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## Monday, April 13

**Birthdays:** Jessica Morehouse, JoAnn Nehls, Nancy Cutler

**Senior Menu:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, orange sherbet.

**School Breakfast:** French toast sticks, links, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken tenders, tiny potato, lettuce salad, fruit.

6:30 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:30 pm: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, April 14

**Birthdays:** Aloise Brolin, Toby Dobbins, Becky Hearnen

**Senior Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Hot dogs, baked beans, carrots and dip, fresh fruit, apple sauce.

Noon: Track Meet in Groton

7:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back 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.

**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**

			
			
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## Classifieds

### Help Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking applications for a GRASP OST Coordinator/Paraprofessional. This position includes summer months and offers competitive salary and benefits. This position closes on April 17, 2015. Questions should be directed to Mr. Dan Dalchow, Elementary Principal. Applications can be found at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com). (0407.0414)

The Groton Area School District is seeking applications for a Business Office Assistant. This position includes summer months and offers competitive salary and benefits. This position will remain opened until filled. Questions should be directed to Mr. Joe Schwan, Superintendent. Applications can be found at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com). (0407.0414)

Dairy Queen is now hiring! Looking for smiling, energetic people to work day or evening shifts, flexible schedule. Apply in person at 11 E Hwy 12 in Groton.

### FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/380-0571 or Arlys Kluess at 605-216-8399.

### Bridal Shower

Open House Bridal Shower honoring Jessica Hoscheid, bride-to-be of Zach Harry, April 25, 2015, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The couple is registered at Target, Inspire and Menards.

## Friends . . . Near and Far

*Editor's Note: This is the 11th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.*



**Austin and Hilary Suther**

### **Austin Suther**

**JobWise what are you doing today?** I am currently working at Schuneman Equipment which is a John Deere Dealership in Watertown, SD. Also list title if you have one. I am the Aftermarket Sales Representative.

**How long have you been working at the current job?** I have only been with Schuneman Equipment since mid March when I decided to take the next step in my career.

**How did you get your current job?** Saw it listed on their website and decided to apply for it.

**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.** I was with Titan Machinery for a little over 2 years.

**What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate?** I graduated from Langford High School in 2008

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** Northern State University. I have a B.A. in History with a Business minor.

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Work hard, have high goals, and don't stress too much.

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** Graduating high school, graduating college, completing four years of college track, finding a successful career in a field that I enjoy, and recently getting married.

**Are you married?** Yes. **If so what is your spouses name and where was she from?** Her name is Hilary Suther and she was from Estelline, SD.

**How did the two of you meet?** We both ran Track at NSU.

**Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** I think that education helped me prepare for my post education life; it is one thing that the outcome is reflected by your work ethic. When combined with sports it helped me learn how to balance my priorities and how to use my time wisely. In college the trips and assignments were longer so I always had to stay one step ahead and take advantage of the off days. With my current position in Agriculture I have to stay on task and be flexible and able to change plans all of the time.

## Groton boys win Oakes Track Meet

### Larson breaks 3 school records, Bjerke and Larson qualify for state

Landon Larson wasted no time smashing records from where he left off last year in track. In the first meet this year at Oakes, Larson broke two of the records he set last year and placed himself in another record by beating out Rick Koehler's 1977 100-meter dash record. In addition, Larson has already qualified for state in the 100m dash, the 200m dash and the 400m dash.

Tori Bjerke also qualified for state for the girls with a qualifying distance in the shot put.

Also placing first were the 3200m relay team of Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Brandon Keith and Sean Schuring, and Nick Dalchow took first in the discus as the boys team won the team title in the 16-team invitational.

Carly Wheeting took first in the discus and Gia Gengerke was first in the high jump. Overall, the girls placed fourth as a team.

#### Boys Division

The Groton Area boys track team edged out Lisbon, N.D., at the Oakes, N.D., track meet held Friday. Groton won the meet with 76 points followed by Lisbon with 73, Oakes had 58, Central Cass 52, Griggs County 35, Ellendale 34, Frederick 32, M-W-L 31.33, South Border 23, Lamoure 22, Medina-PB 21, Edgeley-Kulm 20, Hankinson 18.33, Sargent County 10.33 and Montpelier 0.

**110m Hurdles:** 2, Jackson Doeden, 18.15.

**100m Dash:** **School Record:** (Old Record 1977 by Rick Koehler, 11.0) 1, Landon Larson, 10.86 (State Qualifying time); Jackson Oliver, 13.02; Tyler Iverson, 14.72.

**200m Dash:** **School Record:** (Old record set by Larson in 2014) 1, Landon Larson, 22.72 (State Qualifying time); Tyler Iverson, 31.15; Jackson Oliver, 28.14.

**400m Dash:** **School Record:** (Old record set by Larson in 2014) 1, Landon Larson, 50.9 (State Qualifying time); Frank Wuestenwald, 1:01.37; Bennett Shabazz, 57.52.

**800m Run:** 5, Sean Schuring, 2:21.63; 6, Brandon Keith, 2:22.44; 7, Martin Rygg, 2:22.94.

**400m Relay:** 3, (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Adam Herman), 48.08.

**800m Relay:** 3, (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Landon Larson), 1:38.87.

**1600m Relay:** 5, (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Sean Schuring, Frank Wuestenwald), 4:02.31.

**3200m Relay:** 1, (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Brandon Keith, Sean Schuring), 9:22.14.

**Long Jump:** 5, Adam Herman, 17-8; Frankie Wuestenwald, 16-11.75; Bennett Shabazz, 16-9.

**Triple Jump:** Adam Herman, 37-0.75.

**Discus:** 1, Nick Dalchow, 138-4; Luke Thorson, 101-6; Stevie Fey, 99-4; Chris Zarycki, 94-3.5; McClain Lone, 93-9; Hunter Lerew, 87-5.

**Shot Put:** Nick Dalchow, 41-3.25; Stevie Fey, 41-3; McClain Lone, 41-2; Hunter Lerew, 40-6; Chris Zarycki, 35-3.5; Luke Thorson, 32-3.

#### Girls' Division

The Groton Area girls placed fourth as a team at the Oakes Invitational Track meet held Friday. Lisbon won the team title with 100 points followed by M-W-L with 84, Wahpeton 74, Groton 58, Central Cass 51, Sargent County 35, Oakes 27, Griggs County 20, Ellendale 19, Hankinson 18, LaMoure 17, Frederick 16, Medina -OB 8, Edgeley -Kulm 7, South Border 3 and Montpelier 0.

**110m Hurdles:** Katie Koehler, 21-41; Josie Doeden, 19.59.

**300m Hurdles:** Josie Doeden, 54.93; Audrey Wanner, 53.46.

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**100m Dash:** 5, Harleigh Winther, 13.34; Mckenzie Menzia, 14.18; Jasmine Schinkel, 15.25; Kari Hanson, 15.93.

**200m Dash:** Harleigh Winther, 29.32; Jasmine Schinkel, 33.31; Kari Hanson, 34.76.

**400m Dash:** 5, Gia Gengerke, 1:07.38; Maggie Simon, 1:13.14; Brenna Johnson, 1:34.06.

**800m Run:** Maggie Simon, 2:59; Hannah Lewandowski, 3:09.

**1600 Run:** Hannah Lewandowski, 6:45.48.

**400m Relay:** 3, (Courtney Kurtz, Heather Lone, Harleigh Winther, Mckenzie Menzia), 54.00.

**800m Relay:** 2, (Courtney Kurtz, Heather Lone, Harleigh Winther, Mackenzie Menzia), 1:55.75.

**1600m Relay:** (Gia Gengerke, Josie Doeden, Katie Koehler, Mckenzie Menzia), 4:55.53.

**High Jump:** 1, Gia Gengker, 4-11.

**Long Jump:** 2, Audrey Wanner, 15-7.75; Katie Koehler, 14-6.75; Kari Hanson, 12-4.25.

**Triple Jump:** Audrey Wanner, 28-5.5.

**Discus:** 1, Carly Wheeting, 109-8; Alyssa Sippel, 103-3; Marlee Jones, 89-1; Tori Bjerke, 86-6; Jessica Bjerke, 79-1; Madilyn Wright, 73-2; Madison Sippel, 70-3; Allison Weber, 65-9.

**Shot Put:** 2, Tori Bjerke, 36-0 (*State Qualifying distance*); Marlee Jones, 31-4; Carly Wheeting, 31-2; Jessica Bjerke, 28-9; Madison Sippel, 26-4; Allison Weber, 24-5; Madilyn Wright, 23-5.

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## Groton MS/HS News

### **7-12 Vocal Music - Mr. Swanson**

Greetings! This winter has gone by fast and I can hardly believe we are preparing for the POPS Concert and spring concerts! Back in February, several High School vocal music students had a great day at Solo and Ensemble Contest in Aberdeen. We came home with ten Superior vocal solo awards and Superior ratings for our girls' groups and Chamber Choir.

The High School Choir was getting ready for Large Group Contest, which was April 1 at Aberdeen Central. We performed three songs for three professional judges. We will receive a rating and also spend time with a judge in a critique session.

The Show Choir's competition season is over. We had a very successful competition season. We received Grand Champion in our division at the Center Stage Competition in Aberdeen and Grand Champion in our division and 2nd Runner-Up overall at the Vermillion Invitational, and receive 2nd runner up in our division at the Best of Show Competition in Sioux Falls.

### **Business News – Ms. Lingbeck**

Students are continually exposed to the different aspects of the business world. Each class is focused on a different areas of business.

Accounting I: In Accounting, students have prepared payroll records, computed payroll and payroll taxes, and estimated a business's uncollectible accounts receivable. Recently, we have started preparing adjusting entries for a trial balance.

Business Law: In this course the students have learned about the law and the courts, criminal law, and tort law. We have discussed many high profile cases. This week, we just concluded contract negotiations and contract writing.

Internship: The internship program has expanded into local businesses. The internship program is successful not only because of the student's participation, but also the cooperation of area businesses. In order to become an intern participants must complete a resume and cover letter. While the students are interning they must complete a weekly blog summarizing their daily activities. Once the internship is complete students must write a reflection on their internship and also present their internship experience to the junior class. Overall, the internship program is an extremely valuable experience for the students because they are exposed to an array of career options.

Personal Finance: In Personal Finance, we are discussing housing decisions. The students estimated and found items to furnish a one bedroom apartment. Many of the students enjoyed finding furnishings and were surprised at the cost of many items. Students had the opportunity to look at leases and understand their rights as a tenant and their obligations as a renter. We focused on the importance of reading and understanding the lease before signing.

FBLA: Future Business Leaders of America is a new organization at Groton. This is a competitive group that tests individuals and/or team in their business knowledge and skills. We are preparing to attend a two day conference in Rapid City on April 20th and 21st. The competitive events fall into three categories: individual, team, and chapter. Individual and team events focus on skills useful in leadership and career development.

### **English 10 – Mrs. Honerman**

The second semester of Sophomore English began with a short story unit. We read stories such as "Harrison Burgeron," "The Possibility of Evil," and "And of Clay are We Created." As we read through

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these stories, students worked on text analysis workshops that focused on literary elements such as plot, setting, mood, characterization, author's purpose and perspective, and narrative devices. We then analyzed these elements in the stories we read.

Students are currently reading William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar." Before we began reading, the sophomores researched William Shakespeare and composed a 2-3 page research paper. As we read through "Julius Caesar," students are to keep track of key vocabulary terms and moments in the script. They seem to be enjoying tackling the language as many students volunteer daily to read.

We will end the year reading John Steinbeck's novella "The Pearl." Students are still working on vocabulary lessons every week and we are practicing DOL (Daily Oral Language) to improve their proofreading skills and review grammar and usage. The sophomores will also continue posting on their blogs. Students will keep reading independently for Accelerated Reader.

## **English 9 – Mrs. Honerman**

The freshmen began the second semester studying William Shakespeare, Elizabethan England, and "Romeo and Juliet." The unit challenged students to learn new vocabulary and helped them apply literary terms to the text. Students summarized each act when we finished reading and were expected to take notes throughout the unit that helped them with understanding. These notes were also collected in a folder that was handed in at the end of the unit. After reading the play, students created a final project and watched Baz Luhrmann's 1996 film adaptation of the story. I was amazed at the creativity the students used – from clay sculptures, to original poems, to Lego masterpieces – these kids really rocked the final projects!

Other topics for study in the second semester include Greek and Roman Mythology and reading the epic poem, "The Odyssey". Students are still working on vocabulary lessons every week and we are practicing DOL (Daily Oral Language) to improve their proofreading skills and review grammar and usage. The freshmen will also continue writing in their journals. Students will keep reading independently for Accelerated Reader.

## **Junior English – Mrs. Sarah Hanten**

Junior English involves the study of American literature – from the beginning of the American tradition through the modern era. Most recently we have been reviewing the elements of literature and analyzing certain elements using excerpts from classic works by American authors, such as Herman Melville, Jack London, Willa Cather, Harper Lee, Ray Bradbury, Stephen Crane, and Mark Twain. We are also practicing many reading skills such as finding main ideas, paraphrasing, summarizing, and making inferences. These are all necessary skills pertaining to the Common Core standards, which the students will be expected to know for the upcoming Smarter Balanced tests. In addition to their literature studies, they continue working to improve their vocabulary usage and writing skills throughout the school year. Daily Oral Language is a part of each class period; students are practicing their proofreading skills which are so important on the ACT test. They have also been doing periodic analysis of current news articles; reading and analyzing informational text is very integral to the Common Core standards. They must also present their news article to the class and lead a discussion on topics pertaining to the article.

## **English 12 – Mrs. Sarah Hanten**

We have just completed our Renaissance unit, which included the study of William Shakespeare and one of his great plays, The Tragedy of Macbeth. We began the Renaissance/Shakespeare unit with

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power point presentations on a variety of topics including food, clothing, music, etc of this time period. The students were very creative in their presentations and with their additional visual aids. The literature study for the remainder of second semester will consist of representative examples from the British Restoration Period, the Romantic Period, the Victorian Period and the Modern Era. Some of the many famous authors studied will include Jonathan Swift, Alexander Pope, Mary Wollstonecraft, William Wordsworth, John Keats, and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. The seniors continue to work on their yearlong writing project entitled my Senior Memory Book. This project consists of students writing and illustrating a twenty-chapter book about memories and thoughts from their own lives. It is an excellent self-exploration tool, as well as a way to practice and improve their writing skills. The final product will be a worthwhile keepsake for students and parents alike. So, for all you parents and grandparents who have not yet seen any of the students' essays, look forward to reading their masterpieces this spring!

## **Honors English – Mrs. Sarah Hanten**

The Honors students have also just completed their Renaissance unit and will begin the literature selections from the British Restoration, Romantic, Victorian and Modern Periods. The Honors students have greatly improved their writing skills this year. For their Senior Memory Book project they are required to write and illustrate a thirty-chapter book about memories and thoughts from their own lives. It has been a great way for them to remember life's good times, reflect on lessons learned, and look toward their futures with ability and hope. So many of these Honors students write with such amazing voice – I think we may have a few future novelists in our midst! All juniors and seniors in English class are also required to independently read Accelerated Reader novels throughout the school year as part of their class requirements. After completing the novel, they take a computerized test to check their comprehension of the literature. Book lists can be accessed on the school web page ([www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com)) by using the academics tab and choosing AR book finder. The Honors students have additional independent reading requirements, which include the reading of some classic novels, in addition to novels of their choice.

## **American History: 11th Grade Full Year Course – Mr. Wanner**

History is the discipline that can best help them understand and deal with change, and at the same time to identify the deep continuities that link past and present. History can satisfy young people's longing for a sense of identity and of their time and place in the human story. Well-taught, history and biography are naturally engaging to student's by speaking to individuality, to their possibilities for choice. By organizing information thematically, student's are provided with the opportunity to analyze related information over time.

At the beginning of each unit, "Themes in American History" are taught. Written as summaries of main ideas, these themes alert student's to the significant issues they will encounter throughout each unit. After each unit themes are reinforced using a time line and critical thinking questions. The time-line callouts serve as clues to answering the critical thinking question for each theme. Themes that we will be learning throughout the school year are Economics, The Constitution, Social Change, Geography, Science & Technology, Government & Politics, Ethics & Values, and Conflict.

During the course of the year we also will be using historical documents that allow student's to act as historians. As students read, evaluate, analyze, and interpret different reading passages and images, they utilize the skills of a historian. Finally during the school year each quarter we will be reading some interesting books. The first quarter we read Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation. The second quarter we will read Uncle Tom's Cabin, third quarter will read Unbroken, and finally the fourth quarter will



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discuss and read Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.

## **Honors History: 11th Grade Full Year Course – Mr. Wanner**

Honors History student's will read and work with historical documents and analyze the documents. Each quarter student's will write essays on certain topics pertaining to events in American History. Student's will also think critically and develop their own interpretations of history which is, in large part, what the study of history is all about. Each quarter will be broken into history units. Like American History class units will include beginnings to 1789, The Road to Revolution and Victory, The United States begins, The Civil War, World War I, World War II, and present day events. Also student's will read the same books were reading in American History class.

## **Sociology: Seniors/Juniors 2nd Semester – Mr. Wanner**

This semester in Sociology (The study of human relationships) we will study various topics such as social structures, social class systems, cultural diversity, racial and ethnic relations, deviance and social control, social institutions of education, religion, and the family.

## **8th Grade Civics: Full Year Course – Mr. Wanner**

This course conveys to students the importance of our political system in the United States. The United States provides us with the freedoms and the lifestyle that we enjoy and have to come to expect. The course covers the Constitution, our rights and responsibilities as citizens, the branches of government, the levels of government, the courts, and the political system. This semester we study Citizenship in schools and why education is important. As a society, Americans share the belief that an educated populace is necessary to sustain our political system. Some other topics we cover are Citizenship in our community, Citizenship and the law, and we will spend a majority of this semester studying the Criminal and Juvenile Justice System. We will finish this semester studying the United States Economic System.

## **Sixth and Seventh Grade English – Mrs. Kurtz**

The English classrooms have been busy getting ready for the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The students have been learning test-taking strategies, such as, using context clues in the sentence and determining the purpose of the author. We have been reading sample questions from the Smarter Balanced Practice Test and discussing the correct answers. We have also been developing paragraphs in which there is a topic sentence, supporting evidence from the excerpt and a concluding statement. This is a challenging test and preparation is vital.

## **Eighth Grade English – Mrs. Kurtz**

The eighth grades students have also been practicing for the Smarter Balanced Test by writing opinion statement essays. The essay focuses on an opinion they feel strongly about and validating that opinion with supporting evidence. The Smarter Balanced Test strongly focuses on using supporting evidence from the reading material provided. It is essential that the students get enough sleep and stay focused on this test to provide accurate results of their ability.

## **Elementary School News**

### **Elementary Principal ~ Dan Dalchow**

I would like to start off by thanking everyone involved in our school carnival this past month. We had

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a great turnout, a lot of fun was had by all, some fantastic prizes were given away, and we had plenty of help! It takes upwards of 70 different duties to make the carnival happen. It also takes some great organizers to make it all come together. We are fortunate to have generous parents and staff that continue to make our annual events such as the carnival memorable to our students.

Along with our regular classes, we will be hosting a number of activities and opportunities between now and the end of the year. First off is the Dakota Players Children's Theater. Space School Musical was performed on March 27 at 7 PM. Approximately 50 Groton Area Elementary K-5 students and two professional actors performed for our community. These plays are always entertaining.

DARE for our 5th graders will be starting soon. The Groton police department each year does this valuable drug and alcohol education program with our students. Again, generous donations help to maintain this program for our young people.

Michael Anthony Steele will be coming to our school on May 5th to present his story of becoming a children's author and writer for a number of children's television shows and videos. His presentations are popular throughout the country as he inspires kids to read and write. Students can see and understand how important these skills are in real life situations. The Elementary PAC is sponsoring his visit to our school.

Track and Field Day/Health Fair for the elementary will be on Friday, May 8. Grades 3-5 will be competing in track and field events in the morning with grades K-2 in the afternoon. This is always a fun and educational day for our students.

Finally, we have had a number of inquiries regarding the last day of school. There is no need to finalize this date just yet. My typical response has been, "let's wait until we know for certain we will not get any more snow or ice." I can remember a few times in April where we have had to call off school due to weather. We have had it pretty good this year in regards to weather. Let's cross our fingers that we don't pay for it this spring!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dan Dalchow ~ Principal, Groton Area Elementary School  
Elementary Phone # 397-2317 E-mail: dan.dalchow@k12.sd.us

## **Preschool – Paula Johnson**

February was a fast and busy month in preschool, as usual. We were fortunate enough to have good weather which kept our scheduled activities right on track. We learned about how to take good care of our teeth so they stay healthy and strong, enjoyed a fun valentine's celebration, and had a blast with Pete the Cat! With spring right around the corner, hopefully, we are looking forward to spending a little bit of time outside as well as we don't get to do that in the winter.

Preschool and Kindergarten screening was a success again this year. Thanks to the parents who took the time to bring their child in to participate. Thanks also to the volunteers who made it run so smoothly. We had a great group of kids which made the long days go great!

## **Kindergarten - Ann Gibbs, Renee Swisher, Kayla Krause**

During the month of February, Kindergarten learned about being patriotic. We learned about two very important presidents-Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. We also had a very important visitor from the Groton American Legion Auxiliary. Tami Zimney visited our classrooms and talked to us about the American flag. Thank you so much to Mrs. Zimney for bringing each of our students their own flag. How nice!

We started the month of March by making rainbows complete with a pot of gold-using a lot of gold

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glitter-of course! We also made green shamrocks with gold glitter to brighten our classrooms. We even found green footprints in our classrooms and at the end of the prints were piles of gold! Each child got to take home their very own piece of gold! Leprechauns can be very tricky!

Science has kept us very busy learning about water and its properties. We learned the terms solid, liquid and gas. We especially loved the experiment using a hot plate and a teakettle to show water changing from a liquid into a gas. Another experiment that we did was sink and float. We made predictions on what objects would do when they were placed in water and as all good scientists; we tested our predictions and got wet in the process! This week we started learning about magnets. We learned that they attract iron and steel. We are experimenting with what objects attract and what objects repel to horseshoe, bar, ring and rod magnets.

Thank you to the FFA students who came to our school to teach us about Farm Safety. We loved seeing all their tractors! They taught us how to be safe on a farm and they came to our rooms to play a farm bingo game and a farm version of Jenga! We loved it and we are much smarter about farms too! Thank you, Mr. Franken and all the FFA students.

March 2nd was a fun-filled day. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. "The Cat in the Hat" (Kasey Waage), came to visit our classrooms and read The Foot Book to our Kindergarten students. We loved it! We also made Dr. Seuss hats and did many Dr. Seuss activities.

Kindergarten students are becoming good writers. We are still learning how to write each letter of the alphabet, and now we are also writing entire words and will begin to write sentences! In Kindergarten, we call the "Kid Writing". We write only the sounds that we hear-it's so exciting to watch our children become writers!

We are looking forward to Spring!

## **2nd Grade – Jane Kroll and Anne Zoellner**

The second graders have a new face in their classroom! Mrs. Alyssa Brown is a NSU student teacher who is completing her spring student teaching experience with Mrs. Zoellner. She will be with us until early May. Mrs. Brown has been a great addition to our second grade family!

In Reading class, the students have been reading stories that revolve around the theme: Growing and Changing. The students have discovered that animals and plants change over time. We have gone on an adventure with a seed that eventually turned into a stunning flower. We also traveled back millions of years to discover a "Super Crocodile," which was the size of a school bus. The students also enjoyed a fictional story about an Eskimo family and their relationship with wolves.

In Math class the students have just finished Geometry and Measurement units. We are discovering more about Number Sense with numbers up to 1,000. The students will be learning about place value and comparing numbers. Soon we will be working with Fractions!

The second graders continue to work on improving their reading skills with Accelerated Reader (AR). They have been helping their brains grow by reading numerous books. Afterwards the students take AR quizzes to check their comprehension of the story. Each student has an end of the year AR goal he or she is trying to achieve. AR has been a great tool to motivate the students to read, read, read.

## **4th Grade – Sue Fjeldheim and Joel Guthmiller**

The 4th grade will start taking their Smarter Balance Tests the week of April 27th thru May 1st. It's very important that students get plenty of sleep and start the day off with some breakfast. That way they have something in their stomach and are ready to go. We also will let them chew gum during the test.

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Keep practicing those multiplication and division facts. We are now jumping around trying to hit the skills we need to take the Smarter Balance Test. Math time is spent using all our facts that we have been learning this past year. The better you know your facts, the easier it has been for our students. Our last field trip will be to Prairie Hills Farms in Aberdeen for the AG Fair. It's on April 28th. There are six different stations that the fourth graders will visit learning about grains, dairy, beef, horses, swine, sheep, and farm safety. The Groton FFA puts this on every year and just does a great job!

We just finished our South Dakota Unit. The students have had a good time learning about the state of South Dakota and all it has to offer. Many students will want to go on vacation to some spots we have been learning about. They will be bringing home their South Dakota Book, which is theirs to keep. We would like to thank James Valley Telecommunications for donating the books every year for us.

Don't forget that the end of the year is coming up quickly. All students need 40 pts to reach their AR goal. Our t-shirt goal is 55 pts.

Well, the 3rd quarter is over and the year is just flying by. We have really enjoyed our students this year. Feel free to stop by and visit us anytime.

## **Title I - Lynette Grieve, Jill Helvig, & Bonnie Schimmel**

Title 1 Math – K-5

Hey Mom, What time is it? Is it time for supper? Or Is it time for bed? Can I play outside for ten more minutes? These are questions that our children ask quite frequently and we respond with a specific time. Throughout the K-5 math classrooms, the students have been learning how to tell time from the hour down to the minute, elapsed time, and in kindergarten using a digital and analog clock.

Here are a few tips when helping your child learn to tell time on an analog clock taken from Parents magazine March 2015:

Reading the numerals- kids are confused by clocks because the numbers have two different meanings. Tell them the numbers are double agents- they have a secret identity. The secret identity of one is five. The identity comes out – like when Clark Kent becomes Superman- only when the big hand is on a number. Practice the two identities of each number with your child.

Skip counting- Being able to count by fives makes it much easier to read an analog clock. Once they can count to 60, have them point to the "secret identities" on the clock.

Elapsed Time- Typically in 3rd grade, teachers introduce elapsed time. Planning their own day is a great way to start. School starts at \_\_\_ time and ends at \_\_\_ time. You must put in a 30 min. slot for lunch and an hour for homework. You can start small with saying, "I have to pick up your brother at 6 and it is a quarter after 5 now, so we have 45 min to get dinner. This can eventually lead up to them telling you how long they have.

Tracking Time- Out of habit, we remind our child when their favorite show is on, or time to leave for sports practice. By doing this, we take away any reason for them to check the clock themselves. Ex) I allow my two children to play the Wii for 15 minutes each and it is up to the children to tell each other when the time is up. I'll ask "what will the clock look like in 15 minutes when it's your turn to play?" "After a couple months, they all become observant clock-watchers and start reminding me when it is time to leave for school or dance class.

## **Guidance – Ashley Seeklander**

Lessons on anxiety, sportsmanship, and manners are springing out of the Elementary school counselor's office. In K-2 we will focus on manners before we start reviewing our Classroom Connections

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lessons. First Grade will learn exactly how to get a gorilla out of their bathtub...it's really not as hard as one might think. In Grades 3-4 we just finished up our lessons on Trustworthiness. In 5th Grade we have been focusing on Sportsmanship, Fairness, and Leadership. It has been a tremendous joy to come to work every day with such a great staff and fantastic students.

## **Music – Cody Swanson**

Greetings! We have had a busy year since you saw us perform at the Christmas Concert! And now—believe it or not—we are beginning our preparations for the Spring Concert, which will be Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00pm in the old high school gym. We hope to see you all there!

The Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade students have continued their study of music in regards to steady beat, dynamics, tempo, creative movement, and singing on pitch. The Second and Third Grade students have been busy learning about note and rest symbols and their counting as they have begun reading rhythms in addition to studying dynamics, tempo, and singing in harmony. The Fourth Grade students have been learning about the recorder for the past several weeks. They are doing a great job at putting all of their musical knowledge into playing an instrument for the first time! The Fifth Grade students have been applying their knowledge to play the xylophones and start performing pieces as a class.

Our spring concert will feature songs from various genres. Learning that music can encompass so many different styles will give each class a chance to explore a different style of music.

“The fact that children make beautiful music is less significant than the fact that music makes beautiful children.” - Cheryl Lavendar

Have a wonderful Spring! See you May 5!

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## Blood Drive is April 16th

The Groton Blood Drive is set for Thursday, April 16, noon to 6 p.m. at the Groton American Legion. Contact June Ackman at 397-8369 or Carol Osterman at 397-8498 to make an appointment.

## Today in Weather History

April 13, 1995: Flooding, resulting from snowmelt from the two major snowstorms in April and saturated soils, caused extensive road damage and inundation. This caused several road closings and numerous flooded basements in many counties. In addition, many lakes were overfull in Day and Campbell Counties. Flooded farmland caused severe delays in small grain planting. Spink, Sully, McPherson, and Brown Counties were declared disasters.








April 13, 2010: Very strong south winds developed over central and northeast South Dakota in the early afternoon and continued into the early evening hours. South winds of 30 to 50 mph with gusts to near 70 mph caused some structural and shingle damage across the area. In Presho, the chamber sign was blown down with a carport tipped and damaged. A pickup on Interstate-90 lost a camper to the high winds. The high winds, combined with lowered humidity and dry fuels, helped fan several grassland fires across the region. The largest fire was started from a downed power line in Campbell County near the town of Glenham. The fire grew to be five miles long by two miles wide and traveled eight miles before it was brought under control. Almost 6000 acres were burned with nearly 20 fire departments dispatched.

1999: A two mile wide area of wind-driven hail pounded residences and farm equipment for about a 5 mile stretch at least as far as State Highway 158 in west Texas near Midland/Odessa. Hail grew up to about golf ball size and winds peaked at approximately 80 mph. The wind-driven hail broke windows in houses and blasted paint off the wooden siding. The strong winds took roofs off several mobile homes and at least one single-family house. Utility crews stated that a total of 27 poles were downed by the winds. The American Red Cross determined that 324 units were affected with 18 mobile homes and 4 houses destroyed. About 50-60 families were at least temporarily displaced.

2006: An F2 tornado hit Iowa City, Iowa and trekked across other Southeast parts of the University of Iowa campus doing 15+ million dollars damage hurting 30 people and damaging or destroying 1051 buildings. The roof/steeple/ bricks fell from the St. Patrick's Church shortly after 75 parishioners were taken to the rectory basement next door.

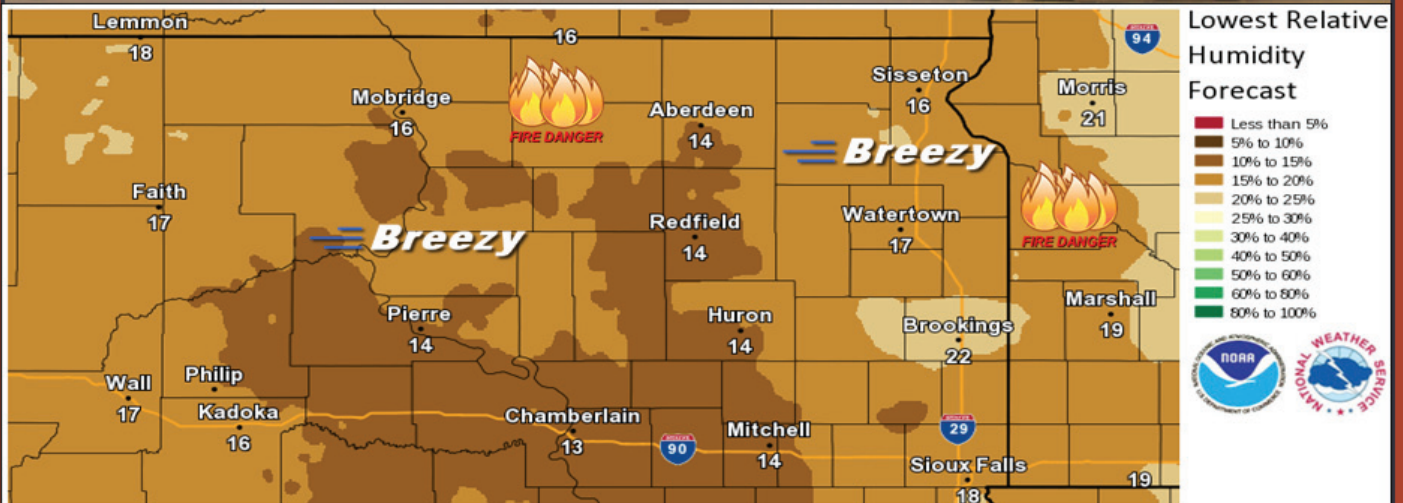
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Breezy	Mostly Clear	Breezy	Breezy	Slight Chc Showers	Slight Chc Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 67 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 67 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 65 °F

## Low Humidity Today, Strong Winds Tuesday

- Low humidity and breezy west winds this afternoon
- Wind switches to south Tuesday and becomes stronger, humidity stays low
- **Very high to extreme fire danger Monday and Tuesday**



Valid ending Tuesday April 14th, 2015 at 1 AM CDT

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Fire danger will remain very high to extreme into Wednesday. Low afternoon humidity and west winds are expected today. Winds shift to the south and increase for Tuesday. No relief is in the forecast for this week.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 67.7 at 1:37 PM

**Low:** 42.5 at 11:27 PM

**High Gust:** 39 at 1:11 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 92° in 2003

**Record Low:** 9° in 2013

**Average High:** 56°F

**Average Low:** 31°F

**Average Precip in April.:** 0.57

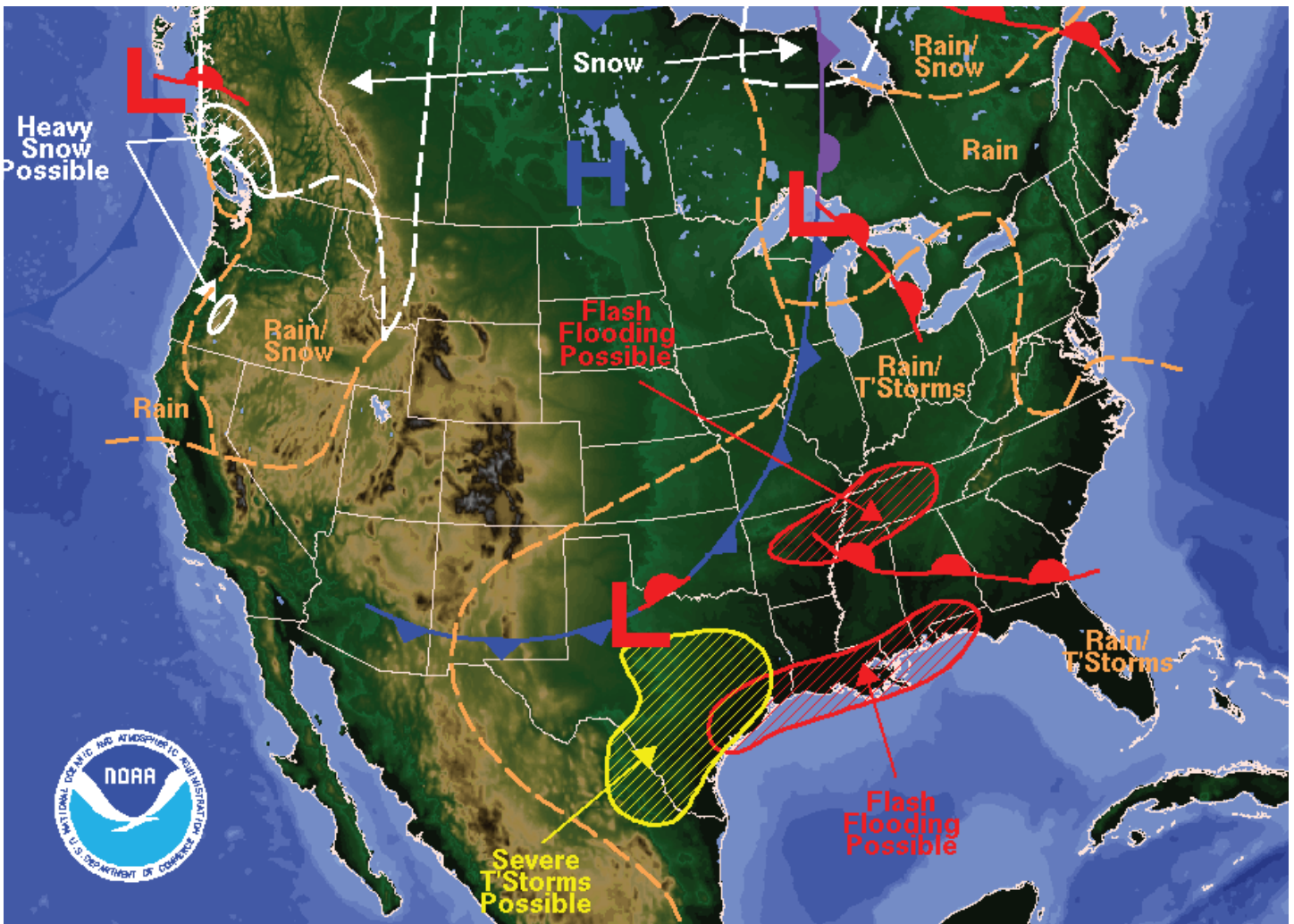
**Precip to date in April.:** 0.01

**Average Precip to date:** 2.75

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.48

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:17 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:51 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 13, 2015, issued 3:29 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## PRAISE WORTHY?

"He who tooteth not his own horn, the same shall be substituted," was the favorite "proverb" of Ray O., a dear friend during my days in college. Whenever anyone would begin to describe their "greatness" or why they were "superior" to anyone, he would immediately reach for his Bible. He would furrow his brow, focus his eyes, and begin to fumble through the pages of the Word and say, "I know that verse is in here somewhere. I read it just this morning during my devotions. Oh well, trust me. You know it has to be here somewhere! It's the truth and you know where to go for truth."

He was never able to find the verse, but we all knew what he was talking about. Some people, usually those who have accomplished little, want to make sure that we think they are "super heroes." For whatever reason, perhaps fear of being overlooked or under-appreciated, they have the need to "bore" us with words that contradict the reality of their lives.

Perhaps Ray was looking for the proverb that supports his position: "The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise of others." There are proven ways to refine metals to make certain that they contain no impurities. When we speak of ourselves, however, it is easy to forgo the refiner's fire, and praise ourselves to make good impressions. All of us want the respect and esteem of others. It is normal. But the most accurate observations of who we are come from reading God's Word and the perceptions of others.

**Prayer:** Help us Father, to work diligently and with determination to develop a reputation worthy of praise. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 27:21 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but people are tested by their praise.

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Powerball lottery ticket sold in Yankton worth \$10,000**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Yankton is worth \$10,000.

South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball in Saturday's drawing to win the game's third prize. The odds of winning it are 1 in about 649,000.

The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$40 million for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

### **Yankton prison inmate missing, placed on escape status**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — An inmate missing from a minimum-security prison in Yankton has been placed on escape status.

Corrections officials say 28-year-old Jonathan Archambeau failed to return from his work-release job on Sunday night.

Archambeau is serving a four-year sentence for grand theft in Hughes County.

### **Kennebec time-lapse photographer holding Badlands workshops**

KENNEBEC, S.D. (AP) — A farmer who creates time-lapse photos and videos of Western skies calls his latest project "Trails End" because of the number of times he parked his truck and camper at the end of a trail to get away from artificial lights.

Randy Halverson, of Kennebec, sells his work through his business, DakotaLapse.

The videos are comprised of still photos made with long exposures that bring out features from the sky not visible to the naked eye.

"Trails End" was shot in South Dakota, Wyoming and Utah. It includes streaks of airplanes, satellites and meteors, an owl sitting in a tree and rare effects known as sprites and gravity waves.

Halverson is also holding two workshops this summer in the Badlands for people interested in doing time-lapse photography.

### **Impoverished tribe struggles to stop surge in teen suicides**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — The people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation are no strangers to hardship or to the risk of lives being cut short. But a string of seven suicides by teenagers in recent months has shaken this impoverished community to its core and sent school and tribal leaders on an urgent mission to stop the deaths.

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pening. And the U.S. Public Health Service has dispatched teams of mental health counselors to talk to students.

"The situation has turned into an epidemic," said Thomas Poor Bear, vice president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, whose 24-year-old niece was among two adults who also committed suicide this winter. "There are a lot of reasons behind it. The bullying at schools, the high unemployment rate. Parents need to discipline the children."

Somewhere between 16,000 and 40,000 members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe live on the reservation, which at over 2 million acres is among the nation's largest. Famous as the site of the Wounded Knee massacre, in which the 7th Cavalry slaughtered about 300 tribe members in 1890, it includes the county with the highest poverty rate in the U.S., and some of the worst rates of alcoholism and drug abuse, violence and unemployment. Life expectancy for men is below 50 years, the lowest in the Western Hemisphere.

Suicide has been a persistent problem, a fact that is hardly surprising considering the grim prospects for a better life on the remote grasslands, say tribal officials.

Most people live in clusters of mobile homes, some so dilapidated that the insulation is visible from outside. At night, trailers are surrounded by seven or eight rusting cars, not because someone is hosting a party, but because 20 or 25 people live inside. Horses wander on the seemingly endless pastures, some with their rib bones showing.

Nearly 1,000 suicide attempts were recorded on the reservation between 2004 and 2013. Few weeks go by without a suicide, said Yvonne "Tiny" DeCory, a suicide-prevention outreach worker at Pine Ridge.

But the teenagers' deaths are especially shattering.

"Why so young?" she said. "Why do these kids think there is no hope? Well, look around," DeCory, who has worked on the reservation for almost 30 years.

"The economic structure here does not support the population. You have a gas station, a little boutique, a big grocery store, Taco John's, Pizza Hut and Subway. You have people of all ages vying for those jobs. People that are 50 and 60 years old are competing against the teenagers who want to work."

Federal experts say that some reservation children experience a form of post-traumatic stress from exposure to family turmoil. The symptoms are comparable to those of military veterans returning from war zones.

Friends of Alanie Martin, a 14-year-old who hanged herself on Jan. 31, are still trying to understand her death. The cheerleader at Pine Ridge High School traveled to basketball games and, by various accounts, had lots of friends and was all smiles.

"She was very active. She knew everybody," Ieisha Lefthand, 17, said choking back tears. "In the locker, they had pictures of her, candles and people stopping by her locker crying."

Some students say the suicide urge can come on reservation kids who are in a bad spell.

"While I was at my old school, I actually went through a hard time and tried to commit suicide and I ended up in the hospital," said Shyla Cottier, a sophomore at Pine Ridge High School. "I got bullied, and then I had family troubles and it all just kind of built up to the point of that. My mom went to my counselor, and that really helped me."

But not all the suasion is positive.

In February, Poor Bear said, a parent came to him with an alarming Facebook post: Nooses hanging in trees near Porcupine, a community of about 1,000 people. Tribal police later took down four nooses, apparently left there as an invitation, but could not determine who was responsible.

"A lot of the older teenagers are encouraging the younger ones on Facebook, leaving messages that

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say you know, 'You need to end your life and go to a different life,' and that's encouraging them to go commit suicide," Poor Bear said.

At the community meeting, many parents said the causes of the suicides included the decimation of their Oglala Lakota culture. The Sioux were forced onto the reservation in 1868. Tribal members for years were steered into boarding schools where only English was allowed. Religious ceremonies were discouraged.

"We need to do something. We need to take action" to build the children's pride in their identity, said Sheila Slow Bear, Ieisha Lefthand's mother. The parents agreed to hold a ceremony to give interested students an Oglala Lakota name.

After the tribe appealed for help in February, volunteer federal mental health professionals began two-week rotations at the reservation to supplement the nine full-time counselors at the Indian Health Service hospital who were overwhelmed. They encourage students to come forward if a friend is considering suicide.

"They have to understand that they are not snitching on their friends," said Angie Sam, the director of the tribe's suicide-prevention initiative.

Teachers recently foiled a plan by several high school girls to take their lives simultaneously.

Pine Ridge School, which offers kindergarten through high school, is seeking federal money to keep its dormitory open during the weekends so students don't have to go home, where most of the suicides happen. Many students spend the school week on the campus, in the reservation's largest town, to avoid long daily bus rides.

"Before cellphones and everything, a kid could get away from bullying at school by going home and they felt safe," DeCory said. But no more. "You're no longer safe in your own home. These kids feel that."

## 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. HILLARY CLINTON'S LONG ROAD TO SECOND CAMPAIGN

The former secretary of state spent nearly two years tiptoeing around a decision that much of the political world assumed was a done deal.

### 2. WHOSE JOB IS HARDER AFTER NORTH CHARLESTON SHOOTING

Now that one of his white officers is charged with murder of an unarmed black man, the police chief is trying to mend a rift between the force he oversees and the community they serve.

### 3. EX-U.S. GUARDS FACE LONG PRISON SENTENCES FOR IRAQ SHOOTINGS

The four men are convicted in the deaths of 14 Iraqis at Nisoor Square in Baghdad, which caused an international uproar.

### 4. WHO INHERITS WITNESS ROLE

Children of Holocaust survivors study the history of the horrors their parents endured, in a program that aims to usher in a new stage of commemoration.

### 5. WHAT IMPOVERISHED TRIBE STRUGGLES TO STOP

A string of suicides by teenagers shakes the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to its core and sends school and tribal leaders on a mission to prevent the deaths.

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zon," says Ali Abdul-Aali, a Najaf city official, using an Arabic acronym for the group.

## 7. MYSTERIOUS CIVIL WAR PHOTO

Historians had long searched for what seemed to be the only picture of the Confederate ship the CSS Georgia. Now, the man behind that picture tells The AP it is a hoax.

## 8. GERMAN NOBEL LAUREATE GUENTER GRASS DIES AT AGE 87

The writer made his literary reputation with "The Tin Drum," published in 1959. It was followed by "Cat and Mouse" and "Dog Years," which made up what is called the Danzig Trilogy.

## 9. TRAVELING BLUES

More flights are late, more bags are getting lost, and customers are lodging more complaints about U.S. airlines, government data shows.

## 10. JORDAN SPIETH PONDERES WHAT PUSHED HIM TO WIN

"I was already hungry from last year. I had an opportunity and watched it slip away," says the second-youngest champion in the history of the Masters.

## AP News in Brief

### Clinton's decision: The long, painstakingly deliberate road back into presidential politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Around Christmas, Hillary Rodham Clinton set off on her annual holiday vacation at Oscar de la Renta's beachfront estate in the Dominican Republic.

It was a somber and serious time for Clinton. De la Renta, whose relationship with the former first lady had blossomed from dress designer to close friend, had recently died and Clinton wanted to be there to support his widow. She was also wrestling with a final decision on whether to run for president. She arrived at the island compound armed with a binder stuffed with 500 pages of policy memos and analysis.

Clinton had spent nearly two years tiptoeing around a decision that much of the political world assumed was a done deal, a calculated next act in what critics saw as the Clintons' master plan.

Clinton's intensely loyal friends and advisers bristle at the suggestion that a second White House run was inevitable. When she left the State Department in early 2013 and returned to private life for the first time in more than two decades, Clinton told people she just wanted to "walk, sleep and eat." She was more focused on renting office space and figuring out where to receive her mail than on superPAC fundraising and courting Iowa powerbrokers, allies said.

Her decision to run again would be slow, almost painstakingly deliberate, a reflection of Clinton's methodical and cautious nature. She put off much of the process until last fall, around the midterm elections. Only then did she delve deeply into consultations with dozens of policy and political experts, analysis of countless memos, and a reexamination of what went wrong in her failed 2008 campaign.

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### North Charleston chief's attempts to reach out to black community made tougher after shooting

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Eddie Driggers had been out of active policing for five years when North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey offered him the top job in South Carolina's third-largest city.

Driggers, working as a chaplain for a group that helps police departments, had to pray and talk to his wife before taking the job. Summey's top task was to repair relationships with the black community that had been strained for years by North Charleston's aggressive crackdown on crime through traffic stops that African-Americans viewed as harassment.

After one of his white officers was charged with murder in the shooting of an unarmed black man running from a traffic stop, Driggers is trying to mend an even bigger rift, all under the glare of a spotlight.

"I have been praying for peace," Driggers said Wednesday at a news conference frequently interrupted by angry protesters. "Peace for the family, peace for the community. And I will continue to stand on that as I strive to protect and serve the people I took an oath to help."

Driggers hasn't talked much publicly since. The mayor said after a church service Sunday that Driggers has worked to improve police-community relations in the past two years and that recruiting minority officers is among the department's top priorities.

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## **Ex-security guards convicted in Iraq shooting face long punishments as sentencing day arrives**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four former Blackwater security guards face decades in prison when they are sentenced Monday for their roles in a 2007 shooting of Iraqi civilians.

Three of the guards — Dustin Heard, Evan Liberty and Paul Slough — face mandatory, decades-long sentences because of firearm convictions. A fourth, Nicholas Slatten, faces a life sentence after being found guilty of first-degree murder.

The men were charged in the deaths of 14 Iraqis at Nisoor Square, a crowded traffic circle in downtown Baghdad. The killings caused an international uproar, and the men were convicted in October after a legal fight that spanned years.

Prosecutors have described the shooting as an unprovoked ambush of civilians, though defense lawyers countered that the men were targeted with gunfire from insurgents and Iraqi police, and shot back in self-defense.

The lawyers are expected to argue for mercy Monday by saying that decades-long sentences would be unconstitutionally harsh punishments for men who operated in a stressful, war-torn environment, and who have proud military careers and close family ties.

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## **Preparing for post-survivor era, Holocaust institute in Israel trains children to bear witness**

KFAR HAROEH, Israel (AP) — When David Hershkoviz was a child, he used to wake up in the middle of the night to the sound of his mother screaming in her sleep, knowing that she was reliving the horrors of the Holocaust.

In time, he learned of the traumatic wartime experience that haunted her most — being torn away from her own mother at the Auschwitz concentration camp's selection line, where at 21 she was forced into work and her mother dispatched to death.

"That separation never left her," said Hershkoviz, 54, his voice quivering as he choked back tears. "She said, 'I think my mother is angry at me because I left her. ... My mother never comes to me in my dreams. I haven't dreamed about her since we parted. How is that possible?'"

When his mother, Mindel, died two years ago, he wanted to carry on her legacy by bearing witness to the Holocaust. He found help in a first-of-its-kind course teaching the children of Holocaust survivors how to ensure their parents' stories live on.

Hershkoviz is one of 18 graduates of the Shem Olam Institute's inaugural four-month "second-generation" course, where children of survivors study the history of the horrors their parents endured and how best to pass it on. The program aims to usher in a new stage of Holocaust commemoration in a post-survivor era.

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## **As Shiite militias battle Islamic State group, vast holy cemetery in Iraq grows ever larger**

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Every chapter of Iraq's modern history can be seen in this great, sprawling city of the dead, its mausoleums stretching across the horizon from one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines. And now, its sandy expanse grows again yet with the war dead killed by the country's latest adversary, the extremists of the Islamic State group.

"I expect that these graveyards will be expanded as more fighting against Daesh looms in the horizon," said Ali Abdul-Aali, the city official in charge of Najaf cemetery, using an Arabic acronym for the group.

Kings, scientists, artists, warriors and millions of others have a final resting place at Wadi al-Salam, or the "Valley of Peace" in Arabic, buried one atop the other in one of the world's largest cemeteries. The roughly 10-square-kilometer (4-square-mile) graveyard radiates out from the tomb of Imam Ali, the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad and Shiite Islam's most sacred martyr.

In its narrow rows, a visitor can find those killed in Iraq's long war in the 1980s with Iran or those slain in the sectarian bloodletting that followed the U.S.-led invasion of the country in 2003. Gravediggers shrug off questions about how many people have been buried here since the cemetery's founding a 1,000 years ago, simply saying millions.

But in recent months, the growth of areas set aside for Shiite militias fighting the Islamic State group



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has been easy to see. Tens of thousands of Shiite men answered a nationwide call-to-arms by a top cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, after the Sunni extremists seized a third of Iraq last year and threatened Shiites and their holy sites. Shiite militias, backed by Iranian advisers, have played a key role in halting the extremist's advance and helped Iraq recently retake the city of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

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## **Man says elusive Civil War photo sought by experts really is 30-year-old hoax he did as teen**

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — For three decades, the stained and blurry photograph presented a great mystery to Civil War historians.

It was a picture taken of another photo in a peeling, gilded frame. In the foreground stood a man, his back to the camera, wearing an overcoat and a hat. In the center, visible amid stains and apparent water damage, was a ship.

Did this picture show the only known photograph of the ironclad Confederate warship the CSS Georgia?

The 1,200-ton ship armored with strips of railroad iron never fired a shot in combat after it was built to defend the Georgia coast in the Civil War. Confederate sailors sunk their ship in December 1864 as Gen. William T. Sherman's Union troops captured Savannah.

No blueprints survived and period illustrations varied in their details. The photo would confirm details of the Georgia's design, if only it could be authenticated. Records show John Potter donated a copy of the picture of the photo to the Georgia Historical Society in March 1986.

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## **German Nobel laureate Guenter Grass who drew controversy over WWII and Israel, dies at 87**

BERLIN (AP) — Guenter Grass, the Nobel-winning German writer who gave voice to the generation that came of age during the horrors of the Nazi era but later ran into controversy over his own World War II past and stance toward Israel, has died. He was 87.

Matthias Wegner, spokesman for the Steidl publishing house, confirmed that Grass died Monday morning in a Luebeck hospital.

Grass was lauded by Germans for helping to revive their culture in the aftermath of World War II and helping to give voice and support to democratic discourse in the postwar nation.

Yet he provoked the ire of many in 2006 when he revealed in his memoir "Skinning the Onion" that, as a teenager, he had served in the Waffen-SS, the combat arm of Adolf Hitler's notorious paramilitary organization.

In 2012, Grass drew sharp criticism at home and was declared persona non grata by Israel after publishing a prose poem, "What Must Be Said," in which he criticized what he described as Western hypocrisy over Israel's nuclear program and labeled the country a threat to "already fragile world peace" over its belligerent stance on Iran.

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## Traveling blues: More flights are late, customer complaints about US airlines are up

DALLAS (AP) — Think flying is getting worse? A pair of university researchers who track the airline business say it's a fact.

More flights are late, more bags are getting lost, and customers are lodging more complaints about U.S. airlines, government data shows. Dean Headley, a marketing professor at Wichita State and one of the co-authors of the annual report being released Monday, said passengers already know that air travel is getting worse. "We just got the numbers to prove it."

Among the findings in the report:

—LATENESS: The percentage of flights that arrived on time fell to 76.2 percent last year from 78.4 percent in 2013. Best: Hawaiian Airlines. Worst: Envoy Air, which operates most American Eagle flights.

—LOST BAGS: The rate of lost, stolen or delayed bags rose 13 percent in 2014. Best: Virgin America. Worst: Envoy. Airlines lose one bag for every 275 or so passengers, but at Envoy, the rate is one lost bag for every 110 passengers, according to government figures.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2015. There are 262 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1965, 16-year-old Lawrence Wallace Bradford Jr. was appointed by New York Republican Jacob Javits to be the first black page of the U.S. Senate.

### On this date:

In 1613, Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan, was captured by English Capt. Samuel Argall in the Virginia Colony. (During a yearlong captivity, Pocahontas converted to Christianity and ultimately opted to stay with the English. )

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" had its first public performance in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1912, the Royal Flying Corps, a predecessor of Britain's Royal Air Force, was created.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C., on the 200th anniversary of the third American president's birth.

In 1958, Van Cliburn of the United States won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition for piano in Moscow; Russian Valery Klimov won the violin competition.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field." Patricia Neal was named best actress for "Hud"; best picture went to "Tom Jones."

In 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

In 1975, the President of Chad, Francois Tombalbaye (tahm-bahl-BAH'-yeh), was killed in a military coup.

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited the Great Synagogue of Rome in the first recorded papal visit of its kind to a Jewish house of worship.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

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**Ten years ago:** A defiant Eric Rudolph pleaded guilty to carrying out the deadly bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and three other attacks in back-to-back court appearances in Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta. Contract worker Jeffrey Ake (ayk) was shown at gunpoint on a videotape aired by Al-Jazeera television, two days after he was kidnapped near Baghdad. (His fate remains unknown.) Gymnast Paul Hamm (hahm) received the 75th Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete.

**Five years ago:** World leaders concluded a 47-nation nuclear security conference in Washington, endorsing President Barack Obama's call for securing all of the globe's vulnerable nuclear materials within four years, but offering few specifics for achieving that goal. First lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden paid a surprise visit to Haiti, the scene of a devastating earthquake three months earlier.

**One year ago:** The head of the United Nations' expert panel on climate change said the cost of keeping global warming in check was "relatively modest," but only if the world acted quickly to reverse the buildup of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere. Three people were shot to death at two sites in suburban Kansas City; suspect Frazier Glenn Miller, a white supremacist, was allegedly targeting Jews (none of the victims was Jewish). Thirty-six people were killed when a bus slammed into a broken-down truck in Veracruz, Mexico. Bubba Watson won the Masters for the second time in three years.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director Stanley Donen is 91. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 82. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 80. Actor Edward Fox is 78. Actor Paul Sorvino is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lester Chambers is 75. Movie-TV composer Bill Conti is 73. Rock musician Jack Casady is 71. Actor Tony Dow is 70. Singer Al Green is 69. Actor Ron Perlman is 65. Actor William Sadler is 65. Singer Peabo Bryson is 64. Bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 64. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 63. Rock musician Jimmy Destri is 61. Singer-musician Louis Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 60. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 58. Actress Sandra Santiago is 58. Sen. Bob Casey Jr., D-Pa., is 55. Rock musician Joey Mazzola (Sponge) is 54. Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov is 52. Actress Page Hannah is 51. Actress-comedian Caroline Rhea (RAY) is 51. Rock musician Lisa Umbarger is 50. Rock musician Marc Ford is 49. Reggae singer Capleton is 48. Actor Ricky Schroder is 45. Rock singer Aaron Lewis (Staind) is 43. Actor Bokeem Woodbine is 42. Singer Lou Bega is 40. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 39. Actor Kyle Howard is 37. Actress Kelli Giddish (TV: "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit") is 35. Actress Courtney Peldon is 34. Pop singer Nellie McKay (mih-KY) is 33. Actress Allison Williams is 27. Actress Hannah Marks is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them." - Charles Louis de Montesquieu, French philosopher (1689-1755).