at a massive military parade in his most public appearance since being unveiled as North Korea's next leader. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland, 83, died at her home in Switzerland.

**One year ago:** Malala Yousafzai (mah-LAH'-lah YOO'-suhf-zeye), a 17-year-old Pakistani girl, and Kailash Satyarthi (KY'-lash saht-YAHR'-thee), a 60-year-old Indian man, were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for risking their lives for the right of children to receive an education and to live free from abuse. The Kansas City Royals defeated the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 at Camden Yards in the opener of the AL Championship Series.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Illinois Sen. Adlai Stevenson III is 85. Actor Peter Coyote is 74. Entertainer Ben Vereen is 69. Singer John Prine is 69. Actor Charles Dance is 69. Rock singer-musician Cyril Neville (The Neville Brothers) is 67. Actress Jessica Harper is 66. Author Nora Roberts (aka "J.D. Robb") is 65. Singer-musician Midge Ure is 62. Rock singer David Lee Roth is 61. Actor J. Eddie Peck is 57. Country singer Tanya Tucker is 57. Actress Julia Sweeney is 56. Actor Bradley Whitford is 56. Musician Martin Kemp is 54. Actress Jodi Benson (Film: "The Little Mermaid") is 54. Rock musician Jim Glennie (James) is 52. Actress Rebecca Pidgeon is 50. Rock musician Mike Malinin (mah-LIHN'-ihn) (Goo Goo Dolls) is 48. Retired NFL quarterback Brett Favre is 46. Actor Manu Bennett is 46. Actress Joelle Carter is 46. Actress Wendi McLendon-Covey is 46. Actor/TV host Mario Lopez is 42. Race driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. is 41. Actress Jodi Lyn O'Keefe is 37. Singer Mya is 36. Actor Dan Stevens is 33. Singer Cherie is 31. Actress Rose McIver is 27. Actress Aimee Teegarden is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "We're born alone, we live alone, we die alone. Only through our love and friendship can we create the illusion for the moment that we're not alone." - Orson Welles (1915-1985).