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Today

Collect Rocks Day
Mayflower Day
National Play Doh Day
POW/MIA Recognition Day
Step Family Day
Working Parents Day
American Legion Day
School Breakfast: Mini pancake, fruit, juice or milk.
School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce salad, fruit.
Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: • Camille Sippel • Bonnie Nierman • Vera Weisenberger • Jeannie Clocksene • Jayne Rossow
7:00pm: FB hosts Milbank Area

Saturday

Citizenship Day
Constitution Day
National Apple Dumpling Day
Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA hosts fall workshop
Anniversaries: • Bary & Tricia Keith • Lauren & Jean Harrison
Birthdays: • Jackson Strom • Kyler Ell • Kathy Holm • Ruby Larson • Iver Finnesand • Eric May
9:30 am: Groton Black 3rd-4th FB at Milbank Gold
9:30 am: Groton Gold 3rd-4th FB host Milbank White
9:30 am: Groton 5th-6th FB hosts Milbank White and Gold
10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran at Rosewood Court
1:00pm: Boys Soccer at Freeman Academy
1:00pm: Girls soccer at Garretson
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass



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Tonight on GDILIVE.COM, Groton Area hosts Milbank Area in football.

Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674

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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Bates Township Mowing Weed Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2016 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors

Betty Geist

Township Clerk

Putney Putovers 4-H Secretary's Report

The Putney Putovers 4-H Club met September 12th, 2016 at the Community Center. The Meeting was called to order by last year's Secretary Alexis Simon. The flag pledges were led by US: Carter Simon, State: Dylan Krueger, and 4-H: Axel Warrington. Roll Call was completed with the topic "Favorite part of Fall". The Secretary's Report was read by Hailey Monson; it was approved by Lucas Simon and seconded by Hannah Monson. The Treasurer's Report was read by Lucas Simon; it was approved by Hailey Monson and seconded by Cole Simon. There were no bills. Community Service was reported by the following: Caleb Hanten and Jillian Hughes who served at church and Alexis Simon did Volleyball stats. There was no old business.

In new business, record books will be due to Jamie Simon September 18th, by noon. Recognition event is scheduled for November 6th, it will begin at noon. Members are encouraged to promote our club to potential new members. The next meeting for our new year is to be announced. The meeting was adjourned by Alexis Simon; with a motion made by Dylan Krueger and seconded by Lane Tietz. Talks were provided by Carter Simon "How to take care of a rabbit", Lucas Simon "How to Detail Cars", and Alexis Simon "How to Pack a Lunch in an Organized Way". Demos were provided by the following: Axel Warrington "Facts about Wheat and How to Make Wheat Flour", Dylan Krueger "How to Put a Saddle On and Off a Horse", and Alexis Simon "How to make Candy Corn Shaped Rice Krispie Treats".

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

2016 Groton Area Elementary

Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds

September 19 and 22

Parents of children age 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 either confirm their screening time or set up a time. Letters will be send out the week of September 6. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school.

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

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Netters beat Hamlin

The Groton Area volleyball team traveled to Hayti Thursday night and came home with a 3-0 win over the Hamlin Chargers. Game scores were 25-11, 25-20 and 25-15. Groton also won the junior varsity match, 25-14 and 25-20, and the C match, 25-12 and 25-23.

Groton Area was 40 of 43 in serves with seven ace serves. Katie Koehler was 25 of 25 with four ace serves.

In sets, Groton Area was 97 of 97 with 27 assists. Katie Koehler was 91 of 91 with 26 assists and Paityn Bonn was six of six with one assist.

Groton Area was 102 of 119 in spikes with 36 kills. Gia Gengerke was 31 of 35 with 11 kills and Audrey Wanner was 25 of 31 with nine kills.

Gia Gengerke had three blocks and Taylor Holm had one. Audrey Wanner had 16 digs and Paityn Bonn had 15.

Groton Area, now 6-1, will host Warner on Tuesday.

Groton hosts Class B Events

Just a reminder....Groton Area is hosting two events this year for Region 1B. Groton Area is NOT a part of Region 1B....we are class A (Region 1A).

Please make sure you have these dates on your schedules....thanks!

Dates:

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2016.....Region 1B V-ball Championship (7pm)

Thursday, May 18th, 2017.....Region 1B Track Meet (9am?)

Groton C & MA Church presents...

Psalty the singing Songbook's

Heart to Change the World

Sunday, September 18, 2016, 5:00pm

Musical performance by Kids' club/youth Group

supper to follow

All are welcome and encouraged to attend

706N Main Street, Groton

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2016 Brown County Fair 4-H Results

Part 1 - A through P

A

- Achen, Kalyce: Market Swine - Purple (2).
Achen, Stephen: Market Swine - Purple.
Allison, Abigail: Wood Science - Purple (2), Market Beef - Blue, Prospect Calf Cow - Blue, Market Sheep - Blue, Visual Arts - Purple (5), Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Home Environment - Purple (2); Photography - Blue.
Allison, Adalyn: Purple (2), Blue; Home Environment - Purple (2), Blue; Market Sheep - Blue, Red; Prospect Calf Show - Red; Market Beef - Blue; Photography - Blue.
Allison, Aleigha: Prospect Cow - Blue; Market Sheep - Blue (2); Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Blue (2), Red; Foods & Nutrition: Purple, Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue (2).
Althoff, Bradin: Entomology & Bees - Purple; Wood Science - Purple.
Anderson, Kaitlyn: Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Photography - Blue (2); Home Environment - Purple (3).
Anderson, Kennedy: Home Environment - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple (2), Blue.
Artz, Andrew: Foods & Nutrition - Purple (2); Hobbies & Collections - Blue, Purple; Foods Preservation - Purple (2), Blue; Rabbit - Purple (5), Blue (2), Red; Market Beef - Blue (2).
Artz, Cole: Rabbit - Purple (3), Blue (3); Wood Science - Purple; Hobbies & Collections - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple.
Atwood, Audrey: Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue; Rabbit - Purple; Poultry - Purple (5); Rabbit Showmanship - Beginner Champion, Purple.

B

- Bailly, Kayla: Home Environment - Purple, Blue (3); Visual Arts - Purple (3).
Bakeberg, Drew: Poultry - Purple (2); Market Goat - Blue.
Barstad, Brianne: Visual Arts - Purple (4), Blue (3).
Barstad, Brookelyn: Visual Arts - Purple (9); Clothing & Textiles - Blue.
Barstad, Lauryn: Home Environment - Purple, Blue; Visual Arts - Purple (3), Blue (2)
Beckler, Katelyn: Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Market Beef - Purple.
Bierman, McKenzie: Market Beef - Blue.
Binfet, Landon: Wood Science - Purple; Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple.
Binfet, Megan: Visual Arts - Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Photography - Purple; Home Environment - Purple.
Boe, Braden: Visual Arts - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple; Automotive, Small & Tractor Engines - Purple.
Bonn, Hailey: Visual Arts - Purple (4); Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Hobbies & Collections - Purple, Blue; Home Environment - Purple (2), Blue.
Bonn, Torrie: Home Environment - Purple (2), Blue; Hobbies & Collections - Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Food Preservation - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple (3).
Bossly, Brooklyn: Visual Arts - Purple (4), Blue; Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue (2).
Bowser, Emma: Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple, Blue; Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue; Music/Dance - Purple.
Bowser, Zachary: Music/Dance - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple (2).
Braun, Chase: Home Environment - Purple.
Bretsch, Claire: Photography - Purple, Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple.

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Browning, Dillon: First Aid (Health) - Purple; Photography - Purple, Blue (2); Poultry - Blue (2).
Browning, Mikayla: Poultry - Purple; Breeding Meat Goat - Blue; Poultry - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2).

C

Carpenter, Matthew: Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple; Food Preservation - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; Home Environment - Blue.

Clark, Emily: Hobbies & Collections - Purple; Fitness & Sports - Purple; Music/Dance - Purple; Robotics - Purple.

Clark, Ethan: Music/Dance - Purple; Robotics - Purple.

Cox, Zoe: Home Environment - Purple; Visual Arts - Blue.

Craig, Braiden: Market Beef - Purple (2).

Craig, Jace: Market Beef - Purple.

Craig, Craig: Market Sheep - Purple, Blue.

Crawford, Austin: Prospect Calf Show - Red; Visual Arts - Blue.

Crawford, Carly: Visual Arts - Blue; Prospect Calf Show - Red.

Crawford, Clay: Visual Arts - Purple.

Crawford, Garrett: Home Environment - Blue.

Crawford, Kaitlyn: Visual Arts - Blue; Photography - Blue; Home Environment - Purple (2); Rabbit - Purple, Red; Wood Science - Purple.

Crawford, Maddy: Wood Science - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (4); Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Blue, Purple; Photography - Red (2); Rabbit - Red; Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; Blue (3).

Crouch, Ashley: Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Food Preservation - Blue; First Aid (Health) - Blue; Photography - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple.

Crouch, Christine: Visual Arts - Purple; Photography - Blue; Food Preservation - Blue; First Aid (Health) - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Blue.

D

Davis, Alicia: Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue; Hobbies & Collections - Purple; Food Preservation - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue (3); Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple (2), Blue; Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple (10), Blue (6), Red (3); Home Environment - Purple; Welding Science - Purple; Wildlife & Fisheries - Purple.

Dennert, George: Market Beef - Champion Market Beef, Purple.

Dinger, Taylor: Welding Science - Purple; Wood Science - Purple; Home Environment - Blue; Electricity - Purple.

Donley, Emma: Child Development & Family Life - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (5); Blue (3); Photography - Purple (6), Blue (2).

Dreyer, Carter: Photography - Purple (2), Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple.

Dykeman, Regan: Visual Arts - Purple (2); Market Sheep - Blue (2); Market Goat - Blue (2).

Dykeman, Rylan: Market Goat - Purple, Blue; Market Sheep - Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple (2).

E

Ellingson, Logan: Visual Arts - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Breeding Beef - Purple (2).

Erdmann, Jarrett: Breeding Meat Goat - Blue; Photography - Blue; First Aid (Health) - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple (2), Blue; Market Goat - Purple, Blue; Welding Science - Blue; Rabbit - Blue; Poultry & Eggs - Purple.

Erdmann, Tessa: Poultry & Eggs - Purple; Meat Goat Showmanship - Junior Champion Showman, Purple; Welding Science - Purple; Wood Science - Purple (3), Blue; Market Goat - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple (4); First Aid (Health) - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Photography - Purple (3), Blue (4); Breeding Meat Goat - Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat, Purple (3); Blue; Dairy Cattle - Purple.

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F

- Feickert, Ezra: Photography - Purple; Market Beef - Purple.
Feickert, Sophia: Foods & Nutrition - Purple.
Fischbach, Ashley: Home Environment - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (3).
Fischbach, Keeley: Visual Arts - Purple (3); Home Environment - Purple.
Fites, Maggie: Visual Arts - Purple; Photography - Blue.
Fites, Mary: Visual Arts - Purple (2); Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Blue.
Flihs, Faith: Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue; Home Environment - Purple; Cat - Purple (2); Breeding Beef - Purple; Breeding Sheep - Purple, Blue; Poultry - Purple, Blue; Cat Showmanship - Purple; Welding Science - Purple; Prospect Calf Show, Purple (2); Market Swine - Grand Champion Purebred Female, Reserve Champion Purebred Male, Purple (7); Rally - Blue; Obedience - Purple; Showmanship - Purple.
Flihs, Kamryn: Hobbies & Collections - Blue.
Flihs, Karsten: Hobbies & Collections - Purple (2); Dairy Cattle - Purple.
Forsting, MiKayla: Home Environment - Purple (3); Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Market Swine - Reserve Champion Purebred Male, Reserve Champion Commercial Male, Purple (3).
Frericks, Caiden: Visual Arts - Purple.
Frey, Colin: Aerospace & Rocketry - Red; Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple (5); Blue (2); Dairy Cattle - Purple (3); Visual Arts - Blue.
Frey, Dylan: Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Senior Reserve Championship Showman, Purple; Dairy Cattle - Reserve Champion Dairy Cow, Purple (2); Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple (5), Blue (2), Red; Foods & Nutrition - Blue.
Friedt, Isabelle: Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Blue; Market Beef - Purple; Prospect Calf Show - Champion Weanling Calf - Heifer, Purple; Market Sheep - Purple.
Frink, Aspy: Photography - Blue (3); Home Environment - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple, Blue.
Frink, Dawson: Visual Arts - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Purple, Blue (4).

G

- Gibson, Katrina: Poultry - Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue; Home Environment - Purple (2); Hobbies & Collections - Purple; Visual Arts - Blue; Wood Science - Purple.
Glynn, Delanie: Home Environment - Purple.
Glynn, Olivia: Home Environment - Blue.
Goldade, Brianna: Visual Arts - Purple (6); Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple.
Goldade, Ryan: Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple.
Goldade, Tyler: Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue.
Gustafson, Alexis: Breeding Meat Goat - Purple, Red; Market Goat - Blue.

H

- Hanson, Hailey: Breeding Beef - Purple (2).
Hanson, Kari: Music/Dance - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Hobbies & Collections - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Blue.
Hanson, Layne: Prospect Calf Show - Reserve Champion Purebred Female, Reserve Champion Weanling Calf - Steer, Purple (2).
Hanten, Alexis: Visual Arts - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (3).
Hanten, Caleb: Home Environment - Purple (4); Visual Arts - Purple, Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Purple.
Hartwell, Ashlinn: Breeding Beef - Champion Breeding Beef, Purple.
Haskell, Raley: Poultry - Purple (2).

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Haskell, River: Poultry - Purple (2), Blue.
Hassebroek, Chance: Rabbit - Purple (4), Blue, Red; Breeding Sheep - Purple (2), Blue (2).
Hassebroek, McKenzie: Poultry - Purple (11), Blue (5); Home Environment - Purple (4); Breeding Sheep - Red (3); Visual Arts: Purple (2), Blue (3); Clothing & Textiles - Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue, Red.
Hassebroek, Trintitee: Poultry - Purple (11), Blue; Rabbit - Best of Breed (2), Purple (3), Blue (2), Red (3); Breeding Sheep - Blue (2).
Hassebroek, Tyson: Poultry - Purple (7), Blue (2); Breeding Sheep - Red (2); Home Environment - Purple (3), Blue; Foods & Nutrition - Purple (4), Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple.
Hettich, Brooklyn: Visual Arts - Purple (3), Blue (4); Bicycle - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (3), Blue; Photography - Blue (3); Hobbies & Collections - Blue (2).
Heupel, Spencer: Photography - Purple; Hobbies & Collections - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple.
Heupel, Zachary: Photography - Purple, Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple, Blue.
Huber, Breanna: Prospect Calf Show - Blue; Home Environment - Purple (2), Blue; Poultry - Purple (2); Rabbit - Purple, Blue; Visual Arts - Purple.
Huber, Miranda: Visual Arts - Purple; First Aid (Health) - Purple; Rabbit - Purple; Poultry - Blue (3); Breeding Sheep - Purple, Blue; Home Environment - Blue; Prospect Calf Show - Blue (2); Wood Science - Purple (3).
Hughes, Jeran: Hobbies & Collections - Purple.
Hughes, Jillian: Hobbies & Collections - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (2); Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Red; Photography - Purple.
Hunnel, Kameron: Visual Arts - Purple (5), Blue (4).
Hunnel, Kierra: Visual Arts - Purple (4), Blue (5).
Handel, Kya: Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue (2); Agility - Purple; Rally - Red; Obedience - Red; Showmanship - Purple.

J

Jandel, Rease: Showmanship - Purple; Obedience - Purple; Rally - Red; Agility - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple, Blue.
Jandel, Shea: Visual Arts - Purple; Agility - White; Rally - Red; Obedience - Blue; Showmanship - Purple.
Johnson, Anna: Wood Science - Purple; Meat Goat Showmanship - Beginner Champion Showman, Purple; Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Beginner Reserve Champion Showman, Purple; Market Goat - Purple; Dairy Cattle - Purple (2); Music/Dance - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue.
Johnson, Brenna: Prospect Calf Show - Purple (2).
Johnson, Peyton: Wood Science - Purple; Food Preservation - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Music/Dance - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Blue.
Johnson, Porter: Prospect Calf Show - Purple, Blue.
Jones, Delayne: Prospect Calf Show - Purple, Red; Market Swine - Purple (2).
Jones, Jayla: Market Swine - Purple (2); Prospect Calf Show - Reserve Champion Bucket Calf - Steer, Purple, Blue.
Jones, MaKayla: Market Swine - Grand Champion Commercial Female, Purple (2).

K

Kaan, Abbilyn: Visual Arts - Purple (6); Shooting Sports - Blue.
Kern, Hunter: Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple; Photography - Blue (2), Red; Dairy Goat - Reserve Champion Dairy Goat, Purple (2); Wood Science - Purple, Blue.
Kessler, Savannah: Market Swine - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple.
Kessler, Sienna: Visual Arts - Purple (2); Home Environment - Blue; Market Swine - Purple (3).
Kessler, Sierra: Market Swine - Grand Champion Commercial Male, Overall Champion Market Hog, Purple (3).

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Kessler, Whyatt: Market Swine - Grand Champion Purebred Male, Reserve Champion Overall Market Hog, Purple (4); Visual Arts - Blue; Hobbies & Collections - Purple.

Kettering, Portia: Visual Arts - Purple (3); Clothing & Textiles - Purple.

Kippley, Noah: Shooting Sports - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Blue (2); Breeding Beef - Blue.

Kleinknecht, Kody: Breeding Beef - Blue; Photography - Blue; Visual Arts - Blue.

Krueger, Dylan: Rally - Blue; Agility - Purple; Obedience - Red; Showmanship - Purple.

Krueger, Lane: Prospect Calf Show - Purple; Breeding Beef - Purple (2).

Kucker, Braden: Visual Arts - Purple.

Kucker, Payton: Visual Arts - Purple.

L

LaMee, Josie: Meat Goat Showmanship - Senior Reserve Champion Showman, Purple; Market Goat - Purple (3); Market Swine - Purple (4); Home Environment - Purple; Photography - Red.

Larson, Ricky: Breeding Sheep - Red; Market Sheep - Blue.

Lehr, Kayla: Home Environment - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple.

Lehr, Kody: Electricity - Blue; Health/Safety - Purple; Bicycle - Purple.

M

Malsam, Emily: Home Environment - Purple (2); Poultry - Purple (2); Rabbit - Purple; Photography - Purple, Blue; Rally - Purple; Obedience - Red; Showmanship - Blue.

Malsam, Grace: Obedience - Purple; Showmanship - Purple; Rabbit Showmanship - Champion Junior Showman, Purple; Photography - Purple, Blue; Rabbit - Purple; Poultry - Purple (3); Agility - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (2), Blue (2); Visual Arts - Purple, Blue (3); Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple.

Malsam, Megan: Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (5); Home Environment - Purple, Blue; Agility - White; Poultry - Purple (3), Blue; Photography - Purple (2), Blue; Rabbit - Best of Breed, Purple (3), Blue, Red; Rally - Purple; Obedience - Purple; Showmanship - Purple.

Marzahn, Andrew: Wildlife & Fisheries - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Hobbies & Collections - Purple.

Marzahn, Landon: Visual Arts - Purple.

Marzhan, Nicole: Visual Arts - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple (2); Photography - Purple (2).

Mattson, Gabriel: Dairy Cattle - Champion Dairy Cow, Purple (3); Electricity - Purple; Food Preservation - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (3); Foods & Nutrition - Purple (2), Blue; Wood Science - Purple.

Menning, Madysn: Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Home Environment - Purple (2).

Miller, Hanna: Breeding Beef - Purple; Breeding Sheep - Blue (2); Photography - Blue (2); Horse & Pony - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Hobbies & Collections - Blue.

Miller, Mallory: Visual Arts - Blue (2); Photography - Blue (3); Breeding Sheep - Purple, Blue; Breeding Beef - Purple.

Miller, Tucker: Breeding Sheep - Blue (2); Market Goat - Purple, Blue.

Mitzel, Cole: Dairy Goat - Purple (2); Visual Arts (Purple (3).

Mitzel, Gianna: Visual Arts - Purple; Dairy Goat - Purple.

Mitzel, Jonathan: Dairy Goat - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple (3).

Mitzel, Matthew: Visual Arts - Purple (2); Dairy Goat - Purple (2).

Moen, Carter: Home Environment - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple (3), Blue (2); Aerospace & Rocketry - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple.

Moen, Norah: Wood Science - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Blue; Aerospace & Rocketry - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple; Home Environment - Blue (2).

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Monson, Hailey: Home Environment - Purple; Breed Beef - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple (2); Clothing & Textiles - Purple; First Aid (Health) - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Purple; Wood Science - Purple; Prospect Calf Show - Purple.

Monson, Hannah: Prospect Calf Show - Champion Bucket Calf - Heifer, Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Red; Visual Arts - Purple, Blue; Breeding Beef - Purple; Home Environment - Purple (3); Photography - Purple.

Muldoon, Brendan: Visual Arts - Purple.

Muldoon, Colin: Market Beef - Blue; Market Sheep - Purple, Blue (2); Welding Science - Purple (2); Wood Science - Purple.

O

Ochsner, Laura: Home Environment - Purple (4), Blue; Visual Arts - Purple.

Olson, Jacob: Photography - Purple, Blue; Breeding Beef - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Blue.

Olson, Michaela: Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Breeding Beef - Blue; Photography - Blue (2).

Olson, Patrick: Photography - Purple, Blue; Breeding Beef - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Prospect Calf Show - Purple.

Olson, Samantha - Visual Arts - Blue; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Foods & Nutrition - Blue; Breeding Beef - Purple, Blue; Photography - Purple, Blue.

Opland, Alexis: Clothing & Textiles, Purple; Visual Arts - Blue.

Opland, Kelby: Visual Arts - Purple; Clothing & Textiles - Purple; Home Environment - Purple.

Osterman, Lexi: Home Environment - Purple (2); Breeding Beef - Purple; Dairy Goat - Purple (2); Poultry - Purple (2); Food Preservation - Purple (2); Foods & Nutrition - Purple (2), Blue; Food Preservation - Blue; Hobbies & Collections - Purple (2); Prospect Calf Show - Purple (2); Welding Science - Purple (2); Market Swine - Purple (4).

P

Pauli, Blake: Market Beef - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Purple; Breeding Beef - Purple.

Pearson, Logan: Breeding Beef - Purple; Market Swine - Purple.

Podoll, Brooklyn: Market Sheep - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple; Home Environment - Purple; Food Preservation - Purple.

Podoll, Danielle: Food Preservation - Purple; Citizenship - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (3); Photography - Purple (5).

Podoll, Jack: Photography - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple (2); Food Preservation - Purple.

Podoll, Jessica: Market Beef - Purple.

Podoll, Max: Food Preservation - Purple; Visual Arts - Purple; Aerospace & Rocketry - Blue; Photography - Purple.

Podoll, Michaela: Market Sheep - Purple (3).

Pullman, Chandler: Photography - Blue (4), Red (3); Home Environment - Purple, Blue; Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Blue; Visual Arts - Purple (2), Blue; Food Preservation - Purple (2); Foods & Nutrition - Purple, Blue (4), Red (2).

Pullman, Jessica: Foods & Nutrition - Purple (4), Blue (2); Hobbies & Collections - Purple; Food Preservation - Purple (2); Visual Arts - Purple (3); Home Environment - Purple, Blue; Horticulture, Gardening & Landscaping - Purple; Photography - Blue (4), Red (3).

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Dacotah Prairie Museum's

Living History Fall Festival

Saturday, September 24, 2016

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Granary Rural Cultural Center

40161 128th St., Groton, SD

See The Past Come Alive!

THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS & TASTES OF HISTORY...

Live Music • Dacotah Territory Muzzleloaders • Spelling Bee for Kids at 1 p.m.
Prairie Fiber Arts Guild • Native American Culture • Prairie Flora & Fauna • Apple Press
Fort Sisseton History • Pioneer Home Life • One Room School • Museum Gift Shop
Old Fashioned Entertainment • Pie Social 1 - 4 p.m. • Kid's Activities & Much More!

Concessions by: **THE BRASS KETTLE**

**COME DRESSED IN FRONTIER
COSTUME—GET A PRIZE!**

FREE ADMISSION

Find the Granary:

5 Mi. North of US Hwy 12—Between Aberdeen & Groton.
Near Tacoma Park. Printable driving directions online.

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Increasing Uncertainty in Current Climate Outlook

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Climate outlooks for the remainder of the fall season turned less certain this week, as the likelihood of La Nina has been reduced, explained Laura Edwards, Acting State Climatologist and SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"As of September 8, 2016 NOAA's (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's) Climate Prediction Center removed their La Nina Watch status, and are now favoring Neutral conditions," Edwards said.

She explained that El Nino and La Nina are generally the best long-term forecast indicators for the late fall and winter season. "For the last several months, computer models and forecasters had been projecting a weak La Nina to affect our climate in North America this winter, following the strong El Nino from earlier this year. With the status removed, it makes climate predicting a little less certain," Edwards said.

Neutral conditions means sea surface temperatures in the equatorial region of the Pacific Ocean, and other atmosphere and ocean indicators, are near the long-term average.

La Nina is when ocean waters are cooler than average in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, with sustained temperatures of just under 1 degree Fahrenheit cooler than average for three consecutive months.

September 15, 2016 Climate Outlook

The climate outlook for October and the season ahead was issued by NOAA's Climate Prediction Center on September 15, 2016.

Edwards said this update continues to show warmer than average temperatures favored in South Dakota for the month ahead. "This outlook is given with a little less certainty than we had seen in previous outlooks," she said.

The precipitation outlook for October is also less clear for the state, as it is in a region that has equal probability of being wetter, drier or near average for the month.

"This could be good news for eastern region farmers who are looking for some warm and dry, or even near average rainfall, conditions to help dry down corn and soybeans for harvest," Edwards said.

She added that the outlook could be less ideal news for western and central region growers, who are looking for some rainfall to help start winter wheat this fall.

"Despite some much-needed rainfall in August, many areas could still benefit from additional moisture to recover from the significant drought that took hold this summer," she said. "Fall moisture could also help with pasture and forage conditions, and set the stage for the early spring."

Looking further ahead, Edwards said according to the Climate Prediction Center, the rest of the year could continue to be warmer than average.

"This has been a consistent feature of 2016, as the year so far has been warmer than average for South Dakota," she said.

Precipitation for the rest of the year has become more uncertain, partly due to the reduced probability of La Nina that generally affects the Northern Rockies and can spill over into the western Dakotas.

"South Dakota now sits just east of an area that is still favored to be wetter than average, with no clear signals for precipitation in our area," she said.

Since La Nina has become less likely than neutral conditions, Edwards explained that for the rest of the fall and winter season ahead, climatologists will be looking at a handful of other atmospheric and oceanic patterns.

"There are other patterns that can affect us, both from the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and how they drive the jet stream in the winter season," she said.

This winter, climate forecasters will likely be looking closer at some shorter term changes in the climate, on the timescales of three to four weeks to a couple of months.

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Today in Weather History

September 16, 1965: A heavy snow event brought widespread snowfall across the region with snowfall accumulations of 1 inch in Colony and Devils Tower, 2.6 inches at the Rapid City Airport, 4 inches in Oelrichs, 5.1 inches in Redig, and 8 inches in Lead, Spearfish, and Sundance.

September 16, 2006: Two weak tornadoes touched down briefly west and north of Clark in the late afternoon. No damage occurred.

1881: Iowa's earliest measurable snow of record fell over western sections of the state. Four to six inches was reported between Stuart and Avoca.

1888: An estimated F2 tornado struck Washington, DC. The tornado first touched down on the south side of the city then moved up Maryland Avenue. The National Museum and Botanical Gardens were damaged before the tornado lifted off the ground.

1928 - Hurricane San Felipe, a monster hurricane, which left 600 dead in Guadeloupe, and 300 dead in Puerto Rico, struck West Palm Beach FL causing enormous damage, and then headed for Lake Okeechobee. When the storm was over, the lake covered an area the size of the state of Delaware, and beneath its waters were 2000 victims. The only survivors were those who reached large hotels for safety, and a group of fifty people who got onto a raft to take their chances out in the middle of the lake. (David Ludlum)

1984 - The remains of Tropical Storm Edourd began to produce torrential rains in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Port Isabel reported more than 21 inches. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Overnight rains soaked Arkansas, with 5.25 inches reported at Bismarck. In the town of Malvern, up to four feet of water was reported over several downtown streets, with water entering some homes and businesses. Thunderstorms in Texas drenched Lufkin with 4.30 inches of rain in just three hours. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Missouri. A small tornado near Kirksville lifted a barn thirty feet into the air and then demolished it. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Hurricane Gilbert moved ashore into Mexico. The hurricane established an all-time record for the western hemisphere with a barometric reading of 26.13 inches. Winds approached 200 mph, with higher gusts. Gilbert devastated Jamaica and the Yucatan Peninsula. (The Weather Channel) Hurricane Gilbert made landfall 120 miles south of Brownsville TX during the early evening. Winds gusted to 61 mph at Brownsville, and reached 82 mph at Padre Island. Six foot tides eroded three to four feet off beaches along the Lower Texas Coast, leaving the waterline seventy-five feet farther inland. Rainfall totals ranged up to 8.71 inches at Lamar TX. Gilbert caused three million dollars damage along the Lower Texas Coast, but less than a million dollars damage along the Middle Texas Coast. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1989 - Showers and thunderstorms, representing what remained of Hurricane Octave, brought locally heavy rains to California, impeding the drying process for raisins and other crops. Sacramento CA was soaked with 1.53 inches of rain in six hours. At Phoenix AZ, the afternoon high of 107 degrees marked a record seventy-six days with afternoon highs 105 degrees or above. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004: Hurricane Ivan turned northward over cooler waters, and made landfall in southern Alabama on September 16 as a Category 3 storm. Hurricane Ivan had a very unusual track almost making a very large circle.


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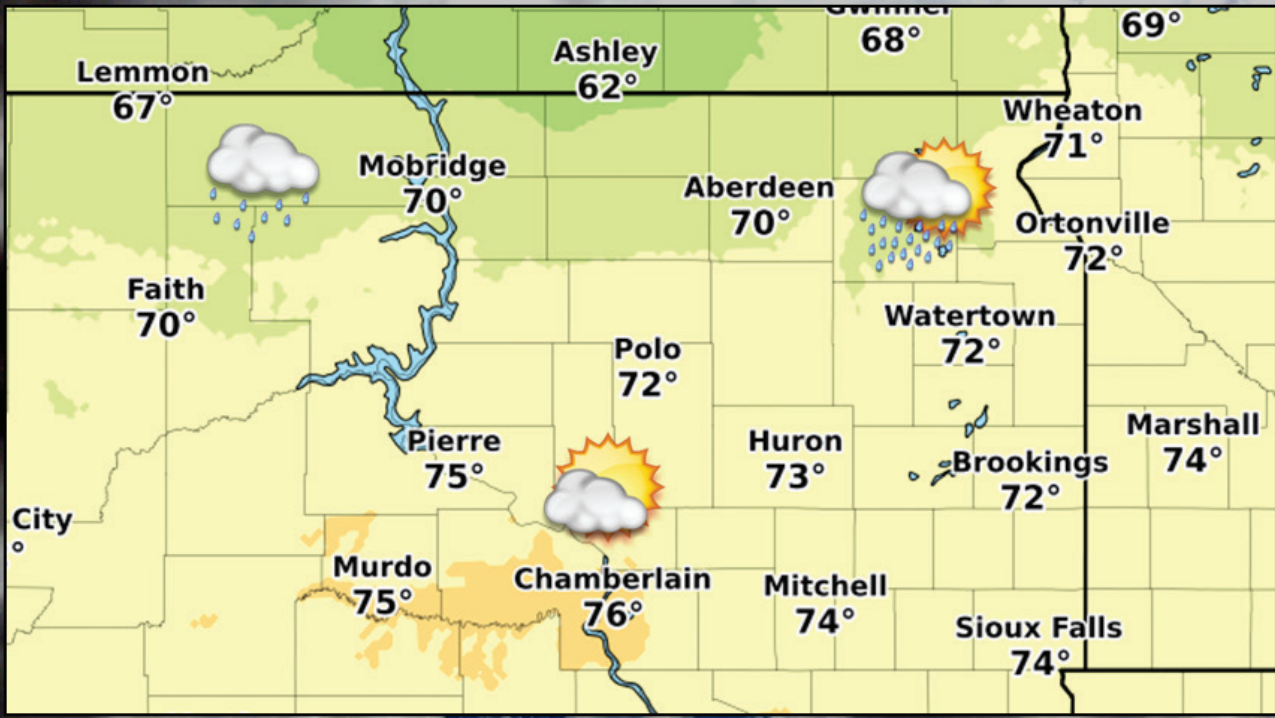
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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Chance T-storms	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 70 °F	Low: 45 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 76 °F



Scattered Showers Across Northern Areas Today





City	Temperature	Weather
Lemmon	67°	Cloudy
Ashley	62°	Clear
Wheaton	71°	Clear
Mobridge	70°	Cloudy with rain
Aberdeen	70°	Cloudy with rain
Ortonville	72°	Clear
Faith	70°	Clear
Pierre	75°	Clear
Polo	72°	Clear
Watertown	72°	Clear
Huron	73°	Clear
Brookings	72°	Clear
Marshall	74°	Clear
City	-	Clear
Murdo	75°	Clear
Chamberlain	76°	Clear
Mitchell	74°	Clear
Sioux Falls	74°	Clear

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Low pressure will move east across North Dakota today and bring continued chances for scattered showers across mainly northern South Dakota into west central Minnesota. Highs will range from the upper 60s north, to the mid 70s across south central South Dakota. Warmer and drier conditions are in store for the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 75.9 F at 5:07 PM

Low Outside Temp: 60.9 F at 11:35 PM

High Gust: 23.0 Mph at 1:46 PM

Precip: 0.25

Today's Info

Record High: 96° in 1925

Record Low: 20° in 1916

Average High: 72°F

Average Low: 46°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.20

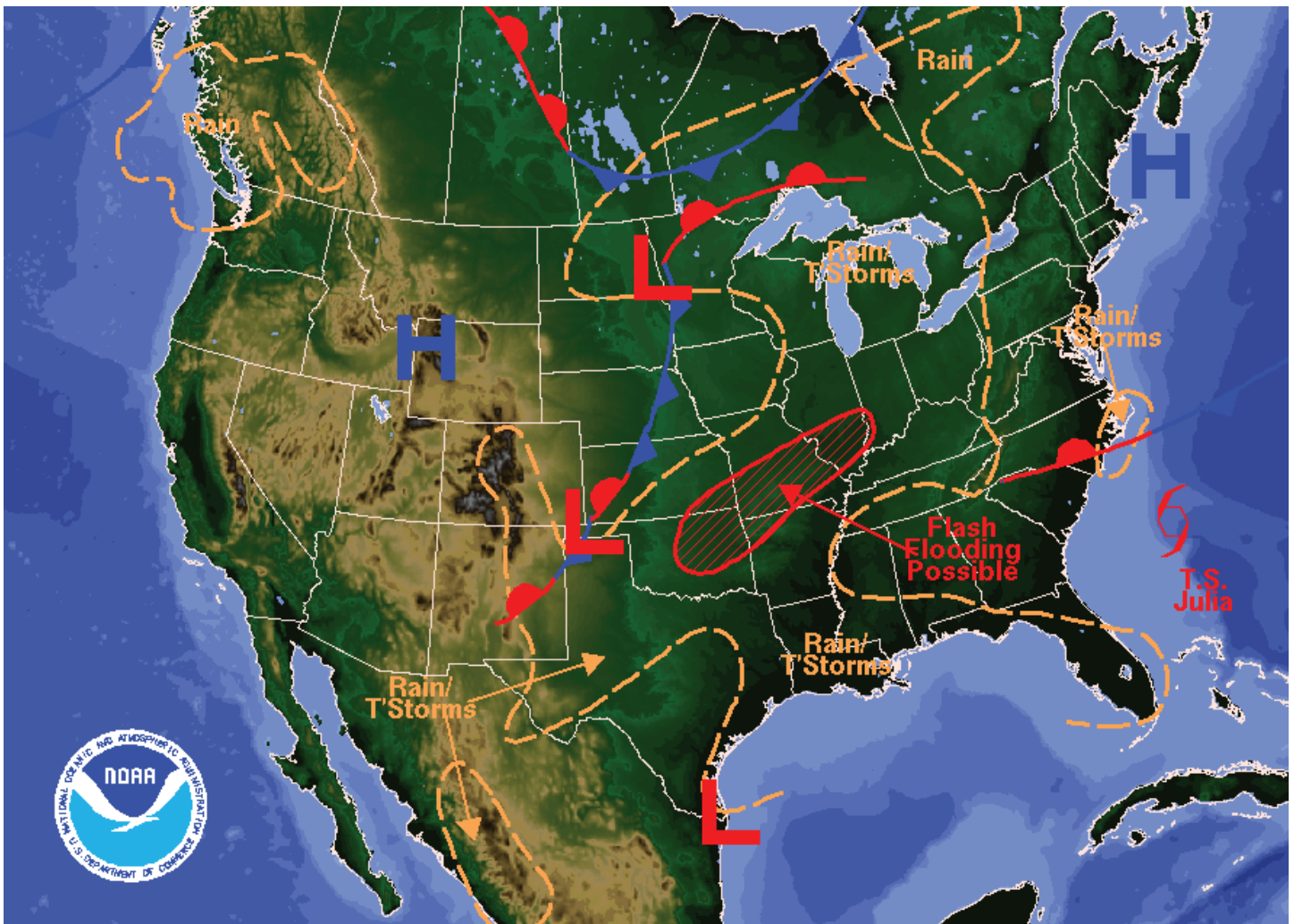
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.44

Average Precip to date: 17.49

Precip Year to Date: 13.10

Sunset Tonight: 7:41 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:15 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 16, 2016, issued 4:50 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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ROOM FULL OF LONELY

It seemed as though the night would never end. Little Luke tossed and turned trying to get comfortable and fall asleep. Finally he gave up and came wandering out of his bedroom with his favorite blanket and teddy bear.

His father heard his footsteps and went upstairs. Picking him up he asked, "What's the matter? Why can't you sleep?"

"It's my room," he replied.

"Your room? What's wrong with your room?" asked his Dad.

"It's full of lonely," said Luke.

It is a well-known fact that loneliness is one of the biggest problems in society today. Though we are surrounded by family and friends, loneliness grips the hearts and minds of countless millions. Medications and endless activities do not seem to fill the vacuum.

God has promised in His Word that "He will never leave us nor forsake us." If that's true, then, why do so many feel lonely?

Could it be that we have left God and He wants us to return? Has He created those feelings of loneliness to get us to seek Him? Have we become so involved with so many "things" that we have crowded Him out of our days? Must He use the darkness of a lonely night to get our attention to return to Him?

Prayer: We ask You, Father, to do whatever it takes, to draw us so close to You that we will feel Your presence and power wherever we are, night or day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Hebrews 13:6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

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News from the  Associated Press

50-foot-tall statue of Native woman goes up in Chamberlain

CHAMBERLAIN, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's newest landmark is being set up in Chamberlain, along the banks of the Missouri River.

The 50-foot-tall statue depicting a young Native American woman with a star quilt is made entirely of stainless steel and weighs about 50 tons. It was created by Black Hills artist Dale Lamphere, who has been working this week on its installation ahead of a formal unveiling Saturday.

Lamphere says the piece, titled Dignity, represents "the pride and strength and durability of the native cultures." He says he worked with three Lakota models in the process of creating the statue, which drivers on Interstate 90 will be able to see day and night from the road.

A Black Hills philanthropist commissioned and donated the piece. An installation reception is scheduled for Saturday.

Packers running short on corners going into Vikings game

By GENARO C. ARMAS, AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers' roster is running short on healthy cornerbacks going into an important game this weekend at Minnesota.

Top cornerback Sam Shields remains in the NFL's concussion protocol after getting hurt late in the season-opening win over Jacksonville. Backup corner Josh Hawkins hasn't practiced yet this week because of a hamstring injury that kept him out last week, too.

It left coach Mike McCarthy with three healthy corners in Damarious Randall, Quinten Rollins and LaDarius Gunter going into practice Thursday ahead of the showdown on Sunday night against the Vikings.

McCarthy said that he's comfortable with the depth.

"Yes, just the way we're working yesterday and today, so far so good," he said Thursday before practice.

Having jack-of-all-trades defensive back Micah Hyde at the ready helps. The fourth-year player can corner or safety. He's comfortable in the box or on the perimeter.

Perhaps most important of all for the defense, Hyde doesn't care if he's a starter.

Hyde could get thrust into a bigger role if Shields can't go. Shields, perhaps the Packers' best cover corner, also missed four games late last season because of a concussion.

"Everybody knows that Sam is one of our best defensive players, one of our best players overall," Hyde said. "If he's back, he's back, we'll love it. But if not, it's the next man in."

Dime linebacker Joe Thomas also had a strong game last week against the Jaguars, while Morgan Burnett and Ha Ha Clinton-Dix are a solid tandem at safety.

"That's why you practice, and these are things really when you go back to training camp and you're in your installation phase, that's what you rely on," McCarthy said. "You have to have different combinations of personnel and the ability to move guys around."

The Packers are preparing for a Vikings offense with questions at quarterback. Minnesota coach Mike Zimmer has said that he doesn't plan to name a starter between Shaun Hill and Sam Bradford until Sunday.

INJURY REPORT

Besides Shields and Hawkins (hamstring), two special teams standouts in S Chris Banjo and LB Jay-

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rone Elliott also missed practice. Banjo and Elliott also have hamstring injuries. ... Rookie WR Trevor Davis (shoulder) was a full participant in practice for the first time this week.

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"Sometimes it's his cuts, or his reads aren't where the play is designed to go, so I think that's what makes him very dangerous and just overall it doesn't look like he ages at all, just continues to run hard," — LB Clay Matthews on Adrian Peterson, the Vikings' 31-year-old star running back.

Online: AP NFL website: www.pro32.ap.org and AP NFL Twitter feed: www.twitter.com/AP_NFL

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Prosecutor: Ex-police chief killed woman for insurance money

BURKE, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors in the murder trial of a former South Dakota police chief said he killed his fiancée to collect more than \$900,000 in insurance money and was jealous that she was pregnant by another man.

Russell Bertram, 64, is charged with first-degree murder in the October 2009 death of 26-year-old Leonila Stickney, who was pregnant at the time. Prosecutors argued in opening statements at his trial on Wednesday that aside from money, jealousy played a role because Bertram had undergone a vasectomy and knew the child couldn't be his, the Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2cAeK3c>) reported.

"After being shot, Leonila never regained consciousness, was never able to tell anyone what happened," Assistant Attorney General Mikal Hanson said.

Bertram and Stickney began a relationship in 2009. Soon after, a \$750,000 life insurance policy was taken out on Stickney, followed by a smaller policy with a \$150,000 accidental death benefit, with Bertram as the beneficiary.

Bertram was not charged until late last year. The victim's estranged husband, David Stickney, received a letter months after her death from a life insurance company that was processing a claim from Bertram, court records show. He then contacted the South Dakota attorney general's office criminal division, setting in motion an investigation that led to a murder charge last fall.

Hanson told the jury Bertram changed his story during different interviews, including giving different accounts about how the gun was triggered, when he found out that Stickney was pregnant and what Stickney's last words were.

Bertram maintains he was putting his shotgun into his truck after a hunting trip in Gregory County when the weapon fired accidentally, striking Stickney in the abdomen.

Bertram's defense team on Wednesday argued the case has nothing to do with jealousy and that the insurance policy was Stickney's idea to provide for her family in the Philippines if anything happened to her.

Defense attorney Mike Butler told the court Bertram had sent money periodically to Stickney's family before he was arrested. He said the case was thoroughly investigated at the time and that authorities decided against arresting Bertram.

After Stickney's death, Bertram traveled to the Philippines and married Stickney's sister Melissa del Valle, who has filed for divorce, citing "extreme cruelty," according to court records.

Butler said that there is no evidence that he abused either woman. Bertram did use Stickney's cell-phone after her death to send text messages to the man that he suspected had impregnated her, Butler said. But that should have no bearing on the case, the defense lawyer said.

"As for evidence of moral conduct, I suppose some would argue as inappropriate," Butler said. "I'm not here defending a morals case. I'm defending a murder case."

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Pipeline protest site a city unto itself with school, meals

By JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press



NEAR THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX RESERVATION, N.D. (AP) — Tribal flags, horses, tents, hand-built shelters and teepees dominate one of the biggest, newest communities in North Dakota, built in a valley on federal land near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers.

It's a semi-permanent, sprawling gathering with a new school for dozens of children and an increasingly organized system to deliver water and meals to the hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people from tribes across North America who've joined the Standing Rock Sioux in their legal fight against the Dakota Access oil pipeline to protect sacred sites and a river that's a

source of water for millions of people.

"This is better than where most people came from," said 34-year-old Vandee Kahlsa, referencing the oft-harsh conditions of reservations across the United States. The Santa Fe, New Mexico, resident, who is Osage and Cherokee, has been at the camp

In this Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016, photo, volunteers toss logs at an oil pipeline protest encampment near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation

for more than a month.

She joins Standing Rock Sioux members who have been here since April, people from other tribes and non-tribal members from as far away as Asia and Europe who've vowed to stay as long as it takes to block the four-state, \$3.8 billion pipeline's construction. Though the Dallas, Texas-based pipeline company says it intends to finish the project, protesters have some hope: Three federal agencies are reviewing their construction-permitting process, temporarily blocking work on a small section not too far from the encampment site and asking Energy Transfer Partners to temporarily stop work on a 40-mile (64 km) span.

But given North Dakota's brutally cold winters, people will need more than the campfires warming them these days.

"I'm pretty sure by winter there will be some buildings up," said Jonathon Edwards, 36, a member of the Standing Rock tribe who lives in South Dakota and has been here since April 1, when snow was on the ground. "People who came here came here to stay."

The encampment has averaged about 4,000 people recently, he estimated; only 25 of North Dakota's 357 towns have more than 2,000 people. It's been called the largest gathering of Native Americans in a century, and the first time all seven bands of Sioux have come together in since Gen. George Custer's ill-fated 1876 expedition at the Battle of Little Big Horn, Edwards and others say.

Andrew Dennis, 42, called the encampment "creative chaos" that somehow seems to work. The California man, who has no tribal affiliation, arrived last week with supplies and food to donate.

Anchoring the camp is the Defenders of Water School, which uses two old army tents and a teepee

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as classrooms. Pupils learn the three R's, thanks to donated books, as well as traditional crafts and language.

Melaine Stoneman, a Lakota Sioux from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, said it's been a unique learning experience for her 5-year-old son, Wigmuke, which means rainbow in English.

"This is a very different atmosphere that does not institutionalize the spirit," Stoneman said.

Teacher Teresa Dzieglewicz said classes have averaged about 45 students in recent days. The 32-year-old St. Louis resident planned to be at the encampment for a few days, but has since put her graduate school studies at Southern Illinois University on hold indefinitely.

"I'm lucky and honored to be part of this," said Dzieglewicz, who taught elementary-school children for three years, including on reservations in South Dakota.

The encampment is on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, but most believe rightful ownership belongs to the Standing Rock Sioux, who had made their home there for centuries and whose adjacent 2.3 million-acre reservation straddles the North and South Dakota border.

The atmosphere feels like a celebration of cultural reawakening, said JR American Horse, a military veteran who lives on the reservation. The scent of burning firewood and sacred herbs fills the air, as do drumbeats and ancient songs and prayers.

Flags representing tribes whip in the wind. American Horse, 60, placed them all in the ground.

"I lost count at 300," he said. "This is a good thing that people have come together."

He and his tribal brethren help with trash pickup and water-hauling, which is no small feat. The camp produces several tons of trash weekly and uses several hundred gallons of water daily.

"We keep busy," Dewey Plenty Chief, 49, said.

Nearby, mountains of food, clothing and other supplies are stacked on pallets, donations that have been shipped in from around the world, said Ron Martel, a volunteer who lives on the Standing Rock Reservation.

Volunteers like Lois Bull, a member of North Dakota's oil-rich Three Affiliated Tribes, cook for the encampment's residents. "I wanted to do something to help out and this is that something," the retired 50-year-old from Grand Forks said while rolling breakfast burritos.

On the menu: Moose meat from Maine, salmon from southeast Alaska and bison tongue harvested from a herd in the Dakotas, said Judah Horowitz, a 27-year-old real estate project manager from Brooklyn, New York, who's been here for the past several days.

"In New York, people think water comes from bottles and meat comes wrapped in plastic," he said.

Edwards, the Standing Rock tribe member who's been there since April serves another important function: He's a paramedic, treating everything from kids' skinned knees to respiratory problems for older protesters. Several other health care professionals have volunteered in the past few months, too.

He worries about the onset of winter and hopes more permanent structures can be built, though it's unclear where those structures would be located.

But most of all, Edwards said, this gathering will be remembered as a historic event that brought indigenous and water protection issues to the forefront.

"When this pipeline is stopped, and it will be," he said, "we're going to have to thank the pipeline company for all of this."

Long returns: Patterson has had best performances vs. Pack By DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Pro Football Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers will be wise to treat Cordarrelle Patterson carefully this weekend.

He has had their attention since his very first play against Minnesota's biggest rival.

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Patterson set an NFL record that can never be topped as a rookie for the Vikings on Oct. 27, 2013, when he caught the opening kickoff at the Metrodome and returned it 109 yards for a touchdown.

The Packers promptly removed punter Tim Masthay from kickoff duty, replacing him with kicker Mason Crosby, but Patterson still tacked on a 51-yarder later that night.

The Packers went on to win 44-31 and are 4-1-1 against the Vikings in Patterson's career, but he has produced some of his longest runbacks in games against Green Bay. Holding the all-time franchise record with 11 kickoff returns of 50 or more yards, Patterson has tallied five of them while playing the Packers. In six matchups against them, his average on 18 runbacks is 36.7 yards.

"We just try to get better each and every week and just focus on whatever team we're playing that week," Patterson said, dismissing the notion of saving extra energy for facing the Packers.

Patterson, who's in the final year of his contract, could benefit from the new rule that places touchbacks at the 25-yard line.

"Some kickers' legs are not as strong as the others. Some of them can't kick it out of the end zone every time, and some of them will mishit it," Patterson said. "That's an opportunity I've just got to take advantage of and just help my team out."

The Vikings host the Packers on Sunday night in the debut of U.S. Bank Stadium, sending the series back indoors. Crosby is still handling kickoffs, ranking eighth in the league in touchbacks since entering the NFL in 2007.

"Hopefully we get a couple chances," Vikings special teams coordinator Mike Priefer said.

Patterson produced a 61-yard return in the season opener at Tennessee.

"He doesn't lack confidence or athletic ability. It was really good for him. It was good for our blockers," Priefer said. "We preach staying on the blocks and finishing blocks and doing the little things, because we have such a great returner back there. Our guys really block well for him."

The Vikings special teams player under more scrutiny these days is kicker Blair Walsh, who missed one of two extra points and two of six field goals in the 25-16 victory over the Titans last week. He infamously hooked left that 27-yard field goal attempt in January that would have sent the Vikings to the next round of the playoffs, too.

"He's our guy, but he has to make those kicks," Priefer said. "He was disappointed just as much as we were disappointed that he missed them."

All four of Walsh's made field goals came in the second half, at least.

"You want to make the other two and be more consistent for your team," Walsh said, "but I have been in the past and I know I will be in the future, so I'm not going to let one game get under my skin."

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Lake Area Technical Institute named as finalist for award

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — The community college where President Obama delivered a commencement speech last year is once again a finalist for a prestigious higher education award.

Lake Area Technical Institute is one of 10 finalists for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the Watertown Public Opinion (<http://bit.ly/2d04KF1>) reported.

It's the fourth time the institute has been named among the top 10, having finished as a finalist with

distinction in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

Other community colleges listed as finalists for the 2017 prize include Broward College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Pasadena City College in Pasadena, California; and Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska.

The institute's president, Mike Cartney, credited the community college's good standing to the superintendent and school board's leadership as well as engagement from the community.

"Whenever we receive an honor like this, we're always humbled," Cartney said. "This isn't something that happens because Lake Area Tech does a good job. This is something that happens because we've got great people at LATI."

The institute has a 70 percent graduation rate, which is one of the highest in the country and greatly exceeds the national average of 39 percent.

The institute's graduates also make an average salary that's 49 percent higher than the region's other new hires. Additionally, 99 percent of students have said they are employed or continuing their education within six months of graduation.

Aspen Institute judges will visit the campus Nov. 16 and 17 to interview students, staff, officials and employees. The winner of the \$1 million award will be announced at an event in Washington, D.C., in March 2017.

Information from: Watertown Public Opinion, <http://www.thepublicopinion.com>

National park in South Dakota seeks hunters to curb elk herd

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A national park about 50 miles south of Rapid City is seeking volunteers to hunt its elk herd in an effort to reduce the population and combat a deadly disease.

The South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Department and the National Park Service have teamed up to reduce Wind Cave National Park's elk population and address its high rate of chronic wasting disease, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2d3spUY>) reported.

The operation will include about 50 volunteers working in teams with park officials to shoot the elk. The hunt is scheduled to begin in mid-November.

Volunteers will be chosen through an online lottery system and will work in the park for a 5-day work week. They're required to be skilled shooters and be able to hike 10 miles with a 70-pound backpack.

"As people fill out the application, they have to understand that this is difficult work that includes several hard days in the field under strenuous hiking and weather conditions," Wind Cave Superintendent Vidal Dávila said in a press release.

Park officials estimate their elk population is roughly 550, but the population target for that area is only 232 to 475 elk.

A recent U.S. Geological Survey estimates about 9.5 percent of the park's elk population has chronic wasting disease.

"Our scientists believe the density of the park's elk population and CWD are related," Dávila said. "We will be following the herd's health over the next several years to determine if the reduced density of elk lowers the prevalence of CWD in the park. Every animal taken during this operation will be tested for CWD."

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

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South Dakota State Fair brings in nearly \$175,000 in taxes

HURON, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Revenue says tax revenues for this year's South Dakota State Fair have added up to nearly \$175,000.

The agency said Thursday that the latest numbers available show the five-day fair brought in \$174,652 in revenues collected so far. That's more than the 2015 total of \$171,736.

Of 2016's total so far, \$91,048 was state sales tax, \$53,433 was municipal sales tax and \$30,171 was state tourism tax. Revenues will be collected over the coming weeks even though the state fair ended Sept. 5.

The fair had 427 vendors.

Storm shatters record, floods roads, causes power outages

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Torrential rains in Sioux Falls Thursday ended with flooded roads, power outages and a shattered rainfall record.

The National Weather Service says the airport saw 3.6 inches of rain, breaking the previous record of 1.5 inches set in 1988.

Jim Murray is a meteorologist with the Weather Service in Sioux Falls. He says other areas of the city saw between 4 and 6 inches.

Multiple intersections were closed. Xcel Energy reported that at one point Thursday afternoon more than 6,000 customers were without electricity.

A flash flood warning was issued for a portion of southeast South Dakota, including Sioux Falls and Yankton. Some communities reported over 3 inches of rain.

Officials at Harrisburg High School say the school was struck by lightning, damaging the roof. No injuries were reported.

Sioux Falls casino sued over dispute involving drug testing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The federal government says the owners of a Sioux Falls should have offered a job to a woman who failed a drug test because she was taking medication for chronic pain.

The Argus Leader reports (<http://argusne.ws/2chlfr>) that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a complaint against M.G. Oil, the owners of Happy Jack's Casino. It accuses the defendants of violating the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The company allegedly rescinded a job offer to Kim Mullaney after she tested positive for hydrocodone. The complaint says Mullaney has a valid prescription for the medication.

The feds say they attempted to resolve the matter with M.G. Oil during a 2015 investigation but were unable to secure an agreement with the company.

M.G. Oil did not immediately respond to an email request for comment.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. TRUMP NOW BELIEVES OBAMA WAS BORN IN THE U.S.

Despite a statement to this effect from his campaign spokesman, the GOP presidential hopeful has yet to confirm it himself.

2. PROBE ONGOING INTO FATAL POLICE SHOOTING OF COLUMBUS BOY

In a killing with echoes of the Tamir Rice case out of Cleveland, an officer responding to a report of a \$10 armed robbery shoots 13-year-old Tyre King who reportedly had a BB gun that looked like a real weapon.

3. WHAT YEMEN'S WAR-RAVAGED COAST FACES

The U.N. estimates that about 100,000 children under the age of five in the city of Hodeidah and the surrounding province are at risk of severe malnutrition.

4. WHERE AERIAL PESTICIDE SPRAY ADDS TO ZIKA FEARS

In Miami, the only U.S. city confirmed to have mosquitoes carrying the virus, some residents say they'd rather be bitten than be exposed to droplets of chemicals sprayed from planes to kill the bugs.

5. PIPELINE PROTEST SITE REPRESENTS CITY UNTO ITSELF

The encampment near the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's reservation becomes one of North Dakota's newest communities, with a school for dozens of children and a system to deliver water and meals.

6. WHO TURNS DOWN JUSTICE DEPT. SETTLEMENT

Deutsche Bank AG says it does not intend to pay \$14 billion to settle civil claims with the U.S. government for its handling of residential mortgage-backed securities and related transactions.

7. AMERICA DIVIDED ON SYMBOLS

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's refusal to stand during "The Star-Spangled Banner" in protest against racial oppression brings to light differences in the way Americans view the flag, the national anthem and the pledge.

8. UNLOCKING HAWAII'S MYSTERIOUS GEOLOGY

Scientists in Hawaii use a mini-submarine to visit underwater volcanoes and unlock their many secrets, taking an AP reporter on an exclusive dive.

9. VENEZUELA'S RESORT ISLAND DEVASTATED BY ECONOMIC CRISIS

Margarita Island's swimming pools are empty, toilets don't flush and many hotels can't afford to offer meal service.

10. BRAIN CANCER NOW LEADING CHILDHOOD CANCER KILLER

That's due to advances in leukemia treatment over the past few decades and because leukemia is

easier than brain cancer to treat, experts say.

Investigation ongoing into fatal police shooting of boy, 13

By KANTELE FRANKO and ANN SANNER, Associated Press



COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The fatal police shooting of a 13-year-old Columbus boy who officers said pulled a BB gun from his waistband that looked like a real weapon will be investigated thoroughly to determine if charges are warranted.

In a killing with unavoidable echoes of the Tamir Rice case out of Cleveland, a Columbus officer responding to a report of a \$10 armed robbery shot a young boy Wednesday night after he pulled out a BB gun that looked “practically identical” to the weapon that police officers use, authorities said.

Evidence from the shooting will automatical-

Community members light candles during a vigil for 13-year-old Tyre King Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, in Columbus, Ohio. ly be presented to a grand jury to determine whether the officer’s actions were justified.

Mayor Andrew Ginther appeared to choke up Thursday as he called for the community to come together and questioned why an eighth-grader would have a replica of a police firearm.

“There is something wrong in this country, and it is bringing its epidemic to our city streets,” Ginther said Thursday. “And a 13-year-old is dead in the city of Columbus because of our obsession with guns and violence.”

Dozens attended a vigil Thursday night near the shooting, including members of Tyre King’s youth football team. Some carried signs calling for justice for Tyre, while candles spelled out “RIP Tyre King.”

The boy’s family called for an investigation conducted “in a manner that ensures fairness and truth,” and said people shouldn’t rush to judgment about Tyre’s activities that night.

Police and city authorities also promised a full investigation, while rejecting comparisons to the 2014 killing of 12-year-old Tamir in Cleveland.

Officers investigating the robbery report east of downtown Columbus spotted three males who matched the description of the suspects, authorities said. Two of the males ran away when officers tried to speak with them.

The police chased the pair into an alley and tried to take them into custody. Tyre pulled out a gun with a laser sight, and an officer fired, hitting the boy multiple times, police said. Tyre later died at a hospital.

The officer was identified as Bryan Mason, a nine-year veteran of the force. Police records show that in 2012 he shot and killed a man who was holding another person at gunpoint. The Columbus Dispatch said investigators cleared him.

In keeping with department policy, Mason has been placed on leave while Tyre’s shooting is investigated. A call to the head of the police union representing him was not immediately returned.

An attorney for Tyre’s family, Sean Walton, called for an independent investigation. Walton would not discuss any previous dealings Tyre had with police but said the boy had no violent criminal history. He

said the family believes Tyre's involvement in an armed robbery would be "out of character."

Tyre played several sports, including football, and was in the young scholars program at school, Walton said. He had a slight build and, if anything, was on the small side for his age, the attorney said.

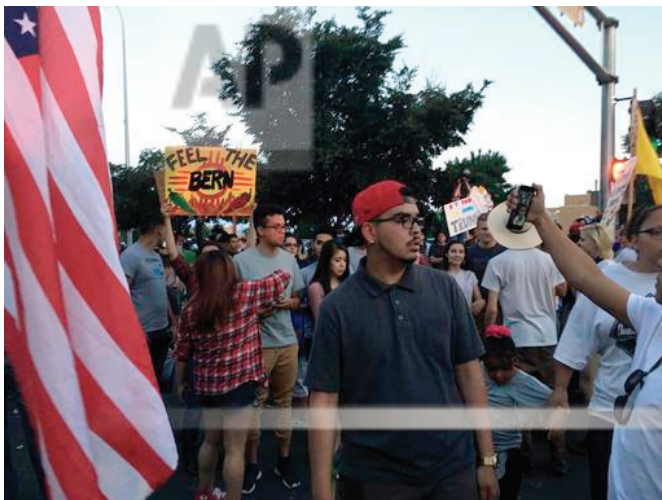
In Tamir's case, a 911 caller reported someone pointing a gun at people near a recreation center. A rookie officer shot the boy almost immediately after pulling up in his cruiser. The officer and his partner were cleared of wrongdoing.

The 911 caller had said the person with the gun was probably a juvenile and the weapon was probably fake, but that information was never passed on to the officers.

Associated Press reporters Andrew Welsh-Huggins and Mike Householder in Columbus, Dan Sewell in Cincinnati and Mark Gillispie in Cleveland contributed to this report.

Diverse America divided on flag, anthem, other symbols

By JANIE HAR and RUSSELL CONTRERAS, Associated Press



In this May 24, 2016 file photo, Hispanic demonstrators in Albuquerque wave American flags during an anti-Donald Trump protest

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The oldest Latino civil rights group in the United States opens every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, a tradition resulting from a long fight to prove Hispanics belong in this country.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, a white father of two says he would never require his young daughters to recite the pledge to show their patriotism.

And in North Dakota, Native American protesters whose ancestors were here long before there was a United States waved American flags as they fought a proposed pipeline near sacred tribal land. Some demonstrators flew the flag upside down as a distress symbol.

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's refusal to stand during "The Star-Spangled Banner" in protest against racial oppression and police brutality has brought to light deep and sometimes surprising differences in the way Americans view the flag, the national anthem and the pledge.

The symbols, people say, inspire skepticism and heartbreak, pride and joy, sometimes all at once in the same person. Some minorities, in particular, have conflicted feelings about symbols honoring a country that has not always treated all people equally.

"The flag is important to us because we have so many relatives in the military," said Justin Poor Bear, a 38-year-old member of the Oglala Lakota tribe from Allen, South Dakota. "There is also a lot of pain."

Following Kaepernick's example, pro athletes and high school students across the country are taking a knee or linking arms during the national anthem before sporting events.

The protests have raised questions of who gets to be called a patriot.

Jason Pontius, a 46-year-old white resident of Alameda, California, said the U.S. of all countries should realize that blind devotion is not the American way. Sometimes when he drops off his second-grader at

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school, he sticks around while she recites the Pledge of Allegiance with her class. But he doesn't join in. "What makes America great," he said, "is that people have always challenged the idea of what America stands for."

Yet there are organizations that embrace the flag precisely as a way to declare that their members, too, are Americans.

The League of United Latin American Citizens — the nation's oldest Latino civil rights group, founded in Texas by World War I veterans — has historically opened all its meetings with the pledge and a prayer similar to one George Washington is said to have recited.

Dennis W. Montoya, the league's state director in New Mexico, said the group's emphasis on American pride is connected with a long fight by Latinos to prove they belong in this country.

"If someone doesn't stand for the pledge at one of our meetings, that person will probably be kicked out," Montoya said. "It's disrespecting LULAC's rituals and traditions."

African-Americans have been moved to create symbols that better reflect their history.

The national anthem, for example, was written by a slave owner and contains a painful reference to slavery in its little-known third stanza. The NAACP dubbed "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" the black national anthem in 1919.

The hymn is a staple of African American singers and is so important that the clergy member who gave the benediction at President Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration opened with lines from the song.

After Kaepernick started his protest in August, C.C. Washington of Waco, Texas, read all the stanzas of "The Star-Spangled Banner," including the one that refers derisively to slaves who fought for the British in exchange for their freedom.

The 65-year-old African-American retiree — fresh off visiting the Statue of Liberty last week — felt betrayed.

"All this time, I've been posting on Facebook: Respect our flag, respect our national anthem. Now it's totally different," she said, choking up. "I'll stand out of respect for the people standing next to me, not because I believe it."

Poor Bear said he started looking at the anthem differently after he took a group of Oglala Lakota students to a minor-league hockey game last year. A man yelled slurs and sprayed the children with beer, incensed that one of them did not stand for the national anthem, Poor Bear said. The student had been putting batteries into a camera.

"So I still stand for the national anthem," Poor Bear said. "But I no longer put my hand over my heart."

Linda Tamura, a retired professor of education in Portland, Oregon, has no personal objections to the anthem or the flag, even though her family was among tens of thousands of Japanese-Americans put in internment camps by the U.S. government during World War II.

Her father volunteered for the military, along with her uncle and other Japanese-American men who felt it was their duty. When she looks at the Stars and Stripes, she says, she feels pride, instilled in part by her parents, who "more than anything wanted us to believe in our country."

At the same time, she salutes the growing protest movement and hopes it triggers broader discussions about how to improve relations.

"That's why my father was in the military. That's why we're part of America. That's why we believe in America," she said. "Because we have the right to say what we believe."

Contreras reported from Albuquerque, New Mexico. AP staff writer Deepti Hajela and stringer Rachelle Blidner contributed to this story from New York. Staff writers Errin Haines Whack contributed from

Philadelphia; Jesse J. Holland and Noreen Nasir from Washington.

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Washington state to increase testing pot for pesticides

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press



SEATTLE (AP) — More than two years after Washington state launched legal marijuana sales, it's planning to test pot for banned pesticides more regularly.

The state's Liquor and Cannabis Board said Thursday it's paying the Washington Department of Agriculture more than \$1 million to buy new equipment and hire two full-time workers to conduct the tests. The increased screening is expected to begin early next year and will examine marijuana where regulators have reason to suspect illegal pesticides have been used.

"Testing for pesticides is a complex and costly process," Rick Garza, the board's director, said

In this June 4, 2014, file photo, chief scientist for Analytical 360, Randall Oliver, scales out a sample of marijuana

in a prepared statement. "Labs need specialized equipment and highly-trained staff to carry out the tests. This agreement will satisfy

those obstacles. It will send a strong message to any producer applying illegal pesticides that they will be caught and face significant penalties, including possible cancellation of the license."

Washington has required testing for mold and other impurities since it began allowing recreational pot sales in 2014. But like Colorado and Oregon, the other two states with recreational marijuana sales, it has struggled to figure out how the best ways to regulate and test for pesticides. The federal government, which normally regulates pesticide use, has no guidelines about using pesticides on marijuana because the plant remains illegal under federal law.

The three states have lists of pesticides that are OK to use on marijuana, but so far none is conducting regular tests for banned pesticides, which has raised public health worries even though there's little or no indication of people becoming ill because of pesticides in legal marijuana products.

In Oregon and Colorado, certified laboratories will test for pesticides along with other impurities, but the labs are still being accredited to handle those tests. Agriculture officials do investigate pesticide misuse at licensed marijuana growers when they receive complaints; Colorado's opened more than 100 investigations this year, with around 40 to 45 percent of them finding unapproved practices, said John Scott, pesticides program section chief, at that state's Department of Agriculture.

In Washington, private, certified labs conduct tests for mold, bacteria, insects and potency — but not pesticides. Instead, state regulators have conducted tests when they've received complaints about possible pesticide misuse.

Pressure has built on the state to require more testing as Washington merges its medical and recreational marijuana markets this year.

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Since the first legal, recreational marijuana grows were licensed in early 2014, the state has conducted 45 investigations of pesticide misuse, said Justin Nordhorn, chief of enforcement with the Liquor and Cannabis Board.

By contrast, the new equipment will allow the state to screen 75 samples per month for more than 100 unapproved pesticides, with results coming back in 15 to 30 days.

"This should be a real game-changer for the industry in terms of public safety," said Agriculture Department spokesman Hector Castro. "They're on notice that we're going to be on the lookout for this."

American men who died fighting Islamic State come home

By SADIE GURMAN, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Three young men who never joined the U.S. military but died fighting the Islamic State group in Syria will return home Friday to military-style honors as their families and a congressman gather to greet them.

The caskets of Levi Shirley, 24, Jordan MacTaggart, 22, and William Savage, 27, arrived Wednesday at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport after a complicated journey without ceremony.

Shirley and MacTaggart will arrive Friday by train in Denver, while Savage was being transported to North Carolina, where his father lives.

Their families will each be presented with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol, said U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter, a Denver-area Democrat who helped coordinate the transfer of the bodies.

"Though they did not fight as members of our armed forces, they are Americans and as Americans we have a responsibility to bring these young men home and to give the families relief and closure," Perlmutter said in a statement.

The men died separately in combat after joining the People's Protection Units — the main Kurdish guerrilla group battling the Islamic State in Syria.

Turkey's tense relationship with the Kurds and the U.S. since July's failed coup stalled efforts to bring the men home.

The remains of Keith Broomfield of Massachusetts, believed to be the first American to die alongside Kurds fighting Islamic State, were returned to the U.S. through Turkey last year.

But Kurdish groups determined it would be too dangerous to repatriate the bodies of Shirley, MacTaggart and Savage through Turkey and instead shipped them hundreds of miles east to Iraq. The bodies were then flown to Amman, Jordan, and on to Chicago.

Shirley's mother, Susan Shirley, said she worked with the State Department to bring her son's body home and her friends contacted Perlmutter to help navigate the frustrating terrain. He enlisted aid from people at the White House.

"It took extraordinary measures by many people to get these men from Syria to the U.S., especially given the ever-changing and dangerous geopolitical dynamics in the Middle East," Perlmutter said. "It seems we are in the final stages of this long and sad situation."

Susan Shirley said her son was in Syria "as an American to protect Americans."

But unlike fallen members of the armed forces, the young men had no military escorts to accompany their caskets and no 21-gun salute.

Still, Susan Shirley said she appreciated the homecoming for her son and extended her condolences to families that lost military members in action.

"You can do all the pomp and circumstance you want, but those families aren't getting their sons back, either," Shirley said.

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Veterans groups said they had no problems with the honors planned for the three men.

"They went to fight for the right side," said Joe Davis, spokesman for the national Veterans of Foreign Wars. "You can't fault a state for honoring their own."

Shirley, of Arvada, Colorado, was killed by a land mine July 14. MacTaggart, of Castle Rock, Colorado, died on Aug. 3 while fighting in a squad that included two Americans and a Swede in Manbij, Syria.

Savage, of St. Mary's County, Maryland, also died in Manbij on Aug. 10.

Photo - Standing Rock - Pipeline protest site a city unto itself with school, meals

By JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

NEAR THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX RESERVATION, N.D. (AP) — Tribal flags, horses, tents, hand-built shelters and teepees dominate one of the biggest, newest communities in North Dakota, built in a valley on federal land near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers.

It's a semi-permanent, sprawling gathering with a new school for dozens of children and an increasingly organized system to deliver water and meals to the hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people from tribes across North America who've joined the Standing Rock Sioux in their legal fight against the Dakota Access oil pipeline to protect sacred sites and a river that's a source of water for millions of people.

"This is better than where most people came from," said 34-year-old Vandee Kahlsa, referencing the oft-harsh conditions of reservations across the United States. The Santa Fe, New Mexico, resident, who is Osage and Cherokee, has been at the camp for more than a month.

She joins Standing Rock Sioux members who have been here since April, people from other tribes and non-tribal members from as far away as Asia and Europe who've vowed to stay as long as it takes to block the four-state, \$3.8 billion pipeline's construction. Though the Dallas, Texas-based pipeline company says it intends to finish the project, protesters have some hope: Three federal agencies are reviewing their construction-permitting process, temporarily blocking work on a small section not too far from the encampment site and asking Energy Transfer Partners to temporarily stop work on a 40-mile (64 km) span.

But given North Dakota's brutally cold winters, people will need more than the campfires warming them these days.

"I'm pretty sure by winter there will be some buildings up," said Jonathon Edwards, 36, a member of the Standing Rock tribe who lives in South Dakota and has been here since April 1, when snow was on the ground. "People who came here came here to stay."

The encampment has averaged about 4,000 people recently, he estimated; only 25 of North Dakota's 357 towns have more than 2,000 people. It's been called the largest gathering of Native Americans in a century, and the first time all seven bands of Sioux have come together in since Gen. George Custer's ill-fated 1876 expedition at the Battle of Little Big Horn, Edwards and others say.

Andrew Dennis, 42, called the encampment "creative chaos" that somehow seems to work. The California man, who has no tribal affiliation, arrived last week with supplies and food to donate.

Anchoring the camp is the Defenders of Water School, which uses two old army tents and a teepee as classrooms. Pupils learn the three R's, thanks to donated books, as well as traditional crafts and language.

Melaine Stoneman, a Lakota Sioux from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, said it's been a unique learning experience for her 5-year-old son, Wigmuke, which means rainbow in English.

"This is a very different atmosphere that does not institutionalize the spirit," Stoneman said.

Teacher Teresa Dzieglewicz said classes have averaged about 45 students in recent days. The 32-year-old St. Louis resident planned to be at the encampment for a few days, but has since put her graduate

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school studies at Southern Illinois University on hold indefinitely.

"I'm lucky and honored to be part of this," said Dzieglewicz, who taught elementary-school children for three years, including on reservations in South Dakota.

The encampment is on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, but most believe rightful ownership belongs to the Standing Rock Sioux, who had made their home there for centuries and whose adjacent 2.3 million-acre reservation straddles the North and South Dakota border.

The atmosphere feels like a celebration of cultural reawakening, said JR American Horse, a military veteran who lives on the reservation. The scent of burning firewood and sacred herbs fills the air, as do drumbeats and ancient songs and prayers.

Flags representing tribes whip in the wind. American Horse, 60, placed them all in the ground.

"I lost count at 300," he said. "This is a good thing that people have come together."

He and his tribal brethren help with trash pickup and water-hauling, which is no small feat. The camp produces several tons of trash weekly and uses several hundred gallons of water daily.

"We keep busy," Dewey Plenty Chief, 49, said.

Nearby, mountains of food, clothing and other supplies are stacked on pallets, donations that have been shipped in from around the world, said Ron Martel, a volunteer who lives on the Standing Rock Reservation.

Volunteers like Lois Bull, a member of North Dakota's oil-rich Three Affiliated Tribes, cook for the encampment's residents. "I wanted to do something to help out and this is that something," the retired 50-year-old from Grand Forks said while rolling breakfast burritos.

On the menu: Moose meat from Maine, salmon from southeast Alaska and bison tongue harvested from a herd in the Dakotas, said Judah Horowitz, a 27-year-old real estate project manager from Brooklyn, New York, who's been here for the past several days.

"In New York, people think water comes from bottles and meat comes wrapped in plastic," he said.

Edwards, the Standing Rock tribe member who's been there since April serves another important function: He's a paramedic, treating everything from kids' skinned knees to respiratory problems for older protesters. Several other health care professionals have volunteered in the past few months, too.

He worries about the onset of winter and hopes more permanent structures can be built, though it's unclear where those structures would be located.

But most of all, Edwards said, this gathering will be remembered as a historic event that brought indigenous and water protection issues to the forefront.

"When this pipeline is stopped, and it will be," he said, "we're going to have to thank the pipeline company for all of this."

DIVIDED AMERICA: Losing out to China, workers embrace Trump

By PAUL WISEMAN, AP Economics Writer

HANNIBAL, Ohio (AP) — Crushed by Chinese competition and feeling betrayed by mainstream politicians, workers in the hills of eastern Ohio are embracing Donald Trump and his tough talk on trade.

For decades, they and others living across the Ohio River in West Virginia found work in coal mines and at a local aluminum plant — union jobs, with good pay and generous benefits.

But those jobs are going, if not gone.

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is part of Divided America, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

Coal is being wiped out by stricter environmental rules and competition from cheap natural gas. The

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Ormet aluminum plant? It's out of business, doomed by China's domination of the global aluminum market.

In an angry election year, some of America's angriest voters live in places like Monroe County where local economies have been punished by price competition with China. Their frustration has fueled support for the Republican presidential nominee, with his belligerent rhetoric about the need to outsmart America's economic rivals, tear up unfair trade deals and re-establish America as the world's dominant player.

"This is Trump country," says John Saunders, an official with the United Steelworkers in nearby Martins Ferry, Ohio.

The disaster that's unfolded here isn't obvious at first glance, not in a region known as the Switzerland of Ohio for its forested, rolling hills. In tiny Hannibal (population: 411), stately two-story homes overlook lawns that roll toward the banks of the Ohio.

But the misery is real. Monroe County's unemployment rate is Ohio's highest at 10.2 percent. Families have moved out to find work.

"You're going to have to travel to find a job," says Fran Poole, whose husband, Cecil, worked at the Ormet plant here for 37 years before being laid off when it closed.

Some laid-off workers chose to retire early. Others found work in the energy business, only to see those jobs melt away, too, as oil and gas prices fell. Some are doing odd jobs — cutting grass, hauling gravel.

Much of the damage to this region can be traced to China's decision to become self-sufficient in aluminum production. Aluminum is used in construction and auto manufacturing, aerospace and consumer-product packaging. The surge in its production reflected a broader Chinese strategy: pour money into manufacturing to add jobs and accelerate economic growth.

Fueled by government subsidies and cheap loans from state-owned banks, Chinese aluminum producers went into overdrive: In 2000, the United States had produced a world-beating 15 percent of all aluminum, China just 11 percent. By 2015, China had escalated its output nearly 1,200 percent — and held 55 percent of the world's share.

As Chinese aluminum flooded the world, prices collapsed. U.S. production has tumbled 56 percent since 2000, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. And America's share of world aluminum is below 3 percent.

Since 2011, U.S. aluminum companies have closed or idled nine of the 14 U.S. smelters. Two surviving plants are running at half capacity or less.

Longtime residents recall how vital the Ormet plant here was for the area's economy and for supporting middle-class lifestyles. Workers regularly vacationed and bought houses and boats and all-terrain vehicles to tear up the Ohio countryside.

"If you didn't go to college or the military, you went to the coal mines or Ormet," says Bill Long, a former Ormet laborer who is a supervisor at the county's Department of Job and Family Services.

The factory drew workers from the hills of West Virginia and eastern Ohio, paying them about \$40,000 a year before overtime. Overtime was "sporadic," recalls Carl Davis, a former Ormet worker who is now a Monroe County commissioner. "But a few were known to gross around \$100,000."

"Even though the work was hard back then, it was best job I had ever had, and the most money I'd ever had my hands on," says Francis Blackstone, a 70-year-old Ormet retiree. "And the benefits were just unheard of" — including free health care.

Through most of the 2000s — aside from a sharp drop during the Great Recession — world aluminum prices had withstood the surge in supply from China. China's own economy was growing so fast its demand for aluminum was nearly insatiable. Then its economy decelerated after 2010, and aluminum prices plunged.

Desperate, Ormet and the Steelworkers union sought to renegotiate electricity prices from the local utility, AEP Ohio. In 2012 and 2013, they urged Gov. John Kasich to lean on the state utility commission to help. Kasich wouldn't intervene, leaving the decision to the commission.

The plant went out of business.

Aluminum prices were so low the plant might not have survived anyway. But Kasich's refusal to intervene helps explain why animosity for the governor runs high in these parts. In the March Republican presidential primary, Monroe County overwhelmingly backed Trump and rejected Kasich, who otherwise won his home state handily.

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Trump is viewed as a champion to many here who say America's political leaders have stood by while competition from China and other countries has wrecked communities like Hannibal.

"He says what a lot of people would like to say," says Cecil Poole.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Friday, Sept. 16, the 260th day of 2016. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 16, 1966, the Metropolitan Opera officially opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's "Antony and Cleopatra."

On this date:

In 1498, Tomas de Torquemada, notorious for his role in the Spanish Inquisition, died in Avila, Spain.

In 1810, Mexicans were inspired to begin their successful revolt against Spanish rule by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and his "Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores)."

In 1893, more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1919, the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

In 1925, the Irving Berlin song "Always" (written for his future wife, Ellin Mackay) was published.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1953, "The Robe," the first movie presented in the widescreen process CinemaScope, had its world premiere at the Roxy Theater in New York.

In 1976, the Episcopal Church, at its General Convention in Minneapolis, formally approved the ordination of women as priests and bishops.

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1994, a federal jury in Anchorage, Alaska, ordered Exxon Corp. to pay \$5 billion in punitive damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez (val-DEEZ') oil spill (the U.S Supreme Court later reduced that amount to \$507.5 million). Two astronauts from the space shuttle Discovery went on the first untethered spacewalk in ten years.

In 2007, O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison.)

Ten years ago: The Vatican said Pope Benedict XVI "sincerely" regretted offending Muslims with his reference to an obscure medieval text characterizing some of the teachings of Islam's founder as "evil and inhuman," but the statement stopped short of the apology demanded by Islamic leaders. Mexico extradited accused drug kingpin Francisco Rafael Arellano Felix (ah-ray-YAH'-noh fay-LEEK'S') to the U.S. (Arellano Felix later pleaded guilty to federal charges of selling cocaine in a San Diego motel and was sentenced to six years in prison, but was returned to Mexico in 2008 after getting credit for time served in Mexico while awaiting extradition; he was killed in Oct. 2013 by a gunman disguised as a clown.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama signed into law a major overhaul of the nation's patent system to ease the way for inventors to bring their products to market. A World War II-era fighter plane plunged into spectators during air races in Reno, Nevada, killing 74-year-old Florida stunt pilot Jimmy Leeward and 10 others. A Russian Soyuz capsule carrying three crew members, including NASA astronaut Ron Garan, from the International Space Station touched down safely in Kazakhstan, but not without rattling nerves

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after a breakdown in communications.

One year ago: Eleven Republican presidential candidates debated at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, wrangling over immigration, gay marriage and foreign affairs. Baton-wielding Hungarian riot police unleashed tear gas and water cannons against hundreds of migrants after they broke through a razor-wire fence and tried to surge into the country from Serbia. Country singer Sturgill Simpson and singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams, both eclectic genre-bending artists, took home top honors at the Americana Honors and Awards show in Nashville.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 94. Actor George Chakiris is 84. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 81. Movie director Jim McBride is 75. Actress Linda Miller is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 72. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 68. Actress Susan Ruttan is 68. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 68. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 67. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 66. Country singer-songwriter Phil Lee is 65. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 63. Actor Kurt Fuller is 63. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 63. Actor Christopher Rich is 63. Singer Frank Reed (The Chi-Lites) is 62. TV personality Mark McEwen is 62. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 61. Actor Mickey Rourke is 60. Magician David Copperfield is 60. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 58. Actress Jennifer Tilly is 58. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 58. Retired MLB All-Star Tim Lincecum is 57. Actress Jayne Brook is 56. Singer Richard Marx is 53. Comedian Molly Shannon is 52. Singer Marc Anthony is 48. Comedian-actress Amy Poehler is 45. Actress Toks Olagundoye (tohks oh-lah-GOON'-doh-yay) is 41. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 41. Singer Musiq (MYOO'-sihk) is 39. Actor Michael Mosley is 38. Rapper Flo Rida is 37. Actress Alexis Bledel is 35. Actress Sabrina Bryan is 32. Actress Madeline Zima is 31. Actor Ian Harding is 30. Actress Kyla Pratt is 30. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 29. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 28. Actress-dancer Bailey Buntain is 27. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 24. Actress Elena Kampouris is 19.

Thought for Today: "Stoicism is the wisdom of madness and cynicism the madness of wisdom." — Bergen Evans, American lexicographer (1904-1978).