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Museum looking for board directors

The Dacotah Prairie Museum is currently seeking people interested in serving on the museum board of directors.

The board meets monthly to oversee the operation of the museum and set policy.

Board members are appointed for a three-year term by the Brown County Commission upon recommendation by the museum board's executive committee. Potential members should have an interest in history and/or education and must be residents of Brown County. New members will begin their terms in January 2016.

For more information or to request an application please contact Sue Gates 605-626-7117 or sue.gates@browncounty.sd.gov

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Debate and Oral Interp at Mitchell
State Volleyball Tourney in Sioux Falls

Anniversaries: Larry & Sharon Wheeting • Gene & Robin Loeschke

Birthdays: Peggy Locke • Kelsea Heintzman • Bary Keith

9:00am: 7th/8th GBB Jamboree at Britton

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

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

9:00pm: Robotics at Harrisburg

Sunday, November 22

Birthdays: Jim Gerdes • Boyd Barwin • Delores Krueger • Tevin Abeln • Nick Johnson • Grayson McCranie

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship (very brief election meeting after worship)

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, November 23

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

School Menu: Hamburger, French fries, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, sherbet.

Birthdays: Kristine Barger • Charlene Telkamp • Francine Sippel • Jace Craig • Sarah Finnesand • Kandi Weismantel

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

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Groton Area School News

Counseling by Seeklander, Ashley

What's been going on in the Counselor's corner, you ask? Our elementary classroom guidance lessons have been focusing on our Character pillar of Citizenship. So far our lessons on Citizenship have focused on our school community in Kindergarten, flag etiquette for 1-2, believing in yourself for 3-4, and respecting those around you in grade 5. By the time you read this our 5th graders will have already met author of the Weird series, Erin Frankel. I hope they enjoyed "meeting" her as much as I did. It's truly a wonderful opportunity to get to meet someone like Ms. Frankel.

November is National Career Development month. We will be starting our career unit that will extend into December. In K-2 we will focus on exploring the different careers in our community. Grades 3-5 will look into how our personal interests play into the career exploration process.

I can hardly believe that we are in the second quarter of school already...guess time really does fly when you're having fun!

Pre-school - Paula Johnson

Time Flies! We are already a third of the way through the year! Hard to believe thanksgiving is almost here and Christmas is around the corner. We are super excited in preschool right now as we are still able to go outside thanks to the gorgeous fall weather! This time last year that was not the case. I'm sure our days are numbered, but we will take advantage of it as long as we can.

For the month of November we have been focusing on the themes pumpkins, germs/hand washing, and Thanksgiving. Through pumpkins, cornucopias, turkeys, and corn we have been finding fun ways to learn our numbers, letters, colors, and counting. And who could forget music! We love to sing silly songs about the themes and dance along to them. Next month will be exciting and fun as well as we will be celebrating gingerbread days, reindeer, and Christmas!

Reading is something we also enjoy most days. If and when you have some spare time, take that time to read to your child. Early literacy is one of the most important things you can do for your child to help them excel in their development. So grab a good book, cuddle up, and enjoy!

Attention parents of 3 year olds! We will be holding the 3- year old preschool screenings on Tuesday December first. Please call the school and set up a time to have your child screened. This is a great opportunity to make sure your child is on track with their development!

Title 1 Reading – K-5th

Bonnie Schimmel, Lynette Grieve & Jill Helvig

The Kindergarten Title I students are using games and activities to practice and reinforce the phonics skills of letter recognition, letter names, and phonemic awareness. We work on listening for the beginning sounds of words. They will be starting some computer programs soon.

Answering the 5 questions who, what, when, where and why helps the students with their retelling skills. To reinforce their sight word recognition, phoneme segmentation, phonics skills, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, reading fluency, and comprehension, the first, second, and third grade Title I students use many different activities, games, and computer games. They are enjoying the computer program RAZZ Reader this semester.

The fourth and fifth grade students started the year on 'Read Naturally', a computer program that they get to pick a story, make a prediction, learn vocabulary words, read, read, and reread the story, take a quiz on the story, and retell the story all before they can pass out of it with a teacher. We develop fluency, comprehension and vocabulary using this process. They will be switching to novels around Christmas.

As we progress monitor on our weekly probes, the kindergarten probes are letter sounds. They will be switching over to nonsense words after Thanksgiving. The first grades recently started doing oral reading fluency, and the second and third graders probes are also oral reading fluency.

In December, Jr .Kindergarten and K-5 will be taking the winter DIBELS assessment. We take this assessment three times a year; fall, winter, and spring. We are looking for all students to improve from the

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previous assessment.

Kindergarten News-Ann Gibbs, Renee Swisher and Kayla Krause

Kindergartners are learning that school is a fun, exciting place to be and also a place where we work really hard! We are learning so much and having a great time doing it! We are "studying" the numbers 0-10 and learning how to write them. We're finding that Math is a lot of fun because there is so much "hands-on" learning.

In Reading we are learning the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. So far, we have learned the letters M,S, R,T,C,A,P,D and N. We have also used these letters to build words. We are practicing words that end with the phonograms "-at", "-ap" and "-am". We have also read "-ip" and "-in" words. We have also learned to read ten sight words! We are finding that Reading is lots of fun!

Fire Prevention week was in October and we learned how to be safe in case of a fire. Thank you to our volunteer firefighters who came to our classrooms. Thank you to Fire Chief Tom Tietz and Cody Bonn and Darrin Erdmann. We also visited the Groton Fire Station and saw all the equipment they use. In each of our classrooms, we practiced the way to "stop, drop and roll" if you or your clothing were on fire. Thank you again to these wonderful volunteers-Groton is lucky to have such a great crew!

Nocturnal animals were a fun Science unit. We learned that raccoons, bats, and owls are all nocturnal animals. We have made art projects, learned many facts and read stories about these "creatures of the night".

Social Studies also keeps us busy. We learned about Veterans Day and the people that fight for our country to protect America. We sang the song, "God Bless the USA" at our Veterans Day program. We hope you enjoyed it! We thought the program was wonderful. We also learned about Pilgrims and Native Americans. We learned Pilgrims traveled from England across the ocean and landed in America. We found all of these places on our globes. Kindergarten students are also working on a neat "Thanksgiving" booklet to share with you at home. Enjoy!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! We all have much to be thankful for!

Title 1 Math

Wow! The school year is really flying by. Throughout the last month the lower elementary students have been focusing more on addition and subtraction. We are trying to use the more efficient way to solve problems. We are using partners of 10, doubles, etc. rather than counting all our fingers and toes.

The upper elementary is working on multiplication and division as well as telling time and elapsed time. Get those analog clocks out. In our world today, we see so many digital clocks that students don't understand the clock with a face.

Problems to solve at home:

John has _____ rocks. His grandma gives him some more rocks. Now he has _____ rocks. (Fill in the numbers appropriate for your child.)

Micheal has basketball practice at 7:30. He must spend 45 minutes on homework before he goes to practice. He begins homework at 4:00. How much time will Micheal have between homework and basketball practice?

Sixth Grade English – Diane Kurtz

At the beginning of the year, I'm pretty sure the students missed not having recess when the weather was gorgeous! Now, the students appreciate not having to put on their caps and gloves during the school day. We have been busy covering units in spelling. Compound words can be difficult to remember if they are hyphenated or written as one or two words, and the spelling units help clarify such skills. In grammar we have been discussing the sentence and its parts, nouns, pronouns and verbs. During the month of December the students will be presenting their informative speech. Learning about famous athletes, actors, beauty companies and farm equipment keeps the learning interesting with such a wide variety of speech topics.

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Seventh Grade English – Diane Kurtz

How do you make sugar cookies in a mug? How do you skin a deer? How do you make sound waves visible? How do you make ice cream cake, Oreo balls, Chap Stick, a scarf and cake dip? Those are a few of the interesting topics the seventh grade students have chosen for their demonstrative speech topics. It is amazing how well young teenagers speak in front of an audience, and the Groton students are no exception. We started out by brainstorming for topics that interested the students. Next, the students made an outline, note cards covering their steps, an introduction card, summary and conclusion cards, works cited page and created a PowerPoint presentation. The final step is their presentation to the class. The class period flies by learning about new and interesting projects.

Eighth Grade English – Diane Kurtz

King Tut, President Warren G. Harding, The S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, Squanto and Black Friday are a few of the interesting topics covered in the daily edit. A daily edit consists of a paragraph with ten various errors, including spelling, grammar, and punctuation mistakes, in which the students have to analyze each line in order to find the errors. The purpose of the daily edit is to help students develop the skills needed to proof and edit their writing. The eighth graders have completed units on nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections. Complements and phrases will be covered during the month of December to wrap up our first semester.

6th Grade Band - Mrs. Yeigh

The 6th grade band took a drop in numbers from their 5th grade year, but they are working hard to continue to produce a great sound! We started the year off focusing on enharmonics and the importance of using them in their music. Next, the band learned how to count dotted rhythms and eighth rests. The band has completed their Essential Elements Book 1 and are moving into Book 2. The students work on balance every day, which help them adjust to playing as a smaller ensemble. We have also been focusing on tone and dynamics. In class we make a lot of recordings. The students listen and asses themselves to improve the ensemble. The 6th graders have individual lessons with me every week to continue to build their technique. Currently we are preparing for the upcoming Christmas Concert which will be held on Thursday December 17th.

JH Band – Mrs. Yeigh

At the beginning of the year the JH Band jumped right into the marching season. Over half of the band were first time marchers, so time was spent on many repetitive drills of marching in step, keeping lines and diagonals, and of course building the Groton Area Band Pride! The band marched proudly at the Homecoming Parade and the Lake Region Marching Festival both in Groton. After marching season, preparation for the Veteran's Day Program was in full swing. The band played the piece "Echoes of the Civil War" at the Veteran's Day Program. Most of the Junior High students have weekly lessons with me that are paired with another student. Certain students have individual lessons to help prepare for Middle School All State Band auditions. Currently, we are preparing for the upcoming Christmas Concert which will be held on Thursday December 17th.

HS Band – Mrs. Yeigh

I have appreciated the hard work and dedication the HS Band has showed me since day one. With fourteen new freshman joining the group, changes and adjustments needed to be made. During marching season many mornings of marching in step, keeping lines and diagonals, building pride, and establishing a strong sound was put into motion. The marching season proved to be successful. Another gold rating/plaque was brought home from the 100th Annual Gypsy Days Parade and a fantastic showing from the group happened during the Homecoming Parade and the Lake Region Marching Festival both in Groton. Again, thank you to all parents, volunteers, and any citizen of Groton that contributed to another year of success to the festival. After marching season, the band prepared their annual "Service Songs" for the

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Veteran's Day Program. Our Jazz Band meets two mornings every week. The Jazz Band will not perform for the Christmas Concert, but is preparing for the NSU Jazz Festival in January. Currently, the HS Band is preparing for the upcoming Christmas Concert which will be held on Thursday December 17th. I would like to extend a huge congratulations to the following students for being selected into the North Area Honor Band. This event will be at Aberdeen Central High School in Aberdeen on Saturday December 5th at 7 pm. The students are: Josie Doeden, Jaden Oliver, Maggie Simon, Garrett Stene, Ashley Garduno, Tylan Glover, Kylie Kassube, and Emily Thompson.

Junior English – Mrs. Hanten

I really enjoyed this past week, as I was able to learn a lot more about my students, their families, and what/who has helped them to become who they are today! The juniors presented speeches about their family heritage. Although many students (just like many adults) get very nervous about the public speaking, they did take great pride in telling us about their family background. This speech is a great connection to the literature unit we are currently studying, Early American Writing, including that of Native Americans, settlers, and Puritans.

Junior English focuses on the study of American literature – from the beginning of the American tradition through the modern era. In addition to their literature studies, we continue working to improve the students' vocabulary usage and writing skills throughout the school year. Daily Oral Language (DOL) is a part of each class period; students are practicing their proofreading skills, which are very important on their ACT tests. As part of the Common Core state standards and in preparation for their Smarter Balanced tests this spring, we are also focusing on the reading of informational text. Informational text would include such reading as history, science and math textbooks, but it also includes something we listen to and read each day – the news. A few times each quarter, students are required to read and analyze current news articles. They also present their article and lead a class discussion by posing insightful, relevant questions related to their article topic. Their poise has dramatically improved and they are becoming much more comfortable in the position of discussion leader.

Senior English – Mrs. Hanten

The Groton Class of 2016 will soon be some of the key leaders in our community, state, and maybe even our country and our world! Their career choice will help to determine the impact they will make on those around them. They have spent the last month researching career options, as they have been immersed in the research paper unit. Their research papers are related to their future career choice, and all students are required to interview a professional working in the field, and some even took the opportunity to job shadow. Some of their future career goals include teacher, physician, nurse, athletic trainer, diesel mechanic, agronomist, public relations specialist, sales manager, chemical engineer, civil engineer, police officer, dental hygienist, electrical lineman, telecommunications installer, and radiology technician. I believe by making the topic very relevant to their lives, students take more interest in the assignment and therefore learn so much more.

We are currently studying the Medieval time period and *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer. We will continue with William Shakespeare's famous tragedy, *Macbeth*, as we study the English Renaissance time period. Seniors continue to work on their yearlong writing project, their twenty-chapter Senior Memory Book writing assignments, building toward their final book. Daily Oral Language (DOL) and weekly vocabulary lessons are also part of the curriculum, along with the independent reading and testing with the Accelerated Reader program.

Honors English – Mrs. Hanten

The Honors English students have also been working on the research paper unit the past several weeks. The purpose of any research paper is to present the results of an investigation on a selected topic by synthesizing information to support one's thesis. The research process involves choosing a topic, developing

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a preliminary thesis statement, developing a list of research questions, documenting sources, developing a preliminary outline, taking notes, developing the final outline, writing the rough draft, checking the documentation, revising, proofreading, and completing the final draft and works cited page. The ability to construct a thoroughly researched, well written paper will be necessary to their future success at their chosen university, no matter what career field they choose to pursue. The students worked very hard on this research project, but are happy to now be finished with this requirement.

The Honors English students are also currently studying *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer, and will continue with other works by famous British writers. Their weekly essay assignments for their thirty chapter Senior Memory Books also keep them busy improving their writing techniques. Honors students also work daily to improve their proofreading skills and improve their vocabulary usage. They are required to read Accelerated Reader novels as well, which include some classic novel reading throughout the year.

Business - Brooke Lingbeck

Business courses provide students with the skills needed to function in society. Regardless of the career path a student takes business fundamentals are associated with their daily lives. The need to be able to pay bills, balance a checkbook, and budget are key elements for financial success. Business courses help students develop knowledge in personal finance, business management, and organizational skills. This information will be used in important decisions related to buying a house or car, choosing the appropriate insurance, filing tax returns, and directing their personal and professional lives. Currently, in Personal Finance we finished a chapter on income and taxes. In Introduction to Business and Business Management we completed a unit in careers starting with the application process, resume, cover letters, and a mock interview. Computer Applications is designed to allow students to explore different software applications that will generate skills they can use forever. Technology is the key to the future, and this class gives students the basic concepts of using many computer tools. These tools will assist them in their daily lives as well as their future professional endeavors.

Psychology: 11th & 12 Grade One Semester – Mr. Wanner

Psychology focuses on people and how they perceive the world around them, how they think, and why they behave the way they do. Psychology involves asking questions and solving problems. This semester in Psychology (the study of human behavior) we've looked and studied various topics such as what is Psychology, Personality, Memory, and Awareness. Psychology gives students multiple opportunities to think critically about research and consider different points of views on many issues. Students also have written articles on various issues relating to Psychology that have been discussed in class. We have been using the internet to find Psychology related materials that are important to Psychology today. We will conclude this semester learning about Intelligence, Perception, Learning, Abnormal Behavior, Motivation, and Gender Roles. We also develop critical thinking skills that are vital to the study of Psychology. All you need to do is watch and read the news to see the importance of Psychology in our everyday lives.

9TH Grade World History: Full Year Course – Mr. Wanner

World history includes subjects like economics, politics, and social change. World history is more than just a series of dramatic events. It is the story of the human community, how people lived on a daily basis, how they shared ideas, how they ruled and were ruled, and how they fought. Historians often organize their material according to themes. Some important themes that we study civilizations around the world are, Politics and History, Economics and History, Environment and History, Cultural Development, and the Impact of Science and Technology. Some civilizations that we will be studying are Western Asia and Egypt, India and China, Ancient Greece, Rome, Africa, Europe, and the Americas.

9th Grade PE: Full Year Course - Mr. Wanner

This semester in Physical Education we will be learning and participating in various lifetime activities. We will be participating in Badminton, Pickle Ball, Floor Hockey, Handball, Tennis, Golf, Soccer and Archery.

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American History: 11th Grade Full Year Course – Mr. Wanner

History is the discipline that can best help them understand and deal with change, and at the same time to identify the deep continuities that link past and present. History can satisfy young people's longing for a sense of identity and of their time and place in the human story. Well-taught history and biography are naturally engaging to students by speaking to individuality, to their possibilities for choice. By organizing information thematically, students are provided with the opportunity to analyze related information over time.

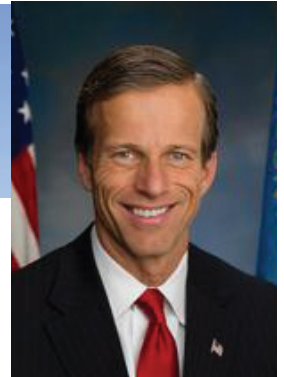
At the beginning of each unit, "Themes in American History" are taught. Written as summaries of main ideas, these themes alert students to the significant issues they will encounter throughout each unit. After each unit themes are reinforced using a time-line and critical thinking questions. The time-line callouts serve as clues to answering the critical thinking questions. Themes that students will be learning throughout the school year are Economics, The Constitution, Social Change, Geography, Science & Technology, Government & Politics, Ethics & Values, and Conflict.

During the course of the year we also will be using historical documents that allow students to act as historians. As students read, evaluate, analyze, and interpret different reading passages and images, they utilize the skills of a historian. Finally during the school year each quarter we will be reading some interesting books related to subject areas. The first quarter we read Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation, the second quarter we will read Uncle Tom's Cabin, third quarter will read Unbroken, and finally the fourth quarter will discuss and read Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.

Honors History: 11th Grade Full Year Course – Mr. Wanner

Honors History students will read and work with historical documents and analyze the documents. Each quarter students will write essays on certain topics pertaining to events in American History. Students will also think critically and develop their own interpretations of history which is, in large part, what the study of history is all about. Each quarter will be broken into history units. Like American History class units will include beginnings to 1789, The Road to Revolution and Victory, The United States begins, The Civil War, World War I, World War II, and present day events.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



ISIS Must Be Stopped By Sen. John Thune

Our continued thoughts and prayers are with the victims of last week's senseless attacks in Paris. Our admiration goes out to the law enforcement and military personnel who so bravely rushed toward danger to protect the innocent and weak. While the Paris attacks have dominated the headlines, we cannot forget the people of Beirut, Lebanon, who just days before the attacks in Paris also suffered great loss at the hands of ISIS terrorists. It is oftentimes hard to be strong when faced with such adversity – the American people know it all too well – but despite the hardship, France and Lebanon have stood strong, and the American people stand with them.

ISIS has proven to be one of the most brutal instruments of evil the world has ever known. They kill and maim the innocent with no regard for humanity. ISIS' campaign of violence is not limited to certain regions, nationalities, or religions. Faced with these dangers, we cannot be naïve to think that if given the opportunity, ISIS would not try to perpetrate an attack on U.S. soil. ISIS represents a clear and present danger to the world, and it must be stopped.

Unfortunately, I don't think President Obama is willing to take the necessary steps to ensure ISIS' reign of terror is stopped. When asked about ISIS the day before the Paris attacks, the president said, "I don't think [ISIS is] gaining strength ... From the start, our goal has been first to contain, and we have contained them." Less than 24 hours after the president's comments, nearly 130 people were massacred in the streets of Paris by the very people he said were "contained." Following the attacks, the president described this enormous loss of life as a "setback" and said, "We have the right strategy and we're going to see it through."

This is much more than a "setback," and unfortunately it is the president's failed leadership and foreign policy that have escalated this situation. It was the president's politically motivated decision to withdraw troops from Iraq that ultimately allowed ISIS to expand into northern Iraq. By controlling territory in Syria and Iraq, ISIS is able to train and recruit, as well as launch attacks through proxies in other countries.

In ISIS' quest for further death and destruction, there are now fears it is trying to infiltrate the population of peaceful Syrian refugees trying to flee the civil war caused by the dictator Bashar al-Assad. Sadly, because of this threat, I believe the United States should hit the pause button with respect to accepting more Syrian refugees at this time. Should the president try to act unilaterally, Congress should cut off funding to prevent him from taking any action that would put Americans at risk.

Real problems demand real leadership. Without it, America and our allies are increasingly vulnerable to future attacks. The president needs to stop talking about containment and start acting on a strategy that will root out and defeat ISIS wherever it can be found.

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Peak Wind Gusts

Northwest winds intensified to significant levels on November 18th and 19th across the majority of South Dakota and several surrounding states. A clipper low tracked across northern North Dakota and merged across northern Minnesota with a northeasterly-moving low from the Plains. Gusts above 70 mph along with sustained winds around 50 mph occurred as a result on the 18th, which led to a couple reports of structural damage to roofs across the area. For perspective, EF-0 tornado wind speeds range from 65-85 mph, and hurricane force winds begin at 74 mph. Winds dropped slightly into the upper 50 mph range on the 19th.



Peak Wind Gusts 11-18-15



LOCATION	PEAK GUST	TIME	LOCATION	PEAK GUST	TIME
11 S BULLHEAD	77 MPH	0206 PM	7 ENE DEMPSTER	61 MPH	0820 PM
13 E EUREKA	74 MPH	0600 PM	2 S MURDO	62 MPH	0147 PM
3 SE RELIANCE	71 MPH	0600 PM	3.5 NNW VICTOR	61 MPH	1040 PM
6 SSW PEEVER	71 MPH	0940 PM	MOBRIDGE AIRPORT	61 MPH	0258 PM
1 WSW SUMMIT	71 MPH	0630 PM	13 NW SANSARC	61 MPH	1150 AM
4 S RICHMOND LAKE REC	68 MPH	0701 PM	SISSETON AIRPORT	60 MPH	1123 PM
1 NE HAYES	68 MPH	0102 PM	GRACEVILLE	60 MPH	1045 PM
4 W TRAIL CITY	67 MPH	1212 PM	3 WSW HILLHEAD	60 MPH	1159 PM
6 W HENRY	67 MPH	0810 PM	2 WNW SHAMBO RANCH	59 MPH	0307 PM
7 N FREDERICK	66 MPH	0210 PM	12 N VIVIAN	59 MPH	0259 PM
2 N HERRIED	66 MPH	0740 PM	1 WNW MELLETTE	58 MPH	0720 PM
CRAVEN CORNER	65 MPH	0620 PM	5 SSW RICHMOND LAKE REC	58 MPH	0446 PM
1 NE STEPHAN	65 MPH	0550 PM	1 NNW HIGHMORE	58 MPH	0655 PM
PIERRE AIRPORT	64 MPH	0643 PM	3 SSW WHITLOCKS BAY REC	56 MPH	0320 PM
TOLSTOY	64 MPH	0350 PM	WATERTOWN AIRPORT	56 MPH	1000 PM
4 W WAUBAY	64 MPH	0550 PM	5 NE LOYALTON	56 MPH	0702 PM
1 E HARROLD	63 MPH	0530 PM	5 E DANFORTH	56 MPH	0341 PM
4 W BLUNT	63 MPH	0750 PM	ABERDEEN AIRPORT	55 MPH	0716 PM
ANDOVER	62 MPH	0700 PM	5 W BARNARD	55 MPH	0626 PM

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Today in Weather History

November 21, 1985: Winds gusting to over 40 mph caused blizzard conditions over the western and central parts of South Dakota on the 21st and 22nd. In addition to the existing snow cover, 1-2 inches of new snow fell and when blown by the wind, reduced visibilities to zero at times. Many roads were drifted shut by the blowing and drifting snow in the western part of the state.

November 21, 2003: Heavy snow of 6 to 10 inches fell from the late afternoon to the late evening hours on the 21st and into the early morning hours on the 22nd. Some snowfall amounts included 4 inches in Browns Valley, 2S Ashton, and Britton; 5 inches at Timber Lake, Blunt, 6 SE McIntosh, and Pollock; 6 inches at Clark, McLaughlin, 14 NNE Isabel, 17 WSW Fort Pierre and Miller; 7 inches at Castlewood, 1 W Highmore, and 4 NW Onida; and 8 inches north of Goodwin, at Ree Heights, at Eagle Butte, and near Troy. Thirteen inches of snow fell in Watertown.

1798: The infamous Long Storm sweeps across the northeastern US spreading deep snow from Maryland to Maine. The storm dumps a foot of snow on New York City and New Haven, and as much as three feet on Maine and New Hampshire. Storm opens the famous Long Winter of 1978-99 which continues to drop snow on the region as late as May.

1967 - Excessive rains in southern California caused the most severe flooding and the most damaging mud slides in 33 years. Downtown Los Angeles received eight inches of rain, and 14 inches fell in the mountains. (David Ludlum)

1985 - Hurricane Kate made landfall during the evening hours near Mexico Beach, FL. Wind gusts to 100 mph were reported at Cape San Blas FL. It was the latest known hurricane to hit the U.S. so far north. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Squalls in the Lower Great Lakes Region and the Upper Ohio Valley produced 14 inches of snow at Snowshoe WV, and nearly eight inches at Syracuse NY. Eleven cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 21 degrees at Pinson AL, 9 degrees at Syracuse NY, and 8 degrees at Binghamton NY. Gale force winds lash the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast, and the strong northwesterly winds produced wind chill readings as cold as 30 degrees below zero. Winds gusting to 60 mph at Trumansburg NY toppled a chimney onto a nearby truck. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - High winds accompanied rain and snow in the northeastern U.S. Caribou ME received eight inches of snow in six hours, and Fort Kent ME was blanketed with a total of fourteen inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - The storm which produced thunderstorms and high winds in the northeastern U.S. the previous day, produced snow and high winds in New England, with blizzard conditions reported in Maine. Winds gusted to 55 mph at Boston MA, and reached 58 mph at Augusta ME, and hurricane force winds were reported off the coast of Maine. Snowfall totals ranged up to 18 inches at Vanceboro ME, with 17 inches at South Lincoln VT. There were thirty-five storm-related injuries in Maine. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992: The November 21st - 23rd tornado outbreak was the 3rd largest outbreak in recorded history and one of the longest continuous outbreaks ever recorded. There was no break in tornado activity from 1:30 pm on the 21st when the tornadoes started in Texas until 7:30am on the 23rd, when the last tornadoes lifted in North Carolina. On this date, severe thunderstorms spawned 6 tornadoes within 70 minutes in the Houston metro area in Texas. At one time, there were three on the ground in Harris County. The strongest, an F4, tracked 20 miles through the eastern suburbs of Houston destroying 200 homes and damaging 1,000 more. In total, 23 tornadoes struck Mississippi and Alabama. An F4 tornado killed 12 people on a 128-mile track through 7 Mississippi counties. The deadliest tornado of 1992, an F4 tornado killed 12 people on a 128 mile track through 7 counties in Mississippi, one of the bodies was blown a quarter mile into a tree.

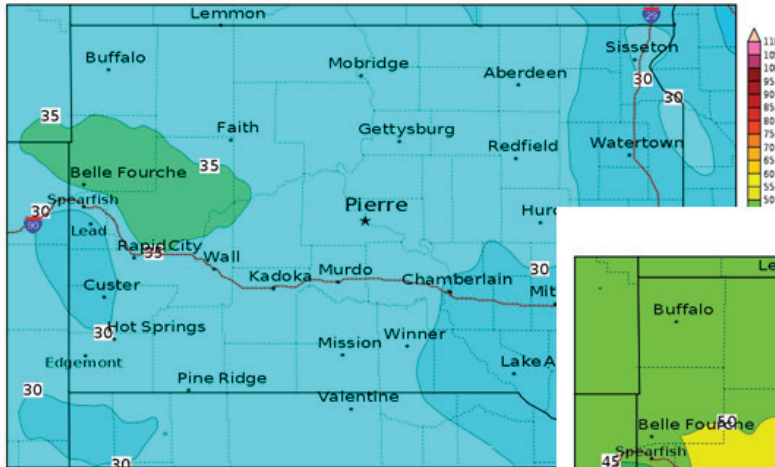
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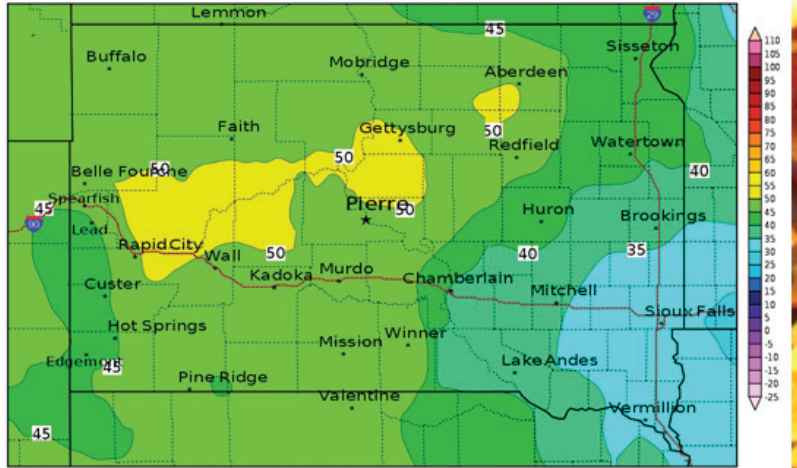
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Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
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Cool Today - Mild Sunday

Maximum Temperature (°F)
Valid: Sat, Nov 21, 2015



Maximum Temperature (°F)
Valid: Sun, Nov 22, 2015



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Updated: 11/21/2015 4:07 AM Central

Published on: 11/21/2015 at 4:09AM

About average temperatures for this time of year can be expected today - with milder temperatures expected for Sunday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 30.4 at 4:04 PM

Low: 13.1 at 1:37 AM

High Gust: 11 at 1:25 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 66° in 1904

Record Low: -18° in 1964

Average High: 36°F

Average Low: 16°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.55

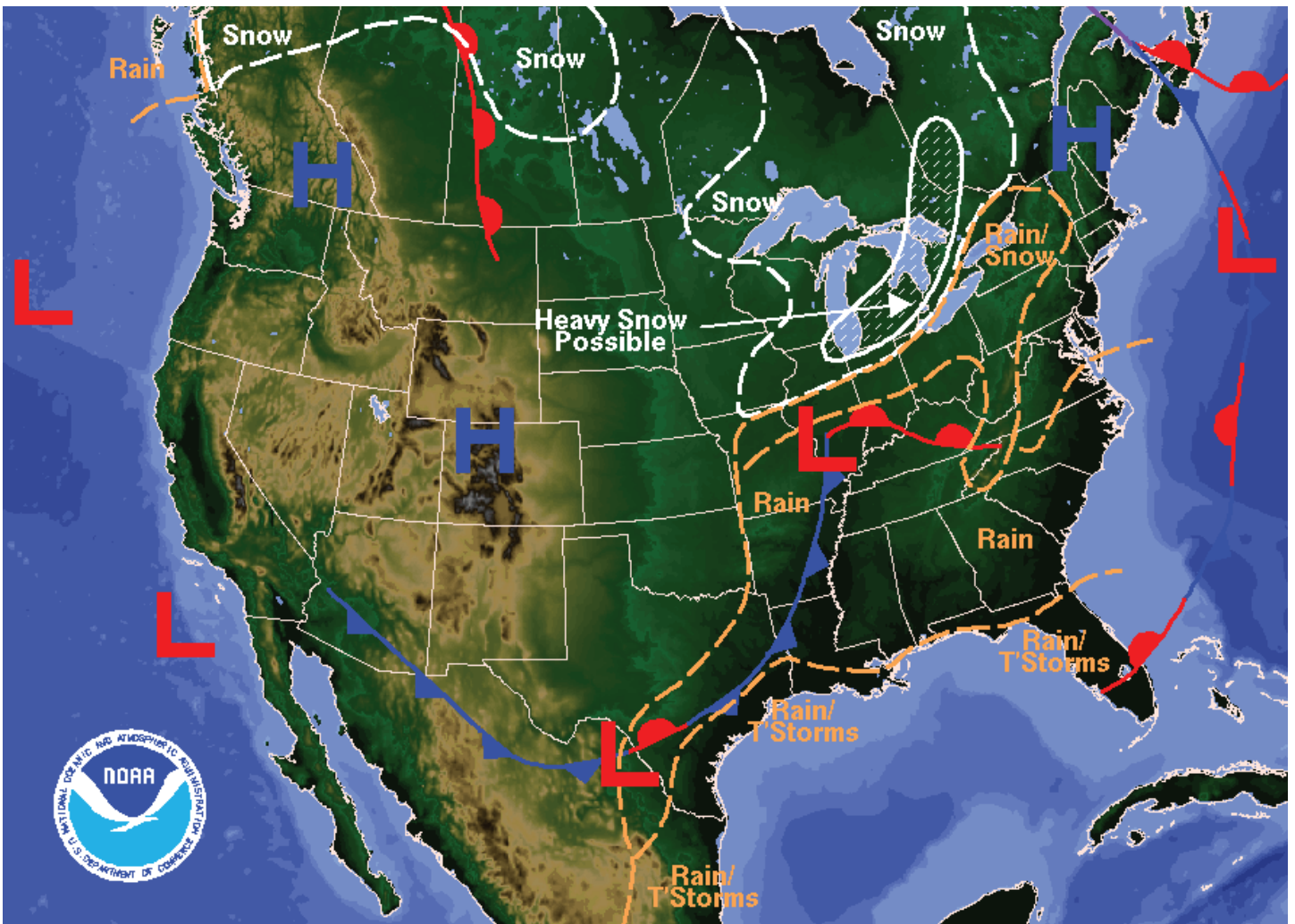
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Precip Year to Date: 19.82

Sunset Tonight: 4:58 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Nov 21, 2015, issued 3:32 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SEEKERS, FINDERS

Comedian Red Skelton was once asked to speak to a college student body on the subject of religion. At the end of his speech, during a question and answer session a student asked, "Why can't I find God?"

Skelton quickly responded, "For the same reason you can't find a cop. You're not looking for one."

King David had something to say to those who said that they can't find God: "The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display His craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak and night after night they make Him known."

What is so obvious about God is that He is so obvious to those who are looking for Him. In this one psalm David writes that God can be found in the heavens (v.1-4), in nature (v.4-6), in the instructions He has given in His Word (v.7-11), and the story of redemption that can be witnessed in the life of the Psalmist himself (v.12-14).

What a wonderful summary of the story of salvation! We have been surrounded by innumerable displays of God's craftsmanship that prove His power and presence. Yet, what He has done is not for Himself but for us! And ultimately and finally, He reveals Himself in His love for us as we see His Son die on the cross, overcome death and bring us life everlasting. David spoke of the might of God and the miracle of His Son when he asked God to forgive him for his sin. Have you asked God to forgive you for your sins?

Prayer: We thank You, Lord, for loving us so much that You did everything possible to reach and redeem us through Christ. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 19 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

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News from the Associated Press

The Latest: Snow shifts east into Indiana, Michigan **The Associated Press**

SANDSTONE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — The latest developments in a storm bringing snow to parts of the Midwest (all times local):

11 a.m.

The snow is pushing into northern Indiana and parts of Michigan after dumping more than a foot on Chicago's northern suburbs.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Nathan Jeruzal says about 5 inches of snow had fallen on Kalamazoo in southern Michigan by Saturday morning. Grand Rapids in western Michigan had about 3 inches.

Jeruzal says 5 to 8 inches are expected along a corridor from Battle Creek toward Port Huron, though some could get as much as 10 inches.

Indiana's northernmost counties are forecast to receive 6 to 8 inches of snow, but weather service meteorologist Evan Bentley says Indiana's heaviest accumulation by late morning was 3 inches near South Bend's airport.

Storm warnings and advisories were issued throughout northern Indiana and Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

9:40 a.m.

The wintry storm has dumped more than a foot of snow in Chicago's northwestern suburbs, with one site reporting nearly 15 inches.

National Weather Service meteorologist Amy Seeley says Boone and McHenry counties and adjacent areas of Wisconsin had the highest storm totals as of 8 a.m. Saturday, with 14.6 inches reported in Capron, which is about 60 miles northwest of Chicago. Woodstock had 12.5 inches and Roscoe recorded 11.7 inches.

Seeley says it's not often the Chicago area's first snowfall of the season dumps more than six inches of snow.

Chicago's O'Hare International Airport had 5.4 inches as of 6 a.m. Saturday.

Since Friday morning, the storm has left a trail of varying snowfall amounts and some rain from South Dakota to Illinois.

7:40 a.m.

The slow-moving wintry weather is putting a stop to some flights in the Chicago area.

Flight-tracking website FlightAware.com showed Saturday morning that about 250 flights in and out of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport had been canceled. The airport had 4 inches of snow early Saturday.

Midway International Airport, which is in the southeast part of Chicago, only had about 100 departing and arriving flights that had been canceled by Saturday morning.

Snow totals have ranged in northern Illinois from about a foot in Marengo, which is 65 miles northwest of the city, to a rain and snow mix in the city itself.

6 a.m.

The storm that moved into northern Illinois, Indiana and southern Michigan overnight has dumped up to a foot of snow in some places.

National Weather Service meteorologist Bruce Sullivan says that Marengo, Illinois got 12 inches overnight and snow was still falling. Marengo is about 65 miles northwest of Chicago. New totals were not yet available for the Chicago area although south of the city only an inch fell, while O'Hare airport had 4 inches by midnight Friday. Some north and northwest suburbs had between 4 and 8 inches.

Behind the front, temperatures fell sharply in Iowa and South Dakota. Sioux Falls, South Dakota was a chilly 11 degrees early Saturday morning and Estherville in northern Iowa was 6 degrees with a wind chill

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of minus 4 degrees, the weather service said.

The snow is expected to continue Saturday through Illinois, Indiana and Michigan but the front will move into Canada by Sunday, the weather service says.

1 a.m.

The first significant storm of the season was blanketing parts of the Midwest with a foot or more of snow, creating hazardous conditions as some travelers prepared to depart for the Thanksgiving holiday.

While winter has not officially begun, the shovels and snow blowers were out from South Dakota through southern Minnesota, Iowa and southern Wisconsin to northern Illinois and Indiana. The National Weather Service said the snow would continue in Illinois and Indiana on Saturday and move into Michigan. The front will head northeast to Canada late on Saturday and into Sunday.

Parts of South Dakota and Iowa had more than a foot on Friday. Des Moines had recorded 6 inches by late Friday and 4 inches had fallen at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, one of the world's busiest.

Storm blankets parts of Midwest with more than foot of snow

RICK CALLAHAN, Associated Press

The first significant snowstorm of the season blanketed some parts of the Midwest with more than a foot of snow and more was on the way Saturday, creating hazardous travel conditions and flight delays.

While winter has not officially begun, the shovels and snowblowers were out from South Dakota and southern Minnesota, to Iowa, Wisconsin and northern Illinois. The National Weather Service said the snow would continue in Illinois and Indiana on Saturday, as well as move into Michigan before heading northeast into Canada late Saturday.

About 60 miles northwest of Chicago, the village of Capron had received 14.6 inches by midmorning Saturday, spurring village employee Robert Lukes into action clearing sidewalks with his snowblower in the community of about 1,400 people. He said the snowfall was wet, with a layer of slush underneath that made the work slow-going.

"It's a typical first snow for us, but it's a pain in the butt. There's quite a bit of it and it's kind of difficult plowing and snowblowing," he said. "It's a mess, but things are under control. It's just another snowstorm in northern Illinois."

Chicago's O'Hare International Airport had 5.4 inches of snow by daybreak Saturday, which forced the cancellation of about 250 flights in and out of the busy airport, according to the tracking website FlightAware.com. Midway International Airport had canceled about 150 flights.

Roads were slushy due to a rain and snow mix around the Chicago area, and some snow totals topped the initial forecast of six to 10 inches. Boone and McHenry counties and adjacent areas of Wisconsin had the most as of 8 a.m. Saturday: 12.5 inches in Woodstock, Illinois, and 11.7 in Roscoe, Illinois, National Weather Service meteorologist Amy Seeley said

It's not common for the Chicago area's first snowfall of the season to dump more than six inches, Seeley said.

Temperatures plunged behind the front. Sioux Falls, South Dakota, reached 11 degrees Saturday and the town of Estherville in northern Iowa was even colder at 6 degrees with a wind chill of minus 4, the weather service said.

Southeastern South Dakota got up to 18 inches of snow on Friday, National Weather Service meteorologist Bruce Terry said, while amounts of a foot or more — 17 inches in one spot — were common in northern Iowa.

"Some of those amounts are pretty impressive for this time of year," he added.

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Kansas State rallies past South Dakota 93-72

TATE STEINLAGE, Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State coach Bruce Weber has already seen a number of upsets in college basketball this season, and at times on Friday night his team looked like the next to fall victim.

Facing a halftime deficit for the first time this season, Weber reminded his young team that nothing would come easy with an overhauled roster, one year removed from the program's first losing season since 2002-03.

It sparked a big, second-half response.

Barry Brown scored 18 points off the bench, three teammates finished in double figures, and Kansas State rallied to beat South Dakota 93-72.

"It's a good learning lesson for the guys," Weber said. "Every game is different. You have to adjust and be ready to play."

Stephen Hurt, Dean Wade and Justin Edwards each scored 15 to give Kansas State its first 3-0 start since 2012-13.

South Dakota (1-3) led 42-39 at halftime by outworking the Wildcats in transition and on the boards in the opening half.

But amid a 13-4 second-half run, Kansas State grabbed its first lead since the 14:07 mark in the first half on a pair of free throws by Edwards to make it 51-49 with 15:36 left. The run stretched to 23-9 and the Wildcats led 68-56, more than enough distance to control the final nine minutes.

The Coyotes hit 16 of 30 shots, including four 3-pointers, and led by as much as 8 in the opening half. Shy McClelland had his way with the Wildcats' defense, driving to the rim on multiple occasions to score 14 points. He also had five rebounds and dished out three assists.

"We were the aggressor to start the game," South Dakota guard Casey Kasperbauer said. "But then I think as the game went on their length bothered us."

Brown scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half and Kansas State was able to cool off McClelland, holding the Coyotes to 34 percent from the field in the final 20 minutes on 12-of-35 shooting.

"I just saw my team in a drought, and I feel like coming off the bench I have to have the energy to pick them back up," Brown said. "I hit some big shots and we got some momentum going."

McClelland finished with a game-high 20 points for South Dakota (1-3) and Dan Jech added 13.

TIP-INS

Kansas State: The Wildcats rallied from an 11-point deficit to beat South Dakota 64-62 on Dec. 10, 2013. . Former Kansas State guard Rolando Blackman was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday. . The Wildcats have scored 80 points or more in three-straight games for the first time since 2009-10.

South Dakota: The Coyotes lost 54 percent of its scoring and 46 percent of its rebounding from last season, where they finished 17-16 in Smith's first season. . South Dakota is playing 11 of its 14 nonconference games on the road.

QUOTABLE

Kansas State guard Wesley Iwundu has earned some high praise from opposing coaches so far this season. For the second-straight game, he has been compared with Scottie Pippen.

"Iwundu is a heck of a player," South Dakota coach Craig Smith said. "He was a guy when I was an assistant at Nebraska that we recruited. He was set for an official visit, and then we took someone else. We made a mistake there. He's like Scottie Pippen out there. He's a triple-double guy any given night."

UP NEXT

Kansas State: In Kansas City, Missouri, on Monday against Missouri for CBE Hall of Fame Classic championship round.

South Dakota: Home on Tuesday against South Dakota Miners.

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Friday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Class AA

Consolation Semifinal

Rapid City Stevens def. Pierre, 25-22, 25-17, 25-13

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Huron, 25-22, 22-25, 26-28, 25-16, 15-13

Semifinal

Aberdeen Central def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-20, 25-21, 25-17

Brandon Valley def. Harrisburg, 26-24, 25-17, 25-17

Class A

Consolation Semifinal

Mobridge-Pollock def. Milbank Area, 25-21, 25-18, 25-16

Sioux Valley def. Red Cloud, 25-12, 25-16, 25-21

Semifinal

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Spearfish, 25-17, 25-23, 25-20

Sioux Falls Christian def. Dakota Valley, 25-20, 27-25, 26-28, 25-16

Class B

Consolation Semifinal

Platte-Geddes def. Harding County, 18-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-21

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Philip, 25-15, 25-16, 25-14

Semifinal

Chester def. Parker, 25-18, 23-25, 25-27, 25-18, 15-6

Warner def. Sully Buttes, 21-25, 25-23, 25-13, 25-12

Reservation loses funding for suicide prevention program

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — The only suicide prevention outreach program on a South Dakota Indian reservation where at least 20 people have killed themselves this year will end in December due to lack of funding, tribal officials said Friday.

The move comes after a federal agency denied the Oglala Sioux Tribe's application for a grant that would have paid for the program on the Pine Ridge reservation for five more years. A copy of the application obtained by The Associated Press shows the tribe was seeking more than \$3.6 million for a revamped program. However, federal officials rated the application poorly.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration gave the reservation the opportunity to make changes, but tribal officials didn't read the rejection letter until weeks after receiving it, when it was too late, Kevin Steele, spokesman for the Oglala Sioux Tribe said.

The Sweetgrass Program has cost about \$480,000 per year for three years. Yvonne "Tiny" DeCory, a suicide-prevention outreach worker, said the tribe is now asking the federal agency to approve an extension that would allow the tribe to spend close to \$200,000 of unused funds from its current grant.

Under the program, outreach workers operate a hotline, respond to emergency suicide calls around the clock and provide suicide prevention training at schools. The outreach workers also help people who have attempted suicide navigate the behavioral health system: They take them to the emergency room, visit them at the hospital's mental health unit, make sure prescriptions get filled, and sometimes, even drive family members to visit a relative who's under supervision. The program also helps families whose relatives have killed themselves.

"This is very frustrating because we are in a state of emergency," DeCory said. "We are No. 1 in suicides in Indian Country."

Among the weaknesses that the federal agency found with the application was that it did not "describe

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its plan for maintaining and/or improving the provision of high quality services that are cost effective throughout the life of the grant." The most serious criticism was regarding performance measurement, with the agency saying the application "does not describe how achievement of the goals will produce meaningful results" for the community.

Suicide has been a persistent problem on the reservation for years, but a string of recent deaths among adolescents has shaken the impoverished community. The youngest to die by suicide since December was 12.

Tribal leaders, school officials, students and parents point to a host of problems, including bullying on social media and at school, troubled family lives and a sense of hopelessness due to lack of economic opportunities and high unemployment rates.

Somewhere between 16,000 and 40,000 members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe live on the reservation, which was the site of the Wounded Knee massacre, in which the 7th Cavalry slaughtered about 300 tribe members in 1890. At over 2 million acres, the reservation is among the nation's largest. It includes the county with the highest poverty rate in the U.S., and some of the worst rates of alcoholism and drug abuse, violence and unemployment.

Nearly 1,000 suicide attempts were recorded on the reservation between 2004 and 2013.

U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, who was in Pine Ridge Friday specifically to address the suicide crisis, said her office will ask the federal agency to grant the tribe's extension request.

"We are going to see what we can do to get them that authorization, and then I think we have to renew the grant. This is something that we have to maintain."

DeCory says she will continue to do outreach work even without pay.

"Our children are in a crisis; our children are taking their own lives," DeCory said, fighting back tears. "This isn't just a job."

Jury finds man guilty in Sioux Falls murder trial

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Jurors have convicted a man of first-degree murder in the strangling death and rape of a Sioux Falls woman last year.

The jury in the trial of 42-year-old Christopher Kryger issued its verdict Friday afternoon on the second day of deliberations.

Kryger is convicted of killing 56-year-old Kari Anne Kirkegaard, who was found strangled in her bathtub on March 16, 2014.

Prosecutors said DNA and other evidence showed that Kryger raped and killed Kirkegaard. Kryger maintained the two had consensual sex and that he didn't kill her.

Sentencing was put off to a later date, but the murder charge carries a minimum mandatory life sentence. Prosecutors haven't said whether they intend to seek the death penalty.

South Dakota cattle on feed up 9 percent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more animals reported 240,000 cattle on feed on November 1, up 9 percent from last year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its latest report that placements in feedlots during October totaled 75,000 head, down 11 percent from 2014.

Marketings of fed cattle during in October totaled 39,000 head, down 9 percent from last year.

Other disappearance during October totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Kilian Community College says it's closing its doors in May

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Kilian Community College says it will close its doors after 38 years following its May spring commencement.

The independent, non-profit, educational institution's board of trustees voted to cease operations at its

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annual meeting on Thursday. Students, faculty, staff and donors were notified early Friday.

President Mark Millage says it was a difficult decision, but the reality is that the business of higher education is changing at a very rapid pace. Millage says new, local initiatives along with the external competitive landscape put the school's future in doubt.

Classes will be offered as scheduled and scholarships will be awarded for the winter 2015 and spring 2016 semesters. All new students enrolled for the winter term, which begins on Nov. 30, can request a full refund if they choose not to attend.

McMillan House in Sturgis added to the National Register

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The John and Elsie McMillan House in Sturgis has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register is the list of properties that the federal government deems worthy of recognition and preservation.

The South Dakota State Historical Society says the McMillan House dates to 1887 and is recognized for its local significance in architecture. It's a good example of the Queen Anne Style and one of the few Victorian-influenced homes in Sturgis that has been minimally altered.

The home was built by John C. McMillan and his wife. McMillan developed a mercantile business and was active in politics.

North Dakota has sights on 1st playoff berth in D-I era

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The University of North Dakota is hoping to put its new nickname on a new national stage.

The football team that was dubbed the Fighting Hawks earlier this week is gunning for its first postseason berth since moving up to NCAA Division I in 2008. Most observers believe a win this weekend on the road at Cal Poly should put UND among the 24 teams in the Championship Subdivision playoffs.

Two years after taking over the floundering program, Fighting Hawks coach Bubba Schweigert knows the significance of a possible postseason appearance in a state that has been owned by four-time defending FCS champion North Dakota State, which moved to Division I in 2003. Most of UND's national sports publicity has come from the years-long controversy over the Fighting Sioux nickname, which was retired three years ago.

"We know we have a rival school that has done a very good job in their move to Division I football," Schweigert said. "We also know inside the walls here there are a lot of good things taking place. But to have an outside signature, for lack of a better term, by getting into the FCS playoffs, would be huge for us at this time.

"It's our most important game in the Division I era," he said.

Dale Lennon, a UND alumnus and the coach at Southern Illinois, where Schweigert worked with him as an assistant, said his longtime cohort has used the same formula that once made UND formidable at the Division II level: Start by building a solid defense and then create a run-oriented offense that doesn't turn over the ball.

"Coach Schweigert and the gang have been very methodical in their approach to it," Lennon said. "I'm surprised how they are doing at this point in time, in the second year. They still have one game to take care of, but I'm excited for them."

Cal Poly head coach Tim Walsh, whose team stands between UND and a possible milestone, said the Fighting Hawks have made a "big jump" between last year and this year.

"I think we're playing probably the most improved team in the league, not only from a year ago to this year, but I think also from week three and where we are right now," Walsh said. "They are playing very well on both sides of the football."

The Fighting Hawks (6-4, 4-3 Big Sky Conference) have signature wins over Wyoming and Portland State.

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They also have two disappointing losses, against Idaho State and Weber State, where they blew leads in the second half. And then there was a 34-9 shellacking at the hands of NDSU in the third game of the season and the first game between the two century-old rivals in a dozen years.

Walsh said UND has grown since the Bison beating.

"No offense to North Dakota State, but that game was probably a good wake-up call for them," Walsh said. "I know North Dakota State is good on defense, but I really think this is a different team than they played five or six weeks ago."

The Fighting Hawks have put together back-to-back victories over Montana State, the preseason favorite of Big Sky coaches, and Northern Colorado.

"My hat goes off to Bubba. He had his guys ready and playing darn good right now," Northern Colorado coach Earnest Collins Jr. said. "He's got some guys back healthy and we knew we had our work cut out for us."

Walsh said his Cal Poly squad (3-4, 4-6) will be facing a team Saturday with something to prove, even beyond this season.

"They are really young," Walsh said. "I think that this game has significance to their future, not only 2015, but '16, '17 and '18. I think they're at a point where they're not taking baby steps, but huge steps. If they continue to do that, they will be around the top of the Big Sky for a while."

Daugaard wants halt to resettlement of Syrian refugees

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has joined several of his counterparts in expressing concerns about federal policies on Syrian refugees.

Daugaard says many refugees are seeking to escape from terrorism, but the recent attacks in Paris are a reminder that terrorists can take advantage of refugee programs.

Daugaard says he hopes the federal government will review its process for background checks of applicants for asylum and consider "whether the United States should continue to accept refugees at current levels."

Twenty-seven governors have signed the letter urging a halt to the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the U.S. until federal security and screening procedures are reviewed.

Daugaard says South Dakota hasn't received any Syrian refugees in the last three years and he doesn't expect any will be sent to the state.

Independent teams in Amarillo, Grand Prairie to combine

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — Two minor league teams in Texas will operate as one club and split their schedules for the 2016 season.

The Amarillo Thunderheads and the Grand Prairie AirHogs will operate a combined schedule, with half of the home games played in each respective city.

The combination was announced Thursday by the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball.

Commissioner Miles Wolff says the original schedule became difficult with 13 clubs and no interleague play. Wolff says the owner of the Amarillo and the Grand Prairie teams, Southern Independent Baseball, agreed to the league's request to combine the clubs for next season.

Wolff says organizers fully expect that both teams will return in 2017 as individual entities, with a full schedule in each market.

South Dakota St has long, wintry journey to W Illinois

The Associated Press

The first snow storm of the winter impacted football teams throughout the upper Midwest.

No one is having a worse time than South Dakota State.

The Jackrabbits, who at 8-2 are fighting for an FCS playoff spot, were delayed for 10 hours in the Brookings, South Dakota airport on Friday on the way to play Western Illinois, according to spokesman Jason

Hove.

And once South Dakota State finally got off the plane in Peoria, Illinois to make the 70-mile drive to Macomb, their bus was stuck on the highway for over an hour because of an accident.

The Leathernecks pushed the start time of the game from 1 p.m. CT until 2:30, though Hove said it'll likely be closer to 3 before the teams finally kick off.

Hove said the Jackrabbits weren't the only team stuck in the Brookings airport. He said South Dakota was delayed for its trip to Illinois State, and Division II Sioux Falls had similarly bad luck trying to get to Arkansas for a playoff game against Henderson State.

"It was a nightmare day for a lot of teams," Hove said.

Scientists: Fungus causes snake ailment, but reason elusive **WILSON RING, Associated Press**

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A fungus has been identified as the cause of a mysterious ailment that has been infecting some snake species in the eastern United States, threatening some isolated snake populations such as the timber rattlesnakes found in western Vermont.

Knowing for sure the cause of what has become known as snake fungal disease will make it possible for scientists to begin searching for the reason it has emerged and what, if anything, can be done to stop its spread or to protect snakes from it, said Jeffrey Lorch, a microbiologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Scientists still don't know for sure if the fungus, *Ophidiomyces ophiodiicola*, was recently introduced to North America or if it has been here all along and something is now making it emerge and infect a number of snake species in at a number of states in the East and Midwest.

In the laboratory tests that led scientists to link the fungus with the disease, infected snakes changed their behavior in ways that could have made them more susceptible to predators or the environment and scientists are trying to determine if climate change is playing a role.

"These cold-blooded animals are going to be much more sensitive to even minor changes in climate," said Lorch, the lead author on the study published Nov. 17 in the journal *MBio* that linked the fungus to the disease. "And that might be why they are the canary in the coal mine. If this is a disease that is climate-change related, there is some concern that it is the tip of the iceberg."

Biologists have compared the appearance of snake fungal disease in the last decade to the fungus that causes white nose syndrome in bats, which since 2006 has killed millions of the creatures and continues to spread across North America.

In some areas snake fungal disease has been quite lethal while in others most infected snakes recover. For example, while timber rattlesnakes in the northeast have been hit hard, timber rattlesnakes populations in the upper Midwest seem to be coping with the infection, Lorch said.

"It's potentially fairly complex, trying to find if there's that threshold level that these populations might reach where conditions are just suddenly right for what might normally be an annoyance or just a mild infection to become deadly," Lorch said.

Although snake fungal disease affects a number of species, it's especially threatening to snake species such as slow-reproducing timber rattlesnakes that live in small, isolated populations with little genetic diversity, such as those found in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York.

Among other states where the fungus has been found are Illinois, Florida, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Doug Blodgett, the snake specialist for the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, says they've confirmed the fungal disease in the state's rattlesnake population as well as the eastern rat snake and they suspect it in the milk snake. The biggest concern is for the state's timber rattlesnakes, estimated at several hundred in two locations not far from southern Lake Champlain.

"None of it's good. It's not a good thing," Blodgett said. "The reason this has bigger implications for the rattlesnake is because we have so few rattlesnakes left compared to these other species."

Man swings samurai sword at Apple store, terrifies customers

NEW YORK (AP) — A man swinging a samurai sword at an Apple store terrified shoppers on Friday.

The man walked into the Manhattan store and began waving the sword, authorities said. A video posted online showed him swinging the sword as he walked down a staircase.

Lawyer Nancy Birnbaum, who lives nearby, told the New York Post she was browsing at the store when she spotted the man on the staircase.

"I thought he was doing some sort of performance art, but then he pulls out this sword with a huge 2-foot-long blade, and it was dead obvious that it was a real sword," she said. "I've never been so terrified in my entire life."

The man appeared to be emotionally disturbed, police said. He was taken into custody at the scene, and his name was not immediately released. No injuries were reported.

A spokesman for Apple Inc., which is based in Cupertino, California, confirmed the incident but declined to comment further.

Amish man runs marathon in traditional slacks and suspenders

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — An Amish man turned heads as he whizzed by fellow runners at a recent marathon — not because of his speed but because of his unusual racing attire.

Twenty-two-year-old Leroy Stolfus finished the 26.2-mile Harrisburg Marathon on Nov. 8 in just over three hours and five minutes, all while wearing his community's traditional clothing, Pennlive.com reported (<http://bit.ly/1NHihb1>).

Stolfus said he's used to running in slacks and suspenders, and he believes he would have run closer to a three-hour marathon if he hadn't started out so fast.

"I was feeling good, but I kind of almost crashed at mile 15," Stolfus said.

His clothes were not a factor, the Gordonville resident insists, and he did wear sneakers.

"I had no pain whatsoever," Stolfus said. "It was more mental anguish than in my legs. You have to train yourself not to think about it. It will just slow you down. I was once told by someone that it's 20 percent training and 80 percent mental. I do believe that."

Stolfus, who finished under a minute short of a Boston Marathon qualifying time for his age group, said he turns to running whenever he's tempted to sin.

After getting "involved with some stuff" he said shouldn't have, Stolfus was introduced to running by his brother-in-law.

Unlike most runners, Stolfus doesn't run every day. But he makes a point to get in at least 20 miles a week.

"It's a natural talent, but I do a lot more training than I used to," Stolfus said.

The future is uncertain for Stolfus, but he said he is interested in running an ultramarathon and of course attempting to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

Ford workers narrowly approve new contract with UAW

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DETROIT (AP) — Ford workers narrowly approved a new four-year contract, wrapping up five months of negotiations between the United Auto Workers union and Detroit automakers.

The UAW said late Friday that Ford's contract passed with a 51.4-percent vote. The agreement covers 53,000 U.S. hourly workers at 22 plants.

"There is no higher authority than the membership. Through a fair and democratic process UAW-Ford members have delivered job security and strong economic gains for their families and communities," said UAW Vice President Jimmy Settles, the union's top Ford negotiator, in a statement.

Union leaders held a press conference earlier this week to push for the Ford agreement when they feared

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workers would reject it. Some workers said the union didn't push hard enough to win back things they lost in previous agreements, including annual wage increases. They also wanted a two-tier wage system eliminated immediately instead of over eight years, as the contract promises.

But union leaders warned that they might not get a better deal from Ford if workers rejected the agreement and sent them back to the bargaining table.

"If we thought there was another dollar on the table, we would have got it the first time," said Bernie Ricke, the president of Local 600, a large union in Ford's hometown of Dearborn.

The contract raises wages for all workers and gradually eliminates the two-tier system, which currently pays newer workers less than veteran ones. It promises bonuses of up to \$10,250 per worker this year and annual profit-sharing checks and other bonuses each year after that.

The contract also guarantees \$9 billion in investments at Ford's U.S. plants over four years.

Ford said it was pleased with the vote.

"This agreement provides a good foundation for Ford Motor Company, our employees and our communities as we work together to create an even stronger business in the years ahead," Ford's labor chief, John Fleming, said in a statement.

Ford was the last of the Detroit automakers to win approval for its contract. Fiat Chrysler workers approved their contract in October. General Motors' contract was approved earlier Friday after extended negotiations with skilled trades workers like electricians, who had initially rejected it. The contracts cover around 142,000 workers in all.

Manning will stay back in Denver to continue rehab

ARNIE STAPLETON, AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Peyton Manning is staying back in Denver when the Broncos travel to Chicago this weekend so he can continue getting treatment on a variety of ailments. He has company in DeMarcus Ware, who's staying behind to keep rehabbing his bad back.

"You can go out there and sit in the cold or you can get two extra days of treatment to speed up your recovery," Ware said. "So, that's what we're doing."

Excused from meetings and practices this week so he could concentrate on getting healthy, Manning made a cameo appearance at Friday's practice and watched Brock Osweiler get ready for his first NFL start.

Manning hasn't made an appearance in the locker room during the media access time since Monday.

"He's doing really good," Ware said. "We're just two guys trying to get better and just keeping each other supported. Because you know how we are. We're very competitive. We want to get out there. We want to play. But you don't want to go out there 80 percent when at 100 percent you're a different guy among all the other players and you can make a bigger impact. You've just got to think about it that way."

Manning is getting treatment on a variety of ailments, including a torn plantar fascia in his left foot, an aching throwing shoulder and sore ribs, all related to his throwing motion.

Ware hurt his lower back against Oakland last month and missed a game. He aggravated the injury at Indianapolis on Nov. 8 and will miss his second straight game Sunday.

While Ware expressed confidence he'll be back in the lineup for the Broncos' showdown with New England next week, there's no timetable for Manning's return.

Coach Gary Kubiak will re-evaluate his QB situation after this weekend. He said Osweiler had a good week of practice and benefited from some decidedly Chicago-like weather Friday. The Broncos finally got to use their outdoor fields that had been soaked by a blizzard earlier in the week.

"We got some snow, we got some wind," Kubiak said.

Notes: WR Emmanuel Sanders (left ankle sprain) was limited Friday and is 50-50 for the game along with DEs Antonio Smith (hip) and Vance Walker (shoulder), neither of whom practiced this week.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 2015. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1985, U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested, accused of spying for Israel. (Pollard later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to life in prison; he was released on parole yesterday, Nov. 20, 2015.)

On this date:

In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1864, a letter was signed by President Abraham Lincoln expressing condolences to Lydia Bixby, a widow in Boston whose five sons supposedly died while fighting in the Civil War. (As it turned out, only two of Mrs. Bixby's sons had been killed in battle.)

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

In 1934, the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," starring Ethel Merman as Reno Sweeney, opened on Broadway.

In 1942, the Alaska Highway, also known as the Alcan Highway, was formally opened at Soldier's Summit in the Yukon Territory.

In 1945, American humorist Robert Benchley died in New York at age 56.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, 55-45, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt (buh-ZAHRDT'), revealed the existence of an 18-1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1974, bombs exploded at a pair of pubs in Birmingham, England, killing 21 people. (Six suspects were convicted of the attack, but the convictions of the so-called "Birmingham Six" were overturned in 1991.)

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. An estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (The shooter turned out to be J.R. Ewing's sister-in-law, Kristin Shepard.)

In 1990, junk-bond financier Michael R. Milken, who had pleaded guilty to six felony counts, was sentenced by a federal judge in New York to ten years in prison. (Milken served two.)

In 1995, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 5,000 mark for the first time, rising 40.46 points to end the day at 5,023.55.

Ten years ago: General Motors announced it would close 12 facilities and lay off 30,000 workers in North America. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon broke away from the hardline Likud with the intention of forming a new party. President George W. Bush became the first U.S. chief executive to visit Mongolia. Time magazine political columnist Hugh Sidey died in Paris at age 78.

Five years ago: Debt-struck Ireland formally applied for a massive EU-IMF loan to stem the flight of capital from its banks, joining Greece in a step unthinkable only a few years earlier when Ireland was a booming Celtic Tiger and the economic envy of Europe. Justin Bieber received four American Music Awards, becoming at age 16 the youngest performer to win artist of the year.

One year ago: After a three-day onslaught that dumped a historic 7 feet of snow on the Buffalo, New York, area and killed at least 12 people, the sun came out, but so did predictions of flooding caused by rain, temperatures up to 60 degrees and blocked catch basins.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Joseph Campanella is 91. Country singer Jean Shepard is 82. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 81. Actress Marlo Thomas is 78. Actor Rick Lenz is 76. Singer Dr. John is 75. Actress Juliet Mills is 74. Basketball Hall of Famer Earl Monroe is 71. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 71. Actress Goldie Hawn is 70. Movie director Andrew Davis is 69. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 67. Singer Livingston Taylor is 65. Actress-singer Lorna Luft is 63. Actress Cherry Jones is 59. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 55. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 53. Actress Nicollette Sheridan is 52. Singer-actress Bjork (byork) is 50. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Troy Aikman is 49.

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Rhythm-and-blues singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 47. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 47. MLB All-Star player Ken Griffey Jr. is 46. TV personality Rib Hillis is 45. Rapper Pretty Lou (Lost Boyz) is 44. Football player-turned-talk show host Michael Strahan (STRAY'-han) is 44. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHeDAISY) is 41. Singer-actress Lindsey Haun is 31. Actress Jena Malone is 31. Pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen is 30. Actor-singer Sam Palladio is 28.

Thought for Today: "Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at that moment." - Robert Benchley, American humorist (1889-1945).