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## Wednesday, October 28

National FFA Convention

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Garlic cheese bread, mixed vegs, broccoli and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

## Thursday, October 29

National FFA Convention

**School Breakfast:** French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Meatballs, tiny potato, green peas, bread stick, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Hot pork combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots-raisin salad, pear halves, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Gilbert & Rochelle Hinkelman

Birthdays: Connie Nilsson • Sheryl Hanlon • Shelby Hjermsstad • Jeremy Price • Butch Radke • Marcene Bruckner

6:00pm: Volleyball at Redfield (JV/C matches at 6 pm followed by varsity match

Friday, October 30

National FFA Convention

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Halloween Nuggets, sweet tots, fruit, romaine salad.

**Senior Menu:** Salmon loaf, creamed peas, watermelon, peanut butter brownie,



## 50th Anniversary

Doug and Arlis Doeden will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house. The event will be held Friday, Nov. 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Olive Grove Clubhouse.

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## Groton Area fends off an improved Mobridge-Pollock team



**Bennett Shabazz (4), looks for an open person to pass off the ball as the Tiger defensive gives him time to make the pass. Pictured are Carter Jondahl (33), Luke Thorson (64), Jack McKiver (58), Brady Graf (56) and hidden on the right is Stevie Fey (65).**

An improved Mobridge-Pollock football team challenged Groton Area in the first round of the football playoffs on Tuesday in Groton. Groton Area held a 27-6 lead before Mobridge-Pollock made it a six point game. "They have improved quite a bit since we played them last," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "Their quarterback got hurt last week against Roncalli so they had to move their running back to the quarterback. We stood around on our heels after we scored 27 points and started to stand around."

Bennett Shabazz intercepted the ball twice, once right before halftime and once right at the end of the game; both times to stop a Mobridge-Pollock run.

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"A win is a win," Wanner said. "You have to prepare for who you are playing and every week is a different game plan." Groton Area will be hosting Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan in the second round of the playoffs on Monday. "I don't know anything about them right now," Wanner said. "Bridgewater just moved up to 11B and they have had a lot of good football traditions over the years, winning the state championships several times." Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan have lost three games this year and three have been to 11A schools. "We'll have our hands full," Wanner said.

Seric Shabazz, who has been out since near the beginning of the season, may be making a return to the field on Monday. Wanner said Seric will be doing some practice this week. "We'll bring him out to practice this week and see how it goes from there," Wanner said.

Groton Area started the game with only a couple of penalties in the first half, but then they started to mount in the second half and towards the end of the game, Wanner let his clipboard fly and he called time out. "My wife told me that I have gotten a little soft. We can't keep having those mistakes and we have to try and motivate the kids in the tough situations."

Groton Area received the opening kickoff and the home town Tigers were off and running. Groton Area got two first downs before Adam Herman scored on a 20-yard run with 8:43 left in the first quarter. James Thompson kicked the PAT and Groton Area was on top, 7-0.

Mobridge-Pollock tried to return the favor, getting a first down and down to the Groton Area 37 yard line before fumbling the ball as McClain Lone jumped on the loose ball. Groton Area took over on its own 41 yard line. The Mobridge-Pollock defense pushed Groton Area back and Groton Area had to punt on fourth and 20.

Mobridge-Pollock got a first down on a 32-yard run to move down to the Groton Area 30 yard line. With 16 seconds left in the first quarter, Gary Wollman scored on a 23-yard pass play from Dylan Cerney. The PAT kick by Jeff Kemnitz was good and the game was tied at seven.



**James Thompson kicks three PATs in the game.**

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Adam Herman had a 45 yard kick-off return to put the Tigers on the Mobridge-Pollock 48 yard line. One third and nine, Groton Area got a first down with a Mobridge-Pollock penalty. Groton Area got another first down before Bennett Shabazz scored on a 24-yard run with 9:53 left in the first half. The James Thompson PAT kick was good and Groton Area was back on top, 14-7.



**Marshall Lane (10) was the last defender to bring down Mobridge-Pollock's Parker Blom as Blom was heading to the endzone.**

Mobridge-Pollock got a first down, but ended up punting on fourth and nine. Groton Area's next drive started with 7:44 left in the half and at its own 25 yard line. Groton Area had its first penalty of the game with 6:01 left in the half to make it third

and 14. Groton got a first down and then got another one as Brandon Keith caught a pass and took the ball down to the Mobridge-Pollock 35 yard line. Groton Area got another first down and the ball down to the 20 yard line. The Tiger drive continued with another first down and the ball to the nine yard line. Bennett Shabazz would then score on a 10-yard run with 1:33 left in the half. Thompson kicked the PAT and Groton Area took a 21-7 lead.

Mobridge-Pollock's drive was abruptly ended when Bennett Shabazz intercepted the ball right before half time. Groton Area led, 21-7, at half time.

It was perfect football weather Tuesday night in Groton with the temperature hovering at 50 degrees and a very light NW wind at 3 mph.

Mobridge-Pollock's first drive of the second half was short and took less than two minutes as the Tigers punted on fourth and 11.

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Groton's next drive started with 10:19 left in the third quarter and at its own 21 yard line. Groton got a first down. Then a Groton penalty made it first and 15 and another penalty made it third and 23. On fourth and 13, a fake punt attempt resulted in Patrick Gengerke making a big catch for a Groton Area Tiger first down with the 28 yard pass play. Hunter Lerew's height in the endzone proved beneficial as he made the 21-yard catch from Bennett Shabazz for the touchdown with 6:35 left in the third quarter. The PAT kick was no good and Groton Area took a 27-7 lead.



**Adam Herman gains some yards as Brandon Keith (32) holds off Mobridge-Pollock's Cecil Baker.**

Mobridge-Pollock started its next drive at its own 45 yard line. The Tigers got a pair of first downs and scored, but the touchdown was recalled by a Mobridge-Pollock penalty. From first and 15 from the Groton 25 yard line, Mobridge-Pollock pushed its way close to the endzone. The visiting Tigers got a first down and the ball down to the Groton seven yard line. With 1:43 left in the third quarter, Dylan Cerney, with a quarterback keeper, dashed 20 yards to score. Hunter Gill scored on the PAT pass from Cerney and now it was a Groton Area 27-15 lead.

Groton Area started out at its own 49 yard line and got a first down before a penalty on the next set of downs made it first and 19. Groton Area punted on fourth and three as Mobridge-Pollock took over on its own 20 yard line with 11:17 left in the game. After securing two first downs and the ball at midfield, Dylan Cerney found an opening and dashed 50 yards for the touchdown with 8:53 left. The PAT run attempt failed and now it was a six-point game, 27-21.

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An on-side kick by Mobridge-Pollock proved fruitful as the ball was touched by a Groton Area player and Mobridge-Pollock jumped on the loose ball to take over at the Groton Area 49 yard line. The Groton Area defense held Mobridge-Pollock and the visiting Tigers had a punt on fourth and three.

Groton Area was starting to see a stiffening of the Mobridge-Pollock defense, going first and 15, second and 14 and third and 14 before punting at fourth and six. Now Mobridge-Pollock had the ball on its own 18 yard line with 4:56 left in the game, but the Tigers were unable to get a first down and they went for it on fourth down. Groton Area got the ball back with 3:59 left on the Mobridge-Pollock 29. On fourth and seven, Groton Area went for the first down and got it with the ball on the 10 yard line. But paydirt was a long ways away, yet, and got further away with penalties. It was first and 15, second and 17, and on fourth and 15, Groton attempted a field goal which was short.

Mobridge-Pollock still had 2:07 left to march 80 yards, but on second and 10, Bennett Shabazz intercepted a long pass and returned the ball to the Mobridge-Pollock five yard line. With only 1:35 left in the game, Coach Shaun Wanner played it safe and told Shabazz to take a knee four times as time ran out and Groton Area won, 27-21.

Groton Area had more first downs and more yards passing and more penalties while Mobridge-Pollock



**The captains of the teams walk to mid field for the coin toss to start the game. Pictured for Groton Area are Stevie Fey, Brady Graf, Carter Jondahl and Adam Herman. The Mobridge-Pollock captains are Cary Wollman, Eli Richards, Matt Lepke and Nathan Thompson.**

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had more yards rushing than Groton Area.

In first downs, Groton Area led, 16-10. Groton Area had 47 carries for 211 yards with Bennett Shabazz having 37 for 170 yards, Adam Herman with four carries for 42 yards, Carter Jondahl had three for four yards and Brandon Keith had three of a minus five yards. Mobridge-Pollock had 32 carries for 230 yards with Dylan Cerney having 16 for 163, Hunter Gill had six for 29 yards, Parker Blom had six for 38 yards and Gary Wollman had four for no gain.

Bennett Shabazz completed five of seven passes for 85 yards and one touchdown. Patrick Gengerke had one for 29 yards, Hunter Lerew had one for 21 yards for a touchdown, Brandon Keith had one for 20 yard and Adam Herman had two for 15 yards. Dylan Cerney completed one of 11 passes for 23 yards with two interceptions and one touchdown. Gary Wollman had the one catch for 23 yards and a touchdown.

Groton Area had no fumbles while Mobridge-Pollock had three and lost two with McClain Lone and Carter Jondahl each having a fumble recovery. Groton Area had 10 penalties for 75 yards

while Mobridge-Pollock had five for 50 yards.

In addition to Shabazz having two interceptions, leading tacklers for Groton Area were Brandon Keith with 10, Patrick Gengerke with eight and Carter Jondahl with seven. Leaders for Mobridge-Pollock were Gary Wollman with 12, and Dalton Martian and Carson Keller with eight each.

Groton Area now advances to 7-2 on the season and will host Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan at 7 p.m. on Monday. Mobridge-Pollock ends it season 3-6.



**Cody Richards (52) tries to stop Mobridge-Pollock's Gary Wollman. Also pictured are Groton Area's Marshall Lane (10) and Mobridge-Pollock's Riley Schott (81).**

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1st Round  
Tuesday, October 27

Quarterfinal Round  
Monday, November 2

Semifinal Round  
Saturday, November 7

Championship Round  
Friday, November 13



## 2015 Class 11B Football Playoffs

### Region 1

Time: 5:00 p.m. CT @ Swisher Field

#1 Aberdeen Roncalli	50
#4 Red Cloud*	0

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Groton

#2 Groton Area	27
#3 Mobridge-Pollock	21

### Region 2

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Volga

#1 Sioux Valley	27
#4 McCook Central/Montrose*	7

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Tri-Valley

#2 Tri-Valley	34
#3 Beresford	13

### Region 3

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Winner

#1 Winner	46
#4 Parkston*	0

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Chamberlain

#2 Chamberlain	18
#3 Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan	36

### Region 4

Time: 6:00 p.m. MT @ Custer

#1 Custer	50
#4 Little Wound	28

Time: 6:30 p.m. MT @ Martin

#2 Bennett County	50
#3 Lead-Deadwood	6

Time:

#1 Winner	
#8 Bennett County	

Time:

#4 Groton Area	
#5 Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan	

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Swisher Field

#2 Aberdeen Roncalli	
#7 Tri-Valley	

Time: 6:00 p.m. MT @ Custer

#3 Custer	
#6 Sioux Valley	

Time:


Time:


Time: 1:30 p.m. CT @ DakotaDome


### Quarterfinal Teams

Winner	45.750
Aberdeen Roncalli	44.875
Custer	43.125
Groton Area	42.750
Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan	41.750
Sioux Valley	41.000
Tri-Valley	40.750
Bennett County	40.250

\* Denotes at-large team (cannot host 1st round game)

> Teams are re-seeded after 1st Round



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## Pairings for 2nd Round Playoffs

11B								
Seed	School	Record	Points	@	Seed	School	Record	Points
#8	Bennett Co.	6-3	40.250	@	#1	Winner	9-0	45.750
#7	Tri Valley	5-4	40.750	@	#2	Ab. Roncalli	8-1	44.875
#6	Sioux Valley	6-3	41.000	@	#3	Custer	7-2	43.125
#5	Bridgewater-Emery/Eth	6-3	41.750	@	#4	Groton Area	7-2	42.750

9AA								
Seed	School	Record	Points	@	Seed	School	Record	Points
#8	Bon Homme	6-3	42.125	@	#1	Webster Area	9-0	46.875
#7	Baltic	7-2	42.375	@	#2	WWSSC	9-0	46.875
#6	Stanley Co.	8-1	44.500	@	#3	Chester Area	9-0	46.125
#5	Wolsey-Wessington	8-1	44.500	@	#4	Herreid/Selby Area	8-1	46.000

9A								
Seed	School	Record	Points	@	Seed	School	Record	Points
#8	Irene-Wakonda	4-5	40.125	@	#1	Canistota	9-0	46.875
#7	Parker	6-3	41.375	@	#2	Sully Buttes	8-1	44.125
#6	Philip	6-3	41.750	@	#3	Scotland	8-1	44.125
#5	Warner	8-1	43.750	@	#4	Waverly-South Shore	8-1	43.750

9B								
Seed	School	Record	Points	@	Seed	School	Record	Points
#8	Hamlin	7-2	43.500	@	#1	Langford Area	9-0	46.500
#7	De Smet	7-2	43.500	@	#2	Harding Co.	8-1	44.875
#6	Alcester-Hudson	7-2	43.500	@	#3	Colome	8-1	44.125
#5	Faith	7-2	43.500	@	#4	Corsica-Stickney	8-1	44.125

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## Veteran's Supper

In honor of our Veterans and their spouses, the American Legion Auxiliary, is sponsoring a free Veterans Day Supper on November 11 from 6 to 8 at the American Legion hall, Groton. Make your reservation now by calling the Legion at 397-2603 or Jan Seibel at 448-5524.



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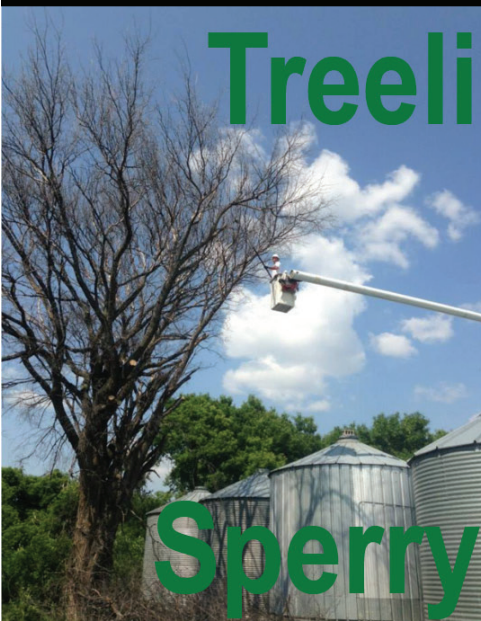
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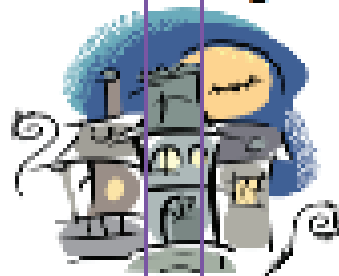
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Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

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**5-7 pm**

**Andover Legion Hall**

**Soup Supper**

**Carnival Games**

**Cake Walk**

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## Today in Weather History

October 28, 1989: The season's first snowfall brought much needed moisture to the Black Hills and portions of western South Dakota as up to nearly a foot of snow fell in the higher elevations. The storms caused motorists a number of problems. A build-up of ice and slush in combination with blowing snow prompted the State Highway Patrol to close portion of Interstate-90 from Rapid City to Wall. Numerous multiple vehicle accidents were reported.

October 28, 1993: Very strong northwest winds gusting to 50 to 60 mph raked South Dakota. A new home under construction southwest of DeSmet collapsed in the winds. Reported peak winds included 56 mph at Huron, 55 mph at Rapid City, and 52 mph at Sioux Falls.

1936 - The temperature at Layton, NJ, dipped to 9 above zero to establish a state record for the month of October. (The Weather Channel)

1971 - A severe early season blizzard raged across the Plateau Region and Rocky Mountain Region. Heavy snow blocked railroads and interstate highways, and record cold accompanied the storm. Lander WY received 27 inches of snow, and the temperature at Big Piney WY plunged to 15 degrees below zero. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms over the San Joaquin Valley of California produced three-quarters of an inch of rain in thirty minutes at Placerville, and caused numerous power outages due to lightning. Rain began to diminish in the northeastern U.S., but some flooding continued in Vermont, eastern New York and northern New Jersey. One inch rains in Vermont clogged culverts and sewers with fallen leaves, resulting in erosion of dirt roads. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

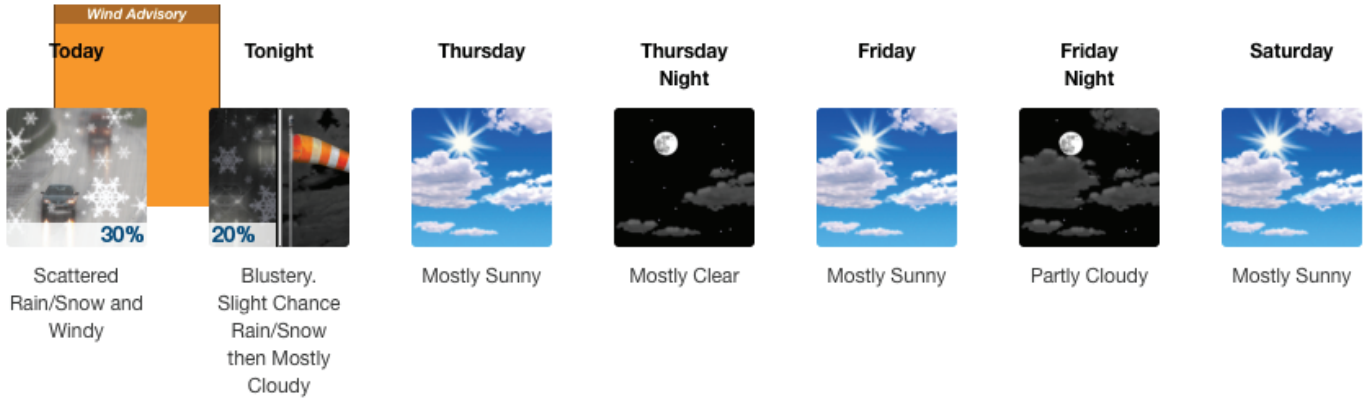
1988 - Arctic cold invaded the north central U.S. Valentine, NE, dipped to 8 degrees, and Cutbank, MT, reported a morning low of one degree above zero. The temperature at Estes Park CO dipped to 15 degrees, but then soared thirty degrees in less than thirty minutes. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A storm crossing the western U.S. produced 10 to 20 inches of snow across northern and central Wyoming, with 22 inches reported at Burgess Junction. Seven cities in the Lower Ohio Valley and the Upper Great Lakes Region reported record high temperatures for the date as readings again warmed into the 70s. Alpena MI reported a record high of 75 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

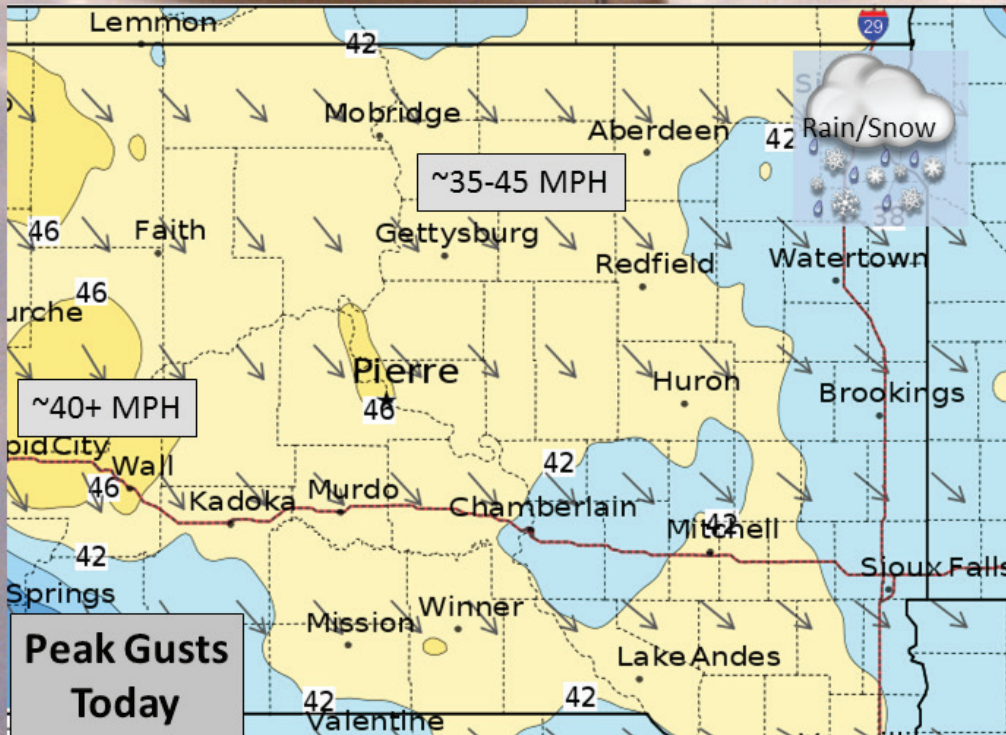


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## Cold and Windy Today



### Today:

- A deepening low pressure system drives in strong northwest winds and colder temperatures.
- Highs only in the upper 30s, to the mid-40s.
- Some rain/snow showers possible across far northeast SD and west-central MN.



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Published on: 10/28/2015 at 5:40AM

A strong upper level trough of low pressure crossing the region will bring cold air and windy conditions today through tonight. High temperatures will only warm into the upper 30s to the mid-40s. Sustained winds of 25 to 35 mph will be possible along with gusts near 45 mph. Showers are possible today through tonight, mainly across northeastern South Dakota and western Minnesota. Showers may be mixed with light snow at times.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 60.9 at 2:28 PM

**Low:** 48.0 at 11:21 PM

**High Gust:** 24 at 7:08 AM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 82° in 1937

**Record Low:** -6° in 1919

**Average High:** 51°F

**Average Low:** 28°F

**Average Precip in Oct.:** 1.86

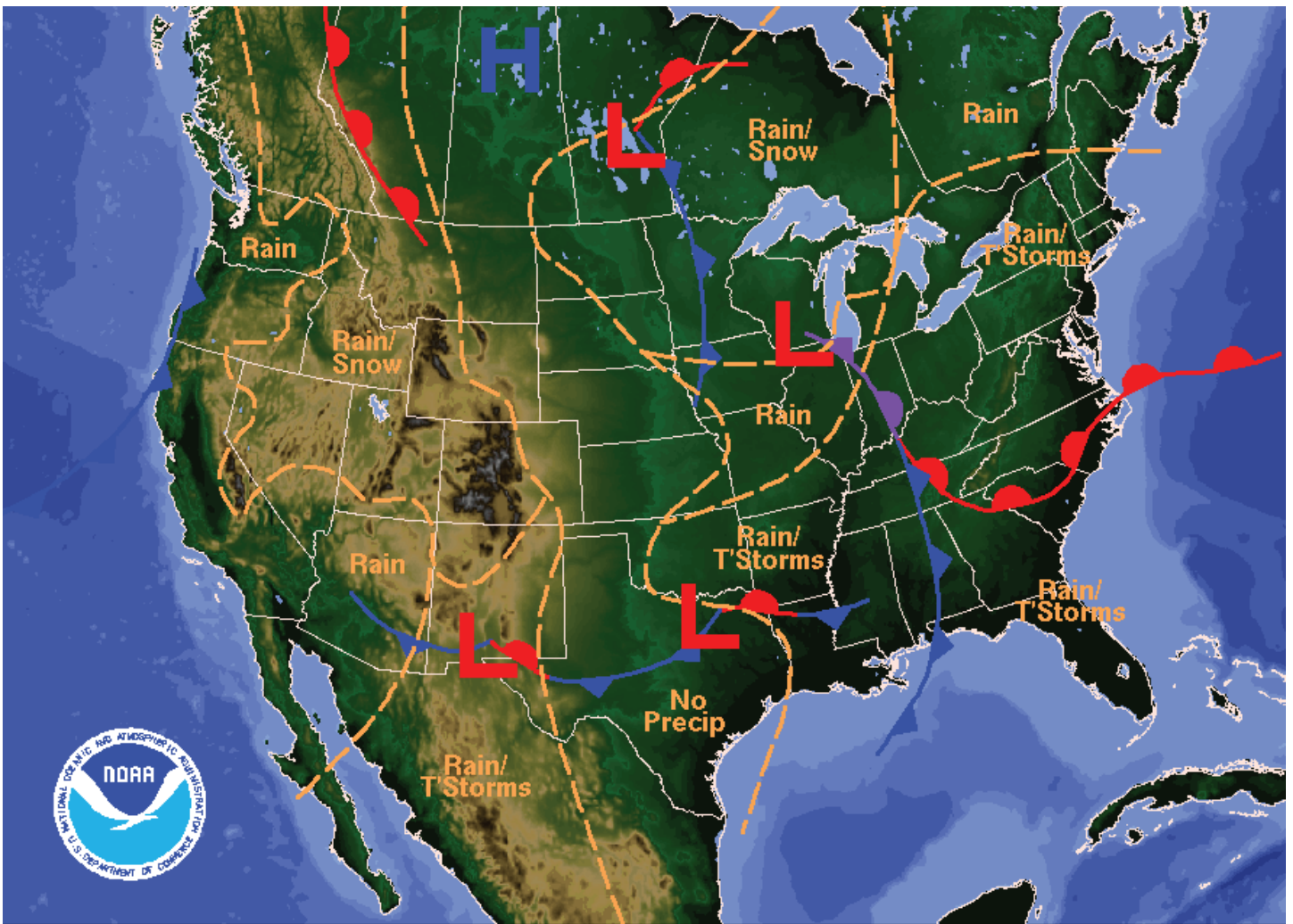
**Precip to date in Oct.:** 0.99

**Average Precip to date:** 20.34

**Precip Year to Date:** 19.11

**Sunset Tonight:** 6:27 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 8:08 a.m.



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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
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## WINNING AND TRYING

It was his first attempt to win a trophy for swimming. He was successful and won first place. After receiving his prized possession, his mother said, "I'm so happy for you. I never won a trophy."

"Mom," he asked, "did you ever try?"

God created each of us to succeed. But we can never succeed at anything until we try something. And whenever we want to accomplish anything, we need a good place to begin. We find that "place" in the first words of the Bible: "In the beginning - GOD?."

Beginning with God means that before we try to do anything we seek His will. God promised Joshua great success. He told him that no one would be able to stand their ground against him, promising, "I will not fail you or abandon you" as long as you live. But with His promise He gave him a warning: "study the Book of the Law continually, obey it, and only then will you succeed."

The promise that God gave to Joshua works for us, too. However, God places the same limits on our success: "Study My Word continually, obey it, and only then you will succeed." If we begin with God's Word, we will end with God's blessings. Surely, that is success!

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to realize and remember that success is all about You and never about us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Joshua 1:1-9 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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## News from the Associated Press

South Dakota officials recover missing original state flag

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says his office has recovered the original South Dakota state flag that has been missing since January.

The Secretary of State's Office began an internal investigation into the missing flag in January and reported the issue to the Department of Legislative Audit, which referred the matter to Jackley's office in July.

Jackley says the Division of Criminal Investigation conducted a probe and recovered the flag from a former Secretary of State employee on Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C.

Jackley says criminal charges are anticipated.

The flag was created in 1909 after Sen. Ernest May of Deadwood came into the Historical Society office saying that Deadwood Sheriff Seth Bullock wanted a state flag. Two versions were created, and one went to the secretary of state.

Pierre event center would cost \$14.5M, have seating for 4K

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Architects designing an event center for Pierre are proposing a \$14.5 million facility that would have seating for 4,000 people.

The 57,000-square-foot facility in the capital city would be similar to the 40,000-square-foot Swiftel Center in Brookings, according to Kirk Simet with ICON Architectural Group in Brookings. It would have an open configuration that could house four basketball courts for a tournament or one central court for an event or concert, and space for 100 trade show booths.

"That's a big trade show," Simet said. "You've got a national show. I think we can see some national attention."

The facility would replace Pierre's old downtown City Auditorium, which hosted proceedings including sporting events and governor inaugurations, but was closed in 2010 because of structural issues and demolished last year.

Pierre home developers Mark and Glennis Zarecky have donated 16 acres of land for the event center. The facility could be funded through private and public sources without raising property taxes, Mayor Laurie Gill said.

Public funding for the center could come from existing city revenue, a motel room tax or sales taxes, the mayor said. Private funds could be raised by selling the naming rights.

The City Commission will decide Nov. 10 whether to develop the project. If so, the city will schedule public meetings in December, February and April, with a goal of beginning construction in 2017 and opening the center in spring 2019.

"The public buy-in will be very important," Gill said.

Bond set for 4 suspects in assault of Highway Patrol trooper

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Bond has been set for four Washington state residents charged in the assault of a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper.

The four suspects appeared in court Tuesday but didn't enter pleas to charges they face in the Saturday assault of Trooper Zachary Bader on Interstate 90. Authorities say Bader continues to recover in a hospital from serious injuries.

The most serious charges are against 33-year-old Donald Willingham, who's accused of attempted murder. His bond is \$5 million.

Twenty-six-year-old Desiree Sukert and 22-year-old Jonathan Melendez are charged with being an accessory. Their bond is \$1 million each.

All three also face drug charges, along with 23-year-old Chase Sukert. His bond is \$750,000.

Authorities say they recovered more than 50 pounds of marijuana, \$33,000 in cash and a handgun after the incident.



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## DWU associate professor named to Fulbright Specialist Roster

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A professor at Dakota Wesleyan University has been named to the Fulbright Specialist Roster.

The designation by the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars grants W. Jesse Weins the opportunity to work internationally through a grant-funded program as a specialist in his field.

Weins is a DWU associate professor of criminal justice and he also serves as dean of the College of Leadership and Public Service.

He has been at the forefront of research and legislative reform on the subject of teen sexting. He may be requested for collaborative projects, such as lecture series, co-teaching, or curricular development relating to sexting and other areas of criminal law and procedure.

Weins is a native of Platte and 2003 graduate of DWU.

## Free screenings planned in SD for Lakota language film

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Free public screenings have been scheduled across South Dakota for a documentary that chronicles the efforts to save from extinction the Lakota language.

"Rising Voices" highlights how people on reservations in the Dakotas are using classroom instruction, immersion preschools and other tools to preserve the Lakota language, which is spoken by fewer than 6,000 individuals nowadays.

Some of the public screenings are scheduled for Nov. 5 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, Nov. 10 at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre and Nov. 14 at The Journey Museum and Learning Center in Rapid City.

The film also addresses the effects of the assimilation policy that forced Native American children into boarding schools, where students were punished when they were caught speaking in their native tongues.

## Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

### Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Brookings, 26-24, 25-12, 25-21

Brandon Valley def. Watertown, 25-16, 16-25, 25-21, 25-17

Harrisburg def. Mitchell, 25-15, 25-15, 22-25, 25-19

Hot Springs def. Oelrichs, 25-16, 27-25, 25-12

Huron def. Yankton, 17-25, 25-11, 25-20, 25-20

Lennox def. Canton, 25-11, 25-20, 25-9

Madison def. Tea Area, 25-19, 25-21, 25-13

Rapid City Central def. Spearfish, 25-21, 21-25, 25-17, 18-25, 15-11

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 22-25, 26-24, 25-15, 18-25, 15-5

Sioux Falls Washington def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-15, 25-16, 19-25, 25-23

Mitchell Triangular

Freeman Academy def. James Valley Christian, 21-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-14

Freeman Academy def. Mitchell Christian, 25-19, 25-19, 25-21

Mitchell Christian def. James Valley Christian, 21-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-15

### PREP FOOTBALL

Class 9AA

First Round

Region 1

Bon Homme 28, Clark/Willow Lake 0

Webster 15, Britton-Hecla 12

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Region 2

Baltic 40, Arlington/Lake Preston 8

Chester 56, Deuel 6

Region 3

Wolsey-Wessington 22, Miller 9

Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 40, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 24

Region 4

Herreid/Selby Area 60, Lyman 16

Stanley County 32, Gregory 8

Class 9A

First Round

Region 1

Warner 38, Eureka/Bowdle 0

Waverly-South Shore 44, Castlewood/Estelline 28

Region 2

Canistota 52, Gayville-Volin 0

Parker 36, Colman-Egan 26

Region 3

Irene-Wakonda 58, Hanson 44

Scotland 28, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 18

Region 4

Philip 14, Lemmon/McIntosh 6

Sully Buttes 16, Potter County 8

Class 9B

First Round

Region 1

Hamlin 52, Bison 0

Langford 49, Faulkton 16

Region 2

Alcester-Hudson 30, Wall 8

DeSmet 42, Dell Rapids St. Mary 38

Region 3

Colome 54, Lower Brule 0

Corsica/Stickney 32, Burke/South Central 18

Region 4

Faith 32, Timber Lake 0

Harding County 46, Edgemont 6

Class 11B

First Round

Region 1

Aberdeen Roncalli 50, Red Cloud 0

Groton Area 27, Mobridge-Pollock 21

Region 2

Sioux Valley 27, McCook Central/Montrose 7

Tri-Valley 34, Beresford 13

Region 3

Bridgewater-Emery 36, Chamberlain 18

Winner 46, Parkston 0

Region 4

Bennett County 50, Lead-Deadwood 6

Custer 50, Little Wound 28

## Dayton: PolyMet must set aside funds for mine cleanup

**KYLE POTTER, Associated Press**

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Mark Dayton said Tuesday the state would ensure that PolyMet Mining Corp. sets aside money for a potential cleanup effort before it would be allowed to move ahead with a proposed copper-nickel mine in northeastern Minnesota.

Such a fund is a requirement in state law, and Dayton said it's too early to say how large a sum that might be for the pending project. But after returning from a tour of an abandoned precious metals mine in South Dakota now in the midst of a multi-million dollar cleanup, the governor said the trip reinforced the need to make sure the state has money in hand for a reclamation effort.

"It's a textbook example of how not to do it," Dayton said of the Gilt Edge Mine, which went bankrupt more than a decade ago and is now a federal Superfund cleanup site. "That's the reason that you want to learn from somebody else's mistakes."

Dayton's administration is still reviewing the proposed Iron Range operation for environmental concerns. His South Dakota visit is one of two trips he's making as he weighs what he pegs as one of the toughest decisions of his two terms as governor. Dayton also plans to travel to a newer mine in Michigan later this week.

PolyMet spokesman Bruce Richardson said the company is prepared to comply with state laws once the project reaches the permitting process. That won't come at least until the state issues a final environmental report on the project next month.

"We cannot mine, we cannot get a permit without having that bankruptcy assurance in place," Richardson said.

## Feds: Efforts to block sage grouse protection could backfire

**SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press**

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Attempts by rural Nevada counties, mining companies and others to block new U.S. policies intended to protect the greater sage grouse could backfire on the critics and ultimately force the reconsideration of a recent decision to keep the bird off the list of endangered species, federal land managers warn.

Justice Department lawyers representing three U.S. agencies say it took an unprecedented effort by officials in 11 western states from California to the Dakotas to persuade the Fish and Wildlife Service last month to reverse its 2010 conclusion that protection of the grouse was warranted under the Endangered Species Act.

The new finding was based on assumptions that added protections in the land-planning amendments being challenged will be carried out to ensure the grouse no longer is threatened with extinction, they said in a brief filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Reno.

Any injunction blocking implementation would "diminish the protections for sage grouse ... undo four years of collaboration and could undermine FWS' finding," U.S. Attorney Daniel Bogden wrote.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du has set a hearing for Nov. 12 in Reno to consider granting a preliminary injunction blocking the amendments.

Elko and Eureka counties and others filed the lawsuit on Sept. 23 — the day after Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced the listing decision. The Wyoming Stock Growers Association also is suing in federal court there, and Idaho's governor has signed onto a separate lawsuit filed in federal court in Washington, D.C.

The Nevada lawsuit says the plans could run mining companies and ranchers out of business, block construction of a wind energy project that could bring Elko County \$500 million and deny firefighters and law officers access to existing roads during emergencies.

Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt added his name to the lawsuit last week — over the objections of Gov. Brian Sandoval — along with Churchill, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Pershing and Washoe counties in the state.

The government, in its first formal response, says the opponents misrepresent and exaggerate the po-



tential effects. It says they have proven no irreparable harm and are challenging prematurely the planning-level amendments that offer guidelines but render no specific decisions on individual grazing, mining or other federal permits.

"They allege speculative injuries that will come to pass, if at all, only after future site-specific decisions are made," Bogden wrote. He especially challenged claims the protections could restrict use of thousands of miles of existing roads and threaten public safety by inhibiting the travel of emergency responders.

"The amendments do not close any existing routes," Bogden wrote. "But even if they did, the agencies' regulations exempt emergency vehicles from OHV (off-highway vehicle) restrictions."

The lawsuit accuses the government of "attempting a massive management change" for more than 20 million acres of public land in Nevada without proper environmental review — nearly 3 million acres where new mining claims are prohibited for at least two years and more than 16 million acres subject to what the lawsuit calls onerous travel restrictions.

The two-year freeze on some new mining claims was triggered by Jewell's proposal last month to withdraw 10 million acres of public lands in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming under the 1872 Mining Law, which was passed then to encourage the development of lands in the western U.S.

But Bogden said the proposed withdrawal is subject to "valid existing rights and has no immediate effect on mining operations." It's subject to public comment through Dec. 23.

Likewise, nothing in the guidelines themselves would prevent construction of the \$500 million China Mountain Wind Energy Project in Elko County, he said. "Elko's County's speculation that ultimately it will not be approved is not an imminent injury," Bogden said.

The lawsuit says the government inappropriately dismissed Elko County's plan to increase livestock grazing as a way to bolster grouse habitat by slowing the growth of vegetation that fuel wildfires. But Bogden said there is "no scientific evidence to support a correlation between increased grazing and improved sage grouse habitat."

## States and industry groups reliant on fossil fuels challenge

### Obama's Clean Power Plan in court

By MICHAEL BIESECKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — States and industry groups dependent on fossil fuels filed court challenges Friday to President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Opponents of the plan filed a flurry of lawsuits at the U.S. Court of Appeals as the Environmental Protection Agency published its final version of the new regulations.

The challenges from all but two of the 25 states were filed by Republicans. They deride the plan as an "unlawful power grab by Washington bureaucrats" that will kill coal mining jobs and drive up electricity costs.

"The Clean Power Plan is one of the most far-reaching energy regulations in this nation's history," said West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, among those leading the challenges. "I have a responsibility to protect the lives of millions of working families, the elderly and the poor, from such illegal and unconscionable federal government actions."

The Obama administration and environmental groups counter that the rules are needed to cut carbon emissions while curbing the worst impacts of climate change and sea-level rise. They also say the plan will spur new clean-energy jobs.

The new rules require states to cut carbon emissions by 30 percent by 2030. Each state has a customized target and is responsible for drawing up an effective plan to meet its goal.

"We are confident we will again prevail against these challenges and will be able to work with states to successfully implement these first-ever national standards to limit carbon pollution, the largest source of carbon emissions in the United States," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

The EPA says it has authority to enact the plan under the Clean Air Act. At issue are dueling provisions added to the law by the House and Senate in 1990. The EPA's interpretation relies on the Senate language,

but opponents argue that the House version should win out.

EPA already regulates other power-plant pollutants under a different section of the Clean Air Act, and the opponents claim the law prohibits "double regulation."

Under the act, certain challenges to agency rules skip the federal district court and go directly to the appeals court in Washington, D.C.

Morrissey also filed a stay barring the plan from taking effect while the court challenges proceed, a question that will likely be up to the Supreme Court.

"We expect polluters and their allies to throw everything they've got at the Clean Power Plan, and we expect them to fail," said Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune, among those defending the law. "The Clean Power Plan is based on a law passed by Congress, upheld by the Supreme Court, and demanded by the American people."

The states challenging the plan in court are Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming and Wisconsin.

Also filing suit against the EPA on Friday was Murray Energy Corp., the nation's largest privately owned coal company.

Members of Congress from coal-mining states joined in, saying they will introduce new legislation aimed at blocking the EPA from enforcing the plan.

On the other side, 15 states and the District of Columbia say they are backing the Obama administration and will begin working to comply with the new rules.

There is some political variation in the positions taken within the states. In North Carolina, for example, the environmental agency controlled by the Republican governor joined the opposition without the participation of the state's Democratic attorney general.

Governors in Colorado and Michigan said they will work to comply with the new EPA rules, even as attorneys general from their states joined the lawsuit.

"Clean air and protecting public health should be everyone's top priority," Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, said Friday. "We believe that Colorado can achieve the clean air goals set by the EPA, at little or no increased cost to our residents."

## Company wants tech center lawsuit moved to federal court

**DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Minnesota-based software company and four of its shareholders are trying to get a lawsuit filed over the business' failure to move into a \$4.2 million technology center built for it moved into federal court.

The Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company had sued Eagle Creek Software Services in October 2014, saying the company breached a contract by not moving into the tech center. The facility was to be the centerpiece of a partnership backed by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, but Eagle Creek never moved in, citing issues with economic development incentives.

After the chamber filed an amended lawsuit this month adding Eagle Creek President and CEO Ken Behrendt and three other company shareholders to the case, Eagle Creek petitioned the U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls to take over the Clay County circuit court case. Attorney Andrew Damgaard wrote in his motion that federal court is the appropriate venue because the chamber is based in South Dakota yet the company and the four shareholders are all based in Minnesota.

The chamber's original lawsuit said the company agreed to move into the building once it was finished, and the building was "substantially complete" in May 2014. It asked the circuit court to award \$144,000 in past rent and \$3.1 million in future rent. The amended lawsuit filed Oct. 5 requests unspecified damages.

Melissa Jelen, an attorney representing the chamber, said in a brief that the company provided written consent for the chamber to amend its lawsuit, and if it wanted to move the case to federal court it should have done so after the initial filing.

"Eagle Creek chose not to exercise its right to remove the matter," Jelen argued. "Instead, Eagle Creek actively litigated the case and engaged in substantial discovery in state court."

The company has countersued, asking the court to void the lease agreement and award the company unspecified damages.

Eagle Creek said it expanded its Vermillion operations in good faith based on an agreement with the chamber and the Governor's Office of Economic Development that it would receive cash reimbursement economic incentives of just under \$15,000 per employee for up to 200 employees.

Damgaard said in court records that the economic authorities did not intend to pay Eagle Creek the promised reimbursement and intended to divert the money to other purposes. He accused the chamber and economic development office of "attempting to make their proposal look better on paper than it actually was."

Tony Venhuizen, a spokesman for Gov. Daugaard, said Tuesday he could not comment on pending litigation.

## **Sisseton-Wahpeton officials plead not guilty to embezzlement**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Six current and former Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate officials accused of stealing more than \$50,000 from the Dakotas tribe have pleaded not guilty.

Carrie Godfrey, Gerald German Jr., Ann German, Calvin Max Sr., Gerald Heminger Jr. and Colette White were indicted by a federal grand jury on Oct. 6. They're charged with conspiracy to embezzle and embezzlement from an Indian tribal organization in connection with a checks scheme that authorities say happened between 2010 and 2013.

South Dakota U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says the suspects appeared before a federal magistrate judge in Aberdeen on Oct. 16 and pleaded not guilty.

Each of the tribal officials faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

## **South Dakota farmers make progress on row crop harvest**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers are making progress getting late-season row crops in the bin.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that the soybean harvest is virtually wrapped up at 96 percent complete, slightly ahead of the five-year average pace.

Nearly two-thirds of the corn crop is harvested, slightly behind average, and more than half of the sunflower harvest is done, ahead of average. The sorghum harvest also is about two-thirds complete, behind average.

Eighty-nine percent of South Dakota's winter wheat crop has emerged, well ahead of average. Winter wheat emerges in the fall, goes dormant over winter, grows again in the spring and is harvested during summer.

Pasture and range conditions statewide are rated 50 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 71 percent adequate to surplus.

## **4 arrested when shot fired following argument in Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police arrested four people on drug and weapons charges after an incident in which authorities say a shot was fired.

Police say officers responded to a report of the shot following an argument at a convenience store shortly before 1:30 a.m. Tuesday. No injuries were reported.

Officers later tracked down the four suspects in a van, and say they recovered a stolen handgun, drugs and drug paraphernalia from the vehicle. They arrested the three men and one woman in the van.

The suspects are in their 20s and 30s. They all were arrested on drug and weapons charges, and one of the men also faces a false impersonation charge.



## 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. WHO ENTERS THIRD GOP DEBATE WITH MOMENTUM

The Republican candidates for president will gather Wednesday amid fresh volatility in an already chaotic race, with Ben Carson surging past Donald Trump in Iowa.

2. CHINA SUMMONS AMERICAN ENVOY TO PROTEST SHIP NEAR REEF

Executive Vice Minister Zhang Yesui reportedly tells Max Bacaus that the U.S. acted in defiance of Chinese objections and threatened Chinese security.

3. WHY THE HOUSE IS POISED FOR A BIG DAY

It is set to vote on a bipartisan pact charting a two-year budget truce and Republicans are expected to nominate Rep. Paul Ryan as the chamber's new speaker.

4. ARREST OF GIRL WHO TEXTED IN CLASS PROMPTS CIVIL RIGHTS CASE

A South Carolina sheriff says he hopes to decide by Wednesday whether a deputy will keep his job after he was shown on video throwing the high school student from her desk.

5. RESIDENTS IN QUAKE-HIT NATIONS DEMAND HELP

As the death toll nears 400 in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and funerals continue, in northwestern Pakistan alone, more than 10,000 homes were damaged, as well as 147 schools.

6. ROYALS BEAT METS 5-4

"Two things you don't want in Game 1 of the World Series: One is to go 14 innings and the other is to lose," Royals manager Ned Yost says.

7. OCULAR PROSTHESIS CENTER BRINGS RELIEF TO GAZANS

A new facility that manufactures artificial eyes in the Gaza strip gives many of those who lost them in conflict or illness the ability to get them cheaply.

8. WHAT MIGHT HAVE SUNK CANADA BOAT

Passengers were crowded on the left side of the top deck of the vessel when it was struck by a wave from the right side, causing it to roll over and capsize, an investigator says.

9. ANEMIC REPORT CARD FOR U.S. SCHOOL KIDS

Math scores slip for fourth and eighth graders over the last two years, and reading grades are not much better, flat for fourth graders and lower for eighth graders.

10. SELF-DRIVING CARS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT TOKYO AUTO SHOW

Nissan Motor Co. shows a concept vehicle loaded with laser scanners, a 360 degree camera setup, a radar and computer chips so the car can deliver autonomous driving.

## AP News in Brief

### Carson enters GOP debate with burst of momentum, as Bush seeks to jumpstart sluggish campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican candidates for president will gather Wednesday for their third debate amid fresh volatility in an already chaotic race, with Ben Carson surging past Donald Trump in Iowa and one-time front-runner Jeb Bush under pressure to prove he's still a viable candidate for the GOP nomination.

The soft-spoken Carson has been a low-key presence in the first two GOP debates, but the retired neurosurgeon is likely to get more attention from moderators — as well as his fellow candidates — after a series of preference polls show him atop the field in Iowa.

Trump has already shown he's eager to take on Carson, jabbing him for his speaking style and raising questions about his Seventh Day Adventist faith.

"We'll see how Ben holds up to the scrutiny," Trump said Tuesday on MSNBC.

Meanwhile, Bush will be grasping for momentum after one of the most trying stretches of his White House

campaign. Slower-than-expected fundraising has led Bush to slash spending and overhaul his campaign structure, and he's voiced frustration with the way the unusual race has progressed.

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## **Q&A: What's next for US and China after American warship irks Beijing by approaching island**

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing reacted harshly to a U.S. warship sailing near one of its newly created islands in a disputed area of the South China Sea. The action did not spark a confrontation or roll back any Chinese island-building activities, but it sent a high-profile message to both Beijing and U.S. allies that Washington wants to test Chinese sovereignty assertions and ensure freedom of navigation.

Some questions and answers:

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### **WHAT IS THE IMPACT?**

As in previous incidents, Beijing is likely to voice its outrage for a time, before reasserting the wisdom of the government's calculated approach to its crucial relationship with the U.S. However, the testy reaction underlines tensions in the strategically vital region through which about one-third of global trade passes. Frictions are likely to worsen as Washington's renewed focus on Asia rubs up against Beijing's increasingly robust assertions of its claim to virtually the entire sea and its islands, reefs and atolls. China says its sovereignty claims do not conflict with the rights of other nations to operate in the South China Sea, although the Defense Ministry accused the U.S. of abusing those rights.

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## **Sheriff says he will decide quickly whether deputy should keep his job after classroom arrest**

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A South Carolina sheriff's deputy who flipped a student backward in her desk and tossed her across the floor for refusing to leave math class could learn as soon as Wednesday whether he will be fired.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said once his agency's internal investigation is complete, he will make a decision about whether to keep Senior Deputy Ben Fields on the force.

"We're going to handle it appropriately and we're going to handle it very quickly. This is not something that should drag out," Lott told reporters at a news conference Tuesday. "I think the public demands and expects and should get a very quick answer on this, and that's what we're going to do."

The videos of the confrontation between a white officer and black girl stirred such outrage that Lott called the FBI and Justice Department for help. A criminal investigation was underway, but the probe generally takes more time.

Videos taken by students and posted online show Fields warning the girl to leave her seat or be forcibly removed Monday after she apparently texted in class and refused to surrender her phone to the teacher. When she doesn't get up from her desk, the officer wraps a forearm around her neck, flips her and the desk backward onto the floor, tosses her toward the front of the classroom and handcuffs her.

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## **Death toll from Afghan quake rises further as survivors await aid, bury victims**

SHANGLA, Pakistan (AP) — Afghanistan and Pakistan were scrambling Wednesday to rush aid to survivors of this week's magnitude-7.5 earthquake as the region's overall death toll from the temblor rose to 385.

Pakistan's disaster management authority said the nation's dead now were at 267, with 220 people killed in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and another 47 elsewhere in the country.

Afghanistan has reported 115 dead and 556 wounded, while three people died on the Indian side of the disputed region of Kashmir.

The head of the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority, Wais Ahmad Barmak told parliament that 7,630 homes had been destroyed and around 1,000 animals killed. In battered northwestern Pakistan, more than 10,000 homes were damaged, as well as 147 schools, officials said.

The quake, which struck Monday, was centered in Afghanistan's sparsely populated Badakhshan province bordering Pakistan, Tajikistan and China.

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## **Seoul, Tokyo bicker over history days before 3-way summit with China, agree to brief talk**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Leave it to perpetually squabbling Northeast Asia to spice up that most vanilla of diplomatic activities: the meet-and-greet, photo-op-ridden international summit.

South Korea and Japan finally announced Wednesday what has long been rumored — a three-way leaders' meeting with China this weekend in Seoul — but details are still scarce with just days to go. And the Seoul-Tokyo bilateral meeting, their first formal talks at this level in 3½ years? A brief Monday morning talk, breaking before lunch. It wasn't even on the initial schedule released by Tokyo, though a spokesman later confirmed the meeting.

The lead-up to the summit has seen the South Korean and Japanese foreign ministries publicly dodging questions even as diplomats leaked barbed tidbits to reporters behind the scenes.

The bickering confounds some observers because even though these summits are often devoid of substance, there is high symbolic importance in leaders from these powerful neighbors setting aside their many differences and putting on a good show. China and Japan have the world's No. 2 and 3 biggest economies, respectively. South Korea and Japan are strong U.S. allies and Washington's military and diplomatic bulwark in an unsteady region. All three have a keen interest in containing North Korea's nuclear bomb ambitions.

The problem this week, as is often the case in Northeast Asia, appears to be history, and specifically the inability of Seoul and Tokyo to settle disputes stemming from Japan's brutal colonial rule of Korea in the early 20th century.

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## **In landmark day, House plans vote on big budget deal, GOP ready to tab Ryan as next speaker**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is poised to vote on a bipartisan pact charting a two-year budget truce and Republicans are set to nominate Rep. Paul Ryan as the chamber's new speaker, milestones GOP leaders hope will transform their party's recent chaos into calm in time for next year's presidential and congressional campaigns.

Democratic and Republican leaders in the House and Senate were urging lawmakers to back the agreement, which would resolve fights over defense and domestic spending and federal borrowing until early 2017. Expectations were for House passage Wednesday and final Senate approval next week, even as hard-right conservatives and farm-state lawmakers arrayed against the deal.

"That's good news for everybody. It's a step forward," President Barack Obama said of the deal Tuesday in Chicago. "And I hope both parties come together to pass this agreement without delay."

Among those declaring victory was departing Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who was pivotal in crafting what amounts to a valedictory legislative prize for his supporters and a whack at his conservative House nemeses. The quarter-century House veteran serves his final day in Congress on Friday, driven into abrupt retirement by rebellious GOP hardliners who scorned his penchant for compromise with Obama and Democrats.

"I have a gift for you, too," Boehner told his House GOP colleagues at a closed-door meeting Tuesday, after they gave him a golf cart as a parting present. He called the agreement "the best possible deal at this moment for our troops, for taxpayers and for the American people."

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## **Gazan medical center makes prosthetic eyes to bring relief to wounded Palestinians**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Imad Abu Wadi barely slept after losing his right eye during the summer 2014 war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

The 26-year-old, then engaged, was waiting eagerly for his wedding. But with a red, hollow eyeless socket, he imprisoned himself at home.

"I was really suffering. I didn't go out to avoid running into someone who might say something to me," Abu Wadi said.

A year after the injury caused by an airstrike near his home, Abu Wadi is now married and feeling confident, thanks to an artificial eye he received two weeks before the wedding.

The ocular prosthesis was designed and made by Al-Radwan medical center, which is run by the Gaza-based charity Merciful Hands. The group, which is not connected to a British charity with the same name, receives funding from Muslim countries that include Turkey, Jordan, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Gulf Arab states.

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## **Investigator: Most of passengers on Canada boat that sank were on 1 side before wave struck**

TOFINO, British Columbia (AP) — Passengers were crowded on the left side of the top deck of a whale-watching boat when it was struck by a wave from the right side, causing the vessel to roll over and capsize, sending 27 people into the water off Vancouver Island's west coast, an investigator said.

Five British nationals were killed, and the search continued for a missing Australian man. Twenty-one people were rescued after the Leviathan II capsized Sunday afternoon.

Marc Andre Poisson, Director of Marine Investigations for Canada's Transportation Safety Board, on Tuesday released preliminary results of the investigation into the accident.

"We know that most passengers were on the top deck on the port side, that's the left side of the vessel. This would have raised the center of gravity, affecting the vessel's stability," Poisson told a news conference in Tofino.

"We also know that the sea conditions were such that a wave approached from the starboard quarter, that's the right of the vessel. We know that the vessel broached and then capsized."

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## **Late, late rally: Royals beat Mets 5-4 in 14 innings in longest opener in WS history**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — An inside-the-park home run. A power failure that blacked out the TV audience. Crazy bounces, great plays and key errors.

The longest World Series opener ever had a little bit of everything. And more than five hours after they began, Alcides Escobar and the Kansas City Royals also had just enough energy to outlast the New York Mets.

Saved by Alex Gordon's tying home run in the ninth inning off Mets closer Jeury's Familia, the Royals won in the 14th when Escobar dashed home on Eric Hosmer's sacrifice fly for a 5-4 win late Tuesday night.

"It was a great night," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "Two things you don't want in Game 1 of the World Series: One is to go 14 innings and the other is to lose."

This tied for longest Series game ever and ended at 12:18 a.m. From the get-go, it was wild and weird.

## **Today in History**

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 2015. There are 64 days left in the year.

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

On Oct. 28, 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions which, among other things, absolved Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

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## On this date:

In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College.

In 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a limited British victory.

In 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

In 1914, Yugoslav nationalist Gavrilo Princip, whose assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, sparked World War I, was sentenced in Sarajevo to 20 years' imprisonment. (He died in 1918.)

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the name John XXIII. The Samuel Beckett play "Krapp's Last Tape" premiered in London.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in return, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey.

In 1964, the "T.A.M.I. Show," a two-day rock concert filmed for theatrical release, opened in Santa Monica, California.

In 1976, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman entered a federal prison camp in Safford, Arizona, to begin serving his sentence for Watergate-related convictions (he was released in April 1978).

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

In 1991, what became known as "The Perfect Storm" began forming hundreds of miles east of Nova Scotia; lost at sea during the storm were the six crew members of the Andrea Gail, a swordfishing boat from Gloucester, Massachusetts.

**Ten years ago:** Vice President Dick Cheney's top adviser, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, resigned after he was indicted on charges of obstructing a grand jury investigation and lying about his actions that blew the CIA cover of an Iraq war critic's wife. (Libby was convicted of most of the counts brought against him, but had his 30-month prison sentence commuted by President George W. Bush.) More than a million demonstrators flooded the streets of Tehran and other major cities in Iran to back President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's (mahk-MOOD' ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zhadhz) call for the destruction of Israel.

**Five years ago:** Investigators with the president's oil spill commission said tests performed before the deadly blowout of BP's oil well in the Gulf of Mexico should have raised doubts about the cement used to seal the well, but that the company and its cementing contractor used it anyway. (The cement mix's failure to prevent oil and gas from entering the well has been cited by BP and others as one of the causes of the accident.) Caroline Wozniacki wrapped up the year-end No. 1 ranking after rallying to beat Francesca Schiavone 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 at the WTA Championships in Doha, Qatar. Stage and screen actor James MacArthur, who played "Danno" in the original version of television's "Hawaii Five-0," died in Jacksonville, Florida, at age 72.

**One year ago:** An unmanned commercial supply rocket bound for the International Space Station exploded moments after liftoff, with debris falling in flames over the launch site in Virginia. A video was posted online by a group called Hollaback! showing actress Shoshana Roberts being verbally accosted by men as she silently walked through Manhattan over a 10-hour period; the video "went viral," spurring outrage and sparking discussions about the pervasiveness of street harassment that women face. The World Series was evened at three games each as the Kansas City Royals routed the San Francisco Giants 10-0.

**Today's Birthdays:** Jazz singer Cleo Laine is 88. Actress Joan Plowright is 86. Musician-songwriter Charlie Daniels is 79. Actress Jane Alexander is 76. Actor Dennis Franz is 71. Pop singer Wayne Fontana is 70. Actress Telma Hopkins is 67. Olympic track and field gold medalist Caitlyn Jenner is 66. Actress Annie Potts is 63. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is 60. The former president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahma-

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dinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd), is 59. Rock musician Stephen Morris (New Order) is 58. Country/gospel singer-musician Ron Hemby (The Buffalo Club) is 57. Rock singer-musician William Reid (The Jesus & Mary Chain) is 57. Actor Mark Derwin is 55. Actress Daphne Zuniga is 53. Actress Lauren Holly is 52. Talk show host-comedian-actress Sheryl Underwood is 52. Actress Jami Gertz is 50. Actor Chris Bauer is 49. Actor-comedian Andy Richter is 49. Actress Julia Roberts is 48. Country singer-musician Caitlin Cary is 47. Actor Jeremy Davies is 46. Singer Ben Harper is 46. Country singer Brad Paisley is 43. Actor Joaquin Phoenix is 41. Singer Justin Guarini (TV: "American Idol") is 37. Pop singer Brett Dennen is 36. Rock musician Dave Pirion (Plain White T's) is 36. Actor Finn Wittrock is 31. Actress Troian Bellisario is 30. Singer/rapper Frank Ocean is 28. Actor Nolan Gould is 17.

**Thought for Today:** "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." - George Orwell (Eric Blair), English author (1903-1950).