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Senior Menu: Goulash, Green Beans, Apple Crisp, Whole Wheat Bread

Anniv: Craig & Kim Weber

Birthdays: Kristie Flihs • Allen McKiver • Tim Berndt • Lindsey Furman

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: C&MA VBS

7:00pm: City Council meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 5

Senior Menu: Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Acini DePepi Fruit Salad, Whole Wheat Bread

Anniv: Jim/Linda Bahr

Birthdays: Gerald Rix • Rich Zimney • Shelley Merkel • Jacob Harms • Dylan Sweeter • Mathieu LaMee • Barb Grube

10:00am: Christian Missionary & Alliance Ladies Bible Study

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

6:15pm: Ladies Night Golf

6:30pm: C&MA VBS

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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.

Athletics Student/Parent Meeting

Groton Area Fall Athletics Student/Parent meeting will be held on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 PM in the GHS Arena. All student-athletes, along with a parent, planning to participate in any fall athletics activity must plan to attend. We will complete paperwork requirements, discuss policies, procedures, and philosophies as a large group followed by team meetings conducted by the coaching staff.

The Rollercoaster Ride They Call a Season.....

In May we started the season out very confident. The First few practices were going well, we were having fun, and things seemed to be headed in the right direction.

Then, a disappointing fact came before us. Groton's numbers were down this year and we were not going to have the numbers to field a Legion and 2 Teener teams. A few kids had decided to quit throughout the entire program which left rosters short, so a decision had to be made. We ended up doing the only thing we could do and combine the 13-16 year olds to make a Teener team.

We know this discussion was going to be hard on the kids all the way through the program. This left us with 19 players on the roster. We knew it would take a lot to get these kids all adequate innings, but yet we weren't afraid of the task at hand. We had a healthy schedule, and we knew they were going to get lots of experience.

The season started off as expected, we won some, we lost some, but slowly everyone was starting to get better and their confidence levels were getting boosted. We were playing really good some games and not so good others. We would win by 10 runs and then lose by 10 runs in the same week. We had sore arms, sore legs and a broken down confidence.

Then, we reached the start of the turning point in our season. We were going to Brookings to play in a Jr. Legion tournament. Our schedule for this tournament consisted of Mitchell, Brookings, Brandon Valley and SF West. Keep in mind these were all Jr. Legion AA teams. These kids were all 16-17 years old, and our team 13-15, with one or two 16 year olds sprinkled in. We definitely were overmatched in the experience category, but what we seen this weekend proved to me that we weren't overmatched in the HEART category. Our boys came out the first game versus Mitchell with no fear. They battled for all 7 innings, and yes we lost 8-7, but they played so hard and learned so much. That is kind of how this entire weekend went. We lost all 4 games that weekend, but I seen the team take some large leaps forward in their play; I knew this season would be successful.

Now for successful, this term can be used in a lot of different ways, successful to some is winning, winning, winning. Successful to us was making sure the kids learned something this season, and they got to become veterans of the game of baseball. We knew starting the season we were going to have to take our beatings. Especially with a schedule playing Mitchell, Brookings, SF West, Brandon Valley, Aberdeen four times, West Central, Lennox, Vermillion, Beresford, Tea, Warner (who are 16-17 and very talented), Webster (who won state teener title last year) and of course Milbank 4 times and twice or 3 times in regions. You look at the size of those towns and then realize what I said earlier with our numbers and our young team. Playing this schedule was going to be a battle all the way through. That's exactly what we did we battled and we battled and we battled all season long. Some weeks we battled with having only 9 or 10 kids to play with, but it didn't stop us, we kept on battling. Now when I say battle I'm not saying we won, actually we lost a lot. Winning isn't always everything though. It

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was hard on the kids; it's not easy going through a losing streak like we did and overcoming it, but here is where the story starts to get real exciting.

All the camps were over, the weddings, the vacations, all of this was over. We had our full team back and stuff started to fall into place. The last week of the season our pitchers started throwing strikes, our fielders started fielding the ball, and we started to hit it, boy oh boy we started to hit!!! Our confidence levels slowly started coming back. Our older leaders started falling into their rolls and some of our younger leaders started to recognize what leadership was. As coaches, our confidence level was at an all time high going into the Region Tournament, which was held in Groton. A lot were complaining because we drew Milbank, our toughest competition, heck probably one of the elite teams in the state, the first round of Regions. This didn't bother us, the way we looked at it, we had to beat them twice in order to extend our season, may as well get them the first day!

Well, we came out guns a blazing, our pitching, fielding, hitting and most important confidence levels were high and we pulled off a victory. Now this might not mean much to a whole lot of you, but to Pat and I it was huge. These kids had battled tooth and nail all year, they had taken their beatings, their confidence had been crushed, but these kids had learned something. They had learned that if they competed with confidence, they could always achieve, what most people that, the unachievable. We went into Friday's championship day knowing that Milbank had to beat us twice. The first game we made a few mistakes and Milbank beat us 8-1, but what happened after that was the final proof of the leaps and bounds these kids have come. We jumped out to an early 6-0 lead on them. Things were going well, but its Teener baseball, we all knew the dreaded crooked number was coming. It was just how we responded from that, which was going to be the difference in the game. Well, we were right. Milbank put up 6 runs in one inning. Tie ball game 6-6. When they boys came to the huddle after that inning, spirits were down a little, heads were hanging a little. We went to the plate and had a quick inning without scoring any. In the next inning Milbank scored 1, and they now had a 7-6 lead. Now here's where I got the chills. When the boys came off the field, one of them said "boys this is our game, let's go get it!" I told the kids, "He's right, no one expected you guys to even be in this situation, you guys are playing your hearts out and earned this spot, now finish the game because you honestly have nothing to lose!" That inning we came out and put up 4 runs and the rest is history. From that time on we never for one minute questioned the fact that this was our game. The boys had learned what it takes to win, they all had big calloused hearts, and they WERE going to win this game.

Quite the Cinderella story really. David and Goliath type of deal, but that's not why I am writing this. I am writing this so that other people out there can understand the life story these kids learned this season. This season taught these kids that nothing in life is ever going to be given to you. All throughout life there are going to be people that on paper are better than you, hard obstacles to overcome. Some of them you won't overcome, but most importantly if you don't overcome them, you need to stay strong, have a HUGE heart and the good will always prevail. Life is not always how much money you have or how much power you have, but more about believing you can succeed and working hard to achieve that goal even though it won't always go your way.

In all honesty if you would have asked me a month ago we would be playing in the State Tournament next weekend, I would have questioned you. I owe the boys an apology for that. They proved me and in my opinion everybody wrong. These boys gave every blood, sweat and tear they had all summer to achieve this goal, and I believe that they truly believed they could do it all season. They kept the dedication, the hard work, the positive attitudes they needed and they DID it.

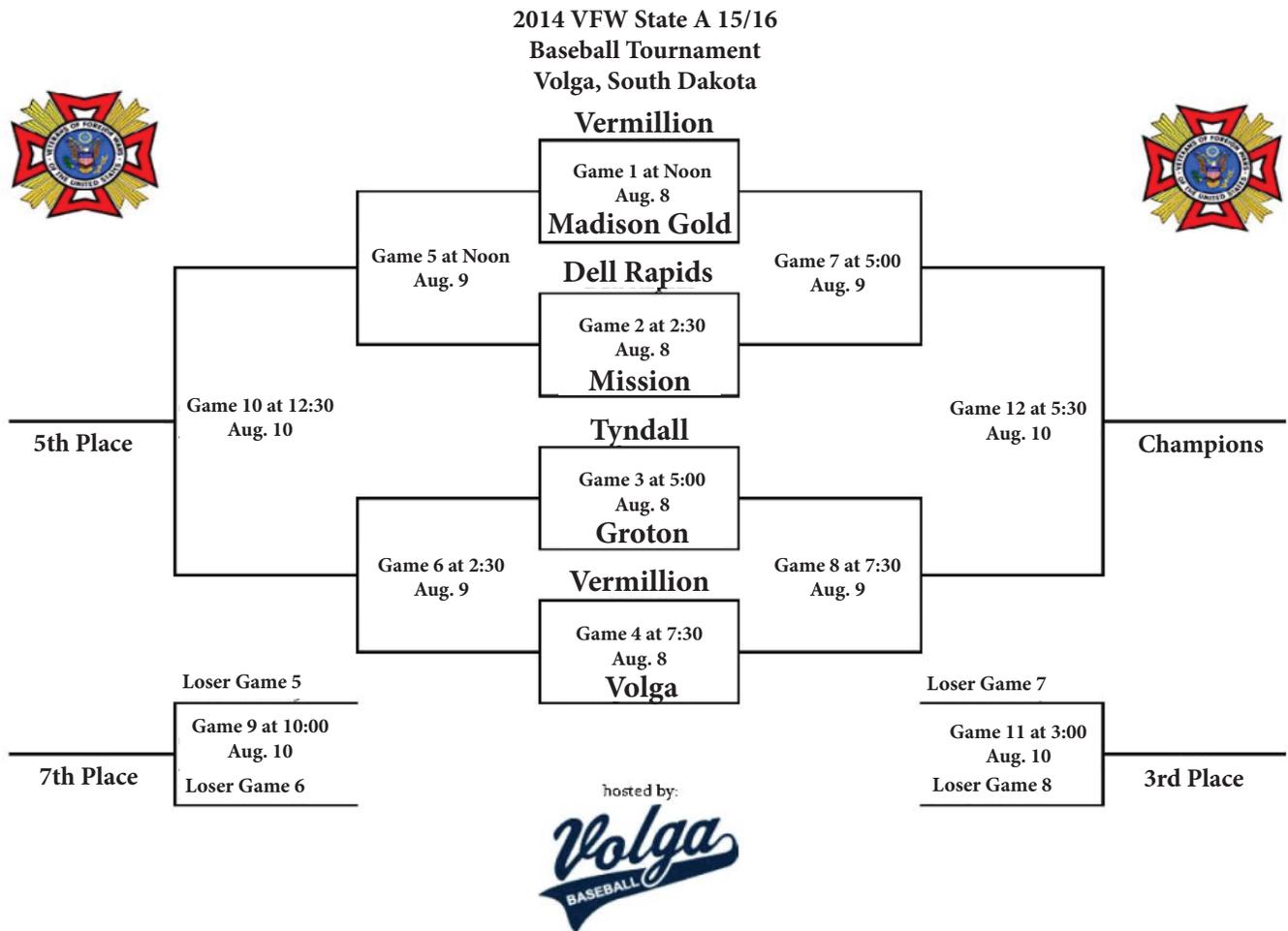
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I will leave you with this. I want to give a huge THANKS to the boys this season. They played hard for us all year! They all contributed all season long in one way or another. They all recognized and accepted their roles on the team. Everyone who sees these boys on the streets needs to congratulate them. They truly earned everything they have at this point by hard work and confidence. Thanks boys for teaching me a lot this season. It's been a pleasure. Now let's go get some wins down at State... remember we have "NOTHING TO LOSE!"

THANKS,

JUSTIN 2014-2015 Groton Area School District Back to School Information



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Groton Area Back To School Information

Groton Area School District 06-6 – “Mission Statement”

Each school will foster a school climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn!

Teacher Qualifications

All teachers of core academic subjects must hold at least a bachelor’s degree, have full state certification, and demonstrate knowledge in the core academic subject they teach. For information regarding your child’s teachers’ qualifications, you may contact the superintendent’s office at 397-2351.

Certified Staff Changes

Certified staff new to the District include: Brooke Lingbeck, Business Education; Kayla Krause, Junior Kindergarten; Cody Swanson, Vocal Music/Show Choir

Certified staff reassignments within the District include: Julie Milbrandt, 1st Grade Teacher; Jill Helvig, Title I Math; Bonnie Schimmel, RtI Coordinator; Cara Dennert, Technology Integration

Registration Day – Wednesday, August 6

Registration will be held on Wednesday, August 6 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM or 1:00PM – 3:00PM for all K-12 students new to the District. Most kindergarten children were registered at pre-school screening in April; therefore, only those who did not register in April need to report for registration. Anyone new to the District should contact the respective building principal(s) as soon as possible.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes for students in grades 9-12 can be made before the first day of school on Monday, August 18, 2014 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

School Supply Lists

Students’ school supply lists for the elementary school (preschool – grade 5) and middle school (grades 6-8) are posted on the District’s web site at www.grotonarea.com.

Welcome Back Picnic & Open House – Tuesday, August 19

All students enrolled in the district for the 2014-2015 school year, their parents, and all staff are invited to a “Welcome Back” picnic and Open House on Tuesday, August 19. The picnic will be held at the GHS gym and will run from 5:00PM – 6:30PM. A free meal will be served and door prizes will be given away.

Open House will run from 6:30PM – 8:00 PM at the elementary school and from 7:15PM – 8:30 PM at the MS/HS.

6th Grade Orientation – Tuesday, August 19

Orientation for all 6th grade students and their parents will take place at 6:30PM in the GHS Arena following the “Welcome Back” picnic. This will be an opportunity for the 6th grade students and their parents to meet the teaching staff, become familiar with the building, and get questions answered.

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Tablet PCs Issued to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Prior to being issued their tablet PC, students and their parents must sign and return the following documents: Laptop Computer Protection Agreement, the Student Pledge, E-mail Acceptable Use Agreement, the Groton Area School District Network/Internet agreement, and the Parental Consent to Publish Student Photos/Work. The following arrangements have been made for student/parent orientation and paperwork/tablet disbursement:

Sophomores and their parents should meet in the GHS Arena on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:15 PM with High School Principal, Anna Schwan.

Juniors and Seniors will be given the required documents on the first day of school and must return all of them appropriately completed prior to being issued their tablet.

First Day of School – Thursday, August 21

The first day of school is on Thursday, August 21. School supply lists are available on the District website. Students participating in band should bring their instruments. Buses will run and school lunch will be served. Each route driver will contact parents to confirm bus arrival times. Other bus route questions may be referred to transportation supervisor, Loren Bahr, at (605) 397-8117. The GRASP (OST) program at the elementary school will be available on the first day of school.

Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade

The District offers all-day, every day kindergarten classes. Children may enter kindergarten if they are 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they are to enter school. The District offers a junior kindergarten program each day from 12:30PM – 3:23PM for students that are eligible to attend kindergarten, but are not quite ready for kindergarten. Students enrolling in first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

Non-Resident Enrollment

For out-of-district students, applications to open enroll may be accepted throughout the school year. Applications are available from any school district administrative office. All open enrollment requests and related questions should be referred to school superintendent, Joe Schwan, at (605) 397-2351.

2014-2015 School Hours

Groton Area Elementary	8:15AM	Arrival Time (Supervision)
	8:25AM – 3:23PM	Classes in Session
Groton Area MS/HS	8:25 AM	First Bell
	8:30AM – 3:30PM	Classes in Session

Athletic Physicals

In accordance with SDHSAA regulations and District policy, each student (grades 7-12) who intends to participate in athletic competition is required to have an athletic physical prior to participation, including practice.

1st practice for HS boys golf	Monday, August 11
1st practice for HS soccer	Thursday, August 7
1st practice for HS football	Thursday, August 14
1st practice for HS volleyball	Thursday, August 14
1st practice for HS cross country	Monday, August 18
1st JH practice	First week of school

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Note: There will be a meeting on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the GHS Arena for all student-athletes and their parents. All student-athletes in grades 9-12 planning to participate in a fall sport must plan to attend.

Since athletic physical requirements are more comprehensive and are required only every third year, parents are advised to make appointments directly with their family physician or chiropractor. Any questions may be directed to head coaches or athletic director, Brian Schuring, at (605) 397-8381.

GRASP (OST) Program

The GRASP program services children in junior kindergarten through grade five with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The GRASP program will be held in the Groton Area Elementary School from 7:00AM - 8:00AM and 3:25PM – 6:00PM each day that school is in session. Rates are \$2.50 per hour, per child. Any OST questions or registrations may be directed to elementary principal, Mr. Dalchow, at (605) 397-2317.

The following policy has been adopted for OST accounts and will be enforced:

When family balances drop below -\$100.00, OST services will be denied until such a time when a satisfactory payment plan has been established between the family and the OST director.

K-12 Breakfast and Lunch Program

The school provides breakfast and lunch for all students each day school is in session. All meals are on a cash basis (i.e. pay as you go), while recognizing the provisions for free and reduced price meals. Guidelines for 2014-2015 applications for free and reduced priced meals were mailed out on August 1, 2014. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meals if there is a possibility they may qualify. Prices are as follows:

Groton Area Elementary:

	Milk	Juice
Monthly	\$5.90	\$7.00
Semester	\$23.60	\$28.00
Yearly	\$47.20	\$56.00
Daily Breakfast		\$2.00
Daily Lunch		\$2.75

Prices for second servings at the elementary are \$0.50.

Groton Area Middle School/High School:

Daily Breakfast	\$2.50
Daily Lunch	\$3.25

Prices for second servings at the middle/high school are \$0.75.

Activity Tickets

Activity tickets are intended to admit all students to regularly scheduled home activities or events, with about the only exceptions being tournaments and the Pops Concert. Students in grades 1-5 may purchase an activity ticket, if they wish. All students who participate in activities for which an activity stipend is paid are required to purchase an activity ticket as a condition of participation since they are the primary beneficiaries of the activity programs. For example, staff activity stipends include: all sports, marching band, forensics, cheerleading, drama, oral interp, DI, FFA, FCCLA, etc.

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Activity Ticket prices for 2014-2015 are as follows:

Grades 1-5 \$25.00

Grades 6-12 \$30.00

Adults \$45 (10 events)

Admission Prices:

Adults = \$5.00; \$6.00 for double headers

Students, Grades 1-12 = \$4.00

Church Night

Wednesday nights during the school year are set aside for activities in the community's churches. No locally sponsored school activities or conflicting practices are to be held after 6:00PM on Wednesday.

School Cancellations

All school cancellations or early dismissals due to inclement weather or emergencies will be sent out via the School-Reach Instant Parent Contact System. Within minutes, School-Reach automatically sends a pre-recorded message to every recipient on a selected list. Parents will be asked to provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available) to the school so that a selected calling list can be created. Emergency cancellations will be broadcast over TV stations KSFY, KDLT, and KELO. The Groton Daily Independent also posts school cancellations on its web-site, <http://397news.com/index.php>.

Technology Upgrades/Improvements

The Groton Area School District has expanded the availability of Ipads to the elementary students with the purchase an additional Ipad cart containing 30 ipads. Many of the projectors in the elementary school have been replaced.

All students in grades 10-12 will be issued a tablet PC for the sixth consecutive year.

Capital Outlay Projects

Elementary: New carpet and new ceiling fans have been installed in the preschool room. The Title I room has been relocated to the former "orange room" to accommodate the Junior Kindergarten class relocation to the former Title I room. New bathroom partitions have been installed in the restrooms in the upper pod. Extensive work has been done to emergency exit lighting. An electronic access fob has been installed on the main entrance. New shower heads have been installed in the elementary locker rooms.

Middle School/High School: The boys bathroom on the second floor of the 1934 addition has been repaired with new fixtures, new partitions, and fresh paint. Several classrooms have been re-carpeted. The floors in the middle school locker rooms have been refinished. The facility has been rekeyed including the installation of two electronic access fobs.

Immunization Requirements (SDCL 13-28-7.1)

State law requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in the state shall, prior to admission, be required to present the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the new child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella, according

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to recommendations provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health may modify or delete any of the required immunizations. As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the pupil may present:

Certificate from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or

A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or

A written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such immunization.

Harassment and Bullying Policies

The district has harassment & bullying policies in place in both buildings. Bullying among students can be defined as intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior, such as name-calling, threatening and/or shunning committed by one or more students against another. This definition also includes "cyber-bullying" which is the sending or posting of cruel or harmful texts or images using the Internet or other digital media such as cell phones, etc. For a complete copy of the district's harassment or bullying policy, please contact the building principal.

Grievance Procedure

In an effort to maintain effective communications, if you have a particular concern about your child's progress or about what is happening on the bus, at school, in a class or activity, first discuss it with the driver, teacher, or director of the activity. If your concern or grievance remains unresolved at that level, or if there is a need to share your concern, contact the principal in charge of the school in which your child attends. If the concern/grievance remains unresolved at that level, contact the superintendent. If school policy is at issue or if the concern grievance remains unresolved, you may request that the superintendent include the subject on the school board meeting agenda. To maintain confidentiality, student matters may be confined to an "executive session" with the Board and administration.

Complaint Policy for Federal Programs and Homelessness Policy

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal funds and is unable to solve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the district's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation, and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. For a copy of the complete policy, contact the school superintendent.

Child Find

Parents or guardians are to be informed that the Groton Area School District 06-6 continuously conducts a "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate District children ages 0-21, with special education needs. Persons who know of a child with un-served education needs may refer the child, by name, to the appropriate building principal. With the parent or guardian's consent, an evaluation will be made. After the evaluation has been completed, a placement committee will meet with the parent or guardian to determine if special assistance is needed.

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Title I

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students. Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents, and achievement test results. Title I services in our district are provided to students in grades K-5, with a strong emphasis on students in grades K-3.

Federal Compliance Notice

Students, their parents, and employees of the Groton Area School District #06-6 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, color, age, disability or religion in employment practices and educational activities. To ensure compliance with Section 427 of GEPA, effective steps shall be taken to remove potential barriers so as to ensure equity of access and participation in grant programs and to achieve high standards. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance or application of Title VI, Affirmative Action, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Federal Program compliance coordinator, Joe Schwan, Superintendent, Groton Area School District 06-6, Phone 397-2351 or, Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; Phone: (816) 268-0550; TTD (800) 4370-0833; FAX: (816) 823-1404; Web link: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=mr>

FERPA Notification of Rights

The Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and eligible students certain rights with respect to the student's educational records including:

Inspection or review of the student's records within 45 days of request for access;

Request for amendments to student records that the parent may believe to be inaccurate or misleading, and;

The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained on the student's educational records. Except upon request, the District may disclose records without consent to officials of a school district in which a student intends to enroll.

In accordance with federal law, military recruiters are entitled to receive the names, addresses, and telephone listings of juniors and seniors in public high schools. A parent or secondary school student may "opt out" of allowing the school to provide information about the student to military recruiters. The request must be in writing and kept on file in the student's permanent records.

In accordance with SDCL 13-1-46, any public secondary school accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education shall permit active duty and reserve duty military recruiters or South Dakota National Guard military recruiters reasonable access to school facilities and students, at reasonable times and at reasonable places, for the purposes of providing information about military careers and benefits.

Parents and eligible students may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave SW
Washington, DC 20202

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Notice of Nondiscrimination

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the school district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, or ancestry in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Section 504

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that applies to persons with disabilities. Section 504 is a civil rights act that protects the civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. It states that no person with a disability can be excluded from or denied benefits of any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 and special education are two separate services.

Notification of Asbestos in School Building(s)

In compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, the Groton Area School District had its school buildings inspected on 06/18/13 by an asbestos inspector, accredited by the state of South Dakota. During that inspection, areas of suspected asbestos (ACBM) were identified and inspected. The Groton Area School District has an Asbestos Management Plan which provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of asbestos (ACBM) remaining in the school buildings. Anyone that would like to see the Asbestos Management Plan can contact a building principal or superintendent.



Come 'n' Get It!
Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night
Andover Bar & Grill Serving 5-9 p.m.
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Today in Weather History

August 4, 1960: At Draper in Jones County, three inch hail caused very heavy damage to roofs, building windows and automobiles. Losses estimated at 100,000 dollars. About 1,000 chickens and turkeys killed on nearby farms.

August 4, 2000: Tennis ball size hail along with high winds caused a lot of damage throughout Selby. Many east and north windows were broken along with many vehicle's windshields. Also, many vehicles were dented, house siding was damaged, gardens were completely destroyed, and many acres of crops around Selby were destroyed. Softball hail broke windows and caused extensive damage to a few vehicles and homes west of Faulkton. Baseball size hail and high winds had broken out about every window on all of the buildings at the Brentwood Colony in Edmunds County. The large hail and high winds also damaged many of the buildings.

1644: The first weather observations made on a regular basis in the U.S. were taken by Reverend John Campanius Holm in Wilmington, DE.

1881: The all-time highest European temperature occurred in Seville, Spain where it was a scorching 122 degrees.

1882 - A vivid aurora was visible from Oregon to Maine, down the east coast as far as Mayport FL, and inland as far as Wellington KS. Observers at Louisville KY noted merry dancers across the sky, and observers at Saint Vincent, MN, noted it was probably the most brilliant ever seen at that location. (The Weather Channel)

1904: Half of Waconia, MN was destroyed by an F4 tornado. Thirty homes were utterly destroyed, and the debris was carried for miles.

1930 - The temperature at Moorefield, WV, soared to 112 degrees to establish a state record, having reached 110 degrees the previous day. Widespread drought after April of that year caused some towns to haul water for domestic use, and many manufacturing plants were barely operational. (The Weather Channel)

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1961 - Spokane, WA, reached an all-time record high of 108 degrees. Kalispell, MT, set an all-time record with a reading of 105 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - A record forty-two consecutive days of 100 degree heat finally came to an end at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. July 1980 proved to be the hottest month of record with a mean temperature of 92 degrees. There was just one day of rain in July, and there was no measurable rain in August. There were 18 more days of 100 degree heat in August, and four in September. Hot weather that summer contributed to the deaths of 1200 people nationally, and losses from the heat across the country were estimated at twenty billion dollars. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front brought relief from the heat to a large part of the Midwest, while hot weather continued in the south central and eastern U.S. Morning thunderstorms in Nebraska deluged the town of Dalton with 8.71 inches of rain, along with hail three inches in diameter, which accumulated up to four feet deep near the town of Dix. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Iowa to Lower Michigan during the afternoon and evening hours, producing golf ball size hail and spawning several tornadoes. A thunderstorm at Maquoketa, IA, produced wind gusts to 75 mph. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Nebraska and northeastern Kansas to the Great Lakes Region, with 150 reports of large hail or damaging winds during the afternoon, evening, and nighttime hours. Thunderstorms produced tennis ball size hail at Claremont, MN, and wind gusts to 75 mph at Milwaukee, WI. Thunderstorms representing what once was Hurricane Chantal produced five inches of rain at Grant, MI, and deluged Chicago, IL, with more than three inches of rain in three hours. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2003: While flying a refueling mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, a US KC-135 was struck twice by lightning within 8 minutes. The stunned aircrew landed safely with only minor damage to the aircraft.

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Beautiful and spacious townhouse for sale by owners. Three bedrooms, three baths, finished basement with a custom wet bar. Heated 2 car attached garage. Low monthly rural utilities and low rural taxes. Priced to sell. If interested, please call Lisa @ 605 290 2404 or Dennis @ 605 880 4821.

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MAINTENANCE WORKER: The City of Conde, SD, is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. Work areas include, but are not limited to water, sewer, streets, snow removal, and rubble site. The following certifications/licenses must be possessed or be able to obtain: Commercial Applicator's License, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment and Distribution, and a valid SD driver's license. Mechanical ability and knowledge and experience with all types of equipment are desired. Individual must also be dependable, reliable, friendly, and able to work with others. Salary/wage is depending upon qualifications and experience. Applications and/or additional information may be obtained from the City Finance Office, PO Box 113, Conde, SD 57434. Telephone: 605-382-5258 or email ctyconde@nvc.net. The City Office is located in the north side of the former school on Broadway St. SW, Conde, SD. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

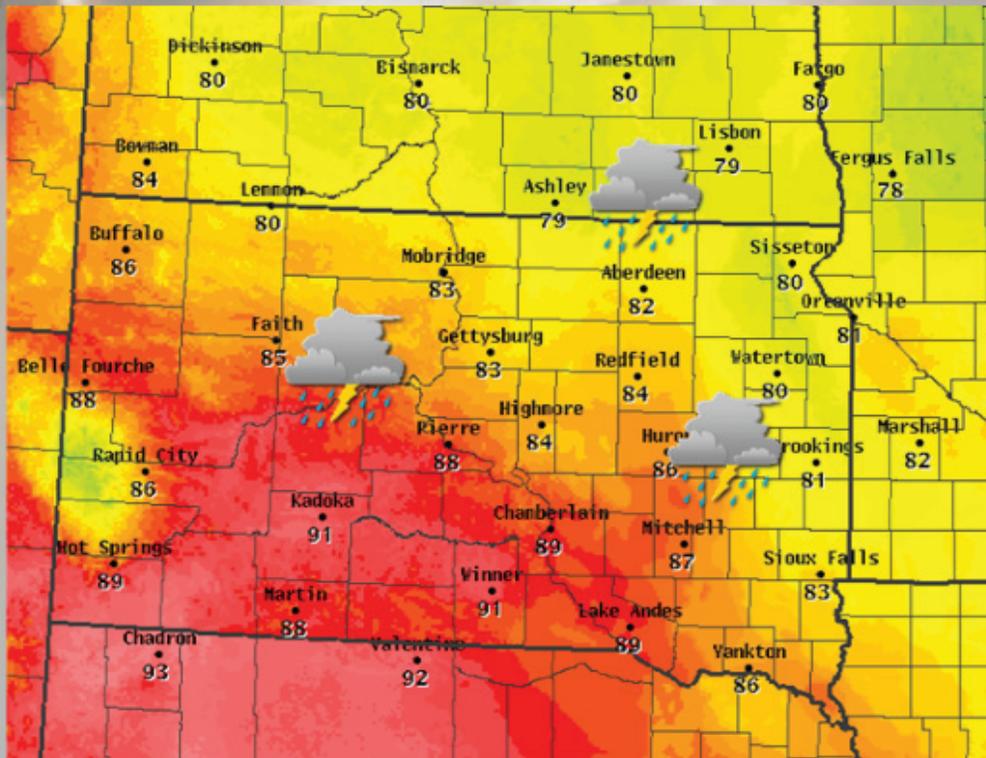
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TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY
						
30%	30%	40%	40%	30%	20%	20%
Chance Thunderstorms High: 82 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 58 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 78 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 58 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 79 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 59 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 77 °F



Scattered Showers and Thunderstorms Today and Tonight



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Updated: 8/4/2014 4:48 AM Central

Another warm day is in store for the region, with highs mainly in the mid 80s to lower 90s. Isolated showers and thunderstorms may pop up during the late afternoon and evening hours.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 84.2°F at 2:02 PM

Low: 60.4°F at 3:49 AM

High Gust: 17 mph at 3:28 PM

Precip: 0.15

Today's Info

Record High: 107° in 1934

Record Low: 42° in 1978

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in Aug.: 0.23

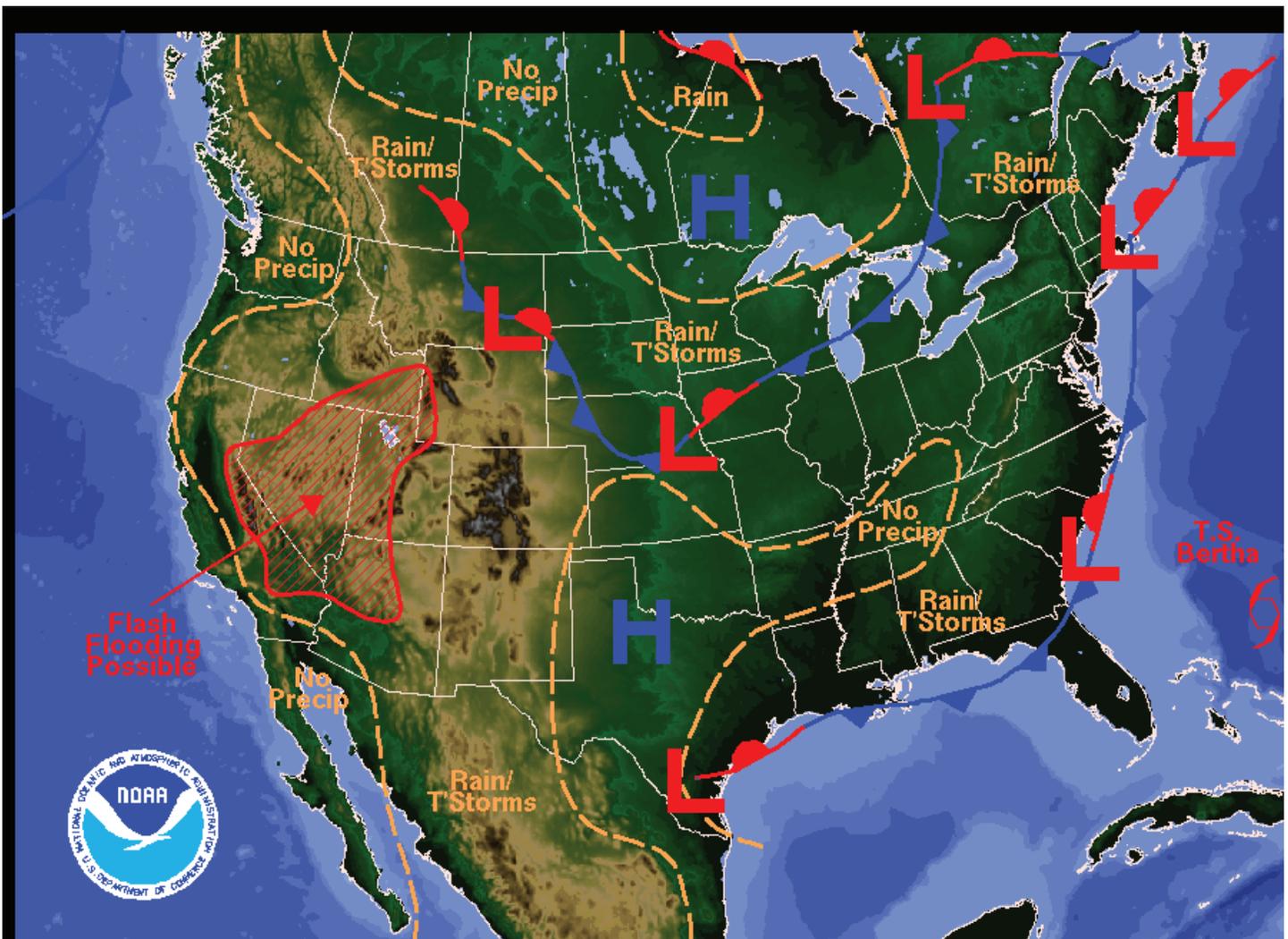
Precip to date in Aug.: 0.15

Average Precip to date: 14.09

Precip Year to Date: 9.43

Sunset Tonight: 8:58 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:22 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Aug 04, 2014, issued 3:28 AM EDT
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FREE FOR NOW

Two long time friends were quail hunting - one was a Christian, the other a nonbeliever. "Why," said the nonbeliever, "is it that the devil always seems to find and tempt you to do the wrong thing and he never bothers me?"

"Oh, you don't understand it," replied his friend. "You see, the devil has you and now he spends his time trying to get me back. It's like hunting for quail. We're not after the dead ones. We want those that are still alive. You see, you're dead and the devil doesn't have to worry about you. But he wants me back!"

All Christians face the dangers of temptation that come from the devil. Even Jesus was constantly being tempted and tested. And we must always remember that being tempted is not a sin. Sin "happens" when we yield to the temptation.

We must also remember that when we are tempted, it is by the devil. The Lord does not tempt anyone and it is through His power that we are able to resist any temptation that comes our way. It is the devil who is the source of the temptation.

That's his business and he is very successful at what he does. It is a good thing to remember that mice do not like traps but are caught when the power of the bait overcomes them. He knows the "bait" that is most likely to tempt and trap us to sin and will use any friend or foe, picture or place to his advantage.

David put it this way: "Praise be to the Lord...we have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare... Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

We are always going to be tempted. We have years of experience to prove that fact. But we also have the power of God's Word to protect us. As Paul said, "There is no temptation that you cannot bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." Escape is always possible.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for Your strength and power that enables us to escape the temptation to sin. Help us to rely on You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 124:7-8 We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

News from the Associated Press

Sturgis rally attendance expected to top last year

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Organizers expect attendance at this week's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally to top the estimated 466,000 who made the annual trek last year.

The 74th rally starts Monday and runs through Sunday.

Dethroned cyclist Lance Armstrong is the official grand marshal of the mayor's ride, which formally begins the rally.

Armstrong won seven consecutive Tour de France titles and was later stripped of those titles for doping.

Rally officials say they understand the controversy that surrounds Armstrong, but say he represents the American spirit and a city that believes in second chances.

Joining him on a ride through the Black Hills will be Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen, state and local legislators, industry professionals, motorcycle enthusiasts and other celebrities.

Authorities investigating 2 deaths in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in Rapid City say they are investigating the deaths of a man and a woman whose bodies were found with gunshot wounds.

Police in Rapid City say a preliminary investigation shows the woman shot the man and then shot herself.

Police say officers found the bodies after they responded to a report of a disturbance at a home around 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

The man was 57 years old and the woman was 54. They have not being publicly identified pending notification of their families.

The Rapid City Police Department and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office are investigating the deaths.

2 dead in crash at casino entrance in northern SD

MOBRIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Two people from Eagle Butte are dead following a crash at the entrance of the Grand River Casino in northern South Dakota.

Authorities on Sunday said 71-year-old Kaisagarr Tavia-Fiatoa was exiting the casino's parking lot when he turned west onto U.S. Highway 12 into the path of a Chevrolet pickup truck heading east.

Tavia-Fiatoa's vehicle came to rest in the north ditch, while the pickup entered the north ditch, went through a fence and came to rest in a pasture.

Authorities say Tavia-Fiatoa and passenger 61-year-old Alma Tavia-Fiatoa were ejected from their GMC Sierra and died at the scene. Neither was wearing a seatbelt.

Seventy-three-year-old Edward Schweitzer was driving the Chevrolet pickup. The Mobridge man suffered serious injuries and was taken to a local hospital. He was wearing a seatbelt.

USD exhibition explores several Shakespeare plays

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota is hosting an exhibition from the National Library of Medicine that explores several of William Shakespeare's plays.

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“And There’s the Humor of it’: Shakespeare and the Four Humors” analyzes how the four bodily humors once believed to define people’s physical and mental health influenced Shakespeare’s work.

The four humors date back to the ancient Greeks who theorized that a person’s health and temperament rely on the balance of four major body fluids: blood, phlegm, black bile and yellow bile.

Ancient Greek philosophers believed that an excess of one humor would affect the individual’s personality.

The traveling exhibition opens Tuesday and runs through Sept. 13 at the I.D. Weeks library building on the USD campus in Vermillion.

Applications being accepted for restoration grants

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is accepting applications for grants to fund large-scale restoration or rehabilitation projects of historic properties.

The Deadwood Fund grant program will award amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 for projects scheduled to begin Jan. 1. Funding for the program comes from Deadwood’s gaming revenue.

The grants must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis from nonfederal and nonstate sources.

The historic preservation office of the State Historical Society administers the program. More than \$126,000 was granted to 11 projects in 2013.

Applications are due Oct. 1.

Big Sturgis Motorcycle Rally courts younger riders

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — As the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally turns 74 this year, the Black Hills is bracing for as many as a half-million bikers rumbling through the region — many of them with the creaky knees, portly midriiffs and graying manes that mark them out as members of the Baby Boom generation.

Organizers love their older riders, but with an eye on the future, they’re making moves to attract an adrenaline-loving younger breed of riders. They’re bringing in pro racers Ben and Eric Bostrom, opening up a drag racing course and staging an area of vendors and demonstrations that target the energy drink crowd.

“You’ve got to keep replenishing the blood to keep it going,” said Tammy Bohn, who’s in charge of the motor sports geared toward younger riders. “I’m bringing in the young ‘uns.”

The Sturgis rally drew 466,000 people last year. This year’s edition, which starts Monday and runs through Sunday, is expected to do even better based on reservations and inquiries, said rally director Brenda Vasknetz. A survey of riders has suggested the event’s economic impact on the state is as much as \$500 million, Sturgis city manager Daniel Ainslie said.

But the ridership is aging, Vasknetz said. Rally-goers don’t have to register, but she said the average attendee is 45 to 65.

“As our demographics are aging, we are looking at new things to do to entice the younger generation,” she said.

The highlight of the youth effort is several events featuring the Bostroms, known as the “Boz Bros.”

On Tuesday, the brothers will invite riders on any kind of vehicle to race on the Sturgis Dragway. “From mini bikes to golf carts, the drag course is going to be open for a good time,” Eric Bostrom said. “If you want to make a bet with your buddy about who can get to the end of the drag strip, that’s great.”

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On Wednesday, the Bostroms will lead a 60-mile ride through the Black Hills.

They're also advocates for the Black Hills.

In a telephone interview, Eric Bostrom praised the peaks, valleys and curves of the Black Hills for the thrilling rides they offer. He compared the terrain favorably to Florida, where events such as the Daytona 200 can be more attractive to the younger set.

"The area, the geography, is almost purpose-built for us," he said. "It's going to be a good time. That's what a motorcyclist is all about — feeling the highway and taking those curves."

A series of events are geared at young people, concentrated at Exit 32 on Interstate 90.

Unknown Industries riders Buddy Suttle and Nick Leonetti from the "Harley Wheelies" YouTube series will be performing daily freestyle Harley demos. Brammo electric motorcycles, where Eric Bostrom is head development rider, will have a display. So will Monster Energy Drink and Italian motorcycle maker Ducati.

The site will also feature other vendors, music, food and merchandise mostly geared to young people and "hip, young bike builders that will be showcasing their latest masterpieces," according to the promotional flier.

"It's finally a place where they can park all these sport bikes and hang out," Bohn said.

Eric Bostrom said he and his brother last joined their father at Sturgis when they were kids and they look forward to working with rally organizers over the next four years to try to lure younger riders. He expects the real growth to start showing up next year as word spreads among their fans.

"I've had a huge response on social media. And a lot of people are saying, 'I wish I would have seen it sooner so I could have scheduled it.' That tells me the event is going to grow for 2015," he said.

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. WHY U.S. SECRETLY DISPATCHED LATIN YOUTH TO CUBA

An AP investigation finds the Obama administration deployed young people to the island to stir political dissent under the guise of civic and health programs, putting those foreigners in danger.

2. ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE KILLS MILITANT LEADER IN GAZA

The death of the close ally of the Palestinian Hamas rulers comes just hours ahead of an expected seven-hour truce announced by Israel that is meant to open a "humanitarian window" for aid.

3. 'WHAT I CAN SEE ARE ALL RUINS'

That's how Ma Liya, a resident of Zhaotong, China, describes the destruction following a strong earthquake, which toppled thousands of buildings, left almost 400 people dead and injured at least 1,800.

4. RUSSIA REPORTEDLY STARTS AIR FORCE DRILLS IN REGIONS ON UKRAINIAN BORDER

The move could spark further fears that Moscow is ready to flex its military muscle in neighboring Ukraine.

5. A SECOND EBOLA-STRICKEN AMERICAN TO RETURN TO U.S.

Nancy Writebol, along with U.S. colleague Dr. Kent Brantly, contracted the virus while working as a medical missionary in West Africa.

6. ALGAE WOES ARE NOT OVER FOR NORTHWEST OHIO

A water ban enters its third day in Toledo after tests show some toxins still contaminating Lake Erie, leaving residents to continue scrambling for water for drinking, cooking and bathing.

7. WAL-MART WANTS TO MAKE IT PERSONAL

The retailer is rolling out a feature that will enable its website to show shoppers more products that they may like, based on previous purchases. It will also customize the home page for each shopper based on where that customer lives. The move is leading up to a complete re-launch of the site in early 2015.

8. ARTIST RAISES MONEY WITH SPECIAL 'SALUTES' TO CANCER

Terminally ill, Michael Gross was only thinking he'd have a little fun with his art students when he told them to draw a hand with a raised middle finger. He didn't plan on joining the front lines of the fight against the disease.

9. AMERICA DOES NOT SEE ITSELF MIRRORED IN HOLLYWOOD FILMS

A new study by University of Southern California's Annenberg school shows that less than 5 percent of actors in top movies are Hispanic. At the same time, Latinos buy about 25 percent of all movie tickets, and are more likely than any other group to go to the movies, according to the Motion Picture Association of America.

10. FOR MICHAEL PHELPS, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

The world's greatest swimmer is preparing for more Olympic gold in the familiar surroundings of Baltimore.

AP News in Brief

US used HIV workshop, colleges as cover in ploy to recruit anti-government activists in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Obama administration program secretly dispatched young Latin Americans to Cuba using the cover of health and civic programs to provoke political change, a clandestine operation that put those foreigners in danger even after a U.S. contractor was hauled away to a Cuban jail.

Beginning as early as October 2009, a project overseen by the U.S. Agency for International Development sent Venezuelan, Costa Rican and Peruvian young people to Cuba in hopes of ginning up rebellion. The travelers worked undercover, often posing as tourists, and traveled around the island scouting for people they could turn into political activists.

In one case, the workers formed an HIV-prevention workshop that memos called "the perfect excuse" for the program's political goals — a gambit that could undermine America's efforts to improve health globally.

But their efforts were fraught with incompetence and risk, an Associated Press investigation found: Cuban authorities questioned who was bankrolling the travelers. The young workers nearly blew their mission to "identify potential social-change actors." One said he got a paltry, 30-minute seminar on how to evade Cuban intelligence, and there appeared to be no safety net for the inexperienced workers if they were caught.

"Although there is never total certainty, trust that the authorities will not try to harm you physically, only frighten you," read a memo obtained by the AP. "Remember that the Cuban government prefers to avoid negative media reports abroad, so a beaten foreigner is not convenient for them."

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Israeli airstrike kills militant leader in Gaza Strip ahead of announced 'humanitarian' truce

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli airstrike killed a militant leader in the Gaza Strip Monday, just hours ahead of a seven-hour truce announced by Israel that was meant to open a "humanitarian window" for aid as Israeli forces draw down ground operations in the coastal territory.

However, the military said the cease-fire would not apply to areas where troops were still operating and where they would respond to any attack. The southern strip town of Rafah, which saw particularly heavy fighting on Sunday, was excluded from the truce, the military said.

Shortly after the cease-fire went into effect at 10 a.m. (0700 GMT), two Israeli missiles struck a beach house near Gaza City, killing one person and leaving up to 20 people missing, the Red Crescent and a Gaza health official said. The Israeli military had no immediate comment on the strike.

The Islamic Jihad group — a close ally of Gaza's militant Palestinian Hamas rulers — said its commander in the northern part of the strip, Daniel Mansour, died when an Israeli strike hit his home just before dawn.

Even though Israel has been drawing down its ground operation since the weekend, it has kept up heavy aerial, offshore and artillery bombardments of the strip. The Gaza war, now in its fourth week, has killed more than 1,800 Palestinians and more than 60 Israelis.

Death toll from strong earthquake in southern China rises to 398, with more than 1,800 injured

BEIJING (AP) — Rescuers dug through shattered homes Monday looking for survivors of a strong earthquake in southern China's Yunnan province as the death toll rose to at least 398 people, with more than 1,800 injured.

About 12,000 homes collapsed when the quake struck Sunday afternoon in impoverished Ludian county, around 370 kilometers (230 miles) northeast of Yunnan's capital, Kunming, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Ma Yaoqi, an 18-year-old volunteer in the quake zone, said by phone that at least half of the buildings had collapsed on the road from the city center of Zhaotong to the hardest hit town of Longtou. The rest of the buildings were damaged, she said.

"I saw dead bodies being wrapped in quilts and carried away," said Ma, who had arrived with 20 other volunteers Monday. "Some were wrapped with small quilts. Those must be kids."

Overhead footage of the quake zone shot by state broadcaster CCTV showed older houses flattened but newer multistory buildings still standing.

Passenger ferry overturns while crossing Bangladesh river; at least 44 people safe

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A passenger ferry carrying hundreds of people capsized Monday in central Bangladesh, and authorities said two people died and at least 44 reached safety.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority Chairman Samsuddoha Khondaker said M.V. Pinak was crossing the River Padma in Munshiganj district when it capsized.

Rescuers and local people recovered two bodies from the water by afternoon and divers were expected to join the rescue efforts shortly, local police officer Khalid Hossain said.

Hossain said at least 44 people either swam to safety or were rescued but the number of missing passengers was not yet known.

Local media reported up to 250 passengers were on board but that could not be confirmed. Authorities do not always maintain proper passenger lists in Bangladesh, where river ferries are a popular and common form of transportation.

Water ban in Toledo enters 3rd day as additional tests are scheduled

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A water ban entered its third day in northwest Ohio after tests showed some toxins still contaminating Lake Erie, leaving residents to continue scrambling for water for drinking, cooking and bathing.

Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins said early Monday that most of the tests done by state and federal authorities on Sunday showed a positive trend, but that additional testing is necessary.

He told WTOL-TV that he was concerned by some of the results and didn't want to take any chances.

The city council was to review the test results at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Monday.

Ohio's fourth-largest city warned residents not to use city water early Saturday after tests at one treatment plant showed readings for microcystin above the standard for consumption, most likely from algae on the lake. The advisory affected more than 400,000 residents in northwestern Ohio and southwestern Michigan. Ohio Gov. John Kasich declared a state of emergency.

Son says mother's Ebola should spark push for cure; pastor says she was just answering call

ATLANTA (AP) — One of two known American Ebola victims, missionary Nancy Writebol wasn't looking to abandon her overseas work. But Jeremy Writebol believes his 59-year-old mother can yield a greater good from her impending return to the United States amid West Africa's worst-ever outbreak of the often-deadly virus.

The attention focused on her case, the younger Writebol said, "might help develop a cure and resources to help those who are suffering. I am sure hopeful for that."

A Liberian government official has confirmed that a medical evacuation team is scheduled early Tuesday to fly Nancy Writebol back to the United States, where she will receive treatment at Atlanta's Emory University Hospital alongside one of her mission partners, Dr. Kent Brantly, who was admitted Saturday.

The American cases make headlines as dozens of African heads of state converge on Washington for the Monday opening of the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, a three-day gathering hosted by President Barack Obama. Among the stated purposes: discussing how to help African nations overcome systemic challenges, including disease.

Brantly and Writebol contracted Ebola after working on the same medical mission team treating victims of the virus around Monrovia, Liberia. More than 1,300 people have been stricken, killing at least 729 of them in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

Wal-Mart's website to customize shopping experience based on purchase, search history

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart, in its latest bid to compete with nemesis Amazon.com, is making changes to its website to personalize the online shopping experience of each customer.

Wal-Mart is rolling out a feature that will enable its website to show shoppers more products that they may like, based on their previous purchases. It also will customize Wal-Mart's home page for each shopper based on where that customer lives, showing local weather and events, as well as the customer's search and purchase histories.

So if a new mom just bought a stroller or crib on Walmart.com, the revamped website might recommend diapers and car seats, too. And if someone who lives in Dallas searches the website for sports jerseys, Walmart.com could suggest Rangers or Dallas Cowboy gear.

The personalization feature is part of a push by Wal-Mart to improve the online shopping experience of its customers, leading up to a complete re-launch of the site in early 2015. The retailer is looking to boost its business online at a time when its U.S. discount division has seen disappointing sales.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s e-commerce sales increased by 30 percent to over \$10 billion in its fiscal year that ended Jan. 31. By comparison, Wal-Mart's U.S. discount division has had five straight quarters of sales declines at stores opened at least a year. Wal-Mart sees big growth opportunity in the online business: Online sales still are only a fraction of the \$473 billion Wal-Mart generated in overall annual revenue, dwarfed by Amazon's \$60.9 billion in annual sales.

Few roles for Hispanic actors in top Hollywood movies, USC study finds

A new study shows that less than 5 percent of actors in top Hollywood films are Hispanic, and that Latinas are more likely than women of any other ethnicity to appear partially or totally naked on screen.

The study of the top 100 grossing films in 2013, by the University of Southern California's Annenberg school, found that the make-believe world of movies generally does not reflect what America looks like in real life.

About 74 percent of the actors in the study were white, compared with a U.S. population that's 63 percent non-Hispanic white.

Hispanics, who are 17 percent of the nation but had 4.9 percent of film roles, were the most underrepresented group on screen. That's despite the fact that Hispanics bought about 25 percent of all movie tickets and are more likely than any other group to go to the movies, according to the Motion Picture Association of America.

Black characters represented about 14 percent of those in the films, which is comparable to America's 13 percent black population. However, 17 percent of the films examined in the study did not have a single black speaking role, and half the films had a smaller percentage than the population, which indicates that a few movies with predominantly black casts balanced out the many movies with few black actors.

AP Exclusive: Michael Phelps preps for more Olympic gold in familiar surroundings of Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — Sitting on the deck at his beloved Meadowbrook, Michael Phelps glances toward the pool where he was once afraid to put his face in the water.

"This is me," he said, a slight smile curling off his lips. "This is home."

This is where Phelps put in most of the work to become the most decorated athlete in Olympic history. This is where he's looking to add to that legacy after an aborted retirement, his eyes firmly on the Rio Games two years away.

And as the world's greatest swimmer takes his comeback to it's the biggest stop yet, this week's U.S. national championships in Irvine, California, it's important for him to remember where he came from.

Why? Because for all the hoopla over LeBron James returning to Cleveland, there's no bigger home-body than Phelps.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, August 4, the 216th day of 2014. There are 149 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 4, 1944, 15-year-old diarist Anne Frank was arrested with her sister, parents and four others by the Gestapo after hiding for two years inside a building in Amsterdam. (Anne and her sister, Margot, died the following year at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.)

On this date:

In 1735, a jury found John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal not guilty of committing seditious libel against the colonial governor of New York, William Cosby.

In 1790, the Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Massachusetts. Lizzie Borden, Andrew's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

In 1914, Britain declared war on Germany for invading Belgium; the United States proclaimed its neutrality in the mushrooming world conflict.

In 1916, the United States reached agreement with Denmark to purchase the Danish Virgin Islands for \$25 million.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the U.S. won the second of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he prevailed in the long jump over German Luz Long, who was the first to congratulate him.

In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

In 1972, Arthur Bremer was convicted and sentenced in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, to 63 years in prison for his attempt on the life of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace (the sentence was later reduced to 53 years; Bremer was released in 2007).

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed a measure establishing the Department of Energy.

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted to abolish the Fairness Doctrine, which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

In 1991, the Greek luxury liner Oceanos sank in heavy seas off South Africa's southeast coast; all the

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passengers and crew members survived.

Ten years ago: Richard Smith, a Staten Island ferry pilot, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in a crash that killed 11 in October 2003, acknowledging that he'd passed out at the helm after arriving at work with medication in his system. (Smith was sentenced to 18 months in prison.) Former teacher Mary Kay Letourneau, convicted of having sex with a sixth-grade pupil, was released from a Washington state prison after 7 1/2 years behind bars.

Five years ago: North Korean leader Kim Jong Il pardoned American journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee for entering the country illegally and ordered their release during a surprise visit by former U.S. President Bill Clinton. Taliban militants unleashed a wave of rockets at Kabul's international airport and government buildings less than three weeks before Afghanistan's presidential election. A gunman opened fire in a health club in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, killing three women before killing himself.

One year ago: Security forces closed roads, put up extra blast walls and increased patrols near some of the more than 20 U.S. diplomatic missions in the Muslim world that Washington had ordered closed for the weekend following warnings of a possible al-Qaida attack. Missy Franklin claimed her record sixth gold medal on the final day of the world championships in Barcelona, becoming the most successful female swimmer ever at a world meet. American Stacy Lewis won the Women's British Open, finishing with a pair of birdies and closing with an even-par 72. Pro Football Hall of Famer Art Donovan, 89, died in Baltimore.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Frankie Ford is 75. Actress-singer Tina Cole is 71. Actor-comedian Richard Belzer is 70. Football Hall-of-Famer John Riggins is 65. Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is 59. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 59. Actress Kym Karath (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 56. Hall of Fame track star Mary Decker Slaney is 56. Actress Lauren Tom is 55. President Barack Obama is 53. Producer Michael Gelman (TV: "Live! With Kelly and Michael") is 53. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Roger Clemens is 52. Actress Crystal Chappell is 49. Author Dennis Lehane is 49. Rock musician Rob Cieka (Boo Radleys) is 46. Actor Daniel Dae Kim is 46. Actor Michael DeLuise is 45. Actor Ron Lester is 44. Race car driver Jeff Gordon is 43. Rapper-actress Yo-Yo is 43. Country singer Jon Nicholson is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer-actor Marques (MAR'-kus) Houston is 33. Actress Meghan Markle is 33. Actress Greta Gerwig is 31. Country singer Crystal Bowersox (TV: "American Idol") is 29. Rock singer Tom Parker (The Wanted) is 26. Actors Cole and Dylan Sprouse are 22. Singer Jessica Sanchez (TV: "American Idol") is 19.

Thought for Today: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." — Anne Frank (1929-1945).