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## Thursday, October 22

END OF FIRST QUARTER

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

**School Lunch:** Hamburgers, French fries, fruit, romaine salad.

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, Ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Adam Grams • Margaret Sippel • Savanna Larson • Kara Kettering • Dustin Falk • Bill Shilhanek • Kara Pharis Zimmerman • Nathaniel Geist • Janice Hanson • Sherry Hanson • Shane Haskell • Bill Shilhanek

7:00pm: Football at Parkston

## Friday, October 23

NO SCHOOL - INSERVICE

St. John's Youth Group to Valley Fair

Hot roast beef combination, carrots, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie

**Birthdays:** Duane Kurtz • Carrie Cole • Melodee Lane • Brooklin Nordine • Tricia Kurth • Whitney Krueger • Shay Rossow • Kassie Dunbar • Randy Stanley

4:30pm: Volleyball hosts Britton-Hecla (7th grade at 4:30, JV/C matches at 6 pm, varsity to follow)

## Saturday, October 24

State Cross Country at Sioux Falls

St. John's Youth Group to Valley Fair

**Birthdays:** Robbie Thurston • Darac Harry • Barb Leshner • Beth Ankeny • Nick Weber • Karla Davidson

8:00am: ACT Testing in Groton

9:00am: Robotics at GHS Gym

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, October 25

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
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## Wildcats take three games from Groton

Groton Area's volleyball team lost to Northwestern Tuesday night in Groton, 3-0. The Wildcats easily won the first and third game and faced a tough challenge from the Tigers in the second game. Game scores were 25-11, 25-23 and 25-8.

Groton Area was 40 of 43 in serves with one ace serve. Audrey Wanner was seven of seven with one ace serve.

In sets, Groton Area was 97 of 100 with 11 assists. Marlee Jones was 77 of 77 with 10 assists. The Tigers were 81 of 89 in spikes with 17 kills. Audrey Wanner was 25 of 25 with four kills, Josie Doeden was 19 of 21 with four kills and Carly Wheeting was 12 of 14 with four kills.

Katie Koehler had 20 of the team's 60 digs while Jones had 14 and Wanner 11. Josie Doeden had three blocks and Gia Gengerke had two.

It was also Northwestern's Coach Groft's 400th win, now with a record of 400-63.

Groton host Britton-Hecla Friday night and it will also be Parent's Night.



### Great Starter Home! Great Location!

Located right across from the elementary school at 805 N 1st St., this home features a spacious back yard, 2-stall garage, full finished basement with wash room and bathroom. Main floor has two larger bedrooms with walk-in closets and one smaller bedroom, a spacious living/dining room and a cozy kitchen. The home has dual fuel (electric/natural gas) and a newer lifetime warranty water heater. Contact Dick Kolker at 605/397-8464. Asking \$150,000.

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Follow the Groton Area Tiger Football Team Tonight on

## The CUBE

<http://www.thecube.com/event/football-groton-area-at-parkston-556396>

Groton Area at Parkston

Game Time: 7:00 p.m.

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## Today in Weather History

October 22, 1992: Record heat occurred on this date in late October in 1992. Temperatures rose into the upper 70s to the mid-80s across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. The record highs were 79 degrees at Mobridge and Timber Lake, 80 degrees at Sisseton, 82 degrees at Aberdeen, 83 degrees at Wheaton, and 85 degrees at Pierre. Although not a record high, Kennebec rose to 87 degrees on this date in 1992.

1965 - The temperature soared to 104 degrees at San Diego, CA. Southern California was in the midst of a late October heat wave that year. Los Angeles had ten consecutive days with afternoon highs reaching 100 degrees. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1985 - A guest on the top floor of a hotel in Seattle, WA, was seriously injured while talking on the phone when lightning struck. Several persons are killed each year when the electrical charge from a lightning bolt travels via telephone wiring. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Yakutat, AK, surpassed their previous all-time yearly precipitation total of 190 inches. Monthly records were set in June with 17 inches, in September with 70 inches, and in October with more than 40 inches. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987) Twenty-two cities in the eastern U.S., most of them in the southeast states, reported record low temperatures for the date. Morning lows of 30 degrees at Athens GA, 28 degrees at Birmingham AL, and 23 degrees at Pinson AL, were the coldest of record for so early in the season. (The National Weather Summary) Showers produced heavy rain in southern California, with amounts ranging up to five inches at Blue Jay. Flash flooding resulted in two deaths, ten injuries, and more than a million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A "nor'easter" swept across the coast of New England. Winds gusted to 75 mph, and large waves and high tides caused extensive shoreline flooding. A heavy wet snow blanketed much of eastern New York State, with a foot of snow reported in Lewis County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A storm system moving out of the Gulf of Alaska brought rain to the Northern and Central Pacific Coast Region, with snow in some of the mountains of Oregon, and wind gusts to 60 mph along the Oregon coast. Six cities in Florida reported record low temperatures for the date, including Tallahassee with a reading of 34 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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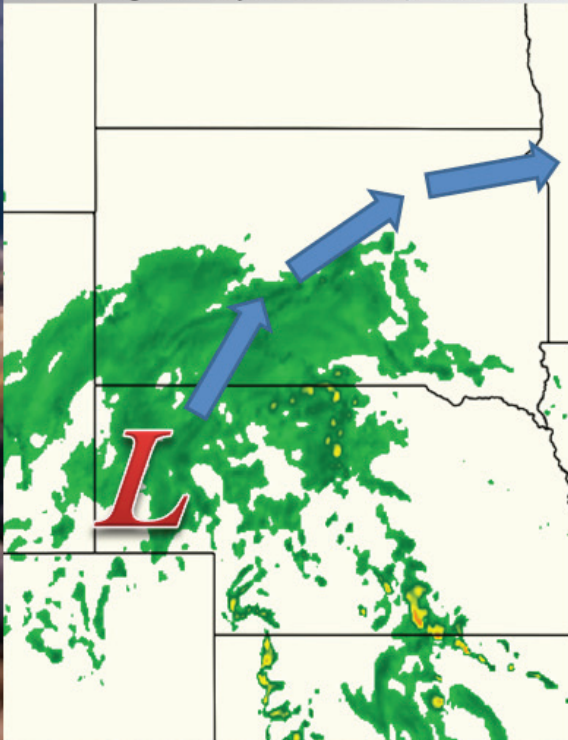
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Sunny	Rain 100%	Rain 80%	Slight Chance Showers 20%	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 65 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 57 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 57 °F



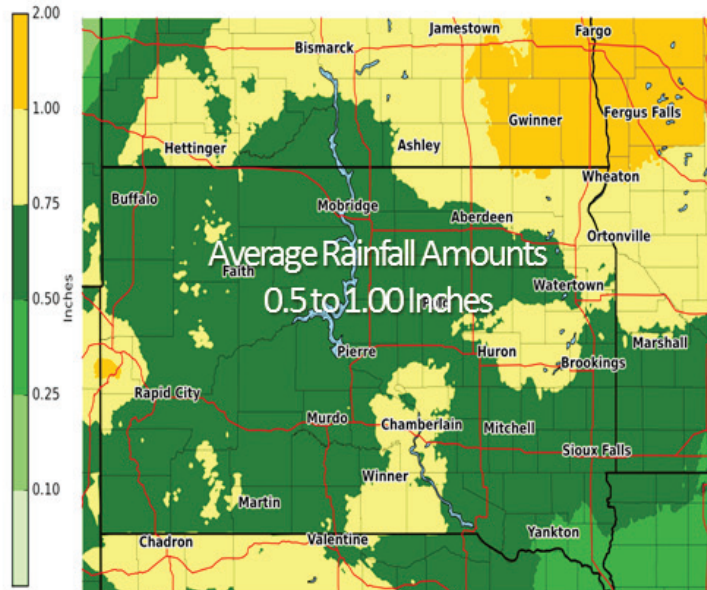
## Increasing Clouds Today Rain Moving Into The Forecast Area This Afternoon



Valid Ending Thursday October 22nd, 2015 at 4 PM



Storm Total Rain  
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Morning sunshine will give way to increasing clouds as a storm system moves into South Dakota today. Rain will be widespread tonight into Friday, with clearing conditions late Friday. Rainfall totals could range anywhere from a half to about an inch. Dry conditions are expected for the weekend, with temperatures about normal for this time of year, with highs in the 50s and 60s.

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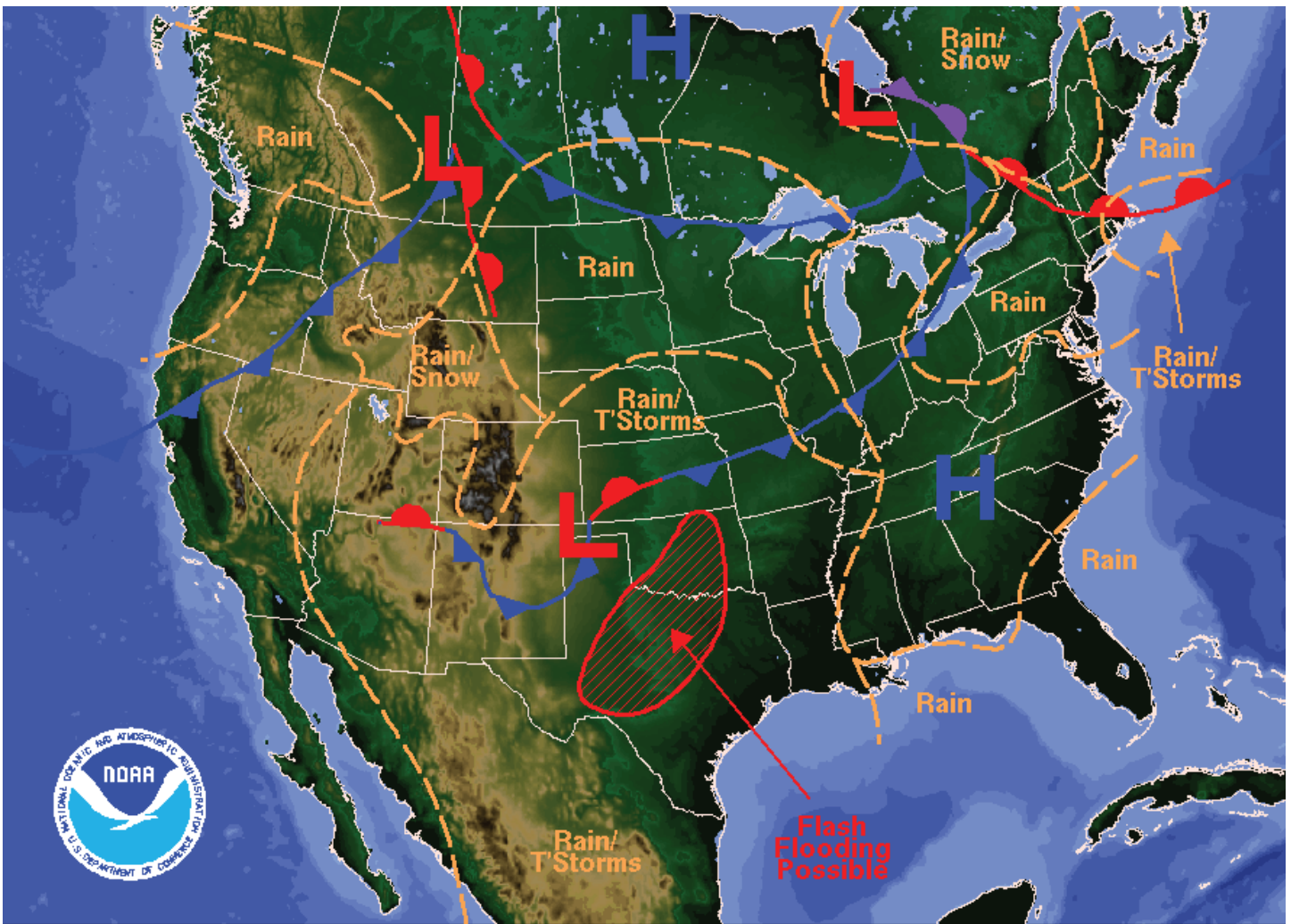
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 59.0  
**Low:** 35.8  
**High Gust:** 30  
**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 82° in 1992  
**Record Low:** 8° in 1895  
**Average High:** 55°F  
**Average Low:** 30°F  
**Average Precip in Oct.:** 1.55  
**Precip to date in Oct.:** 0.00  
**Average Precip to date:** 20.03  
**Precip Year to Date:** 18.12  
**Sunset Tonight:** 6:36 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 8:00 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Oct 22, 2015, issued 4:50 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
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## THE GOAL

Florence Chadwick swam across the English Channel from England to France in 13 hours and 20 minutes in 1950. The following year she swam from France to England becoming the first woman to swim the channel in both directions.

Two years later she decided to swim from the Catalina Islands to Palos Verdes, California, a distance of 26 miles. She was surrounded by people in small boats who were concerned for her well-being. They were prepared to help if she became tired or encountered any danger from sharks. After 15 hours, a thick fog settled in and she began to doubt her ability to complete her journey. An hour later she was pulled from the water, unable to see the shore. After getting into the boat, she learned that she had stopped one mile short of the shore.

Two months later she tried again - this time successfully. Even though a thick fog settled over her journey once again, she accomplished her goal because she kept a mental image of the coastline in her mind.

Paul said, "Fix your minds on what is true, right, honorable, lovely and admirable." To achieve our goal to live "Christ like," we must not let the "fog settle in!"

**Prayer:** Help us, Lord, to keep our eyes focused on You, and trust in Your strength to sustain and protect us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Philippians 4:8-10 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Game, Fish and Parks taking comment on pheasant plan changes**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is seeking public comment on completed revisions to the state's current pheasant management plan.

Division of Wildlife director Tony Leif says the revised plan refines the department's approach to managing the popular game bird and its habitats.

The new plan will be in effect until 2020.

Written comments to GFP in Pierre or emailed comments to pheasantplan@state.sd.us must be received by Nov. 22 and include the sender's full name and city of residence.

### **South Dakota company taking on projects in Kuwait**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Army National Guard's 155th Engineer Company has assumed responsibility for construction projects in Kuwait.

The 155th recently took over mission responsibilities from the California Army National Guard's 315th Engineer Company to improve survivability, remodel and complete new construction of base infrastructure in the U.S. Army Central area of operations in Kuwait.

So far, the 155th has constructed multiple concrete pads for emergency phones, a gazebo and completed many small repairs around the base. The 154 members of the Rapid City and Wagner-based unit have a wide variety of occupational specialties, including carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry.

This is the second mobilization for the 155th, which deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Noble Eagle in 2002-2003.

### **South Dakota Medicaid plan would boost Native American care**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — In considering an expansion of Medicaid to make nearly 50,000 more state residents eligible for the program, South Dakota's proposal also focuses on improving access to care and boosting the health of the state's large Native American population.

The Health Care Solutions Coalition met Wednesday in Pierre to discuss in part the proposal's impact on Native Americans, who make up nearly 9 percent of South Dakota's population. The plan under examination to expand the Medicaid program for low-income and disabled people would be funded through state savings by improving access to care through the Indian Health Service and a change in the classification of some services to have them fully paid for by the federal government.

Improving access through IHS and tribal health programs means members wouldn't have to travel as far to get services and would improve health while lowering costs, said Jerilyn Church, a co-chair of the coalition and chief executive officer of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board.

"I think what's happening here is unprecedented in this state, and you know, it's obvious that the state's going to benefit," she said. "But if the tribes are going to benefit, then you know we need to work together and build on that common ground."

The state's share would be offset by savings to make up for the expected cost of between \$30 million and \$33 million starting in 2020. Putting together a workable plan is going to require broad agreement, said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, a senior adviser to the governor.

"This is not going to be the governor's plan," she said. "This is going to be the plan of many voices, and it has to be supported by tribes, it has to work for IHS, we have to have federal cooperation and flexibility, and we have to have the Legislature's approval."

The new proposal aims to pay for the state's share in part by expanding access to services that are fully funded by the federal government, with the goal of freeing up enough state funding to pay for the addition of more residents to the Medicaid program.



Officials are focusing on people who are eligible for Medicaid but can get services through the Indian Health Service. The goal is to make services through IHS more accessible so that people don't have to go to an outside health care provider, which can happen if IHS is unable to offer a specific service.

Those services at IHS are fully funded by the federal government through Medicaid rather than through the typical split in financing between the state and the federal government. Advocates also say expanding Medicaid coverage would help free up limited funding at IHS.

"It's a good deal," Oglala Sioux tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele said in a recent interview. "I appreciate the governor for proposing it even though it's to his advantage, and our advantage."

## **Boston bombing survivor advocates for disabilities rights**

**RÉGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A bystander of the Boston Marathon bombing who had part of her leg amputated as a result of the attacks shared her journey of recovery and resilience before a group of health care professionals and others Wednesday in Sioux Falls during a one-day event meant to raise awareness about the rights of individuals with disabilities.

Heather Abbott narrated how she became an advocate for people with disabilities after going through the process of having to learn to live with one from the moment she was forced to choose between a life of crippling pain or one without part of her leg. She told the crowd about her fears before agreeing to have her left leg amputated below the knee, the support she received from family, friends, medical professionals and other survivors, and her decision to now help other amputees.

"I was helping my company to attract and retain women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities," Abbot said of her job before the 2013 terrorist attacks at the marathon finish line. "Never, ever did I think I would become one of those people with a disability, so I have a whole new perspective now on that part of life."

Abbott, of Newport, Rhode Island, was waiting in line with friends to go into a restaurant when the bombs exploded, tearing the heel off her foot. She continues to work as a human resources manager, but now in a part-time setting, and travels across the country to share her story with others.

As part of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the office of the U.S. Attorney in South Dakota, Avera Health and LifeScape sponsored the conference. The federal law requires businesses, public services and telecommunications to provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities.

Abbott told the nearly 200 attendees that there is a need for greater awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities.

"I hear all the time from other amputees that they are not working anymore because they couldn't do their job, and I just wonder sometimes 'Could they have done their jobs?'" Abbott said after her presentation. "I work for a huge company that is very closely monitored by the Department of Labor to make sure that we are complying with laws around ADA and making reasonable accommodations for people when need them. And I wonder sometimes if other people with disabilities who aren't as familiar with the law are asking the questions that they should ask and making sure that their employer is doing everything they can to keep them, and unfortunately, sometimes that is not the case."

Artificial limbs come with a price tag in the thousands and not all are covered by insurance. For Abbott, a basic artificial leg wasn't enough to help her get her life back and has since been fitted with additional specialty prostheses that enable her to run, swim and wear heels— she appeared on stage with black high-heeled peep-toe shoes. She has now established a foundation to provide artificial limbs to those who have suffered limb loss through trauma.

"For me, it allows me to make some sense of what happened because it was such a senseless tragedy that to know that there can be some good that's come out of it is somewhat satisfying," she said.

## **Veterans Affairs regional office director to retire**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The director of the Department of Veterans Affairs regional offices in Sioux Falls and Fargo, North Dakota, will retire later this month.

The department says James Brubaker will retire on Oct. 30 after 28 years of service. Brubaker is responsible for administering compensation and vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits for nearly 156,000 Veterans and their families in North Dakota, South Dakota and 15 counties in Minnesota.

He began his VA career at the Detroit regional office in 1987 and continued in successively more responsible positions, concluding his career in Sioux Falls.

The department will host a reception in his honor on Oct. 30 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center auditorium.

## **Montana-Dakota Utilities warns of utility scam**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Montana-Dakota Utilities is warning customers about a utility scam in which a caller threatens disconnection if a utility bill is not paid immediately.

The company says customers have been receiving calls from someone representing themselves as a utility company representative stating that if the person's utility bill is not paid immediately over the phone, their service will be disconnected.

Montana-Dakota Utilities says it does not operate in that manner, and those receiving such calls should not share information such as credit card or checking account numbers. The company asks that customers receiving such calls report the incidents by calling 1-800-638-3278.

## **Sioux Falls leader won't propose single-serve booze ban**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls City Councilman Dean Karsky is backing off on a suggestion to have the city restrict sales of single-serve alcohol products in stores.

Karsky earlier broached the idea as a possible way to reduce the thousands of booze-related nuisance calls police get annually. He believes store sales of products such as 40-ounce cans of malt liquor contribute to the problem.

Karsky says he still believes the sales are impacting city resources but that he decided against formally proposing a ban after talking with business owners, law officers and substance abuse professionals. He says he hopes the industry will find a solution instead.

## **Pierre developers donate land for future city event center**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Two Pierre home developers have donated 16 acres of land for an event center to be built in the capital city.

Mark and Glennis Zarecky said they are making the contribution in honor of their parents. Based on pasture values, the land is worth between \$11,000 and \$16,000. If the area is rezoned for commercial use, it would be worth up to \$4 million.

"The intent is it would be used for recreational purposes," Glennis Zarecky said during Tuesday's City Commission meeting.

Pierre officials for years have been discussing how to replace the old downtown City Auditorium, which hosted everything from sporting events to governor inaugurations. The facility was closed in 2010 because of structural issues and demolished last year.

Avera St. Mary's hospital plans to buy 14 acres adjacent to the property being donated by the Zareckys, to be used in conjunction with a new event center. The idea fits in with Avera's Catholic mission of caring for the health and well-being of the community, CEO Bob Sutton said.

An architectural group on Tuesday unveiled a design for a center with up to 90,000 square feet of space. Community discussions will be held to help plan the center, according to Mayor Laurie Gill.

"The donation of the land allows us to have these discussions," she said.

## **Polaris Industries buys former trike plant in South Dakota**

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A Minnesota-based manufacturer has bought a facility in western South Dakota that once made motorcycle trikes and plans to create up to 80 jobs in Spearfish.

Polaris Industries Inc., a Medina, Minnesota-based maker of off-road vehicles, has bought the 51,000-square-foot facility and paint equipment formerly used by Lehman Trikes. Polaris employees in Spearfish will paint Indian and Victory motorcycles made in Spirit Lake, Iowa, the company said in a statement. Operations are to begin late this year.

"It's really the painting part of that facility that we need," Polaris spokeswoman Marlys Knutson told the Black Hills Pioneer. "We're short of painting capacity in our Spirit Lake facility, and that (Spearfish plant) works perfectly for us."

Lehman Trikes moved from Canada to Spearfish in 2004, converting motorcycles into trikes for several manufacturers. Harley-Davidson in 2010 ended its agreement with Lehman to make the Harley Tri-Glide Trike. Champion Investments bought Lehman two years later and moved operations to California, putting about a dozen Spearfish employees out of jobs.

"It is so important to the economic growth of the community to have the large former Lehman building being utilized to its capacity by a nationally known company," Spearfish Economic Development Corp. President Jeremy Hoven told the Pioneer.

## **10 Things to Know for Today**

### **The Associated Press**

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

#### **1. HILLARY CLINTON TAKING CENTER STAGE AT BENGHAZI HEARING**

She'll be the star witness in the Republican-led investigation into the deadly 2012 attacks on the U.S. diplomatic compound.

#### **2. ASSAD PUTS RESILIENCE ON DISPLAY**

His surprise visit to Moscow — a first foray out in nearly five years — underscores how emboldened the Syrian leader has become and how he could survive the ruinous war.

#### **3. MEDIA GET CLOSE LOOK AT MILITARY HUB IN SYRIA**

The Russian Defense Ministry flies reporters to an air base in western Syria, giving international news organizations their first inside look at its combat operations there.

#### **4. HOW BIDEN'S DECISION NOT TO RUN IN 2016 UNFOLDED**

The vice president went right up to the brink of being a candidate, delaying his decision over and over again, before abruptly pulling the plug.

#### **5. 'LET'S MEET AGAIN IN THE AFTERLIFE': WRENCHING DEPARTURES FOR KOREANS**

Hundreds of elderly Koreans weep and embrace as they part — perhaps for good — after briefly reuniting with relatives and spouses for the first time in more than 60 years since war tore them apart.

#### **6. WHICH UNCOMMON CAUSE PAUL RYAN IS CHAMPIONING**

The Republican, who's likely to become the next speaker of the House, has become an unlikely spokesman for balancing family life with work.

#### **7. SUSPECT CHARGED WITH MURDER IN ROAD-RAGE SHOOTING IN NEW MEXICO**

The man allegedly opened fire on a pickup truck on an Albuquerque freeway, killing a 4-year-old girl whose father had just picked her up from school.

#### **8. STORM BEARS DOWN ON MEXICO, EXPECTED TO STRENGTHEN**

Patricia, nearing Mexico's Pacific coast, could become a major hurricane later this week, forecasters warn.

#### **9. WHO'S PUTTING DIVORCE ON HOLD**

Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian decide to stay married as the ex-NBA star continues his recovery a week after he was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel.

#### **10. SIMPLY AMAZIN: METS PUNCH TICKET TO WORLD SERIES**

Daniel Murphy homers in his record sixth straight postseason game and New York downs the Cubs 8-3

to reach the World Series for the first time in 15 years.

## AP News in Brief

### **Stakes high for Clinton, GOP as Benghazi panel holds hearing on attack that killed 4 Americans**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of buildup, Hillary Rodham Clinton finally takes center stage as the star witness in the Republican-led investigation into the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya.

Clinton, the Democratic front-runner for president, testifies from a position of political strength as her potential rival for the nomination, Vice President Joe Biden, announced Wednesday that he will not jump into the presidential race and she rides the momentum of a solid debate performance.

Meanwhile, the Benghazi committee is on the defensive as the panel's GOP chairman scrambles to deflect comments by fellow Republicans that the inquiry is aimed at hurting Clinton's presidential bid.

Even so, Clinton faces a formidable challenge as she tries to explain security lapses at the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, the slow military response to the violence and the Obama administration's changing narrative about who was responsible for the attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. ambassador Chris Stevens, and why the attacks were launched.

In a high-stakes, day-long appearance that could solidify her hole on the Democratic nomination or raise doubts about her candidacy, Clinton also is certain to face questions about her use of a private email account and server while serving as secretary of state.

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### **Assad's trip to Moscow, his first abroad since war began, underscores his resilience**

BEIRUT (AP) — Russia's military intervention in Syria has deepened the sense that President Bashar Assad may survive the country's disastrous civil war, and his surprise visit to Moscow — a first foray out in nearly five years — underscores how emboldened the Syrian leader has become.

The show of force by the two allies is a challenge to a U.S. administration whose response on Syria is widely seen in the region as inconsistent and chaotic.

Whether it is also part of a quiet Russian push to engineer a political transition in Syria on President Vladimir Putin's terms is yet to be seen. Such a scenario would do wonders for the Russian leader's evident ambition to seize center stage in world affairs.

Hours after Assad's visit was announced Wednesday, Russia confirmed Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry had agreed to meet in Vienna on Friday with their Turkish and Saudi counterparts to discuss the Syrian conflict.

Either way, the visit shows remarkable resilience that Assad was able to leave Syria without fear of a coup or arrest after presiding over a rare descent into hell: Half the country's population has been displaced, at least a quarter million people have been killed and Islamic State militants are in control of large swaths of territory.

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### **Russia gives media a look at Syria air operations; combat jets seen taking off on missions**

HEMEIMEEM AIRBASE, Syria (AP) — Since early Thursday morning, Russian combat jets have been taking off from this base in western Syria, heading out for more of the heavy bombing runs that have allowed Moscow once again to portray itself as a major global player capable of projecting military power far from its borders.

The Russian Defense Ministry flew Moscow-based reporters to the air base overnight, giving a few international news organizations their first inside look at its operations here.

While support crew worked to prepare aircraft for sorties, attaching bombs and missiles, helicopter gunships buzzed around the vicinity of the base to make sure there is no threat of a ground attack.

The trip to the Syrian base was organized Wednesday, the same day the Kremlin announced that Syrian President Bashar Assad had come to Moscow and met with President Vladimir Putin. Assad's visit on Tuesday was his first known trip abroad since war broke out in 2011 and raised intense speculation about the two leaders' motives.

In a sign that a diplomatic push is underway, Russia also announced Wednesday that Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry would meet Friday in Vienna. They will be joined by their counterparts from Saudi Arabia and Turkey, both of which are firm Assad critics.

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## **Rep. Ryan, in bid for House speaker, becomes unlikely spokesman for balancing work and family**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Paul Ryan is likely to become the next speaker of the House. He's already become an unlikely spokesman for balancing family life with work.

A reluctant candidate for the top leadership post, Ryan, 45, made clear this week that he will step up only under several conditions. One of them: Reducing the travel time and fundraising associated with the job of House speaker so that he can spend weekends at home in Janesville, Wisconsin, with his wife, Janna, and three school-age kids.

"I cannot and will not give up my family time," he said after a closed-door meeting with House Republicans on Tuesday. "I may not be able to be on the road as much as previous speakers, but I pledged to make up for it with more time communicating our message."

Ryan's comments made him the rare Republican — and man — to spotlight the difficulties of balancing the demands of work life and family in an increasingly fast-paced world.

"Three cheers for Paul Ryan," says Anne-Marie Slaughter, a former State Department official and author of an attention-getting 2012 essay in *The Atlantic* on leaving her high-level job to head home to her husband and two boys. She said she is pleased that a high-profile man is shedding light on the issue.

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## **Behind the scenes, chaotic chain of events leads to Biden's decision not to run in 2016**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just before noon, Joe Biden's staff received a cryptic email: Come to the Rose Garden.

For weeks that had stretched into months, the White House and the Democratic Party were on edge, awaiting a decision about whether the vice president would jump into the presidential race. Biden's own staff was torn between their belief in the vice president and their suspicion he would lose.

Even on Wednesday, as Biden's team rushed to the Rose Garden, few knew exactly what he planned to say.

"Unfortunately, I believe we're out of time," Biden declared before television cameras, putting an end to one of the biggest dramas of the 2016 presidential campaign.

The scene that played out, with White House aides scrambling alongside frantic reporters, reflected the chaotic chain of events that led Biden, at long last, to announce he would not run for president. Along the way, Biden had gone right up to the brink of being a candidate, delaying his decision over and over again, before abruptly pulling the plug.

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## **Latest evictions of Arab tenants part of Jewish settlers' house-by-house battle for Jerusalem**

JERUSALEM (AP) — On a recent morning, at a time of soaring Israeli-Palestinian tensions and massive police deployment in Jerusalem, security forces nonetheless found time to carry out an eviction order:

Troops sealed off parts of the Arab neighborhood of Silwan and removed two families from their apartments to allow the entry of Jews named by a court as the rightful owners.

The evictions are part of a house-by-house battle waged by Jewish settler groups — at times with government support — to expand their presence in Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem's ancient heart, an area the Palestinians seek as the core of a future capital.

Settler-driven displacement ranks high on a list of grievances linked to Israeli rule that Palestinians say helped spark the recent rash of attacks on Israelis, most of them stabbings. Israel mostly blames what it calls Palestinian incitement to violence.

Since mid-September, 10 Israelis were killed in Palestinian attacks, while 47 Palestinians — including 26 labeled by Israel as attackers — were shot dead by Israelis.

Israelis "are creating this wave of stabbings because when they pressure human beings repeatedly, then there will be nothing left but to die, to grab that knife and go for them," said Abdullah Abu Nab, 59, who was evicted Monday, along with his wife, 9-year-old twin sons and six other relatives.

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## **The Latest: Israel places barrier near Jewish West Bank holy site ahead of pilgrimage**

JERUSALEM (AP) — The latest developments in a wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence (all times local).

12:20 p.m.

Israeli soldiers have placed a concrete barrier near a Jewish holy site in the West Bank, ahead of a religious pilgrimage there this weekend.

A crane lowered the concrete blocks onto a street in the West Bank city of Bethlehem outside Rachel's Tomb on Thursday. Israel's West Bank separation barrier stands between Bethlehem and the holy site.

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## **'Do you know how big love is?' Moments from Korean couple's 3-day reunion after 65 years apart**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A silver-haired South Korean woman adjusted her 83-year-old North Korean husband's necktie. He held her hands and stroked her shoulder. Before this week, they hadn't seen each other since war tore them apart 65 years ago, and there is no reason to believe they will ever see each other again.

"Let's meet again in the afterlife," Oh In Se told his 85-year-old wife, Lee Soon-kyu, during their final meeting Thursday at the North's Diamond Mountain resort. "Be healthy," his wife replied. "Live long."

Their bittersweet parting was among many at the close of the first round of three-day reunions of hundreds of elderly Koreans on opposite sides of the world's most militarized border for more than six decades.

About 390 South Koreans, many in wheelchairs, traveled to the resort to reunite with their relatives under humanitarian reunion programs that the rival Koreas occasionally hold. Another group of 250 South Koreans will visit from Saturday through Monday.

Lee and Oh and the others are the lucky ones. Many have died before getting the chance. More than 66,000 South Koreans are on a waiting list.

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## **Satellites, obsessives, statistics: Peering into isolated nation with the North Korea watchers**

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — In an anonymous office building in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, in a part of Colorado where cattle ranches fade into strip malls, a gravel-voiced man with a Brooklyn accent is moving through the streets of Pyongyang.

Joe Bermudez is staring into a computer screen at a detailed satellite image, maneuvering his cursor past guarded checkpoints and into restricted neighborhoods where the North Korean elite live behind high

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concrete walls. Looking down on the city from more than 250 miles up, he lingers over what he believes is the private airport of Kim Jong Un, North Korea's young leader, pointing out a pair of VIP helicopters and a Soviet-era biplane. He moves north, jumping across the countryside and picking out hidden tunnels, walled compounds and a small flotilla of military hovercraft designed to storm South Korea's beaches.

"Driving around," he calls it when he follows roads in search of something new, humming absent-mindedly as his eyes flick across the screen.

Bermudez is a watcher, one of the largely anonymous tribe of researchers who study North Korea, one of the world's most isolated nations. There's Michael Madden, a largely self-taught analyst with an encyclopedic knowledge of the government elite, and Curtis Melvin, whose research ranges from monetary policy to electricity grids and who shambles through the buttoned-down Washington think tank where he works in jeans and a frayed T-shirt. There's Adam Cathcart at Britain's University of Leeds and Cheong Seong-Chang at the Sejong Institute outside Seoul. There's the longtime U.S. intelligence officer, a man quietly revered by many in these circles, who now writes Pyongyang crime novels under the pseudonym James Church.

They are university professors, think tank analysts and writers for a string of North Korea-centric websites. They are collaborators and competitors. They are the Kremlinologists of Pyongyang.

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## Man faces murder charge in road-rage killing of 4-year-old girl in Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A 32-year-old man is facing murder charges in the road-rage killing of a 4-year-old Albuquerque girl, who was shot in the backseat of her father's truck — a death that horrified the public.

Police said Tony Torrez was arrested Wednesday and admitted to the shooting in the death of Lilly Garcia.

The announcement came a few hours after police said a person of interest had been taken into custody.

Lilly was riding in the backseat with her 7-year-old brother after they were picked up from school Tuesday when someone in a Toyota opened fire on the family as they traveled down the main east-west freeway in Albuquerque.

The father told authorities that he was trying to exit I-40 when a car forced him out of his lane, according to a police statement.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, October 22, the 295th day of 2015. There are 70 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On October 22, 1962, in a nationally broadcast address, President John F. Kennedy revealed the presence of Soviet-built missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment being shipped to the Communist island nation.

### On this date:

In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College of New Jersey.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin (gahr-nayr-AN') made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1883, the original Metropolitan Opera House in New York held its grand opening with a performance of Gounod's "Faust."

In 1915, Israeli statesman Yitzhak Shamir was born in Ruzinoy, Poland, in present-day Belarus.

In 1928, Republican presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged

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individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents and local police at a farm near East Liverpool, Ohio.

In 1953, the Franco-Lao Treaty of Amity and Association effectively made Laos an independent member of the French Union.

In 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis. French conductor and music teacher Nadia Boulanger died in Paris.

In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.

In 1991, the European Community and the European Free Trade Association concluded a landmark accord to create a free trade zone of 19 nations by 1993.

**Ten years ago:** Hurricane Wilma punished Mexico's Caribbean coastline for a second day. Meanwhile, a record 22nd tropical storm of the season formed about 125 miles off the Dominican Republic; because the annual list of storm names had already been exhausted, forecasters called the new system Tropical Storm Alpha. A Nigerian Boeing 737 passenger jet crashed after leaving Lagos, killing all 117 on board. The Chicago White Sox defeated the Houston Astros, 5-3, in Game 1 of the World Series.

**Five years ago:** WikiLeaks released 391,831 purported Iraq war logs that suggested more than 100,000 Iraqi civilians had died in the conflict. A gang attacked a teenager's birthday party in Ciudad Juarez (see-yoo-DAHD' WAH'-rehz), Mexico, killing 14 people. The Texas Rangers clinched their first pennant with a 6-1 victory over the defending World Series champion New York Yankees in Game 6 of the AL championship series.

**One year ago:** In Canada, a gunman shot to death a soldier standing guard at a war memorial, then stormed Parliament in the heart of downtown Ottawa before he was shot and killed by the usually ceremonial sergeant-at-arms. The Kansas City Royals defeated the San Francisco Giants 7-2 to even the World Series at one game apiece. Serena Williams was routed 6-0, 6-2 by Simona Halep in the round-robin round of the WTA Finals in Singapore.

**Today's Birthdays:** Black Panthers co-founder Bobby Seale is 79. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 77. Actor Derek Jacobi is 77. Actor Tony Roberts is 76. Movie director Jan (yahn) de Bont is 72. Actress Catherine Deneuve is 72. Rock musician Leslie West (Mountain) is 70. Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour is 68. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 63. Rock musician Greg Hawkes is 63. Movie director Bill Condon is 60. Actor Luis Guzman is 58. Actor-writer-producer Todd Graff is 56. Rock musician Cris Kirkwood is 55. Actor-comedian Bob Odenkirk is 53. Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Boitano is 52. Christian singer TobyMac is 51. Singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding is 50. Actress Valeria Golino is 49. Comedian Carlos Mencia is 48. Country singer Shelby Lynne is 47. Reggae rapper Shaggy is 47. Movie director Spike Jonze is 46. Rapper Tracey Lee is 45. Actress Saffron Burrows is 43. Actress Carmen Ejogo is 42. MLB player Ichiro Suzuki is 42. Actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson is 40. Christian rock singer-musician Jon Foreman (Switchfoot) is 39. Actor Michael Fishman is 34. Talk show host Michael Essany is 33. Rock musician Rickard (correct) Goransson (Carolina Liar) is 32. Rock musician Zac Hanson (Hanson) is 30. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki is 25. Actress Sofia Vassilieva (vas-ihl-lee-A'-vuh) is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it." — Jean de La Fontaine, French poet (1621-1695).