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The JV football game with Roncalli on Monday, Sept. 8th has a new time and site. The game will be at 6pm at played at Presetation College.

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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.

Smith Open House

An Open House Bridal Shower honoring Laura Smith (bride to be of Taylor Anderson) will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00-11:00am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

St. John's Luncheon

St. John's Lutheran Church is having its annual soup, sandwich, and pie luncheon (\$2.00 each) on Thursday, September 11th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with crafts and

Thursday, September 4

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizzaz, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Lasagna, corn, tea bun, tossed greens, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Herbed Roast Pork, Baked Potato/S.Cream, Lemon Buttered Broccoli, Cinnamon Applesauce, Whole Wheat Bread.

Birthday: Troy Carda

9:30am: ELC India Circle

10:00am: Boys JH golf at Sisseton

2:00pm: ELC Nigeria Circle

2:00pm: Lifetouch Directory rep and committee meeting

4:00pm: Cross Country at Redfield-Doland

5:30pm: DOT Open House on SD37 Project at Community Center

6:30pm: Volleyball at Deuel with C/JV at 6:30

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

The Land and Water Conservation Fund at 50: As Important Today as Ever

September 3, 2014, marks two important 50th anniversaries: the signing of the Wilderness Act and the establishment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Since President Lyndon Johnson signed both pieces of legislation in 1964, Americans in all 50 states, across thousands of rural and urban communities, have reaped the benefits of accessible outdoor recreation opportunities and protected natural areas.

Together, these landmark pieces of legislation helped to usher in a new era for conservation.

The Wilderness Act protects wild and scenic undeveloped land across the United States for the benefit of all. Today, the National Wilderness Preservation System includes more than 750 wilderness areas covering almost 110 million acres.

The Act works alongside the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which supports federal, state and local governments in purchasing priority recreation and wildlife habitat lands and waters from willing sellers. Nationwide, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has supported over 40,000 state and local projects, protecting seven million acres of working forests and ranches, wilderness, and world-class recreational lands.

For example, the Land and Water Conservation Fund helps to support an ongoing Forest Service purchasing program to acquire wetlands in the North Florida Wildlife Corridor, which provides freshwater supplies for nearly 20 million Floridians and Georgians and provides habitat for migratory waterfowl, bobcat, black bear and many species of threatened or endangered wildlife. The Fund helps to protect these natural resources while also benefiting local communities that depend on the 800,000-plus tourists who visit these public lands and waters each year. More than 40,000 acres within the 170,000-acre wildlife corridor have been protected, thanks to the Fund.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund achieves results while using no taxpayer dollars. Instead, the Fund uses earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to help protect sensitive lands.

That's good, but since its inception, the program has been consistently underfunded. A 2009 analysis by the Trust for Public Land indicates that that every dollar invested in land conservation through the Land and Water Conservation Fund creates \$4 in economic value—imagine what could be done if the Fund was used at its full potential.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, we look back to successful conservation efforts, but we also look forward to the needs of growing numbers of Americans who want to enjoy America's great outdoors. That is why President Obama has called on Congress to fully and permanently fund this important law so that even more can be done to ensure that future generations have protected and accessible places to play and that rural and urban communities can continue to benefit from the economic opportunity provided by proximity to premiere natural and recreational lands.



Haley Anne Erickson

Haley Anne Erickson was born on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, to Seth and Megan Erickson, Roseville, Minn. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 3/4" long.

Grandparents are John and Meri Erickson, Groton; and Mark and Deb Brandlee, Bristol. Great-grandparents are Emery Sippel, Groton; Mary Anne Bartell, Bristol; and Orville and Marge Brandlee, Bristol.

Fischbach wins JV girls race at Britton

Hannah Fischbach won the girls 3,000 junior varsity race at the Britton-Hecla Invitational held Sept. 2 with a time of 13:41.50; Emily Thompson was third with a 14:17.50; Erin Smith was fifth with a 14:55.57; Jenifer Fjeldstad was seventh with a 14:59.52; Gabby Kramer was 16th with an 18:59.51 and Caroline Graf was 17th with a 20:39.52.

In the junior varsity 3,000 meter race, Micah Poor placed sixth with a time of 12:47.56; Noah Poor was 12th with a 14:52.31; Dylan Graf was 13th with a 14:57 and Spencer Jacobs was 15th with a time of 17:04.55.

In the girls 4,000 meter varsity race, Jasmine Schaller was seventh with a 20:07.17; Hannah Lewandowski was eighth with 20:09.08; and Kaitlin O'Neill was 18th with a time of 24:21.52.

Luke Smith ran the boys 5,000 meter varsity race, finishing 16th with a time of 22:39.39.

FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY



Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving 5-9 p.m.



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RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Sept. 6, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 511 1st Ave East. 8/24 snow blower like new, electric start 21" MTD snow blower, electric start Toro 5-140 Snow blower that need carb work, pull type 10 gallon lawn sprayer, 2 push mowers - one with a bagger, Honda riding mower with bagger and auto drive, push lawn seed spreader, 2 weed eaters - electric and gas, bicycles, garden tools, mechanics tools - some new, carpenter tools, garden tools, leather recliner, much, much more.

Notice

Sugar Babes/Sweet Sensations dance groups registration is Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Groton Community Center from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Instructor Gwen Briscoe from Aberdeen ARCC will be offering a sixth, seventh and eighth grade dance team new this year! Call Gwen at 605/290-0410 or Kim at 605/380-7148 for more information.

Help Wanted

Wheatcrest Hills - New Wage Scale - is hiring for PT and FT CNA positions. We are looking for caring compassionate individuals to join our team. CNA certification training class to start September 15 and we have benefit packages available. Please stop in for application or contact Kristin at 605/448-2251. (0826.0902)

For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

Silver Skates Registration

Registration for the 2015 Carnival of Silver Skates will be on Sunday, September 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, and again on Monday, September 8th from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Warming House in Groton. Be looking for your registration form coming to you via email and through the school as well. If you are going to be a participant in the Carnival, you MUST attend one of these registration dates to be measured for your costume. Thank you!!

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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING/ OPEN HOUSE

Project P 0037(129)207; PCN 039K; BROWN COUNTY

SD37 from Aspen Avenue to US12 in Groton

Grading, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk, Roadway Lighting, AC Surfacing

Date: September 4, 2014

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. CDT

Place: Groton Community Center
109 N. 3rd Street
Groton, SD 57445

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will hold an open house style public meeting to discuss and receive public input on the above project. The open house will be informal, with one on one discussion with SDDOT design staff.

A presentation will take place shortly after 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, SDDOT staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than **2 business days prior to the meeting** in order to ensure accommodations are available.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting to share your views and concerns any time between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

For further information regarding this project, contact Mark Leiferman, Chief Roadway Design Engineer at (605) 773-3433.

Information presented at the Public Meeting/Open House will be posted on the SDDOT web site after the meeting at <http://sddot.com/dot/publicmeetings/default.aspx>.

Notice published twice at a cost of \$ ____.

JOIN US FOR
a LOCAL FOOD CELEBRATION!

Sunday, Sept. 7 • 4-7 p.m.

Granary Rural Cultural Center, rural Groton, S.D.
(find driving directions at dacotahprairiemuseum.com)

We'll start with a
**GRAND COMMUNITY
POTLUCK.**

Bring **local food** to share!

Drinks, plates and silverware provided.

- Presentation on the economics of local food •
 - Conversations on opportunities and challenges for local food •
 - **AND PERHAPS SOME MUSIC!** •
- Bring an instrument to join in an informal jam session.*

Farmers market vendors:
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This event kicks off the

**Dakota
LOCAL
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SEPTEMBER 6-19, 2014

THE DAKOTA LOCAL FOOD CHALLENGE is a way for people in the Dakotas to get better connected to the land and the people who produce our food by eating food produced locally for two weeks in September.

Everyone who turns in a local food log will get a fun "I WENT LOCAL" T-shirt.

Sign up and get more info:
dakotafire.net/golocal

Today in Weather History

2001: Near record or record heat hit central and north central South Dakota on this day in 2001. High temperatures during the afternoon were in the upper 90s to around 105 degrees. Pierre and Kennebec set record highs of 105 and 106, respectively. Mobridge rose to a high of 96 and Timber Lake topped out at 98 degrees on this day in 2001.

1939 - A thunderstorm deluged Washington D.C. with 4.4 inches of rain in two hours. September of that year was very dry across much of the nation, and Washington D.C. received more rain in that two hour period than most other places in the country that entire month. (David Ludlum)

1970 - The greatest natural disaster of record for Arizona occurred. Unprecedented rains caused rivers in central Arizona to rise five to ten feet per hour, sweeping cars and buildings as far as 30 to 40 miles downstream. Flooding claimed the lives of 23 persons, mainly campers, and caused millions of dollars damage. Water crested 36 feet above normal near Sunflower AZ. Workman's Creek was deluged with 11.40 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. Moisture from Pacific Tropical Storm Norma led to the severe flooding. (4th-6th) (The Weather Channel)

1986 - An unusually strong dust devil moved across the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport. The dust devil blew open the doors of the National Weather Service office scattering papers and bringing down a ceiling-mounted light fixture. (Storm Data)






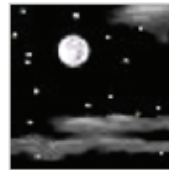

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced heavy rain across the Southern Atlantic Coast States. Up to eight inches was reported north of Charleston SC. Serious flooding was reported in Monks Corner SC. Seven cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Houlton ME dipped to 32 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The western U.S. experienced another day of record heat. The afternoon high of 91 degrees at Stampede Pass WA established an all-time record for that location, and Los Angeles CA equalled their all-time record high with a reading of 110 degrees. A record high of 107 degrees at San Diego CA was their hottest reading in 25 years. Red Bluff CA was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon reading of 118 degrees. (National Weather Summary)

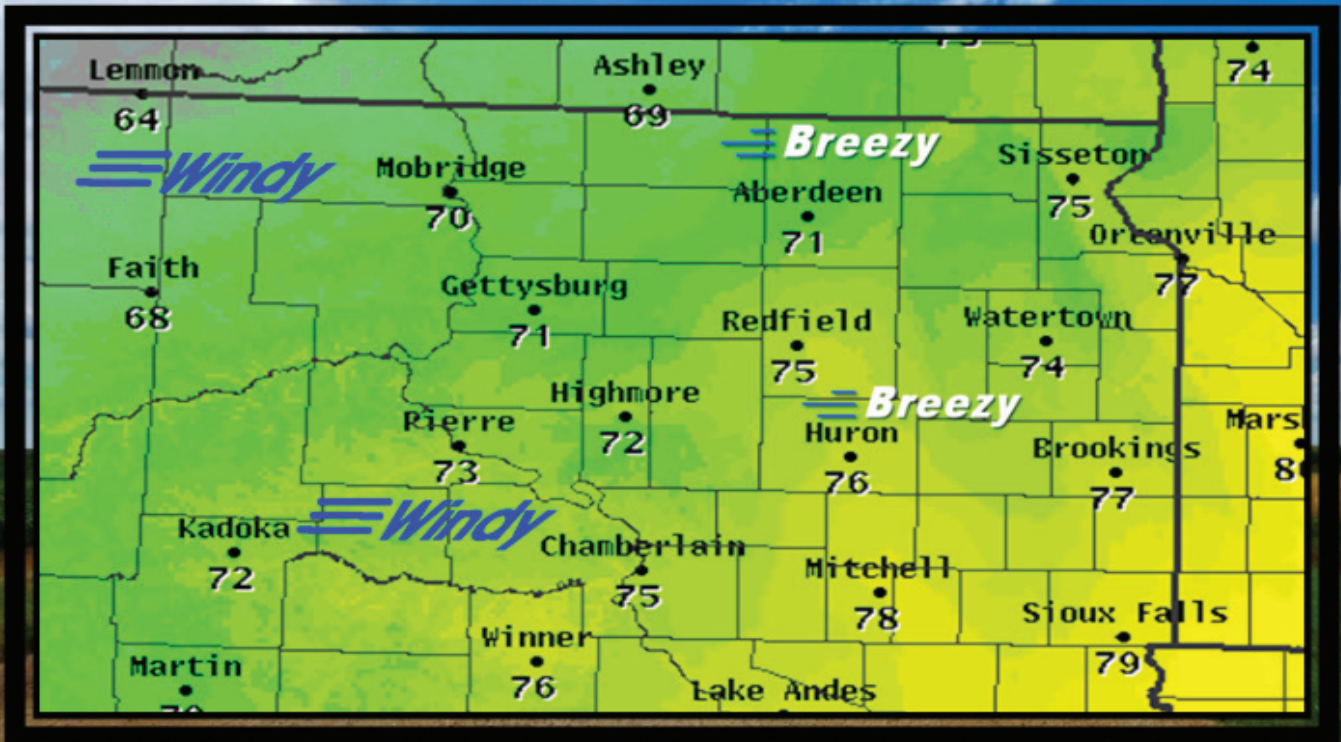
1989 - Overnight thunderstorm rains of four and a half to seven inches drenched eastern Nebraska during the morning hours, pushing creeks out of their banks, and flooding fields, country roads and city streets. Totals ranged up to 6.97 inches south of Creston. It was also a soggy Labor Day for northern Florida. Jacksonville reported 6.82 inches of rain, and evening thunderstorms produced 2.75 inches of rain in one hour at Sandlewood. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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| TODAY | TONIGHT | FRIDAY | FRIDAY NIGHT | SATURDAY | SATURDAY NIGHT | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breezy | Partly Cloudy | Sunny | Mostly Clear | Sunny | Mostly Clear | Sunny |
| High: 71 °F | Low: 42 °F | High: 68 °F | Low: 43 °F | High: 73 °F | Low: 50 °F | High: 77 °F |

High Temperatures Today



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 9/4/2014 5:11 AM Central

A cold front moving across the region will bring cooler and less humid conditions to the area today. Breezy northwesterly winds will follow the cold front with sustained winds between 20 to 30 through this afternoon.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 81.9°F at 5:21 PM

Low: 62.6°F at 2:44 AM

High Gust: 17 mph at 9:15 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1931, 1922

Record Low: 30° in 1961

Average High: 77°F

Average Low: 51°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.22

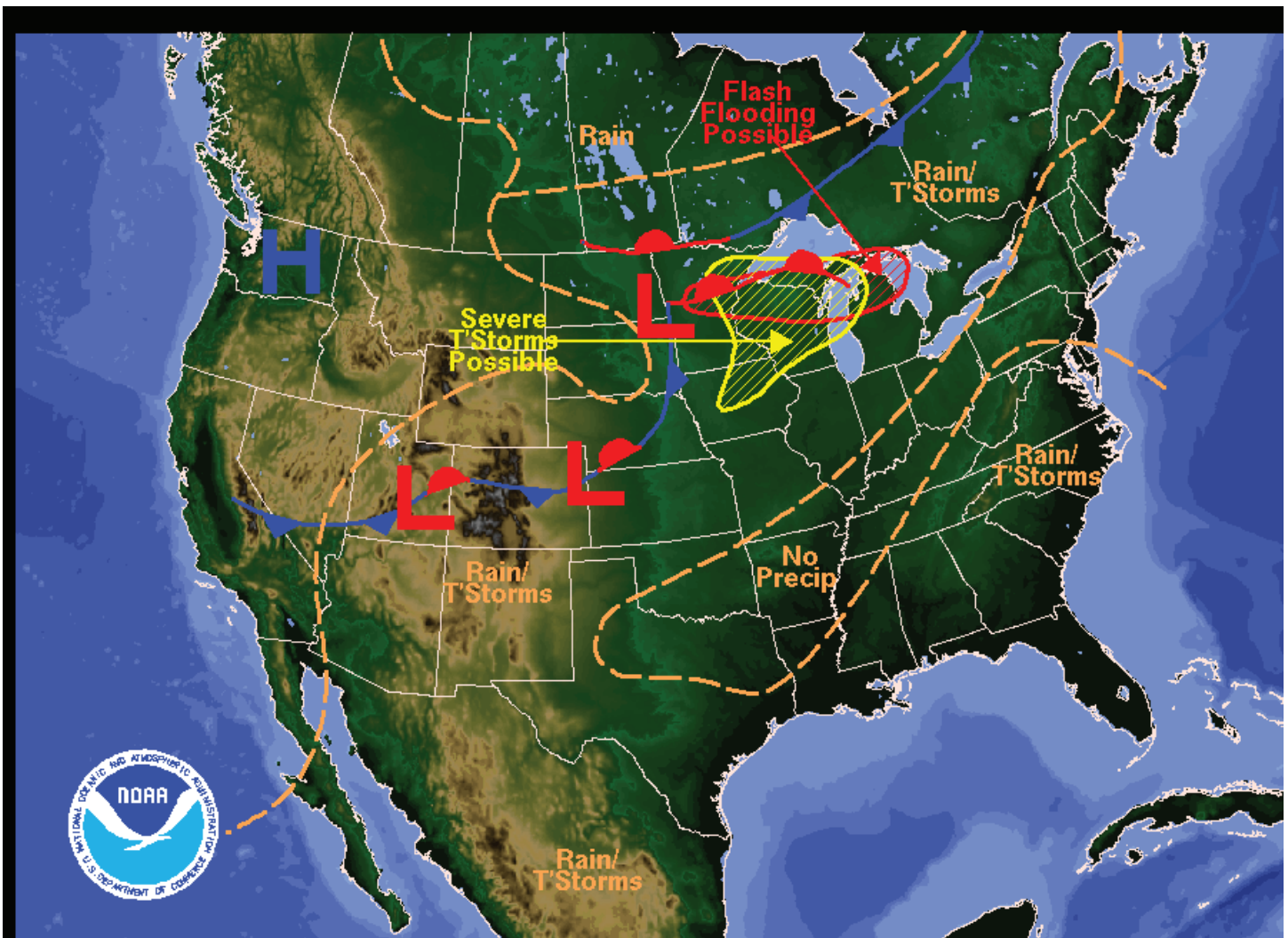
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 16.51

Precip Year to Date: 11.93

Sunset Tonight: 8:06 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:00 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 04, 2014, issued 7:10 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Hurley based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHERE DID THE PROVERBS COME FROM?

No one has ever asked me to answer a question that had no limits. Sometimes, I have been asked questions that have encouraged me to “think big” or to “go beyond what you have thought of in the past” or to “think into the future for what could be.” Those questions have been very challenging. However, no one has ever approached me and said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” At least, no one who had the power to give me a “whatever.”

But that happened to Solomon. And the one who asked him that question was not his father whom he replaced as king. It was one who was much more powerful than his father and one who, indeed, could grant Solomon the “whatever” he wished for. It was God Himself!

He admitted to God that he was not really qualified to be a king. In his own eyes he saw himself as “a little child.” And he asked God to “give Your child a discerning heart” - (not mind) – “to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of Yours?” The very next verse begins with the words, “The Lord was pleased that Solomon asked for this!” Then said, “I will give you what you asked for and what you have not asked for: wealth and honor, and in your life time you will have no equal!”

What an interesting question: “Ask for whatever you want” - and what a humble answer: “Nothing for myself. My only desire is to have a discerning heart.”

God granted his request and through him gave us His inspired, infallible, inerrant Proverbs as “life guides.”

Prayer: Father, in Your wisdom, You gave Your servant wisdom to offer to Your children so they could “live well!” In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

Students open Pheasants Forever chapter at SDSU

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Students at South Dakota State University have formed the state's first collegiate chapter of Pheasants Forever.

The formation of SDSU Pheasants Forever comes shortly after the national conservation organization opened its first office in the state. The statewide office is also located at SDSU.

Mandy Orth is the group's president and a graduate research assistant at SDSU. Orth says members want to help educate their fellow students on the importance of resource conservation. The group will also work with younger students in the community as well.

Officials from Pheasants Forever say it's a crucial time for the student group to start. The state has seen increasingly more grassland converted to farmland in recent years. They say the state's pheasant population dramatically decreased as a result.

14K downloads for app showing SD road conditions

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A smartphone application that shows construction zones, road conditions and highway closures across South Dakota has been downloaded more than 14,000 times.

The state Department of Transportation 511 app provides the same information as the SafeTravelUSA website that also displays images from dozens of cameras along major roads.

DOT Secretary Darin Bergquist says there have been 6,840 downloads of the Apple version and 7,218 for the Google app.

South Dakota society to show Smithsonian webcast

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society will show a webcast of a Smithsonian Channel program on the history of California's Silicon Valley.

The historical society says its museum in Pierre will show the free webcast on Sept. 14. It was produced in 2010 for Smithsonian and explores the growth of Silicon Valley in the late 1950s, before people like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates ruled the technology sector.

The historical society says it is the only Smithsonian affiliate in the state. It says it has hosted a "Smithsonian Sunday" program on the second Sunday of each month since last year.

The webcast is at 2 p.m. CDT in the society's Cultural Heritage Center.

Insurer reaching out to some marketplace consumers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One of the insurers that sold health plans through the Affordable Care Act marketplace is reaching out to a group of consumers who may lose coverage because of inconsistencies with the documents that prove their citizenship and immigration status.

Deb Muller with Avera Health Plans says the insurer has been calling and using Facebook to direct its consumers to submit citizenship and immigration documents to the federal government by the Friday deadline.

The federal government has sent letters to about 300 South Dakota residents asking them to show that they're legally living in the U.S. Coverage would end Sept. 30 for those who don't respond.

Nationwide, letters were sent to about 310,000 people. More than half hadn't responded to the re-

quest as of Tuesday.

People living in the country illegally aren't eligible for coverage.

No bond for SD man accused of attacking attorney

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of attacking his public defender while in court is being held without bond.

Capt. Jim Hoekman with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department says 34-year-old Kelly John Lange became upset and attacked his public defender in a conference room.

Hoekman says Lange was in court because he failed to complete court-ordered anger management classes. Hoekman says Lange tipped over the room's table and struck the female public defender in the face.

Hoekman says it's unclear what caused Lange's outburst. The attorney suffered minor injuries.

Lange is facing four alternating counts of simple assault stemming from the court incident.

Lange's wife, Neesha, tells the Argus Leader that what her husband did was wrong. But, she says, his public defender wasn't giving him the help he needed.

State announces \$1M to help labor shortage

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials say they're taking tangible steps toward helping relieve the shortage of qualified workers, including funding community initiatives and re-examining how to connect job-seekers and employers.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard released his workforce summit report this week. It said South Dakota faces a labor supply shortage of industries that require considerable training, and that industries requiring less-qualified workers have too many from which to choose.

Secretary of Labor Marcia Hultman said Wednesday that the report, which lays out ways businesses, communities, educators and government can find more employment for South Dakota residents, will help local communities come up with plans to address the shortages.

In addition, Hultman said, Daugaard has set aside \$1 million in state future funds to help finance initiatives, but communities must first bring a detailed plan to the council and be willing to match any state funding they receive.

"So communities, as they're looking at their assessments, can say 'Oh, one of those strategies really works for us,' or they can come up with their own," Hultman said, referencing the 19 suggested strategies that communities can use to help fill local labor shortages.

Community leaders can then use one of those to build an action plan that they'll present at the state's Workforce Summit Development Council in December.

Al Heuton, the director of the Brookings Economic Development Corporation, said groups in his town have been trying to figure out how get more qualified workers in the community for years. The area is in need of welders and technicians, as well as financial personnel, such as accountants.

He expects the community will present its workforce initiatives to the council and request funding, though it isn't clear what specific idea they'll push. He said that it could include the South Dakota Education Campus, which provides workforce training and community education classes in the Brookings area.

"Continuing to grow that program will be a big part of what we're looking at the on training side,"

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Heuton said.

Hultman said the Department of Labor will begin to re-evaluate how it lists available positions on its website. The department's job portal currently lists types of jobs, and Hultman said she wants to change that so employees aren't ignoring jobs that could be a good fit for them.

"What we really want to do is not just list the job title, but list "Here are all the types and skills an individual would need to fulfill that job," she said.

South Dakota Volleyball Polls The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association volleyball poll for the week of Sept. 1, 2014

Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking:

Class AA

| Rank-School | FPV | Rcd | TP | Pvs | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|--|
| 1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman | (9) | 0-0 | 45 | 1 | |
| 2. Sioux Falls Roosevelt | - | 0-0 | 34 | 2 | |
| 3. Aberdeen Central | - | 1-0 | 25 | 4 | |
| 4. Sioux Falls Washington | - | 1-1 | 18 | 3 | |
| 5. R.C. Stevens | - | 1-0 | 9 | 5 | |

Others receiving votes: Harrisburg 1-0, Huron 0-1, Spearfish 1-0.

Class A

| Rank-School | FPV | Rcd | TP | Pvs | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|--|
| 1. Dakota Valley | (7) | 2-0 | 43 | 2 | |
| 2. S.F. Christian | (1) | 1-0 | 36 | 1 | |
| 3. Belle Fourche | - | 1-0 | 20 | 5 | |
| 4. Sioux Valley | (1) | 1-0 | 16 | RV | |
| 5. Mount Vernon-Plank | - | 0-0 | 10 | 4 | |

Others receiving votes: Pine Ridge 6-0, Miller 1-0, Wagner 1-3.

Class B

| Rank-School | FPV | Rcd | TP | Pvs | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|--|
| 1. Warner | (8) | 0-0 | 43 | 1 | |
| 2. Northwestern | (1) | 5-0 | 30 | 4 | |
| 3. Arlington | - | 3-1 | 26 | 2 | |
| 4. Chester Area | - | 1-0 | 20 | 3 | |
| 5. Alcester-Hudson | - | 0-0 | 12 | 5 | |

Others receiving votes: Hanson 3-0, Harding County 0-0, Parker 4-0 .

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. US, UK WILL 'NOT BE COWED' BY MILITANTS

Obama and Cameron declare that their nations will "be forthright" in the defense of their values from extremists who have ruthlessly taken over large areas of Iraq and Syria and killed two American jour-

nalists.

2. POLAND, BALTICS EXPECT MORE THAN WORDS FROM OBAMA

NATO's eastern European members want permanent bases with troops on their land - a request unlikely to be granted due to the alliance's 1997 agreement with Russia.

3. US TO INVESTIGATE FERGUSON POLICE

The Justice Department plans to open a probe into the practices of law enforcers following the shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old in the St. Louis suburb.

4. AL-QAIDA CLAIMS NEW OUTPOSTS

The group's leader says in a video statement that it has expanded into the Indian subcontinent to "wage jihad against its enemies."

5. WHICH CURE EXPERTS PROPOSE FOR EBOLA

Without any licensed drugs or vaccines for the deadly disease, some researchers say the blood of survivors is worth a shot.

6. IMAGINE JOHN LENNON'S LINK TO IMMIGRATION DEBATE

The argument over Obama's legal authority to defer deportations begins 42 years ago with a bit of hashish, a dogged lawyer and, yes, the famous singer and Yoko Ono.

7. MILLENNIALS LESS TRUSTING THAN GEN X

A new study finds that today's youth are often more skeptical of the country's institutions than the young generations that preceded them.

8. WHOM CHINA TARGETS TO COERCE ACTIVISTS

To force politically active citizens into submission, Chinese authorities routinely pressure their family members, friends and associates.

9. HACKED PHOTOS OF STARS FIND 'SAFE HARBOR' ONLINE

U.S. law doesn't require websites to block revealing photos stolen from celebrities.

10. WHAT IS OFFERED FOR SALE IN MAINE

Over the last 14 years the federal government has got rid of more than 100 lighthouses, which often become everything from museums to bed-and-breakfasts.

AP News in Brief

As NATO summit opens, Obama and Cameron say West will 'not be cowed' by Islamic militants

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — Faced with a mounting militant threat in the Middle East, President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron declared Thursday that their nations will "not be cowed" by extremists who have killed two American journalists.

"We will be more forthright in the defense of our values, not least because a world of greater freedom is a fundamental part of how we keep our people safe," the leaders wrote in a joint editorial in the Times of London.

Their comments come as world leaders gather at a golf resort in Wales for a high-stakes NATO summit. While the official agenda will focus on the crisis in Ukraine and the drawdown of the NATO combat mission in Afghanistan, the rise of the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria will dominate discussions on the sidelines of the summit.

The militants have claimed responsibility for murdering two American journalists, releasing gruesome videos of their beheadings. Both the U.S. and Britain are deeply concerned about the potential threat

to their homelands that could come from the foreign fighters who have joined the violent Islamic State group.

Cameron on Monday proposed new laws that would give police the power to seize the passports of Britons suspected of having traveled abroad to fight with terrorist groups.

Russia's foreign minister: Kiev's NATO ambitions derail peace process in eastern Ukraine

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's foreign minister warned Thursday that Ukraine's NATO ambitions are threatening to derail peace talks in eastern Ukraine.

Russia and Ukraine said Wednesday they are working on a deal to halt months of fighting in eastern Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin spelled out a seven-point plan for ending hostilities and expressed hope for a breakthrough at talks in Minsk, Belarus, on Friday.

But Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in televised remarks Thursday that statements by senior government officials in Kiev that Ukraine will be seeking to join NATO are "a blatant attempt to derail all the efforts" to seek a peaceful solution in Ukraine.

NATO leaders are meeting this week at a summit in Wales. As they began gathering Thursday morning, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen accused the Russians of continued meddling in Ukraine despite Putin's proclamation of a peace plan.

"What counts is what is actually happening on the ground," Rasmussen said. "And we are still witnessing, unfortunately, Russian involvement in destabilizing the situation in eastern Ukraine. So we continue to call on Russia to pull back its troops from Ukrainian borders, stop the flow of weapons and fighters into Ukraine, stop the support for armed militants in Ukraine and engage in a constructive political process. That would be a genuine effort to facilitate a peaceful solution to the crisis in Ukraine."

Polish and Baltic hopes for permanent NATO bases frustrated by 1997 agreement with Russia

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — On the eve of a NATO summit, President Barack Obama gave the alliance's eastern European members a soaring assurance of protection from any Russian threat. But Poland and the Baltic states are seeking more than lofty words: They want permanent bases with troops on their land.

And they probably won't get that.

While the request from Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia will be on the agenda at the summit in Wales, European heavyweight Germany and other members strongly oppose it. They argue that it would violate a 1997 agreement with Russia in which NATO pledges not to put "substantial combat forces" in central and eastern Europe.

The eastern NATO members suspect, however, that the accord with Russia is just a cover for not wanting to further damage economic relations. And Poland argues that the agreement, known as the Founding Act, has already been invalidated by Russia's annexation of Crimea.

Speaking in the Estonian capital, Tallinn, Obama declared on Wednesday: "You lost your independence once before. With NATO, you'll never lose it again." While that will be a heartening message for Poland and the Baltic states, there were no details of the kind of action that might back it up.

AP source: Justice Department to investigate practices of Ferguson Police Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department plans to open a wide-ranging civil rights investigation into the practices of the Ferguson, Missouri, Police Department following the shooting last month of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer in the St. Louis suburb, a person briefed on the matter said Wednesday night.

The person said the investigation could be announced as early as Thursday afternoon. Missouri officials were notified Wednesday of the probe.

The investigation will look at the practices in the past few years of the police department, including patterns of stops, arrests and use-of-force, as well as the training the officers receive, the person said.

The inquiry is separate from an ongoing civil rights investigation the Justice Department is conducting into the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9. A local grand jury is also investigating the shooting, which set off about two weeks of unrest in the streets of Ferguson and became a flashpoint in the national discussion of police treatment of minorities across the country. Attorney General Eric Holder two weeks ago visited the St. Louis suburb, where he met with investigators and Brown's parents and shared personal experiences of having himself been mistreated by the police.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation, first reported by The Washington Post, had not yet been announced.

Leader of al-Qaida says terrorist group has expanded into India subcontinent

NEW DELHI (AP) — Al-Qaida has expanded into India, the leader of the terror group said in a video released Thursday, vowing that its militants would bring Islamic law to the entire subcontinent and "wage jihad against its enemies."

At least three Indian states with large Muslim populations have been put on alert in the wake of the video's release, local TV stations reported, though there was no indication of an increased security presence.

The new group "is the fruit of a blessed effort of more than two years to gather the mujahedeen in the Indian subcontinent into a single entity," al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahri said in the video, which was seen online by the SITE monitoring group.

While his comments raised concerns in India, al-Zawahri's message seemed largely directed at his own rivals in the international jihad movement, and with raising al-Qaida's profile in the wake of repeated successes by the Islamic State militant group.

Al-Qaida has been increasingly overshadowed by the Islamic State, whose fighters have captured wide swaths of Syria and Iraq and recently beheaded two American journalists.

Al-Qaida fighters along Israel's border in Golan Heights give Israelis new cause for concern

MEROM GOLAN, Golan Heights (AP) — For the first time in the Syrian civil war, al-Qaida fighters are hunkered down on Israel's doorstep, and Israelis in the lush, hilly Golan Heights who have long considered Syrian President Bashar Assad their bitter foe are now worried about something more ominous — that they could become the militants' next target.

The push into the Golan by the Nusra Front, as al-Qaida's branch in Syria is known, comes just two weeks after Israel ended a 50-day war against Hamas on its southern border with the Gaza Strip, giving the conflict-weary nation another cause for concern.

Israelis in the Golan have grown accustomed to hearing the sound of distant battles between rival forces in Syria's civil war.

But last week's seizure of the strategic Quneitra border crossing by the Nusra Front fighters who expelled Assad's forces from the area — and abducted 45 U.N. peacekeepers in the process — has created an unprecedented situation that has brought the extremists to within just a few meters (yards) of Israeli positions.

The Syrian government is "not our cup of tea," said Gabi Kuniel, an Israeli who tends vineyards recently damaged by mortar shells when the violence spilled over to the Israeli-held side of the border in the Golan.

To fight Ebola in West Africa, some experts suggest an untested treatment: blood of survivors

LONDON (AP) — As West Africa struggles to contain the biggest ever outbreak of Ebola, some experts say an unusual but simple treatment might help: the blood of survivors.

The evidence is mixed for using infection-fighting antibodies from survivors' blood for Ebola, but without any licensed drugs or vaccines for the deadly disease, some say it's worth a shot.

"This is something that's fairly simple to do," said Dr. Peter Piot, director of London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the co-discoverer of the Ebola virus.

Using blood of survivors is one of the experimental Ebola treatments under discussion at a two-day meeting that began Thursday in Geneva. The more than 200 experts assembled by the World Health Organization are looking at issues of safety and effectiveness and considering which treatments should be prioritized for testing during the current outbreak.

There are about a half dozen medicines and vaccines in development. None has been rigorously tested in humans but early testing of one vaccine began this week in the United States.

Cardinal Dolan to stay as grand marshal in NYC St. Patrick's parade with 1st gay contingent

NEW YORK (AP) — There is no more natural spot for Roman Catholic Cardinal Timothy Dolan — a proud, ebullient Irish-American — than grand marshal of the city's historic St. Patrick's Day Parade. But the honor now has an added significance: Parade organizers said Wednesday they will allow the first gay group to march under its own banner.

Dolan was quick to issue a statement of support for the parade organizers, accepting their decision. While supporters of gay and lesbian Catholics are cheering, some conservatives want the archbishop to withdraw from the event.

"I think we're seeing the Catholicism of Pope Francis come to the Archdiocese of New York," said J. Patrick Hornbeck, chairman of the theology department at Fordham University. "Cardinal Dolan's statement is welcoming. He did not make this decision, but sees the parade as an opportunity for unity."

Pope Francis last year said church leaders should focus more on mercy than on divisive social issues. He famously said, "Who am I to judge?" when asked about gays and lesbians who are seeking God.

But Pat Archbold, a writer for the theologically conservative National Catholic Register, called Dolan's

decision to remain as grand marshal a "total capitulation to gay identity groups."

Millennials' trust, confidence in powers-that-be plummeted in tumultuous decade, study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — They're often pegged as the civic-minded, do-gooding generation. But while they're still optimistic about their own personal prospects, a new study finds that today's youth are often more skeptical of the country's institutions than the young generations that preceded them.

The Millennials also are as mistrusting of other people as the gloomy "slackers" of Generation X were 20 years ago — or even more so.

Jean Twenge, lead author of the study that will be published early this month in the online edition of the journal *Psychological Science*, says the current atmosphere — fed by the Great Recession, mass shootings, and everything from church sex abuse scandals and racial strife to the endless parade of publicly shamed politicians, athletes and celebrities — may help explain why this young generation's trust levels hit an all-time low in 2012, the most recent data available.

In the mid-1970s, when baby boomers were coming of age, about a third of high school seniors agreed that "most people can be trusted."

That dropped to 18 percent in the early 1990s for Gen Xers — and then, in 2012, to just 16 percent of Millennials.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, September 4, the 247th day of 2014. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 4, 1944, during World War II, British troops liberated Antwerp, Belgium.

On this date:

In 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.

In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1963, a Swissair Caravelle III carrying 80 people crashed shortly after takeoff from Zurich, killing all on board.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

In 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a seventh gold medal at the Munich Olympics, in the 400-meter medley relay.

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In 1974, the United States established diplomatic relations with East Germany.

In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee), won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner and the New Democrats headed by Ed Broadbent.

In 1999, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a breakthrough land-for-security agreement during a ceremony in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Martin Frankel, a Connecticut money manager accused of cheating insurance companies in five states out of more than \$200 million, was arrested in Germany. (Frankel was later sentenced to nearly 17 years in a federal prison.)

Ten years ago: Hurricane Frances snapped trees, tore apart houses and flooded neighborhoods as it churned through the Bahamas. A shaken President Vladimir Putin made a rare and candid admission of Russian weakness after more than 330 people were killed in a hostage-taking at a southern school.

Five years ago: A German army colonel called in a U.S. airstrike on a pair of hijacked tanker trucks in northern Afghanistan, resulting in civilian casualties. (German officials said up to 142 people were believed to have died or been injured; Afghan leaders estimated 30 to 40 civilians were killed.) Defense Secretary Robert Gates expressed disappointment at news outlets that had used a picture taken and distributed by The Associated Press depicting a U.S. Marine, Lance Cpl. Joshua "Bernie" Bernard, mortally wounded in combat in Afghanistan on August 14, 2009.

One year ago: Responding to President Barack Obama's request, a sharply divided Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 10-7 to authorize the "limited and specified use" of U.S. armed forces against Syria.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 83. Actor Kenneth Kimmins is 73. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 72. World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd is 72. Actress Jennifer Salt is 70. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 65. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPread is 64. Actress Judith Ivey is 63. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 63. Actress Khandi Alexander is 57. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans is 54. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 54. Actor Richard Speight Jr. is 45. Actor Noah Taylor is 45. Actress Ione Skye is 44. Actor-singer James Monroe Iglehart is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 39. Actor Wes Bentley is 36. Actor Max Greenfield is 35. Singer Dan Miller (O Town) is 34. Singer Beyonce (bee-AHN'-say) Knowles is 33. Country singer-musician Tom Gossin (Gloriana) is 33. Actress-comedian Whitney Cummings is 32. Actor-comedian Kyle Mooney (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 30. Folk-rock musician Neyla Pekarek (The Lumineers) is 28. Actor Carter Jenkins is 23. Actor Trevor Gagnon is 19.

Thought for Today: "This moment contains all moments." - C.S. Lewis, British author (1898-1963).