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The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has taken over the investigation of a train derailment near Scotland Saturday morning. At least six cars derailed at a bridge. Fires began burning after the crash and were mostly allowed to burn out on their own.

No one was killed or injured in the incident. This photo, taken by Dave Tunge of Dakota Aerials, shows a view of the scene from the southeast.



PHOTO: LARRY NICKLES/YANKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

This photo, taken by Yankton Assistant Fire Chief Larry Nickles, shows a fire, emanating from the derailed cars, glowing through the thick curtain of fog that enveloped the area early Saturday morning.

## Scotland

# Feds Take Over Train Accident Investigation

## Nebraska

### Voters Will Be Able To Register Online

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska residents who are eligible to vote will be able to register and update their registrations online under a new system that Secretary of State John Gale plans to launch this week.

The secretary of state's office will unveil the new project website Tuesday as part of National Voter Registration Day, said spokeswoman Laura Strimble.

Gale has said the new system will mark one of the biggest technological advancements in voter registration in years. It also has been shown to boost voter registrations in other states that adopted the technology.

"Online voter registration is really the tip of the spear when it comes to modernizing our election system in Nebraska," said state Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln, the executive director of the voting-rights group Nebraskans for Civic Reform. "There's a lot of work to be done, but this is a great first step."

The new website managed by

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## ACC Grand National XXIV Tournament

Bob Fitzgerald of Connecticut checks his cards during a playoff Sunday at the American Cribbage Congress (ACC) Grand National XXXIV tournament at the Best Western Kelly Inn. More than 300 players from 32 states and four Canadian provinces gathered in Yankton for the four-day tournament. (Jeremy Hoeck/P&D)



### Cribbage Tourney Brings Them In From All Over

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Duane Toll drove in from the West Coast. Catherine Perkins drove in from the East Coast.

For the two legendary cribbage players, it's part of life these days. They regularly make cross-country trips for national cribbage tournaments.

"When I moved west years ago, there were a lot of places I hadn't gotten to see," said Toll, now retired and living in Sutherlin, Oregon.

Toll, a nine-time national champion, put on 2,400 miles on his journey to Yankton for the American Cribbage Con-

gress (ACC) Grand National XXIV, which concluded Sunday at the Best Western Kelly Inn.

A total of 308 players, from 32 states and four Canadian provinces, gathered in Yankton for the four-day event that returned to South Dakota for the first time in 12 years.

In particular, Toll may have been the most decorated player in the field. In his career, he has won 59 main tournaments — 93 sanctioned tournaments in all — and was the first cribbage player to achieve 'Life Master' status. Toll, who has been playing competitively since 1987, es-

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### 98-Car Train Carrying Ethanol Derailed Saturday

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Federal transportation officials are investigating the derailment of a 98-car train carrying ethanol and the ensuing fire southeast of Scotland.

Around 6:15 a.m. Saturday, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) train collapsed on a bridge and derailed in Bon Homme County. No injuries were reported in the incident, which occurred just north of S.D. Highway 46.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has arrived on the scene and has begun its investigation, spokesman Terry Williams said. "(Sunday) was the first full day on scene," he said. "The on-scene phase of the investigation will take 3-5 days."

The investigative groups are: operations, track, mechanical, hazardous materials and emergency response, he said.

The NTSB released preliminary findings to the *Press & Dakotan*, provided by Williams.

"Seven tank cars loaded with ethanol derailed," he said. "Three tank cars transporting ethanol breached and released (a) product that caught fire."

The BNSF train consisted of two locomotives, 96 tank cars loaded with ethanol and two buffer cars, Williams said. "The track speed was 10 miles per hour (mph), and the train was traveling 10 mph," he said.

The incident and disruption raised questions of what area farmers can expect for rail service during harvest season.

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