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Teener regions set for Groton

Three teams are competing for the chance to advance to the State A Teener Tournament as Region 1A kicks off in Groton. On July 30 at 5:30 p.m., Groton will take on Milbank with the winner playing Mobridge on July 31 at 4 p.m. The two losers will play at 6 p.m. on July 31 and the championship game is set for August 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, July 21

Senior Menu: Chicken Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Spinach Salad, Chocolate Pudding w/Bananas.

Birthday: Carson Bunn

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible study

5:30 pm: Groton Garden Club Meeting at Janice Flihs' home.

7:00 pm: City Council meeting

Tuesday, July 22

Senior Menu: Roast Beef, Potatoes/Carrots/Onions, Gravy, Honey Dew Melon or Peaches, Dinner Roll.

Birthday: Bill Podoll • Jean Lowary • Allison Weber • Charles Knudsen • Sara Menzia

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

12:00pm: Olive Grove Bridge

6:00pm: 10U Softball host Warner

6:00pm: Teeners at Warner

6:15pm: Olive Grove Ladies Golf Night

7:00pm: 12U Softball host Warner

Wednesday, July 23

Olive Grove Kid's Lessons

Senior Menu: BBQ Chicken, Rosemary Red Potatoes, Old Fashioned Slaw, Strawberry Jello Dessert, Whole Wheat Bread.

Anniversary: Dwight & Kim Zerr

Birthday: Joyce Walter • Dylan Young • Chantel Tunby • Matt Locke

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Olive Grove Men's League

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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In back, left to right, are Jacob Milbrandt, Bryce Winther, Luke Sternhagen, Goalie Jordan Terronez, Landon Larson, Matt Baumgartner, Luca Kother and Coach Deb Becker; in front, left to right, are Wyatt Kurtz, James Thompson, Austin Jones, Hunter Schaller, Toby Carda, Zach Bartels and Ehkhu Poe. (Courtesy Photo)

Groton U19 Soccer wins State Championship

The Groton Boys U19 Soccer Team won the SD State Rec Midcontinent Cup Championship on June 7, 2014 in Brookings. The team won 4 hard fought games against experienced teams from Yankton, Britton, and Huron. In the championship game against Yankton, the team played 90 minutes of regulation and two 15 minute over times and then went into a shoot out. Groton won 3-2 to claim the tourney title.

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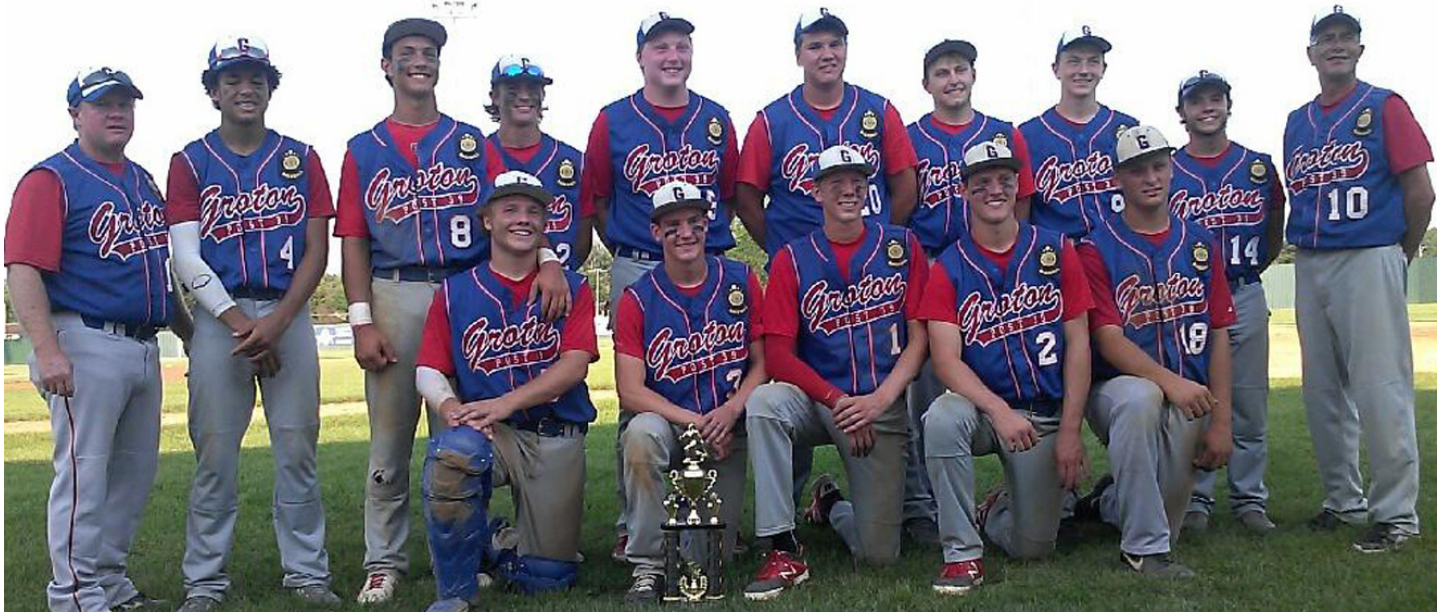
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In back Travis Kurth, Bennett Shabazz, Spencer Knecht, Adam Herman, Nick Dalchow, Wyatt Larson, Alec Voss, Sean Schuring, Isaiah Cutler, Tony Madsen; in front, left to right, are Kasey Kurtz, Parker Rossow, Mason Madsen, Drew Planteen, Dane Campbell. (Courtesy Photo by Brenda Madsen)

Groton Legion heads to state

The Groton American Legion Post #39 baseball team defeated Clark Sunday afternoon in Redfield, 12-2, in eight innings, to advance to the state tournament scheduled for Tabor, starting on Friday. Drew Planteen pitched most of the game with Parker Rossow pitching the last two-thirds of the eighth inning.

Clark-Willow Lake had a 2-0 lead after the first inning, before Groton added one run in the third, three in the third, one in the fifth, five in the sixth and two in the eighth to end the game with the 10-run rule. Groton scored 12 runs on 15 hits and had no errors. Clark-Willow Lake had two runs on three hits and had eight errors.

Hitting doubles for Groton were Drew Planteen, Spencer Knecht, Kasey Kurtz, Adam Herman and Bennett Shabazz. Dane Campbell had a triple. Planteen was the winning pitcher with three hits, two runs, two earned runs, four walks and eight strike-outs. Parker Rossow pitched the last inning with three strike-outs. Kasey Kurtz was the catcher.

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Groton 12 - 2 CWL Birds

📍 Home 🏠 League 📅 Sunday, July 20th, 2014

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | R | H | E |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| GRT | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 15 | 0 |
| CWL | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 8 |

BATTING

| Groton | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | TB |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Drew Planteen | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Parker Rossow | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Spencer Knecht | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Mason Madsen | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dane Campbell | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Kasey Kurtz | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Nick Dalchow | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Adam Herman | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Bennett Shabazz | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 43 | 12 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 22 |

2B: Drew Planteen, Spencer Knecht, Kasey Kurtz, Adam Herman, Bennett Shabazz **3B:** Dane Campbell **SB:** Drew Planteen

| CWL Birds | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | TB |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Andrew Wegner | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Jake Karber | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Rhett Florey | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Logan Tonak | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Colin LaBrie | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Nathan Wicks | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Dylan Wicks | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Noah Huber | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Harrison Wookey | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 26 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 3 |

SF: Colin LaBrie **SB:** Rhett Florey

PITCHING

| Groton | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
|---------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Drew Planteen | 7.0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Parker Rossow | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 8.0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 0 |

WP: Drew Planteen **HBP:** Drew Planteen 2 **P-S:** Drew Planteen 124-71, Parker Rossow 12-10

| CWL Birds | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Andrew Weg... | 5.1 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Colin LaBrie | 2.2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 8.0 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 |

LP: Andrew Wegner **HBP:** Andrew Wegner, Colin LaBrie 2 **P-S:** Andrew Wegner 120-72, Colin LaBrie 50-27

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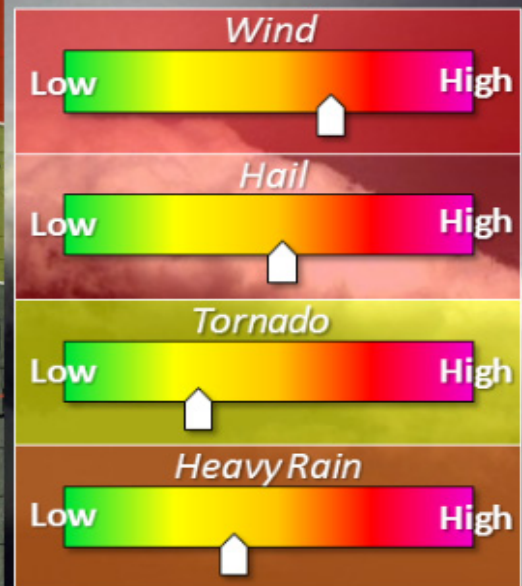
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| TODAY | TONIGHT | TUESDAY | TUESDAY NIGHT | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY NIGHT | THURSDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hot High: 93 °F | Severe Thunderstorms Low: 65 °F | Mostly Sunny High: 82 °F | Partly Cloudy Low: 57 °F | Sunny High: 82 °F | Chance Thunderstorms Low: 62 °F | Chance Thunderstorms High: 83 °F |

Severe Weather Possible across Northern and Eastern South Dakota This Afternoon and Tonight



 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 7/21/2014 5:43 AM Central

Hot and humid conditions will continue across the area today. Heat indices will rise into the 100-105F range by afternoon in most areas. By late afternoon, thunderstorms are expected to develop across the western Dakotas and then spread eastward during the evening hours. Although the highest threat for severe weather appears to be in North Dakota, far northern South Dakota and western Minnesota could also see scattered severe storms. The primary threats are destructive winds in excess of 75 mph and very large hail. Be sure to stay tuned for future updates on this situation, including the possibility of Watches and Warnings!

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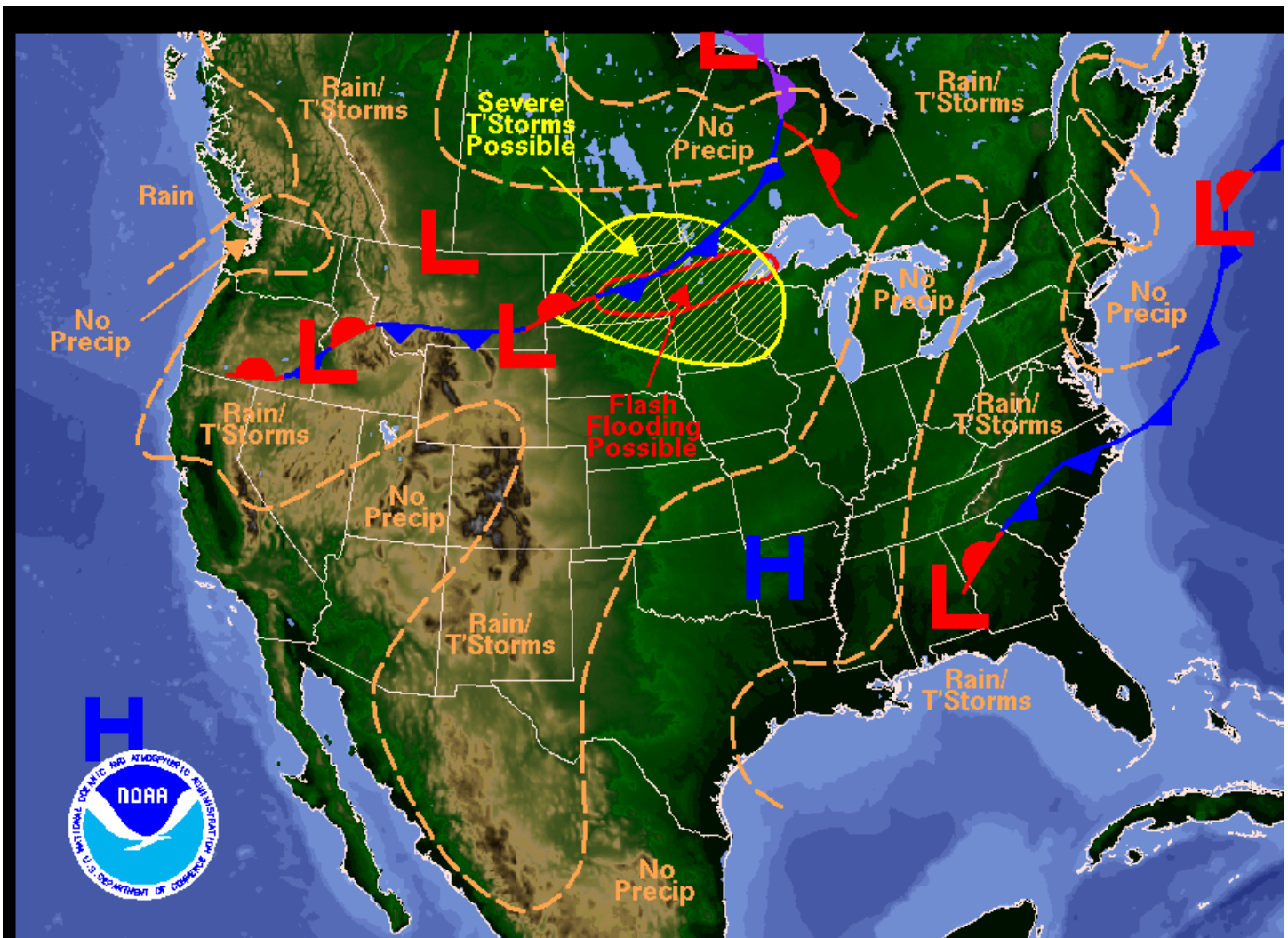
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 89.0°F at 3:38 PM
Heat Index: 102.0°F at 3:18 PM
Low: 68.8°F at 6:34 AM
High Gust: 23 mph at 2:06 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1899
Record Low: 41° in 1902
Average High: 84°F
Average Low: 60°F
Average Precip in July.: 2.06
Precip to date in July.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 12.90
Precip Year to Date: 9.13
Sunset Tonight: 9:14 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:07 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jul 21, 2014, issued 2:33 AM EDT
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Today in Weather History

July 21, 1940: From near Miller, a tornado moved southeast, destroying a barn, garage, and two wind-mills. This tornado was estimated to be F2 strength.

July 21, 1987: During the afternoon, an unusually severe thunderstorm moved northeast through northwest Wyoming and spawned the highest elevation F4 tornado ever documented. The tornado touched down in the Teton Wilderness Area, and created a massive blow down of trees as it travel north northeast. The distance traveled was 24.3 miles and ended along the Yellowstone River in the south-east corner of Yellowstone National Park. The path averaged 1.5 miles in width, reaching a maximum width of 2.5 miles.

21 July 1983: Vostok, Antarctica recorded Earth's coldest surface temperature ever measured by a thermometer: 129 degrees below zero.

21 July 1987: An F4 tornado swept through Yellowstone National Park leaving a path of destruction up and down a 10,000 ft mountain, the highest elevation an F4 has been recorded. 15,000 acres of trees were downed.

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LIVE IT HERE!

He was one of those deacons who spoke much more than was necessary and did much less than was needed. There was always a discrepancy between the way he lived and the way he worked for the Lord.

One day he stopped by his pastor's office in a state of great excitement. "Pastor," he shouted, "I'm going to the Holy Land. Isn't that wonderful? Aren't you happy for me?"

"Well, yes I am," said his pastor.

"Do you know what I'm going to do?" he asked.

"No, no I don't. But I'm sure you're going to tell me," came the reply.

"When my group gets to the top of the mountain where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, I'm going to have the group sit in front of me in a half circle while I read them out loud to everyone. Isn't that exciting? I'm thrilled," he continued.

"Deacon," replied his pastor, "I think it would be much better for God and your group if you'd stay at home and live them."

The Psalmist came straight to the point: "In keeping them there is great reward."

Many of us have memorized them, given copies of them to others - perhaps even entered into arguments as to why or why not The Ten Commandments should be placed in public places where everyone could see them.

Yet, if God were involved in the conversation, I'm sure He'd be with the pastor and say, "Just live them!"

Prayer: Father, it's much easier to talk about You than live for You. Help us, please, to show others who You are. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today:
Psalm 19:11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

A colorful advertisement for a taco bar and soup night. The background features a red, white, and green zigzag pattern. On the left, there is a large illustration of a taco. In the center, the text "Come 'n' Get It!" is written in a large, bold, red font with a black outline. Below that, "Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night" is written in a smaller red font. At the bottom, "Andover Bar & Grill" is written in a large, bold, black font. To the right of "Andover Bar & Grill", "Serving 5-9 p.m." is written in a green font. At the bottom center, "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is written in a smaller black font. On the right side, there is another illustration of a taco.

News from the Associated Press

Fort Yates man facing 2 federal assault charges

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A man is accused of a brutal beating on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation that left a woman hospitalized and on a ventilator.

Ryan Thunderhawk, of Fort Yates, is charged in federal court with assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Witnesses say the victim was knocked unconscious three separate times in the July 6 attack.

The woman suffered a broken nose and several facial fractures.

A detention hearing in the case is scheduled Tuesday.

State seeking donors for Laura Ingalls Wilder book

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is looking for donors toward the upcoming release of Laura Ingalls Wilder's autobiography.

The society says the work was hidden away since 1930 and reveals true stories of her pioneering life.

The book, "Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography," shows how Wilder transformed her girlhood into one of the greatest children's series of all time with the Little House books.

The state says research in census data, newspapers, county documents and land records of the 1870s and 1880s was an important part of the project.

Decision coming on bomber training area expansion

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Air Force officials are expected to decide as soon as next month whether to go forward with an expansion of a bomber training area over the Northern Plains that would encompass an area larger than West Virginia.

Known as the Powder River Training Complex, the area includes portions of Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas. It would be used by B-1 bombers based at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota and B-52 bombers at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

Air Force officials say the expansion of the training airspace to about 28,000 square miles is needed to keep its force ready for combat. It also would save the military \$23 million a year, by reducing the number of sorties now being sent to Utah and Nevada for exercises, officials said.

But the prospect of bombers roaring over rural communities 240 days a year has drawn resistance, with one Montana official referring to the proposal as a federal government "airspace grab."

Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division Administrator Debbie Alke said she's been told by Air Force officials that a final environmental study of the proposal will be released next month.

Ellsworth spokesman Capt. Christopher Diaz said the study will be completed after the Air Force finishes consultations with interested parties. That would kick off a 30-day waiting period before the Secretary of the Air Force signs a final decision, officials said.

The Federal Aviation Administration also must approve the proposal.

A B-1B from Ellsworth crashed in August in southeastern Montana near Broadus, Montana — within the existing bounds of the training complex. Four crew members ejected from the high-speed aircraft and survived.

The process of expanding the training area began in 2008. Supporters include Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune of South Dakota. He's described the expansion as vital to keeping Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City open.

Some residents, state officials and politicians in Montana and North Dakota say the sheer size of the training area could cause economic harm — from disrupted medical flights and oil and gas companies unable to do aerial monitoring work in the Bakken region, to cows getting scared during calving season when planes roar overhead.

U.S. Sen. John Walsh said the government needs to balance the military's needs with "the reality of what that expansion could mean."

"Montana's pilots, landowners, farmers and ranchers have all expressed deep concern to me about the impact of having bombers overhead," the Montana Democrat said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Walsh and others in Montana — including Sen. Jon Tester, Gov. Steve Bullock and Walsh's Republican opponent in the fall election, U.S. Rep. Steve Daines — have pushed for the training area size to be curtailed. That would ease potential effects on private and commercial flights, they say.

They also want additional safety measures put in place such as better radar and communications systems that could help prevent midair collisions.

Great Plains shale tested for possible energy uses

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Tests this summer on Pierre Shale that stretches across much of the Great Plains could help build the case for an underground lab and, if feasible, lead to energy production or underground storage in the rock formation.

The Legislature approved \$464,000 for the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology study after the U.S. Department of Energy and Sandia National Laboratory funded an initial \$150,000 examination.

Bill Roggenthen, research scientist in the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering at the School of Mines, said the goal is simply to learn more about how Pierre Shale would respond under certain uses, called "creep," or how it deforms over time.

"This isn't an application project. This is trying to figure out how shale behaves. So if somebody wants to use it for an application, that would be great. We're trying to understand how this shale deforms," he said. "First, you've got to figure that out. Then you want to see if it's suitable for what you want to do."

Some of those uses could include oil and gas production, including hydraulic fracturing, or fracking; underground storage of hydrocarbons in shale caverns that have been mined; fuel and waste disposal; and carbon dioxide sequestration.

"Shale is good to store these products in because it doesn't allow it to escape," said Lance Roberts, head of the Department of Mining Engineering & Management at School of Mines.

"Could the gas from North Dakota that they're flaring off be shipped and stored? These are longer-term questions we don't know the answer to. But these are things we're just now starting on."

Besides South Dakota, the formation extends across parts of North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas, Roggenthen said.

Researchers have bored the first of two deep holes near Fort Pierre and taken the 3,000 pounds of rock to Rapid City, which they plan to start studying this week. Then they'll use a computer model to determine if it would be possible to build what would be the first underground shale research laboratory in the U.S., which would allow work in the actual rock, Roberts said.

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He did not estimate when a lab could be built or how much it might cost.

"We're just now early in the process," Roberts said.

Republican state Rep. David Lust of Rapid City, the House majority leader, said the state money was left over from the previous fiscal year.

"It's things like this that hopefully lead to larger investments that help South Dakota and the nation as a whole deal with energy issues," he said.

\$230,000 lottery ticket sold in Watertown

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Lottery officials say a ticket sold in Watertown matched all five numbers and the wild card to win the \$230,000 Wild Card 2 jackpot in Saturday's drawing.

Officials say the winning ticket holder has yet to come forward.

The odds of winning the top prize in Wild Card 2 are 1 in nearly 1.9 million.

The winner is advised to sign the back of ticket. They must claim their prize within the next 180 days.

Wild Card 2 is played in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The jackpot starts again at \$200,000 for the next drawing on Wednesday.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. KERRY, BAN SHUTTLE TO MIDEAST AS PALESTINIAN DEATH TOLL PASSES 500

The bloodiest day in two weeks of violence leaves 85 Palestinians and 13 Israeli soldiers dead.

2. WHERE SURGERY IS DONE BY THE LIGHT OF A MOBILE PHONE

Amid power cuts and the screams of the bereaved, doctors at the 600-bed Shifa Hospital in Gaza, many unpaid for months, have become masters of improvisation in nightmarish conditions.

3. INTERNATIONAL INDIGNATION GROWS OVER JET CRASH SITE CONDITIONS

Obama and leaders of major European powers call on Russian President Putin to rein in the insurgents who are holding the bodies of the dead and the charred remains of Malaysian Airlines Flight 17.

4. WHAT COULD HELP SLOW WESTERN WILDFIRES

Cooler temperatures and lighter winds are forecast for wildfire-stricken Washington state, where blazes have scorched hundreds of square miles.

5. WHEN TWO WORLDS DIVIDE: THE RESERVATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION

A growing number of universities are offering programs to recruit and prepare Native American students for a transition to college life.

6. SMALL FLORIDA TOWN STUNNED BY COPS' TIES TO WHITE SUPREMACISTS

Fruitland Park residents react not only with shock, but disgust following revelations police officers there could be involved with the Ku Klux Klan.

7. JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO GO BACK IN THE GIFT SHOP

A NOAA study finds the number of great white sharks off the Eastern U.S. and Canada is surging after decades of decline. And that's bringing in tourists --and their money--by the boatload.

8. JAMAICA FACES SEVERE DROUGHT

The water shortage is threatening the Caribbean nation's small farms which have no irrigation systems and rely entirely on rain.

9. IRAN CONVERTS, DILUTES SENSITIVE ENRICHED URANIUM

Tehran has turned hundreds of pounds of enriched uranium closest to the level needed to make

nuclear arms into more harmless forms, the U.N. says.

10. WHO WON THE BRITISH OPEN

Rory McIlroy made two key birdies around the turn, and delivered a majestic drive at just the right moment to close with a 1-under 71 and complete his victory.

AP News in Brief

Death toll among Gaza Palestinians reaches 508 as diplomatic efforts step up to end conflict

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The U.N. chief and the U.S. secretary of state headed to Cairo on Monday to try to end two weeks of Israel-Hamas fighting that has killed at least 508 Palestinians and 20 Israelis and displaced tens of thousands of Gaza residents.

The new cease-fire efforts by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry followed the deadliest day of fighting since the escalation erupted on July 8.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council expressed "serious concern" about Gaza's rising civilian death toll and demanded an immediate end to the fighting following an emergency session.

As Israeli airstrikes continued to pound Gaza, rescue workers near the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis were digging out bodies early Monday from the one-story home of the Abu Jamea family, flattened in one of the strikes overnight, said Ashraf al-Kidra, a Gaza health ministry official.

Al-Kidra said the Palestinian death toll from the two-week offensive stood at 508 as of Monday morning. More than half of those victims — 268 — were killed since an Israeli ground operation in Gaza began late Thursday.

Kerry returns to Mideast to push for cease-fire as US tones down criticism of Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is making a renewed push for a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas with another trip to the Middle East after the civilian death toll in the conflict sharply escalated over the weekend.

Kerry left Washington early Monday for Cairo, where he will join diplomatic efforts to resume a truce that had been agreed to in November 2012.

He will urge the militant Palestinian group to accept a cease-fire agreement offered by Egypt that would halt nearly two weeks of fighting. More than 500 Palestinians and 20 Israelis have been killed in that time.

The Obama administration, including Kerry, is sharpening its criticism of Hamas for its rocket attacks on Israel and other provocative acts, like tunneling under the border. It is also toning down an earlier rebuke of Israel for attacks on the Gaza Strip that have killed civilians, including children.

In a statement Sunday evening, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. and international partners were "deeply concerned about the risk of further escalation, and the loss of more innocent life."

Local workers say more bodies found at plane crash site in east Ukraine as UN vote looms

HRABOVE, Ukraine (AP) — Rescuers retrieved more bodies Monday in the sprawling fields of east Ukraine where Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was downed, killing all 298 people aboard.

The chaotic rescue effort, which was marred by an outage in the refrigerated train that was to transport many of the dead, continued ahead of an expected vote later by the U.N. Security Council on an Australia-proposed resolution demanding international access to the crash site and a cease-fire around the area.

The pressure has been growing on Russian President Vladimir Putin, who the U.S. and others say has backed and armed the rebels, to rein in the insurgents in Ukraine and allow a full-scale investigation. The rebels have been blamed around the world for Thursday's downing of the Boeing 777.

Putin lashed out against those criticisms on Monday, accusing others of exploiting the crash in east Ukraine for "mercenary objectives."

Putin said Russia was doing everything possible to allow a team of experts from the International Civil Aviation Organization, a U.N. agency, to investigate the scene. He also again criticized the Ukraine authorities in Kiev for reigniting the fighting with the pro-Russian rebels who control the crash site.

US developing its case that Ukraine separatists downed passenger plane, with Russian help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Video of a rocket launcher, one surface-to-air missile missing, leaving the likely launch site. Imagery showing the firing. Calls claiming credit for the strike. Recordings said to reveal a cover-up at the crash site.

"A buildup of extraordinary circumstantial evidence ... it's powerful here," said Secretary of State John Kerry, a former prosecutor, and it holds Russian-supported rebels in eastern Ukraine responsible for shooting down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, with the Kremlin complicit in the deaths of nearly 300 passengers and crew members.

"This is the moment of truth for Russia," said Kerry, leveling some of Washington's harshest criticism of Moscow since the crisis in Ukraine began.

"Russia is supporting these separatists. Russia is arming these separatists. Russia is training these separatists, and Russia has not yet done the things necessary in order to try to bring them under control," he said.

In a round of television interviews, Kerry cited a mix of U.S. and Ukrainian intelligence and social media reports that he said "obviously points a very clear finger at the separatists" for firing the missile that brought the plane down, killing nearly 300 passengers and crew.

Police: 3 teens fatally beat 2 homeless men in Albuquerque using bricks, sticks

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Three teenagers ganged up on two homeless men and fatally beat them before leaving their bodies nearly unrecognizable, Albuquerque police said Sunday.

Alex Rios, 18, and two boys, ages 16 and 15, are being held in Bernalillo County detention facilities a day after allegedly killing the victims in an open field, police spokesman Simon Drobik said.

A criminal complaint filed by police says Rios has been charged with two counts each of murder, con-

spiracy to commit first-degree felony and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He also faces three counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and one count each of tampering with evidence and robbery.

The younger boys will likely be charged with murder as adults, Drobik said. The Associated Press is withholding their names because of their age.

"I personally, after reading that complaint, was sick to my stomach because of the nature of the violence and the age of the offenders," Drobik said.

Mexican 'coyotes': New wave of Central American migration puts light on decades-old smuggling

TECUN UMAN, Guatemala (AP) — The man-in-the-know nursed a late-morning beer at a bar near the Suchiate River that separates Guatemala from Mexico, and answered a question about his human smuggling business with a question: "Do you think a coyote is going to say he's a coyote?"

Dressed as a migrant in shorts and sandals but speaking like an entrepreneur, he then described shipments of tens of thousands of dollars in human cargo from the slums of Honduras and highlands of Guatemala to cities across the United States.

"It's business," he said, agreeing to speak to a reporter only if guaranteed anonymity. "Sometimes, business is very good."

Judging by the dramatic increase in the number of minors apprehended in the United States in recent months, it seems the human smuggling business from Central America is booming. The vast majority of migrants who enter the U.S. illegally do so with the help of a network of smugglers known as "coyotes," so named for the scavengers that prowl the border.

It is a high-risk, often high-yield business estimated to generate \$6.6 billion a year for smugglers along Latin America's routes to the U.S., according to a 2010 United Nations report. The migrants pay anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each for the illegal journey across thousands of miles in the care of smuggling networks that in turn pay off government officials, gangs operating on trains and drug cartels controlling the routes north.

No 'Jaws' panic here: Frenzy over shark sightings off Cape Cod are a boon for tourism, sales

CHATHAM, Mass. (AP) — In "Jaws," the fictional mayor tried to protect the summer tourism season by keeping a lid on reports of the man-eater lurking offshore. As sightings of great white sharks mount off Cape Cod in real life, however, businesses in the Massachusetts town of Chatham are embracing the frenzy.

Shark T-shirts are everywhere, "Jaws" has been playing in local theaters and boat tours are taking more tourists out to see the huge seal population that keeps the sharks coming. Harbormasters have issued warnings but — unlike the sharks in the movies — the great whites generally are not seen as a threat to human swimmers.

Among the entrepreneurs is Justin Labdon, owner of the Cape Cod Beach Chair Company, who started selling 'Chatham Whites' T-shirts after customers who were renting paddle boards and kayaks began asking whether it was safe to go to sea.

"I mean, truthfully, we've probably grown about 500 percent in terms of the sale of our shark apparel," he said. The T-shirts, hoodies, hats, belts, dog collars and other accessories bear the iconic, torpedo-

shaped image of great whites and sell for between \$10 and \$45.

He said his store brings in thousands of dollars in sales of the shark-themed merchandise.

AP PHOTOS: As a long summer's day of Ramadan fasting ends, the joy of nighttime feasts begins

For the millions of Muslims abstaining from food and drink from sunrise to sunset every day during Islam's holiest month of Ramadan, that first sip of water after a grueling fast is by far the most anticipated moment of the day.

In some corners of the world, Muslims are fasting for more than 20 hours a day, depending on when the sun rises and sets in their city. It is a physical and mental exercise meant to draw worshippers closer to God and increase empathy for the poor.

But after a long day of fasting, the moment of pay-off finally comes in the form of "iftar," the evening meal that breaks the fast. For more than 1,400 years, many Muslims have been breaking fast in the same way the Prophet Muhammad did: with a handful of dates and a sip of water.

Next comes the feast.

Iftar is a social event as much as it is a gastronomical adventure. The celebratory meals give people reason to reconnect with friends and family, and gather around shared platters of food.

After claiming a treasured piece of silverware, McIlroy turns his attention to a green jacket

HOYLAKE, England (AP) — Rory McIlroy clutched the treasured piece of silverware, his reward for winning golf's oldest major championship.

Now he's got his eyes on a new jacket. Something in green, preferably.

With a grind-it-out performance on the final day of the British Open, McIlroy checked off another requirement for joining perhaps the most exclusive club in the game.

U.S. Open? He's won that. PGA Championship? Yep, got one of those too.

British Open? Took care of that on Sunday.

American soldiers from Texas, California killed in Gaza, officials and family say

Max Steinberg and Nissim Sean Carmeli grew up in America. But they both developed a passion for Israel.

The young men's love of Israel ultimately led them to join the Israel Defense Forces, and they ended up fighting for the Jewish state in the Gaza Strip this week.

On Sunday, Steinberg, 24, and Carmeli, 21, were killed there. They were among 13 Israeli soldiers and 65 Palestinians killed Sunday during the first major ground battle in two weeks of fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Steinberg, whose family lives in Southern California's San Fernando Valley, was a sharpshooter for the Golani Brigade, his father, Stuart Steinberg, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, the IDF said in a statement that Carmeli, 21, a sergeant, was killed in combat in the Gaza Strip. Carmeli was from South Padre Island, Texas, said Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Southwest Maya Kadosh. She said Carmeli moved to Israel four years ago and added that the consulate

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helped his family get a flight there Sunday.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2014. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 21, 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later. The Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated Sen. Harry S. Truman to be vice president.

On this date:

In 1773, Pope Clement XIV issued an order suppressing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. (The Society was restored by Pope Pius VII in 1814.)

In 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1959, the NS Savannah, the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, was christened by first lady Mamie Eisenhower at Camden, New Jersey.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1972, the Irish Republican Army carried out 22 bombings in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine people and injuring 130 in what became known as "Bloody Friday."

In 1973, Israeli agents in Lillehammer, Norway, killed Ahmed Bouchikhi, a Moroccan waiter, in a case of mistaken identity, apparently thinking he was an official with Black September, the group that attacked Israel's delegation at the 1972 Munich Olympics and killed 11 athletes.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

In 1994, Britain's Labor Party elected Tony Blair its new leader, succeeding the late John Smith. Former Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott died in Falls Church, Virginia, at age 93.

In 1999, Navy divers found and recovered the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette, in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane in the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard. Advertising executive David Ogilvy died in Bonnes, France, at age 88.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush sketched out a second-term domestic agenda, telling campaign donors he would shift focus to improving high school education and expanding access to health care. Academy Award-winning composer Jerry Goldsmith died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 75. Richard Bloch (cq), co-founder of H&R Block, the world's largest tax preparer, died in Kansas City, Missouri, at age 78.

Five years ago: The Senate voted to terminate further production of the Air Force's topline F-22 fighter jets. Prosecutors in Cambridge, Massachusetts, dropped a disorderly conduct charge against prominent black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who was arrested by a white officer at his home near Harvard University after a report of a break-in. John "Marmaduke" Dawson, a longtime Grateful Dead

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collaborator and co-founder of New Riders of the Purple Sage, died in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico at 64. Taco Bell mascot Gidget the Chihuahua died in Santa Clarita, California, at 15.

One year ago: Belgium's King Albert abdicated after a 20-year reign; his son Philippe took over as the fractured nation's seventh king. Phil Mickelson won the British Open, shooting a 5-under 66 to match the best round of the tournament and win his first claret jug. Britain's Chris Froome won the 100th Tour de France.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 92. Movie director Norman Jewison is 88. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 76. Actress Patricia Elliott is 72. Actor David Downing is 71. Actor Edward Herrmann is 71. Actor Leigh Lawson is 69. Actor Wendell Burton is 67. Actor Art Hindle is 66. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 66. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 66. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 63. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 63. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 61. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 57. Actor Lance Guest is 54. Actor Matt Mulhern is 54. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 51. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is 48. Soccer player Brandi Chastain is 46. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 45. Actress Alysia Reiner (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 44. Country singer Paul Brandt is 42. Actress Ali Landry is 41. Actor-comedian Steve Byrne is 40. Actor Justin Bartha is 36. Actor Josh Hartnett is 36. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 36. Actress Sprague Grayden is 36. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 36. Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 36. MLB All-Star pitcher CC Sabathia is 34. Singer Blake Lewis ("American Idol") is 33. Rock musician Will Berman (MGMT) is 32. Rock musician Johan Carlsson (Carolina Liar) is 30. Actress Vanessa Lengies (LEHN'-jeez) is 29. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 25.

Thought for Today: "There is no bigotry like that of 'free thought' run to seed." - Horace Greeley, American journalist (1811-1872).

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