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## Sunday, December 13

**Birthdays:** Jon Vedvei • Jessica Adler • Blake Fliehs • Gabriella Merkel • Melissa Gilbert, Dean Townsend  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship  
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Program practice  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship/SS Sings  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
3:00pm: 3:00 pm: Open Gym (JK-8th grade 6th grade - 12th grade 5-7 pm)  
5:00 p.m.: C&MA Christmas Program

## Monday, December 14

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

**School Lunch:** Submarines, potato chips, carrots and drip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

Annversary: Bob & Mary Ann Wehde

**Birthdays:** Sue Patton, Elda Stange, Carroll Dean, Lincoln Shilhanek

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: GBB at Tiospa Zina

6:30pm: JHGBB at Warner (7th at 6:30, 8th at 7:30)

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, December 15

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

### 2015 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds

**Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015**

Parents of children ages 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena. Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.

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

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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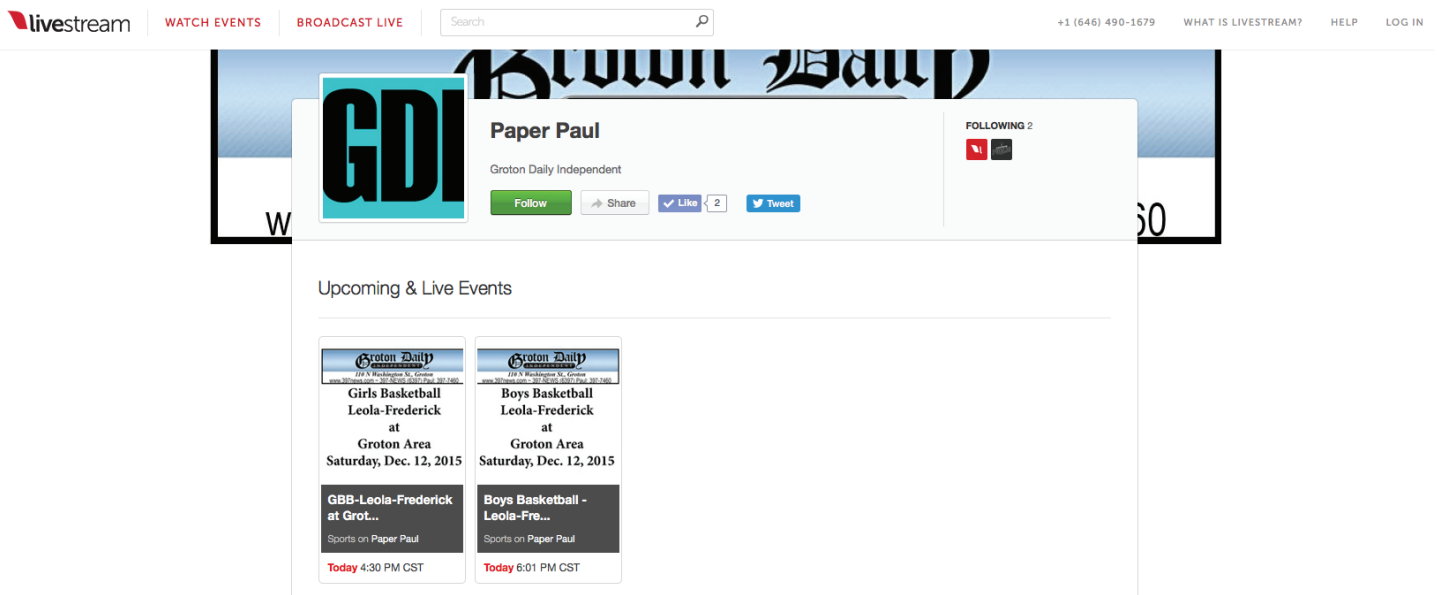
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Today's Christmas Program at the C&MA Church at 5 p.m.  
Middle/High School Christmas Concert. 7 p.m., on Dec. 17  
Elementary Christmas Concert, 2 p.m. on Dec. 18  
and more!



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## Groton Chamber Holiday Boxes are out & about in Groton!

This Week (thru 12/11) – Lori's Pharmacy  
\*\*\$25 Chamber Bucks OR Savory Seasoning!\*\*

Next Week (thru 12/18) – Professional  
Management Supply  
\*\*\$25 Chamber Bucks OR Mystery Gift!\*\*

Stop by each participating business and register for \$25  
Groton Chamber Bucks – or a prize supplied by the business.  
Prizes will be drawn weekly – starting over each week with  
entries!



Merry  
Christmas

## Pray, Anderson win at Lamoure Tourney

Two Groton Area wrestlers went to the Lamoure Wrestling Tournament on Saturday and both came home as champions. "It was another great day for the Groton wrestlers at the Lamoure tournament this past weekend," said Coach Dana Dargatz.

"Trevor pray bumped up a weight class and did so in fashion defeating all of his opponents to claim the individual title, beating the #5 ranked wrestler in North Dakota 2-0," Dargatz said. Trevor wrestled at 126 pounds, pinning Riley Griffin of Mandan, 1:10, then he pinned Ethan Curruth of Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm, 1:24, and in the championship match, he decisided Darin Vangorkom of South Border, 2-0, scoring a two-point take-down in the second period.

"Brandyn Anderson kept on his winning ways also by winning the individual title as well, and wrestled a very smart and controlled championship match 7-1," Dargatz said.

Anderson, in heavyweight, pinned Riley Mattheis of Linton, in 43 seconds, then he pinned Travis Paterson of Bishop Ryan in 2:59, he pinned Seth Strong of Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm, in 55 seconds, and in the championship match, he decisided Lonnie Rodlund of Tiospa Zina, 7-1.

"I'm very pleased with how things went this weekend," Dargatz said. "We wrestled very smart, stayed in great position the whole day and the boys' efforts showed. It's really nice to see them performing so well this early in the year." Groton Area will be at the Northeast Conference Tourney next Saturday at Milbank. It starts at 11 a.m.



**Trevor Pray decisided Darin Vangorkom of South Border in the championship match, 2-0.**

(Photo by Kara Anderson)



**Trevor Pray pinned Ethan Curruth of Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm in 1:24.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)



**Brandyn Anderson pinned Seth Strong of Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm, in 55 seconds.**

(Photo by Kara Anderson)

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**S & S Lumber/Hardware Hank of Groton**  
will be closing  
at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, for inventory  
and will reopen at normal hours on Thursday.



**Brandyn Anderson won the championship match with a 7-1 decision over Lonnie Rodlund of Tiospa Zina.**

## **Rip 'N Ravel CFEL Club**

The festive decorated home of hostess Linda Gengerke was the location of the Rip 'N Ravel CFEL club on December 7th. Jingle Bells was sung by the 11 members attending. Roll call was answered by your favorite Christmas song.

New booklets for 2016 were handed out. Officers are: President-Merry Jo Ball, Vice President-Carol Dohman. Secretary-Treasurer-Bonnie Erdmann.

Maralyn Hoops read a thank-you from the Brown County Fair Board for our support. The fair dates for 2016 are Aug.15-21 with the theme being 'Where Memories Are Made'.

Names of 2 families were received for our Christmas project--4 adults & 5 children. Gifts and food are to be at the City Office by Dec. 18th.

The lesson Favors for Fall & Christmas was presented by Linda & Carol Osterman.

A gift exchange of handmade items ended the meeting..Next meeting will be January 4th with Ella Johnson as hostess.

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## Girls go to 2-0 with win over Titans



**Groton's Carly Wheeting and Emily Locke and Leola-Frederick's Mi-Kayla Forsting battle for the loose ball.**

Groton Area scored the last five points of the first half to take a 25-24 lead at halftime.

The game was tied at 30 in the third quarter as Groton Area took a 36-32 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Titans tied the game at 41 in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers scored the last six points of the game to secure the win.

Audrey Wanner did not play for the Tigers as she suffered a sprained ankle in the fourth quarter of the Ipswich game, but she will be returning to the court against Tiospa Zina. Harleigh Stange led the Tigers in scoring with 17 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 11, Jessica Bjerke added 11, Miranda Hanson came off the bench to hit two three-pointers

Groton Area fended off rallies by Leola-Frederick in girls basketball action played Saturday in Groton. The Tigers jumped ahead in the fourth quarter and went on for a 47-41 non-conference win. Groton Area is now 2-0 on the season and travel to Tiospa Zina on Monday. This was Leola-Frederick's first game of the season and will travel to Aberdeen Christian on Thursday.

Groton Area jumped out to a 12-5 lead and the margin evaporated to two points by the end of the first quarter, 15-13.

Leola-Frederick tied the game at 15 and took an 18-15 lead. Miranda Hanson hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 18. The Titans tied the game at 20 and took a 24-20 lead, but



**Carly Wheeting tries to put up this shot with April Hoffman (3) and MacKenzie Heilman (21) double teaming her.**



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for six points, Katie Koehler had three points and Gia Gengerke added two points. Stange had three three-pointers and Koehler had one.

MacKenzie Heilman led the Titans with 12 points followed by April Hoffman with 10, Abby Berreth had five and Cassandra Hinz and Michaela Podoll each had three. Heilman had two three-pointers and Hinz had one.

Leola-Frederick made 34 percent of its two-pointers, 25 percent of its three-pointers and was eight of 13 from the line off of Groton Area's 15 team fouls. The Titans had 21 rebounds, 10 turnovers, five steals and eight assists. Hoffman had nine rebounds and Podoll had six assists.

Groton Area made 48 percent of its field goals, 40 percent of its three-pointers, and was one of 11 from the line off of Leola-Fredericks' 19 team fouls. The Tigers had 35 rebounds with Wheeting having 16 and Bjerke 10. Stange had six of the team's 12 assists and three of the team's six steals. Wheeting had two blocks and the team had 17 turnovers. There was no junior varsity game.



**MacKenzie Heilman, Michaela Podoll and April Hoffman bring the ball upcourt.**



**Jessica Bjerke going for the shot.**

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Here is how the Schwan's fundraiser works.

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### Groton boys win season opener over Titans



**Leola-Frederick's Jordan Haas passes the ball to Logan Heupel.**

The Groton Area boys' basketball team opened its season Saturday with an 81-40 non-conference win over Leola-Frederick. The game was played at the Groton Arena. The Tigers will host Hitchcock-Tulare on Tuesday while Leola-Frederick will travel to Langford Area on Tuesday.

Groton Area jumped out to a 17-0 lead and took a 23-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers led at half time, 44-19, and at the end of the third quarter, it was 64-29.

Three players hit double figures

for the Tigers with Seric Shabazz leading the way with 21 points followed by Bennett Shabazz and Sean Schuring with 14 each, Brandon Keith had nine, Aaron Severson eight, Adam Herman seven, Hunter Lerew six and Truitt Rogers added three points. The Titans were led

by Steven Haas with 18 points followed by Logan Heupel with 10, Jordan Haas had five, Lance Feickert four, Alex Sumption three and Fred Lapka added two. Making three-pointers were Seric with four, Bennett and Keith each had two and Herman and Schuring each had one for Groton Area. The Titans had Steven with two and Alex and Jordan with one each.

Groton Area made 49 percent of its field goals, 40 percent of its three-pointers, and was nine of 16 from the line for 56 percent. Lerew had 10 of the team's 33 rebounds. Bennett Shabazz had five of the



**Hunter Lerew going for the shot under the basket.**



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team's 14 assists and five of the team's 12 steals. Groton Area had 12 turnovers and had 19 team fouls. Hunter Lerew had two blocks and Herman had one.

The Titans made 30 percent of their two-pointers and 18 percent of their three-pointers and were 12 of 16 from the line for 75 percent. Heupel had eight of the team's 33 rebounds. Leola-Frederick had three assists, four steals and 22 turnovers.



Sean Schuring playing defense on Titans' Alex Sumpston.



Bennett Shabazz goes for a three-point shot.



Lance Feickert attempts this shot for the Titans.

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## Today in Weather History

December 13, 2008: An intense low pressure area moved out of the Rockies and across the Central Plains bringing widespread snow, blizzard conditions, and extreme winds chills to central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota into the early morning hours of the 15th. Snowfall amounts of 1 to as much as 12 inches along with winds gusting over 50 mph caused widespread near zero visibilities and dangerous travel conditions. Winds chills fell into the 35 below to 45 below zero range. Many vehicles became stuck or stranded along several highways and along Interstates 29 and 90. Interstate 90 was closed from the Wyoming line to Murdo from late on the 13th until the morning of the 14th. Interstate 29 was also closed for much of the 14th. The Onida, Agar, and Gettysburg Volunteer Fire Department found it difficult to respond to a structure fire south of Gettysburg in a timely manner. Due to whiteout conditions, the structure was lost to the fire by the time the fire departments arrived. Most area schools were closed on Monday due to the road conditions along with the bitter cold wind chills. Some of the heaviest snowfall amounts included: 6 inches at Watertown, Browns Valley, Sisseton, Waubay, and Castlewood; 7 inches at Ortonville, Webster, Clear Lake, Faulkton, and Aberdeen; 8 inches at Milbank, 9 inches at Britton and Wheaton; 10 inches at Clear Lake, and 12 inches at Roscoe. Mobridge received 2 inches and Pierre received 4 inches of snowfall with this storm

December 13, 1997: A freak cold snap and snowstorm struck parts of northern Mexico left 12 people dead and the area paralyzed. It snowed in the city of Guadalajara for the first time since 1881, leaving amazed residents to gawk at the white stuff and make snowmen. The temperature plunged to 5 degrees in Chihuahua.

1915 - A heavy snowstorm kicked off the snowiest winter in modern records for western New England. (The Weather Channel)

1962 - A severe Florida freeze occurred. Morning lows reached 35 degrees at Miami, 18 degrees at Tampa, and 12 degrees at Jacksonville. It was the coldest December weather of the 20th century and caused millions of dollars damage to crops and foliage. In Georgia, the morning low of 9 degrees below zero at Blairsville established a state record for the month of December. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A major winter storm produced high winds and heavy snow in the Southern Rockies and the Southern High Plains. Snowfall totals in New Mexico ranged up to 25 inches at Cedar Crest, with up to three feet of snow reported in the higher elevations. Winds of 75 mph, with gusts to 124 mph, were reported northeast of Albuquerque NM. El Paso TX was buried under 22.4 inches of snow, including a single storm record of 16.8 inches in 24 hours. The snowfall total surpassed their previous record for an entire winter season of 18.4 inches. Record cold was experienced the next three nights as readings dipped into the single numbers. High winds ushering unseasonably cold air into the southwestern U.S. gusted to 100 mph at Grapevine CA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

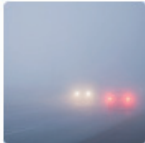






1988 - Low pressure off the Atlantic coast produced up to a foot of snow in eastern Nassau County and western Suffolk County of southeastern New York State. Mild weather prevailed across the western half of the country. Nine cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Goodland KS with a reading of 74 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

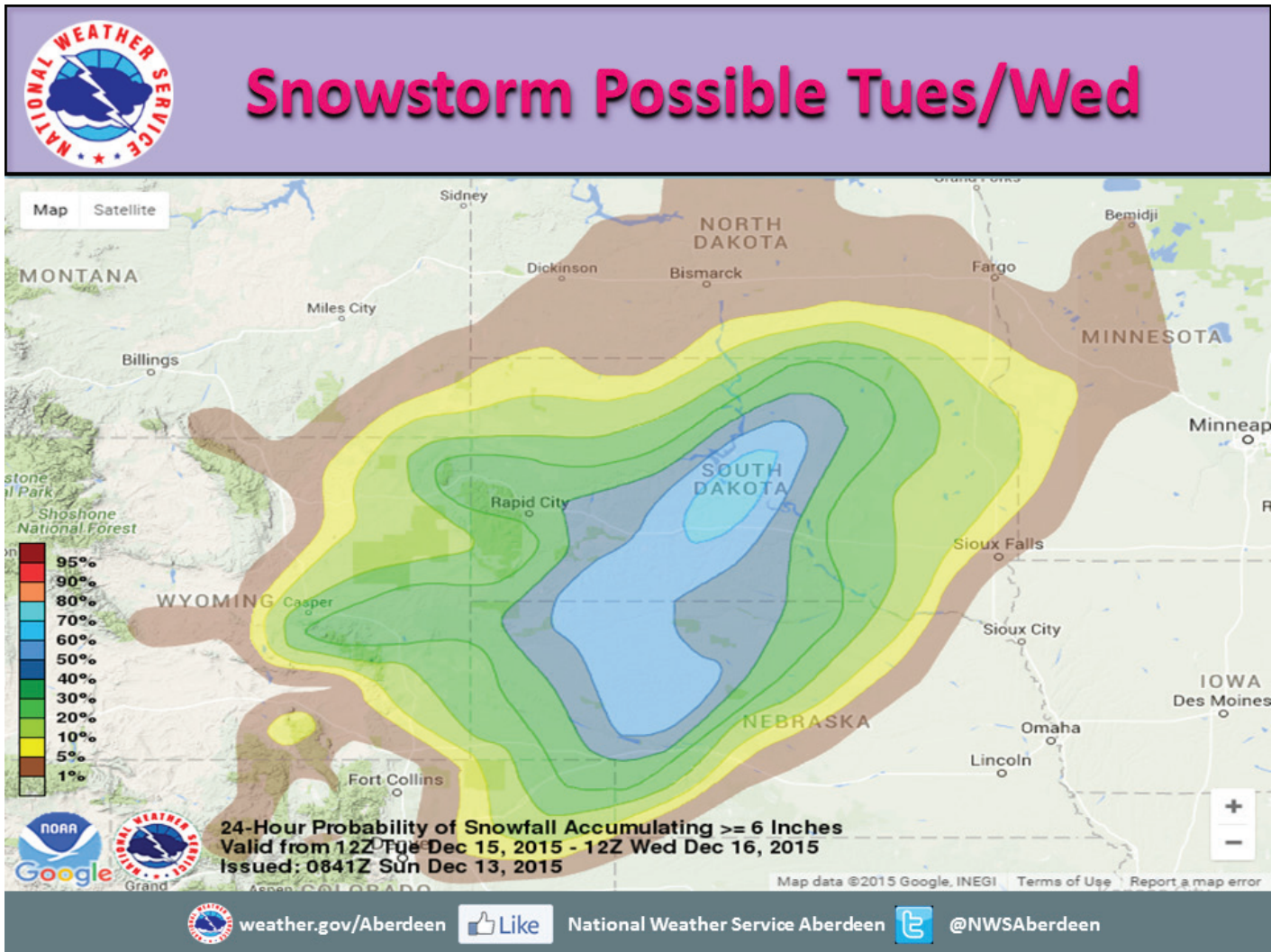
1989 - Strong northwesterly winds, ushering bitterly cold arctic air into the central U.S., produced squalls with heavy snow in the Great Lakes Region. Snowfall totals in Upper Michigan ranged up to 24 inches at Manistique. Nine cities in Arkansas and Texas reported record low temperatures for the date, including Calico Rock AR with a reading of 4 degrees above zero. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2002 - A powerful Pacific storm system plowed into the western United States during the 13th-16th, producing high winds, heavy rains, significant mountain snowfall and causing 9 deaths (Associated Press). Rainfall amounts exceeding 10 inches occurred in parts of California, and wind gusts over 45 mph produced up to 1.9 million power outages during the period (Pacific Gas & Electric).

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This Afternoon	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Patched Fog	Areas Fog	Patched Fog and Breezy then Cloudy	Cloudy	20% → 50%	80%	60%
Slight Chance Snow then Chance Snow	Snow	Snow Likely and Blustery				
High: 35 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 33 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 31 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 28 °F



Published on: 12/13/2015 at 5:49AM

Over the next couple days, attention will be on an approaching storm system, which is more and more looking like it will affect the area Tuesday and Wednesday. The graphic shows the probability for receiving 6 or more inches of snow valid from 6am Tuesday morning to 6am Wednesday morning. There is currently greater than a 50% chance for over 6 inches of snow for central South Dakota. Keep in mind this only goes through Wednesday morning and the storm is still expected to affect the area through the day Wednesday as higher snowfall accumulations could potentially move further east into northeast South Dakota.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 33.7 at 12:31 PM

**Low:** 30.4 at 11:51 PM

**High Gust:** 13 at 11:56 PM

**Precip:** 0.00 (1/2" Snow)

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 54° in 1924

**Record Low:** -28° in 1893

**Average High:** 26°F

**Average Low:** 7°F

**Average Precip in Dec.:** 0.21

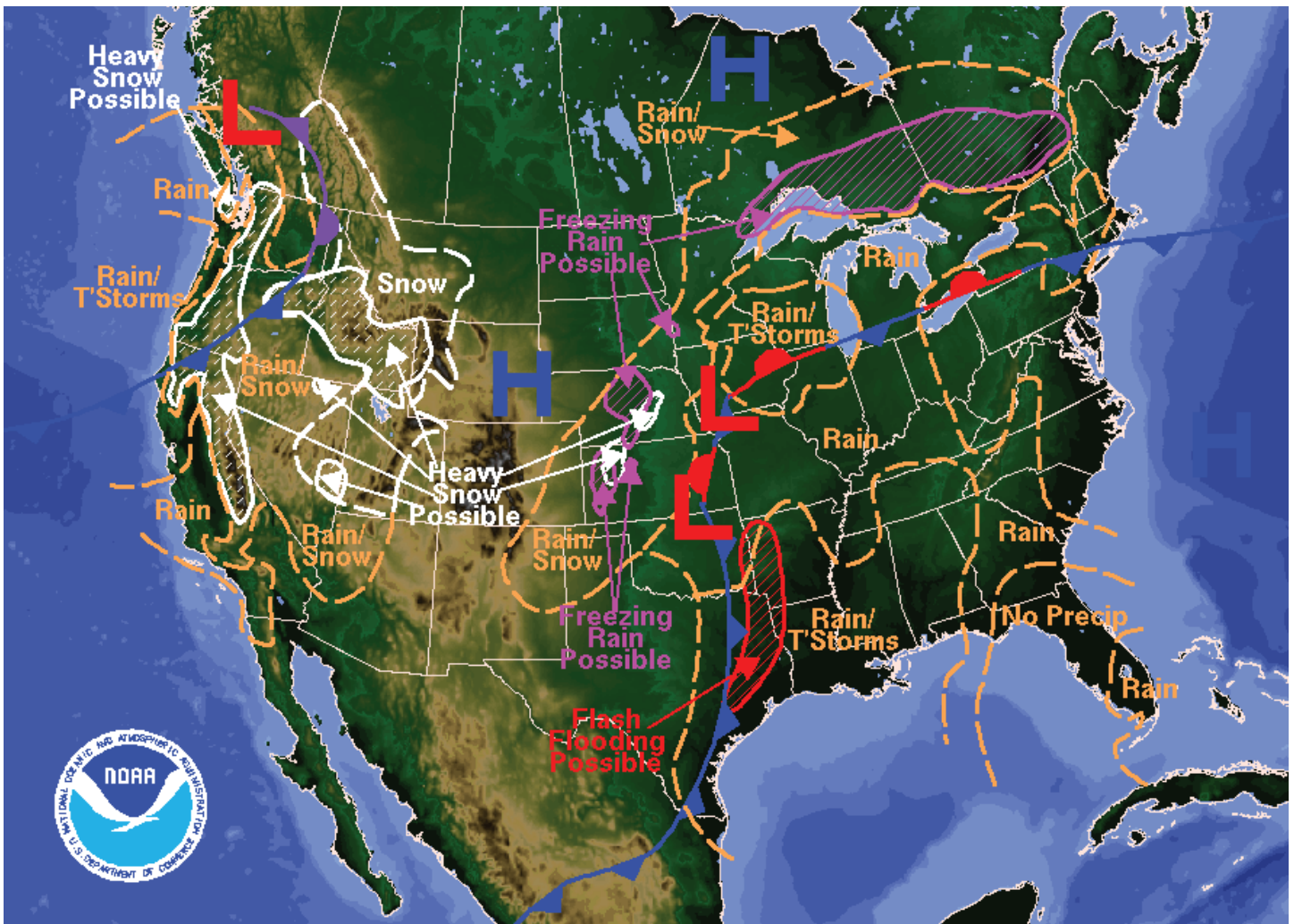
**Precip to date in Dec.:** 0.55

**Average Precip to date:** 21.41

**Precip Year to Date:** 20.37

**Sunset Tonight:** 4:50 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 8:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Dec 13, 2015, issued 4:22 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## I HAVE TO GIVE IT UP!

It was the worst game of golf he had ever played. As he missed his putt on the final green, he flew into a terrible tantrum, screaming and swearing and flailing his arms. Beating his putter on the grass, he cried, "I have to give it up!"

"Give up golf?" asked the caddy in disbelief.

"No," snapped the golfer, "my ministry. The church is taking up too much of my time. Those people expect too much of me and always expect me to take care of them."

Pure and simple, time is a special gift. It is a commodity that, once used in one way or another, can never be retrieved. Once gone, it is forever lost.

One expert on time put it this way: "Time is life. It is irreversible and irreplaceable. To waste your time is to waste your life. To master your time is to master your life and make the most of it."

We must always begin each day with God in a time of worship – prayer, Scripture reading, meditating on His Word and recognizing His role in leading us. If we make Him our first priority and focus on Him throughout the day, we can trust Him to direct our paths.

**Prayer:** Help me, Lord, to not only do things right, but to do the right things in the right way, at the right time. I surrender my time to You and ask that You help me to use it wisely, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

## News from the Associated Press

### County official pledges sobriety amid drunken driving arrest

BURKE, S.D. (AP) — The Charles Mix County state's attorney says he's sworn off alcohol since his arrest earlier this year for driving under the influence.

Scott Podhradsky tells The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1luCN8u>) he hasn't had a drink of alcohol since his arrest in August.

The 54-year-old Podhradsky was sentenced Tuesday to 30 days in jail with credit for one day served and the rest of the time suspended. He also paid \$640 in fines and court costs, and lost his driver's license for a month.

Authorities said Podhradsky in August somehow ended up beneath a motorcycle he had been riding and registered a blood-alcohol content that was more than three times the legal limit.

Podhradsky says that anybody who drives a motorcycle with that that alcohol level is "dumb."

### State vet doesn't anticipate trich outbreak on par with 2005

**DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's state veterinarian says further testing of cattle herds could reveal some more instances of a reproductive disease that causes cows to abort their young, but he doesn't expect an outbreak like one that hit western South Dakota in 2005.

The state saw no cases of bovine trichomoniasis — or trich — last year and just one the previous year, but veterinarians recently diagnosed trich in two Oglala Lakota county cattle herds and one herd operating in Corson and Ziebach counties. The disease poses no risk for humans, as it affects only a cow's reproductive system, but its occurrence can quickly cut into a rancher's bottom line, said State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven.

"This is certainly one of those diseases that can be economically devastating," Oedekoven said.

The disease is caused by a protozoal organism that lives indefinitely in the sheath of an infected bull. Once a bull transmits the disease to a female through breeding, it causes an inflammation in the reproductive tract that results in the loss of the pregnancy, according to the South Dakota State University Extension Service. Infected cows can clear themselves of the infection, but bulls remain positive for life.

South Dakota's 2005 outbreak — in which vets confirmed 45 cases of the disease, all west of the Missouri River — prompted the Animal Industry Board to issue several rules to prevent its spread:

— Any non-virgin bull must be tested negative for trichomoniasis prior to being sold, loaned or leased in South Dakota for breeding purposes

— Any non-virgin bull entering South Dakota must be tested negative for trichomoniasis

— No non-virgin and non-pregnant female cattle may be imported, loaned, leased nor acquired for breeding purposes in South Dakota

Oedekoven said the rules have greatly reduced the occurrence of the disease, but trich can occur in remote areas of the Badlands because the separation of bulls doesn't always happen. He said the state's low numbers in recent years might have also nudged many in the industry toward complacency with vaccinations.

"If we don't have a case for a while, everyone kind of forgets to vaccinate and pretty soon we've got a problem," he said.

Beth Carlson, North Dakota's deputy state veterinarian, said that state hasn't seen any cases of the disease for several years, "and I believe that was an imported animal in a cooperative grazing situation."

Carlson said North Dakota doesn't have in-state testing requirements, but it has interstate movement regulations similar to South Dakota and it the movement of open cows, which are females yet to be bred.

Ranchers are often unaware of the problem until the disease is well established in the herd. Some signs that the disease may be present in a herd include a high number of open cows, cows showing signs of

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heat when they should be pregnant and the presence of many late-calving cows, according to the Animal Industry Board.

The board offers several steps that ranchers can take to help prevent their herds from infection:

- Only purchase and use virgin bulls for breeding
  - If purchasing non-virgin bulls, they should be tested negative prior to breeding
  - Perform timely pregnancy testing of females and promptly remove open cows to be sold for feeding and slaughter
  - Maintain good border fencing to help keep livestock in their respective pastures
- "The neighboring herds are at risk," Oedekoven said. "Bulls sometimes hop the fence."

## South Dakota Fire Marshal: Watch out for holiday decorations

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Fire Marshal's Office is reminding residents across the state to keep an eye on their holiday decorations to avoid a potential fire.

State Fire Marshal Paul Merriman says Christmas trees, candles, lights and more cooking than usual increase the chance of home fires.

Merriman says South Dakotans who have natural trees in their homes should remember to check the amount of water in the stand every day. He also recommends placing the tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces and heaters.

Merriman says people should also make sure to not use outdoor lights indoors and never place candles on or near a tree. He adds that all houses should be equipped with working smoke detectors on each floor.

## SD man gets 15 years in prison for producing child porn

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for producing child pornography on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Jeffrey Viken also ordered 22-year-old Jesse Gallego to spend five years of supervised release following his prison term. Gallego in August pleaded guilty to one count of production of child pornography. As part of a plea agreement, one count of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor was dismissed.

Federal authorities accused Gallego of taking multiple pornographic photos of a 7-year-old girl he was babysitting on November 2014. Authorities say Gallego took the photos with a cellphone while the girl was sleeping.

Gallego is now under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

## AG warning residents of text messaging and email scam

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning South Dakota residents of a text messaging and email scam that entices the consumer to respond to vague shipping inquiries.

The simple scam sends a vague text message or email asking the person to respond immediately in order to get the items delivered in a timely manner. Opening any attachments may expose cellphones to malicious malware or compromise personal identifying information.

Jackley says consumers need to treat their mobile devices as they would a computer and avoid opening links, installing apps or opening attachments within unsolicited emails or texts.

He says if residents have any concern on delivery confirmation, they should call the business directly.

## Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

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## Carroll leads Oklahoma State over Minnesota 62-60

**DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — With both Oklahoma State and Minnesota limping into Saturday night's matchup after back-to-back home losses, Oklahoma State head coach Travis Ford knew his team would be in for a battle.

It took the Cowboys the full 40 minutes on Saturday night to hold back the Gophers for a 62-60 win in a neutral-site game at the Sanford Pentagon.

"Both teams needed the game," Ford said. "Both teams, I thought, played hard and played with a sense of urgency."

Jeffrey Carroll scored nine of his team-leading 12 points in the second half, and Chris Olivier added 10 points — all in the first half — for the Cowboys (6-3). As typical, Oklahoma State spread the ball around to eke out a victory.

"We are the definition of team," Ford said. "We have no superstars."

Oklahoma State built a nine-point lead in the second half, but the Gophers fought to within two several times.

Minnesota head coach Richard Pitino said he thought the Gophers (5-5) were getting good looks, but the ball was just not going in the basket. He praised his squad's defensive effort.

"They made one more play than we did," Pitino said. "But I was proud of our guys. We compete like that, we're going to win our share of games."

Nate Mason led the Gophers with 14 points. Jordan Murphy, last week's Big Ten Conference freshman of the week, notched his third double-double in four games with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

"In the second half, they kind of threw a punch there," Murphy said. "I think we did a good job of taking that punch and a good job of coming back from that punch."

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## TIP-INS

Saturday night's game marked the sixth meeting between Minnesota and Oklahoma State, and the series is now tied 3-3. In the previous meeting on Dec. 15, 1986, Oklahoma State topped Minnesota 77-66 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

## INJURY BUG

Jeff Newberry, the Cowboys' top scorer on the season with 13 points per game, returned to action wearing a protective face mask and saw just 11 minutes of action. He scored 2 points and grabbed 3 rebounds.

## NO ZONE

Ford said injuries have forced Oklahoma State to redefine some players' roles, and the team even flashed a rare zone defense during the game.

"That's something we don't ever play," he said. "And our guys were intent to be able to do that on the fly. We have it available, but I bet we haven't played five minutes of it in eight games."

## BACK AND FORTH

Minnesota managed to hang with Oklahoma State during the game's first 10 minutes despite shooting just 18 percent from the field. The Gophers eventually found their touch to twice lead by nine, but the Cowboys embarked on a 10-point run over the half's final five minutes and appeared poised to escape to the locker room with a 1-point edge.

But Minnesota used the half's final four seconds to feed Ahmad Gilbert for a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from a couple yards behind the arc to give the Gophers a 30-28 halftime lead.

## UP NEXT

The Gophers return home to Williams Arena to host Chicago State on Wednesday night.

The Cowboys travel home to Stillwater to take on Longwood on Tuesday night.

## Cal State Bakersfield pulls away from South Dakota 77-67

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Dedrick Basile scored a career-high 20 points and Cal State Bakersfield pulled away down the stretch to defeat South Dakota 77-67 on Saturday night.

Aly Ahmed added 16 points and Kevin Mays 13 and both had eight rebounds for the Roadrunners (5-3), who outrebounded the Coyotes 36-20.

Eric Robertson had a career-high 17 points and Tre Burnette 14 points for South Dakota (6-4), which had its five game winning streak snapped.

Ahmed started a key 12-2 run by making two free throws after he was intentionally fouled and Matt Smith tied the game at 56 on the ensuing possession. After Robertson scored, the Roadrunners scored eight straight, the last four by Ahmed.

Bakersfield won its first road game by making seven of eight foul shots in the final minute of a game that had 10 ties and 16 lead changes.

Basile had 13 points and the Roadrunners shot 60 percent for a 39-36 lead at the half.

## Bond set at \$1M for Sioux Falls man facing weapons charges

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A judge set bond at \$1 million for a Sioux Falls man accused of having illegal weapons and explosives materials in his home.

Darren Kyle Zafft, 29, appeared in court on Friday. He and 35-year-old Jennifer Marie Cash were arrested Thursday on multiple weapons-related charges. Cash's bond was set at \$5,000.

It wasn't immediately known whether either defendant has an attorney. A phone listing for Zafft was not working Saturday, and one for Cash could not be found.

The investigation began after the neighbor of a townhouse noticed a bullet hole in a wall between the two homes on Sunday. The person later found a .22-caliber slug in a mattress. Police said it's unclear when a gun was fired.

The property manager went into the adjoining house and saw weapons. Police obtained a search warrant and found items to make explosives and more than 100 guns, some of them illegally modified.

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Police spokesman Sam Clemens said several of the guns police found had been modified with shortened barrels. He also said all explosive components, such as grenades, were taken out of the home.

The Sioux Falls Police Bomb Squad will be testing the devices to see if they are active, Clemens said. "This could have been an extremely dangerous situation, especially if these devices had gone off," he said.

## Swift to release concert tour exclusively on Apple Music

MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Taylor Swift is releasing a live concert special from her star-studded "1989 World Tour" exclusively on Apple Music.

The pop star announced Sunday, on her 26th birthday, that she will release the "The 1989 World Tour LIVE" on the streaming platform on Dec. 20. It will not be available for purchase, but it is free for streaming for Apple Music users.

The concert, directed by Jonas Akerlund, features Swift's performance in Sydney, Australia, at the ANZ Stadium, taped on Nov. 28. It will also include appearances from the many celebrities and musicians who surprised fans on the tour, from Justin Timberlake to Mick Jagger to Kobe Bryant.

Apple Music is currently the only streaming platform where Swift's best-selling "1989" album is available. Swift, who wrote a critical Tumblr post in June about Apple's initial decision to not pay artists during its free, three-month trial launch of Apple Music, said Apple contacted her about capturing one of her concerts for a special.

"I think I'd be leaving a huge part out if I didn't mention the blog post that I wrote. I think that is probably the starting point because I didn't have a personal relationship with Apple until that point," Swift said in an interview with Zane Lowe of Apple Music's Beats 1 Radio (the interview airs Monday at noon Eastern). "I'm sure there are better ways to introduce yourself than to say, 'This is what I'm upset about, please think about our industry.' It got more attention than I thought it would because I'd been echoing those sentiments for years."

Apple changed its decision to pay artists, but Swift said she was a bit terrified after posting the letter.

"And then I was struck with this overwhelming sense of fear. Like, are they going to turn my phone off? Are they going to turn the video camera on? Are they watching me right now? Am I going to wake up tomorrow and all of my music will be off of iTunes?" she said. "Like absolute terror hit."

She added Apple "had shown such humility in what they did ... so that's how we get to (here)."

Swift's stadium tour featured a number of her hits songs, including every track from "1989," which has sold more than 5 million units and earned her seven Grammy nominations, including album of the year.

In the special, she performs in front of 76,000 fans.

"There's kind of a switch that flips as soon as I hear lots of people screaming, and that's how I'm programmed. Like people start screaming and it makes me rise to that, it makes me rise to their level of excitement, and that's just how it's been this tour," she said. "Maybe it's because I love playing this record."

Other musicians who popped up on Swift's top-grossing tour include Lorde, the Weeknd, Alison Krauss, Fetty Wap, Steven Tyler and Miranda Lambert. Celebrities who made appearances ranged from actors to athletes to models, including Ellen DeGeneres, Serena Williams, Lena Dunham, Kendall Jenner, Julia Roberts, Chris Rock and the U.S. women's soccer team.

"It happens different ways different times," she said of the guests. "I hadn't met Fetty Wap before but love him, so we'd reach out and go, 'Here are the dates we have'. but then there were people like my friend Selena (Gomez) or Lorde or whatever — I'd just text them."

## Sikhs feel vulnerable, join with Muslims to combat backlash

TAMMY WEBBER, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Pardeep Kaleka spent several days after 9/11 at his father's South Milwaukee gas station, fearing that his family would be targeted by people who assumed they were Muslim. No, Kaleka explained on behalf of his father, who wore a turban and beard and spoke only in broken English, the

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family was Sikh, a southeast Asian religion based on equality and unrelated to Islam.

But amid a new wave of anti-Islamic sentiment since the terror attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, Kaleka is vowing to take an entirely different approach.

"For us it does not matter who they're targeting," said Kaleka, a former Milwaukee police officer and teacher whose father was one of six people killed in 2012 when a white supremacist opened fire at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. "This time we cannot differentiate ourselves; when hate rhetoric is being spewed we cannot be on the sidelines."

Across the U.S., Sikhs and Muslims are banding together to defend their respective religions. Someone bent on harming Muslims wouldn't understand — or care — about the distinction between the two faiths, they say, and both also deserve to live in peace.

So they plan educational sessions and rallies. They successfully pushed the FBI to track hate crimes against Sikhs. They speak to lawmakers and support each other's legal action, including a lawsuit filed over a New York City police surveillance program targeting New Jersey Muslims.

"We are in this fight together," said Gurjot Kaur, a senior staff attorney at The Sikh Coalition, founded the night of Sept. 11.

Sikhism, a monotheistic faith, was founded more than 500 years ago in Southeast Asia and has roughly 27 million followers worldwide, most of them in India.

There are more than 500,000 Sikhs in the U.S. Male followers often cover their heads with turbans — which are considered sacred — and refrain from shaving their beards.

Reports of bullying, harassment and vandalism against Sikhs have risen in recent weeks.

Last week, a Sikh temple in Orange County, California, was vandalized, as was a truck in the parking lot by someone who misspelled the word "Islam" and made an obscene reference to ISIS.

A Sikh woman said she recently was forced to show her breast pump before taking her seat on an airplane in Minneapolis because another passenger thought she might be a terrorist. Several Sikh football fans said they initially were not allowed into Qualcomm Stadium to watch the San Diego Chargers game against the Denver Broncos last Sunday because several of them were wearing turbans. Schoolchildren say they've been bullied.

For most Sikhs, much of the backlash has been frequent stares or comments and occasional online insults.

Former NCAA basketball player Darsh Singh said he has heard insults throughout his life, including recently when someone recently yelled "Osama!" at him as he was crossing a street in Phoenix.

Then last week, a photo making the rounds on Facebook showed the former Trinity University basketball player — the first turbaned Sikh to play in the NCAA — with the caption: "Nobody wants to guard Muhammad, he's too explosive." A friend came to his defense with a lengthy post — saying, "do the world a favor and educate yourself" — which got tens of thousands of likes.

"A lot of people act out of fear or ignorance," said Singh. "I don't know who started it, but whoever they are, I forgive them."

Rajinder Singh Mago, community outreach director at the Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, said it's more difficult for Sikh schoolchildren who sometimes are bullied.

"Ninety-nine percent of Americans are good ... then that one person who just came out of a tavern after a few beers, you don't know what he's thinking at that point," Mago said.

Madihha Ahussain, a staff attorney at the national group Muslim Advocates, said people who are misinformed about both religions not only are "blaming entire faith communities, now they're blaming multiple groups for the acts of a couple individuals."

As a result, some Sikhs have encountered violence.

A Chicago-area teenager was charged with a hate crime after a September road rage incident in which he called 53-year-old Sikh taxi driver Inderjit Mukker "Bin Laden" and repeatedly hit him in the face, breaking his cheekbone.

In 2013, a Green Bay, Wisconsin, man was charged with a hate crime for allegedly setting fire to a convenience store owned by a Sikh-American.

That was less than a year after white supremacist Wade Michael Page killed six people and wounded four others at the Oak Creek temple. Kaleka said his father, Satwant Singh Kaleka, was the last person

killed inside the temple, after Page broke into an office where the elder Kaleka was calling 911.

Kaleka said the Muslim community reached out to Sikhs in the aftermath, and members of both faiths — along with Christians, Jews and others — are continuing to work together to combat inflammatory rhetoric. Last weekend, he spoke at a Muslim women's coalition.

"I think this is just another test and, unfortunately, I think as bad as the comments are from some politicians, it does surface some underlying issues we haven't addressed," in this country, he said.

## Iowa's governor is out of fashion but never out of office

**CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad — a graying little man who relies on Midwestern stick-to-itiveness rather than personal flair — is about to enter the political record books as the longest serving governor in American history, dating all the way back to colonial times.

On Dec. 14th, the six-term Republican will mark his 7,642nd day of service as governor. That's just shy of 21 years in the office. Branstad will move beyond former New York Gov. George Clinton, whose service includes some pre-Constitution time, and is far out in front of any recent or current governor.

The milestone is a testament to the fact that while political fashions have changed in the last three decades, this serious son of small town farmers has managed to remain relevant. And it comes at a political moment when the contrast between Branstad and the high-wattage stars of the GOP is on display in Iowa, as hordes of candidates flood the state before the leadoff presidential caucuses.

Unlike many of the 2016 hopefuls touring Iowa, Branstad is not a culture warrior, a business tycoon or a policy maven. He's an old-fashioned retail politician who visits all of Iowa's 99 counties every year. His schedule is jammed with tours of mom and pop businesses, keynote speeches at trade shows, talks at rural schools and the signing of seemingly endless proclamations on everything from motorcycles to college applications.

"He's everywhere. People say he came to our ribbon cutting," said Bonnie Campbell, a former Democratic attorney general who ran unsuccessfully against Branstad in 1994. "Everybody feels they know him."

Most other long-serving governors topped out at four four-year terms, including former South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow, former Alabama Gov. George Wallace, former Ohio Gov. Jim Rhoads and former North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt. All served more than one stint in the office.

Helping Branstad, 69, go longer is that Iowa is a rare state without a term limits law. Also, he has never sought higher office. He took a break in the private sector after serving four terms from 1983 to 1999, but came back to oust an incumbent Democratic governor in 2010.

"The odds of anyone passing him in the 21st Century are next to none," said Eric Ostermeier, a research associate at the University of Minnesota who has compiled a comprehensive list of governors' length of service.

David Yepsen, a former Des Moines Register political reporter who knew Branstad when both were University of Iowa undergraduates in 1960s, said Branstad had his own style as a student and as a young state lawmaker.

"He was this right wing kid from northern Iowa," said Yepsen, now director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, adding, "a lot of elites dismissed him or ridiculed him."

Branstad said in an interview that while others in the 1960s wanted to tear down the system, "I hoped someday to be part of it."

And in Iowa, his hint of nerdiness would never be a problem.

"I first met him when he was wearing a white belt buckle with a blue leisure suit in the 1970s," said Republican strategist Doug Gross, who served as chief of staff during his first stint as governor. "No one would have predicted that he would be the longest serving governor in the history of the universe."

Branstad's brand of Republicanism can seem charmingly old-fashioned in today's GOP. He talks about government stability and working out compromises, which comes in handy since Democrats control the Senate. In recent years, Branstad and lawmakers have cut property taxes, but also raised the gasoline tax to pay for infrastructure.

One of his most passionate callings may be as a defender and cheerleader for Iowa's best known event — its early presidential caucuses — which other states would love to jump in front of.

"There's a lot of people that are jealous," Branstad said.

As a governor, Branstad likes campaigning more than policy, which he tends to leave largely to staff. He can recall election returns from 20 years ago down to the percentage point and discuss in detail which counties he has won and lost over the years.

"It's uncanny, his memory," said Jeff Boeyink, who managed Branstad's 2010 campaign. He said people frequently brought Branstad photos of themselves with him as a baby and the governor could nearly always remember the moment.

## Who's too old for major treatment? Age not always a barrier

LINDSEY TANNER, AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Irwin Weiner felt so good after heart surgery a few weeks before turning 90 that he stopped for a pastrami sandwich on the way home from the hospital. Dorothy Lipkin danced after getting a new hip at age 91. And at 94, William Gandin drives himself to the hospital for cancer treatments.

Jimmy Carter isn't the only nonagenarian to withstand rigorous medical treatment. Very old age is no longer an automatic barrier for aggressive therapies, from cancer care like the former president has received, to major heart procedures, joint replacements and even some organ transplants.

In many cases, the nation's most senior citizens are getting the same treatments given to people their grandchildren's age — but with different goals.

"Many elderly patients don't necessarily want a lot of years, what they want is quality of life," said Dr. Clifford Kavinsky, a heart specialist at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. "They want whatever time is left for them to be high quality. They don't want to be dependent on their family. They don't want to end up in a nursing home."

Treatment for Carter, 91, has included surgery, radiation and a new cancer drug with fewer side effects than traditional chemotherapy. It seems to be working — Carter announced Dec. 6 that brain scans show no signs of the melanoma that was found in August.

The nation's 90-and-up population, about 2 million people, nearly tripled in recent decades, and the pace is expected to continue. Many are struggling with more than one age-related illness that make them poor candidates for aggressive and often costly care. But plenty remain robust enough to give it a try.

Lipkin, now 93, had hip replacement surgery two years ago in the Philadelphia area. Arthritis made walking difficult and painful. She'd been a good dancer in her younger days, and had tried to remain active, so her doctor recommended the operation.

"Otherwise I was going to be in a wheelchair the rest of my life," Lipkin said. Soon after, she made a video doing a line dance to show how well she was healing.

In the winter, she lives in Florida, walks at least half an hour daily and leads "a normal life."

Lipkin says having such major surgery at her age should be an individual decision.

Doctors agree. Some 90-year-olds are fitter than some 60-year-olds but they say other considerations need to be in the mix.

At MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the oldest patients are evaluated by geriatricians — specialists in medical care of the elderly — to make sure they're able to tolerate harsh treatments. Physical and mental health are assessed; so is social support — whether there are family members or friends available to help during treatment and recovery.

"We do believe that cancer care should not be limited by age," said Dr. Beatrice Edwards.

While many elderly patients are healthy enough to tolerate conventional treatments, advances including more targeted, less toxic drugs and minimally invasive surgery techniques are opening the door to others.

Gandin, the 94-year-old, was diagnosed more than 10 years ago with prostate cancer. Treatment with radiation and chemotherapy failed to stop cancer from spreading to his lungs and bones. He's now on hormone treatment that he said is controlling the disease.

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A retired Exxon Mobil auditor, Gandin helps take care of his wife of 74 years in their assisted living home in Houston and is not ready to give up on treatment. "I'm an eternal optimist — that's what has carried me through," he said.

Weiner, a retired furniture manufacturer representative, had a hardened, leaky aortic valve — a common condition in the elderly that can lead to disability and death. Open-heart surgery is a common option for heart-valve surgery, but some doctors hesitate to perform it in the elderly, said Kavinsky, the Chicago heart specialist.

Dr. Joseph Lamelas, Weiner's surgeon at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Florida, used a newer approach, implanting a new valve through a small incision on the right side of the chest.

After four days in the hospital last January, Weiner was back home in Boca Raton, Florida, and was well enough to have two big 90th birthday celebrations less than a month later.

Organ transplants are less common but not unheard of in the very old. Since 2013, there have been more than 100 kidney transplants in patients aged at least 80, including one in an 88-year-old, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Its records show that since 1987, the nation's oldest kidney transplant recipient was a 96-year-old.

There are generally no strict age limits on transplants. Dr. Dorry Segev, a Johns Hopkins Medicine transplant specialist, said frailty is a more important factor and his center measures it rigorously, including assessing patients' grip strength, walking speed and muscle mass.

Ethical issues complicate decisions on providing treatments costing tens of thousands of dollars to the very old and life expectancy has to be considered, Kavinsky said.

"When you start doing procedures on a 90-year old, you have someone who has already exceeded the average lifespan in America," he said. "How far should we go to keep them going?"

Dr. Joseph Dearani, chairman of cardiac surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, said a good gauge is whether treatment would likely help patients live well for at least another two years.

He said costs to the patient, their family and society also should be weighed, so that treatment is given to right patients, and "for the most part, that happens."

## Hoboken celebrates Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday

SHAWN MARSH, Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Frank Sinatra was the Chairman of the Board, Ol' Blue Eyes and The Voice. But "Slacksy O'Brien?"

That was an early nickname for Sinatra in the Hoboken neighborhood where he grew up because, as a youngster, he wore nice clothes.

Some young-at-heart residents of Hoboken raised their glasses to the award-winning singer and actor on Saturday on what would have been his 100th birthday.

A look back at a century of Sinatra:

### FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Francis Albert Sinatra was born on Dec. 12, 1915, in the Hudson River waterfront city that was home to German, Irish and Italian immigrants.

His father, Anthony, was a boxer who fought in Irish gyms as "Marty O'Brien" before becoming a fire-fighter and tavern owner. His mother, known as "Dolly," was connected to the local political machine.

Even though the family initially lived in a cold-water apartment at 415 Monroe St., they eventually had such luxuries as a radio, telephone and car while his mother made sure her son had nice clothes, Hoboken Historical Museum director Robert Foster said.

### START SPREADING THE NEWS

The high school dropout delivered the Jersey Observer newspaper and worked at a shipyard.

The car — and a driver's license in which his name was misspelled SINTRA — helped gain him a spot



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in 1935 with the singing group the Hoboken Four. They won first prize on a national radio program for amateur entertainers.

He became a singing waiter at The Rustic Cabin in Englewood Cliffs, where he met songwriter Cole Porter, and forgot the words to Porter's hit, "Night And Day," the 100 Sinatra website said.

Radio led Sinatra to big bands and stardom.

## STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT

Sinatra offered his assistance to the FBI in 1950, according to a confidential memorandum obtained in 1998 by The Associated Press. It showed Sinatra felt there was an opportunity to "do some good for his country under the direction of the FBI." He was "willing to do anything even if it affects his livelihood and costs him his job," the memo said. The FBI turned down the offer.

The file also contained Sinatra's mug shot, taken by the Bergen County Sheriff's Office in 1938, after his arrest on a seduction charge that was later dropped.

## LUCK BE A LADY

Sinatra's Rat Pack persona is associated with Las Vegas, but he gets credit for filling Atlantic City's casino showrooms with top talent after he appeared in 1979 at the city's first casino, Resorts International.

Following a show at Atlantic City's Golden Nugget in 1983, Sinatra and Dean Martin demanded a blackjack dealer break the rules, costing the casino a \$25,000 fine.

A commissioner called Sinatra "an obnoxious bully" with a "bloated ego."

Sinatra scrapped an engagement and his lawyer issued a statement saying, "He will not perform in a state where appointed officials feel the compulsion to use him as a punching bag."

His last engagement in Atlantic City was at the Sands in 1994.

## DRINK UP, ALL YOU PEOPLE

People left flowers near the plaque where Sinatra's first home once stood when he died in 1998 at age 82. A commemorative mass will be held at St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, where Sinatra was baptized, at 6 p.m. Sunday. Whatever real or imagined slights felt by some residents were forgotten.

Sinatra was inducted in the first class of New Jersey's Hall of Fame in 2008. A park and the city's main post office bear his name.

The Postal Service in 2008 issued a 42-cent stamp with his image, taking the rare step of holding three ceremonies in Hoboken, New York and Las Vegas.

But for a saloon singer who usually had a drink on stage, Sinatra's ultimate honor came from Jack Daniel's, which introduced Sinatra Select whiskey in 2003.

To honor the 100th anniversary of Sinatra's birth, Jack Daniel's produced 100 barrels of 100-proof Sinatra Century, which retails for \$499.99 and includes an unreleased Sinatra recording.

The Hoboken Historical Museum on Saturday night sponsored a sold-out gala at Stevens Institute of Technology, according to NJ.com (<http://bit.ly/1IMqUoz>).

## **Peddlers flock to New York City for 'coniferous tree' season** **VERENA DOBNIK, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — In New York City, even sidewalk space is coveted real estate. Street vendors sometimes spend a fortune or languish for years on waiting lists to acquire one of the permits that allow them to sell goods in tightly regulated locations.

But once a year, there's an exception, laid out in an artfully worded city ordinance: During the month of December, anyone may sell "coniferous trees" just about anywhere — no license required.

It's a rare tree-for-all. Peddlers flock in from across North America. Big trucks carrying huge loads of trees arrive in the dead of night. Stands selling coniferous trees (some people, but not the city, call them Christmas trees) sprout everywhere.

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The annual tree ritual brings New Yorkers together on village-like corners abuzz with neighborly chatter amid twinkling lights.

"I like to walk through the smell," says Tim Albright, a customer taking a deep whiff of a cluster of trees this week.

And then there's that other special green attraction: the smell of money that comes with the right to operate tree stands 24-7, free of charge, no license needed. That lures hardy entrepreneurs like Tom Gilmartin, a 62-year-old commercial fishing captain from Alaska.

He rolled into town with his wife and 12-year-old son in a pickup truck with a red-and-green camper perched on the back.

That's where they'll be sleeping for the next few weeks, parked next to the Manhattan stand they've operated every season for two decades. A giant Santa Claus standing on the truck's roof helps lure customers. Gilmartin and his wife take turns doing 12-hour shifts and shower at a local hostel in return for a donated tree.

They sell up to 500 trees each season, averaging an income of about \$14 per hour. Their prize sale so far has been a 17-foot, \$700 Fraser.

Their son, Rory, earned \$1,200 on a recent weekend delivering trees on a three-wheeled stroller. He gets \$20 per delivery.

"You can't just sell trees," Tom Gilmartin said. "You have to make friends. That's what this business is all about."

They might not be in New York if it weren't for the unlicensed vending, which has an intriguing history.

In 1938, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia waged what became known as his "War on Christmas" — an effort to keep mostly immigrant vendors off the streets by forcing them to obtain licenses.

So few were issued that trees vanished, causing an uproar. That's when the City Council enacted an exception allowing vendors free access to sidewalks once a year to sell Christmas trees, so long as adjoining store owners give their consent and the operation doesn't block pedestrians. The city later changed the text of the law to apply to coniferous trees, rather than Christmas trees, to avoid the appearance of giving special treatment to one religious group.

There are a few other carve-outs in New York's licensing schemes for street vendors, including an easing of some regulations for veterans and a waiver of permits, on free speech grounds, for people selling books.

On the flip side, some hot dog pushcart owners paid the city \$200,000 or more in concession fees for the right to operate in a prime spot in Central Park. For a two-year street vending license, the city charges \$200 — but they're so scarce that legal permit holders often "lease" them out to other vendors for tens of thousands of dollars.

Christmas tree sellers have an easier time, but they also hold on to their territory. Laura Miller has been working the same corner on Manhattan's Upper West Side for a decade.

The 40-year-old, who is five months pregnant, can be spotted from afar, her blonde hair cascading down her shoulders under a warm hat. The cold is no problem; she grew up in the Siberian city of Omsk, where she was a chorus conductor.

Now a Florida resident, she does office work the rest of the year and stays with friends during her winter stint in New York.

"I have a lot of competition now in New York, for sure, because just about every corner is trying to sell Christmas trees," Miller said. "It can be so crazy."

But ever the saleswoman, Miller quickly touts the quality of her fine firs.

"Basically," she said, "I have the best."

## Today in History The Associated Press

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Today is Sunday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2015. There are 18 days left in the year.

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## Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains as many as 300,000 people died; Japan says the toll was far less.)

## On this date:

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire received its charter.

In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1944, during World War II, the light cruiser USS Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack off Negros Island in the Philippines that claimed 133 lives.

In 1962, the United States launched Relay 1, a communications satellite which retransmitted television, telephone and digital signals.

In 1974, Malta became a republic. George Harrison visited the White House, where he met President Gerald R. Ford.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15 of the 20 people on board.

In 2000, Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore conceded to Republican George W. Bush, a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shut down further recounts in Florida.

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

**Ten years ago:** Crips gang co-founder Stanley Tookie Williams, whose supporters argued had redeemed himself inside prison, was executed in California for killing four people in robberies. Iraqis living abroad began voting in the country's parliamentary elections. American Red Cross President Marsha Evans announced her resignation.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul hit its first major legal roadblock as a federal judge in Richmond, Virginia, declared that the law's central requirement that nearly all Americans carry insurance was unconstitutional. Veteran U.S. diplomat Richard Holbrooke, 69, died in Washington. A South Korean fishing boat sank near Antarctica, leaving 22 of the 42 crew members dead or missing.

**One year ago:** Thousands of protesters marched in New York, Washington and other U.S. cities to call attention to the killing of unarmed black men by white police officers who faced no criminal charges. Congress cleared a \$1.1 trillion spending bill for President Barack Obama's signature. Marcus Mariota won the Heisman Trophy, becoming the first Oregon player to earn the award. Bill Bonds, an iconic Detroit anchorman who'd also worked for ABC stations in New York and Los Angeles, died at age 82.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 95. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 90. Actor Christopher Plummer is 86. Country singer Buck White is 85. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 82. Singer John Davidson is 74. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 70. Singer Ted Nugent is 67. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 67. Country musician Ron Getman is 67. Actor Robert Lindsay is 66. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 66. Actress Wendie Malick is 65. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 65. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 62. Country singer John Anderson is 61. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 61. Singer-actor Morris Day is 59. Actor Steve Buscemi (boo-SEH'-mee) is 58. Actor Johnny Whitaker (TV: "Family Affair") is 56. Rock musician John Munson (Semisonic; Twilight Hours) is 53. Actress-reality TV star NeNe Leakes is 49. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 48. Actor

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Bart Johnson is 45. TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos is 41. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 40. Actor James Kyson Lee is 40. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 34. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 34. Actor Michael Socha is 28. Country singer Taylor Swift is 26. Actress Maisy Stella is 12.

**Thought for Today:** "An orator without judgment is a horse without a bridle." - Theophrastus, Greek philosopher (c.371 BC - c.287 BC).