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## Tuesday, May 5

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

**School Lunch:** Pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, beets, Swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

1:30 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Good Cheer Circle.

3:00 p.m.: Track at Milbank

7:00 p.m.: Elementary Spring Concert

## Wednesday, May 6

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken tenders, French fries, carrots, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** BBQ Chicken, Rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.

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

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

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## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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## Classifieds

### BRIDAL SHOWER

Open House Bridal Shower for Jessica Hoscheid, future wife of Zachary Harry and daughter of Pete and Janet Hoscheid, will be held Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Help us celebrate Jessica's upcoming wedding. The couple is registered at Target, Menards & Inspire

### 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.

### JOIN THE CONTEST!!!!

### WHO WILL BE THE 1<sup>st</sup> PERSON TO GO DOWN THE NEW SWIMMING POOL SLIDE IN GROTON??

For a donation of at least \$10 to the swimming pool slide you can nominate your friend, your child, your brother, your boss, your co-worker, or anyone (must be 48 inches tall) for the honor of being the first person to go down the slide. Send the name and \$10 donation to Groton City Hall at PO Box 587, 209 N Main St, Groton, SD 57445

Donations to the slide can be made under each person's name as votes. \$1 equals 1 vote. Votes can be cast for any candidate until May 20 when the winner will be announced.

Each week the leading vote getters will be posted.



## The "Buzz" about Bees

By Lex Horan, American Forum

Although the "buzz" about bee declines makes headlines, excites public concern and warrants a White House Task Force on the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators, bees are still in jeopardy.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have failed to act with force on one of the key causes of pollinator declines: neonicotinoid pesticides.

As the time approaches for the White House Task Force to announce its decision, it's more important than ever that the EPA and USDA act transparently to protect honey bees from pesticides.

Neonicotinoid pesticides are a key driver in bee declines, affecting bees' immune systems, navigation, reproduction and foraging, even at low doses. Last year, 29 scientists from the International Union for Conservation of Nature reviewed 800 studies from two decades of research. These researchers found that the evidence is overwhelmingly clear: Neonicotinoids have adverse effects on bees, and the current level of use of these pesticides is unsustainable.

If they're so harmful to bees, how did neonicotinoids get on the market? In the U.S., neonics were originally approved for use through a loophole called "conditional registration." Conditional registration allows pesticides to go to market even when the pesticide manufacturer can't provide the necessary research on the chemical's impact. Sixty-five percent of pesticides now on the market were approved through this process.

In 2010, a leaked EPA memo brought this problem to light. The memo, written in 2003, showed that Bayer had submitted flawed science in the registration process for a neonicotinoid called clothianidin. The memo revealed that EPA knew that the research was flawed, but approved clothianidin anyway.

What's happened to clothianidin since this memo became public in 2010? It has become one of the top-selling insecticides in the United States and around the world. There is not enough accountability to ensure that our federal agencies act swiftly when a problem emerges after a conditional registration, and too often, the product remains on the shelf.

Another shortcoming in transparency arises from the primary use of neonicotinoids as seed treatments, pesticide coatings pre-applied to seeds before farmers buy them. Of the 200 million acres of U.S. farmland treated with neonicotinoids, 95 percent had neonicotinoids applied via coated seeds. But

remarkably, seed coatings aren't tracked or regulated like other uses of pesticides, because of another EPA loophole that exempts "treated articles" from regulation. This makes it quite difficult for lawmakers and researchers to know where, and in what quantities, neonic-treated seeds are planted. This is critical information that could help illuminate correlations between neonicotinoid use and bee losses.

Though the EPA is responsible for ensuring that pesticides approved for use don't harm bees, the agency may be considering relinquishing this responsibility back to the states, calling for individual state "pollinator protection plans" instead of a comprehensive change in federal pesticide policy to protect bees. Unfortunately, these state plans would likely put the onus on beekeepers and



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state agencies that lack the resources to implement truly protective plans.

This month, our federal decision-makers are nearing another key decision. The White House task force on pollinator health, co-chaired by the USDA and EPA, is poised to release its plan to deal with pollinator declines. The EPA has an opportunity to correct errors it made in registering neonicotinoids by restricting or suspending their use nationwide.

Though EPA recently announced it won't allow new uses of some neonicotinoids, there is work left to be done. The numerous bee-harming products already on the market will remain in use. And EPA has already approved two new systemic insecticides in the past year and that are not technically classified as neonics, although they pose the same hazards to bees. New products like these would not be subject to the moratorium.

We rely on EPA to protect pollinators from pesticides and preserve their important role within our food system. We urge the EPA and the White House pollinator task force to restrict or suspend neonicotinoid pesticides through a transparent process. It's time to maximize public accountability and minimize the influence that pesticide companies exert behind closed doors.

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Horan is an organizer with Pesticide Action Network North America (PAN). PAN is a member of the Open-TheGovernment.org coalition.

## GO DOWN THE SLIDE 1st !!

### OR SEND SOMEONE ELSE DOWN 1st!!

On 5/4/15 the leaders in the contest for sliding down the swimming pool slide are:

1. Marc Sippel
2. David McGannon
3. Logan Lane & Marshall Lane (tied)
4. Joe Foertsch & Mandy Boe (tied)
5. Sarah Sippel & Paul Kosel (tied)

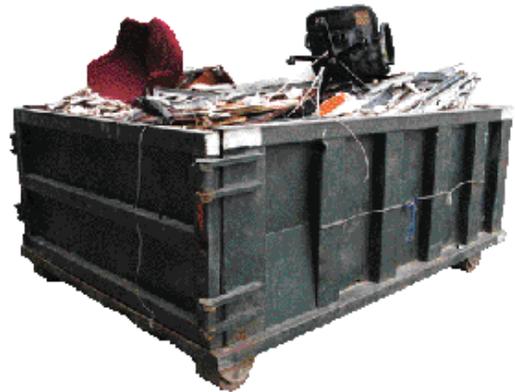
\$10 donation will nominate anyone.

Votes (\$1 donations) can be cast for any candidate until May 20



## Time for a Spring Cleaning

Groton City Spring Cleanup  
May 2-9 2015



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## THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

### Long-Term Care Hits a Nerve for Many

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Readers have been offering feedback to Thinking About Health columns. But never has a column inspired more emailed messages than the one I wrote in March about private long-term care insurance and the lack of a national system to pay for nursing home and community services for the country's aging population.

And once again, the emails illustrated the pickle families find themselves in.

Marty Callahan, who edits the Greeley Citizen in Greeley, Neb., told me in his area "costs are escalating at nursing facilities and more and more of my readers are entering facilities at alarming levels as Medicaid residents." That means those families had no money to pay the nursing home tab which in Nebraska now averages \$72,000 annually for a semi-private and \$80,000 for a private room. This topic "is getting far too little attention," Callahan said, adding, "This is, indeed, going to be the next healthcare crisis."

Other emails offered more evidence.

One woman in Burlington, Colo., told me about her mother's Medicaid spend-down to pay her nursing home bills. Her mother had worked hard on the farm and supplemented the family income working in restaurants, cleaning houses, and as a caregiver. She spent "very little" of the \$50,000 left over from the farm sale, and continued to work. At age 89 she broke her hip. Cooper said, "It was a gradual downhill from there."

Eventually she went to a nursing home, and the family paid the bill from the \$50,000 cashing out the CDs when the bills came due.

When that was gone, she went on Medicaid, and the facility moved her from a small private room to a shared room. In the end she had less than \$2,000 in the bank plus her car.

The woman says the real tragedy was that her mom could not understand why she had no money. She would call the banks and ask where her money was. "I told them to make up a reason," she said. "How do you tell someone who sacrificed her whole life for others that she didn't have her money to spend in the end?"

One email from a 63-year-old man in Jacksonville, Ill., described an all-too-typical predicament — premiums for policies he and his wife bought when they were in their late 50's were rising so high they could no longer pay them. Last year they went up 83 percent. He said he had to shorten the annual benefit and the number of years the policy would pay in order to keep it in force, hardly an ideal solution. He says he will probably drop the policy in the next couple of years, another bad solution. The carrier said to expect another rate increase in 2016.

An 81-year-old woman from Rome City, Ind., wanted me to know that the monthly premium for a policy she bought for home care 19 years ago had increased from \$60 to \$124, but she would not drop the policy because she couldn't afford the cost of a new one. "I do have to say that having this policy has given me some peace of mind," she wrote. She wants care at home, and the policy will pay for some of it. But if she needs a nursing home, she may have to go on Medicaid like

thousands of other Americans.

I turned to Bonnie Burns, a national long-term care expert who also works with California Health Advocates. These emails are typical, she said. Most people spending down are just short of being considered low-income, and "they exhaust every little bit they have." As for the larger thread running through them, it shows "we leave it up to every single family to figure it out on their own."

Burns has spent the last two decades trying to improve long-term care insurance in California, a state that has been a leader in consumer protection standards such as reforming home care benefits and "three serious attempts to regulate rates." The intent, she explained, "Was to prevent the large rate increases we see today. All three have failed."

Legislation on the table in California would create a task force to consider the feasibility of a state-wide long-term care program. It would examine everything from fragmentation of services to payment. California may well lead again, but it might take collective voices from across the country to effect change. Tom, a reader in Ridgeway, Colo., suggested "a lot of us are going to have to make a lot more noise if we're ever going to see any movement toward a more decent, humane, and affordable (end-of-life) strategy for the elderly."

We'd like to hear about your experiences with end-of-life issues. Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com).

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## Legion numbers are down

As of the city council meeting Monday night, there were only seven players signed up for Legion baseball this year. The consensus among the parents is that they still want all three teams - Legion, Teeners and Junior Teeners. Bary Keith was hired as a Teener coach and Mason Madsen as the junior teener coach. An effort to recruit more players will be made.

This particular meeting is when the new council takes over and with that, David McGannon was voted as council president and David Blackmun as council vice-president. Anita Lowary was appointed as the finance officer and Drew Johnson the city attorney.

The committee appointments were also made as follows:

Electric, transit, insect and weed control, airport: David McGannon as chairman, Mary Flihs as co-chairman.

Water, swimming pool, skating, economic development: Burt Glover as chairman, Jay Peterson as co-chairman.

Streets, baseball, storm drainage, other recreation: David Blackmun as chairman, David McGannon as co-chairman.

Wastewater, cemetery, civil defense, community center: Mary Flihs as chairman, Eddy Opp as co-chairman.

Finance office, legal, library, insurance, general administration, elections, code enforcement: Jay Peterson as chairman, David Blackmun as co-chairman.

Solid waste, rubble site, parks, forestry, liquor: Eddy Opp as chairman, Burt Glover as co-chairman.

Police: Mayor Scott Hanlon

NECOG Representative: Jay Peterson

Planning and Zoning Representative: David Blackmun

Ross Buntrock from Buntrock Auction Service came before the council to request the alley behind Clarie Cowan's place be closed off for the auction set for June 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The request was not put on the agenda so the council did not act on it. The decision will be made at the next council meeting.

Jennifer Sietsema from Northeast Council of Government will be on hand at the next council meeting to talk about the city's mitigation strategy and planning for the future.

The Fiedler-Rix plat was approved.

Dirk Rogers, Brown County Highway Superintendent, appeared before the council to talk about the Railroad Avenue work that needs to be done this year. The South Dakota Department of Transportation is recommending certain work to be done to make it ready for the SD37 bypass in 2016. It is suggested that one foot of material be removed, putting in new material and then a 4" asphalt mat. The asphalt would cost \$180,000. The city has a \$200,000 Community Access Grant that could be used for the project; however, it is not known if those funds will be used for this project as the state may flip the bill. Brown County is short of funds to do all of its highway projects. Rogers said there are 500 miles of asphalt roads in Brown County with 180 of those miles in complete failure. The city's share of the project would be the grant, if used, and some fill dirt.

Job descriptions were reviewed for the public works department. They will be put into official form

and presented at a future meeting.

The baseball fence is up and the slats will be put in this week. They will be a Legion Blue color in the outfield. It was noted that only the corner posts are installed with a concrete base. The rest of the posts are pushed into the ground at three and one-half feet. A sign will be put either in the back of the Grandstand or on the concession stand listing the state champions.

There was discussion on the pool fundraiser. David McGannon was the leader, but as of 4 p.m., the new leader is Marc Sippel for the first person to go down the slide.

A port-a-potty will be put at the Groton Cemetery.

A request for a four-way stop sign at Fourth Avenue and Third Street was denied.

The addition to the runway at the Groton Airport will be seeded by John Knoltner at a cost of \$1,800, which includes mulch.

There was consideration of having a water restriction ordinance, but the council decided not to add that ordinance to the books. As in the past, the mayor and the water superintendent will determine when there will be water restrictions, which would be no watering from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After an executive session, the council hired Dan Sonne from Milbank as the new electric linemen at a rate of \$28 an hour. He will also be given up to \$2,000 in moving allowance to relocate to Groton.

The potholes will soon go away. It was reported that patching will be done in the next week or so.

## Doeden qualifies for state, Larson is double winner at Groton Kiwanis Track

Jackson Doeden ran a state qualifying time in the 110m hurdles at the Groton Kiwanis Track Meet. Landon Larson was a double winner, taking first in the 200m and 400m dash events. Lucas Sternhagen won the 800m run and Nick Dalchow won the discus. Groton boys took second at the meet.

### Boys' Division

**110m Hurdles:** 2, Jackson Doeden, 14.92 (state qualifying time).

**300m Hurdles:** 4, Bennett Shabazz, 45.39.

**100m Dash:** Tyler Iverson, 13.70.

**200m Dash:** 1, Landon Larson, 23.2; Frankie Wuestwald, 26.49; Tyler Iverson, 31.63.

**400m Dash:** 1, Landon Larson, 40.69 (state qualifying time); 5, Lucas Sternhagen, 56.39; Frankie Wuestwald, 58.97.

**800m Run:** 1, Lucas Sternhagen, 2:07.00; Brandon Keith, 2:22.28.

**400m Relay:** 8, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Trevor Pray, Jackson Oliver, Adam Herman), 47.63.

**800m Relay:** 6, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Trevor Pray, Jackson Oliver, Adam Herman), 1:40.42.

**Medley Relay:** 7, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Brandon Keith, Sean Schuring), 4:09.57.

**1600m Relay:** 6, Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Sean Schuring, Lucas Sternhagen, Martin Rygg), 3:52.32.

**3200m Relay:** 2, Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Brandon Keith, Sean Schuring), 9:10.8.

**Long Jump:** Frankie Wuestwald, 16-7; Adam Herman, 17-6; Bennett Shabazz, 16-9.

**Triple Jump:** 6, Adam Herman, 37-6; Trevor Pray, 34-8.5.

**Discus:** 1, Nick Dalchow, 142-3; 3, McClain Lone, 123-0; Stevie Fey, 101-2; Hunter Lerew, 101-7; Luke Thorson, 109-0.

**Shot Put:** 2, McClain Lone, 42-0; 4, Steven Fey, 40-11; 5, Hunter Lerew, 40-8; Nick Dalchow, 39-8.

**Team Points:** Roncalli 151, Groton 99, Milbank 62, Redfield-Doland 60, Aberdeen Central JV 57, Webster 56, Langford Area 37.5, Edmunds Central 36.5, Warner 34.5, Waubay 31, Britton-Hecla 28, Sisseton 27.5, Frederick Area 19, Northwestern 18, Ipswich 15, Summit 10, Aberdeen Christian 3, Wilmot 1.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

## Retiring boomers: benefit or burden?

As Baby boomers are coming-of-age, that is, of retirement age... what is going to happen?

Starting nine months after soldiers of WWII came home to the US, there was a birth rate boom that has and continues to profoundly affect our culture. Baby boomers born from 1946 to 64, almost as a celebration of soldier survival, grew up as the richest and most privileged group of all time.

Often raised with a soldier-disciplined father and a not-quite-happy-work-at-home mother, boomers grew up watching too much TV, listening to Beach Boys and Beatles on transistor radios, and expecting more privilege to come. Boomer attitudes came out of a successful economy and a significant post-war social subsidy.

Graduating from Easy-&-Perfect-Boomer High, they were shocked into reality by the draft, Vietnam, and inequality between sexes and races. This spoiled '50's sit-com generation of sex, drugs, and rock-n-roll, grew into an angry government-distrusting counter-culture that fought for social justice

causes like feminism, civil rights, an end to the Vietnam War, all reflecting the right of individual choice.

These children of privilege and excess, as adults distrust institutions and crave control of their own and the collective fate. It is no surprise this group has also achieved the most wealth. Although accounting for 24% of the total US population, boomers hold onto something like 80% of the wealth of our country, account for 80% of all leisure travel, dole out 50% of all consumer spending and yet only provide 43% of all charitable giving. This would suggest some distrust of big charities as well as big government.

And now 76 million 51-69 year olds are a cultural demographic coming to retirement age, with a smaller cadre of youth to care for them as they eventually become very elderly and disabled unto death. How does our society prepare for this potential societal burden?

I predict that very old boomers won't be such a burden, as research finds 60% of those aged 85 or older do not experience significant memory loss, 75% still drive, 70% are not depressed, and in general the aged are as happy as any group. When boomers turn 85, they will not expect the next generations to pay for an expensive dying process as most will have taken the individual choice to have an advanced directive, bypassing futile efforts and a painful death. One can even anticipate that this group will find a way to help take care of their own.

And, oh, in these next years as boomers have more time on their hands, expect an increasing demand for social justice.

## Stange qualifies for state, Wanner is double winner at Groton Kiwanis Track Meet

Audrey Wanner won the long jump and triple jump to be a double winner at the Groton Kiwanis Track Meet. Also taking first is Harleigh Stange in the 100m dash with a state qualifying time. The Groton Area girls also took first by outpacing runner-up Ipswich by 10 points.

**100m Hurdles:** 3, Josie Doeden, 16.86; 4, Audrey Wanner, 17.18; Katie Koehler, 20.2

**300m Hurdles:** 6, Mckenzie Menzia, 52.02; Josie Doeden, 52.88.

**100m Dash:** 1, Harleigh Stange, 12.79 (state qualifying time); Jasmine Schinkel, 14.98; Macy Knecht, 15.97.

**200m Dash:** 3, Harleigh Stange, 28.13; 7, Gia Gengerke, 28.06; Jasmine Schinkel, 31.48; Macy Knecht, 33.82.

**400m Dash:** 3, Gia Gengerke, 1:04.31; Audrey Wanner, 1:10.34; Jasmine Schinkel, 1:13.83.

**800m Run:** Jodi Hinman, 3:10.08; Emily Thompson, 3:15.10.

**1600m Run:** Jasmine Schaller, 6:14.68.

**400m Relay:** 2, Groton (Courtney Kurtz, Heather Lone, Harleigh Stange, Mckenize Menzia), 53.36.

**800m Relay:** 2, Groton (Courtney Kurtz, Gia Gengerke, Harleigh Stange, Mckenzie Menzia), 1:51.88.

**1600m Relay:** Groton (Mckenzie Menzia, Josie Doeden, Alex Stange, Jasmine Schaller), 4:57.52.

**Medley Relay:** Groton (Courtney Kurtz, Heather Lone, Alex Stange, Hannah Lewandowski), 5:18.

**3200m Relay:** 5, Groton (Alex Stange, Hannah Lewandowski, Jodi Hinman, Jasmine Schaller), 11:40.8.

**High Jump:** 6, Gia Gengerke, 4-9; Taryn Rossow, 4-3; Katie Koehler, 4-1.

**Long Jump:** 1, Audrey Wanner, 15-4; Katie Koehler, 13-7; Jasmine Schinkel, 12-11.5.

**Triple Jump:** 1, Audrey Wanner, 33-4.5.

**Discus:** 4, Alyssa Sippel, 99-5; 7, Jessica Bjerke, 96-5; Marlee Jones, 108; Nicole Fey, 79-6; Madilyn Wright, 79-5.

**Shot Put:** 4, Tori Bjerke, 33-8.5; 5, Carly Wheeting, 32-3.25; 7, Marlee Jones, 30-8; Nicole Fey, 29-9; Jessica Bjerke, 28-7.75; Taylor Holm, 26-4; Jennie Doeden, 24-0.5; Madison Sippel, 27-11.5.

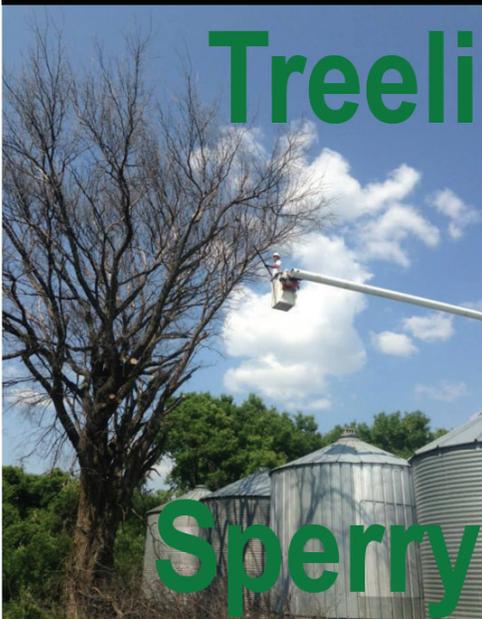
**Team Points:** Groton 99, Ipswich 89, Roncalli 82, Redfield-Doland 70, Britton-Hecla 55, Webster 53, Aberdeen Central JV 47, Northwestern 44, Wilmot 42, Warner 41, Sisseton 28, Milbank 27, Summit 21, Waubay 19, Frederick 9, Edmunds Central 0, Langford Area 0, Aberdeen Christian 9.

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## Doeden qualifies for state, Sternhagen wins at Ipswich

Jackson Doeden has qualified for the state track meet with a state qualifying time in the 110m Hurdles. Lucas Sternhagen was a winner in the 800m run as Groton Area placed third at the Ipswich Relay track meet.

**Team Scores:** Roncalli 145, James Valley Christian 94, Groton Area 79, Sully Buttes 68, Potter County 59, Warner 50, Herreid-Selby Area 49, Ipswich 45, Faulkton 42, Edmunds Central 34, Frederick Area 20, Northwestern 19, Eureka-Bowdle 17, Hitchcock-Tulare 12, Aberdeen Christian 8.

**110m Hurdles:** 3, Jackson Doeden, 15.8 (State Qualifying)

**300m Hurdles:** 7, Bennett Shabazz, 47.62.

**100m Dash:** Tyler Iverson, 14.51.

**200m Dash:** Tyler Iverson, 30.45.

**400m Dash:** 8, Lucas Sternhagen, 56.08.

**400m Relay:** 4, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Adam Herman), 47.17.

**800m Run:** 1, Lucas Sternhagen, 2:0.96; 5, Brandon Keith 2:23.65.

**800m Relay:** 6, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Trevor Pray, Jackson Oliver, Adam Herman), 1:40.8.

**1600m Relay:** Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Sean Schuring, Lucas Sternhagen, Martin Rygg), 3:54.

**Medley Relay:** 7, Groton (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Martin Rygg, Sean Schuring), 4:12.69.

**3200m Relay:** 3, Groton (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Brandon Keith, Sean Schuring), 9:17.28.

**Long Jump:** 6, Adam Herman, 18-1.5; Bennett Shabazz, 16-1 7/8; Trevor Pray, 16-1 3/4.

**Triple Jump:** Adam Herman, 38-4; Trevor Pray, 34-2.

**Discus:** Mclain Lone, 134-10; Nick Dalchow, 118-8; Luke Thorson, 102-1.

**Shot Put:** 3, Nick Dalchow, 40-3; 5, Hunter Le-rew, 39-7; 6, Steve Fey, 39-1.5; Mclaine Lone, 38-1; Chris Zarycki, 35-4.5; Luke Thorson, 34-9.5.

## Wanner is double winner at Ipswich

Audrey Wanner was a double winner at the Ipswich Tigers Relays track meet. She won both the long jump and the triple jump as Groton Area placed third. Tori Bjerke also won the shot put.

**Team Points:** Ipswich 169, Potter County 115, Groton Area 107, Sully Buttes 67, James Valley Christian 54, Herreid-Selby Area 51, Warner 49, Roncalli 31, Northwestern 31, Eureka-Bowdle 17, Frederick Area 16, Hitchcock-Tulare 5, Aberdeen Christian 3, Edmunds Central 1.

**100m Hurdles:** 2, Josie Doeden, 18.53; Audrey Wanner, 18.69; Katie Koehler, 20.27.

**300m Hurdles:** 5, Mckenzie Menzia, 53.46; 6, Josie Doeden, 53.52.

**100m Dash:** 3, Harleigh Stange, 12.06; Jasmine Schinkel, 14.98.

**200m Dash:** 6, Harleigh Stange, 27.77.

**400m Dash:** 4, Gia Gengerke, 1:08.01; 5, Audrey Wanner, 1:08.96; Emily Thompson, 1:30.

**800m Run:** 8, Jasmine Schaller, 2:58.51.

**400m Relay:** 3, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Heather Lone, Josie Doeden, Mckenzie Menzia), 55.2.

**800m Relay:** 5, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Heather Lone, Gia Gengerke, Mckenzie Menzia), 1:58.64.

**1600m Relay:** 8, Groton (Mckenzie Menzia, Josie Doeden, Jasmine Schaller, Jodi Hinman), 4:56.87.

**Medley Relay:** 8, Groton (Jodi Hinman, Jasmine Schinkel, Alex Stange, Hannah Lewandowski), 5:19.54.

**3200m Relay:** 7, Groton (Jasmine Schaller, Jodi Hinman, Alex Stange, Hannah Lewandowski), 12:07.

**High Jump:** 3, Gia Gengerke, 4-7; Katie Koehler, 3-11.

**Long Jump:** 1, Audrey Wanner, 15-5.25; 5, Katie Koehler, 13-6.5; Jasmine Schinkel, 12-3.25.

**Triple Jump:** 1, Audrey Wanner, 32-7; Katie Koehler, 28-7.

**Discus:** 4, Alyssa Sippel, 102-10.5; 5, Carly Wheeting, 102-7; 7, Jessica Bjerke, 98-8.

**Shot Put:** 1, Tori Bjerke, 33-9; 4, Carly Wheeting, 32-2.5; 7, Jessica Bjerke, 28-8.5; Madison Sippel, 26-8.25.

## Friends . . . Near and Far

*Editor's Note: This is the 18th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.*

### LeRoy Farmen



**JobWise what are you doing today?** I am a Kindergarten teacher at the Wakpala Public School and I have worked there for 20 years now. It was 1995 when I had my interview for a part-time Kindergarten/ part-time Music position. My summers were filled with a job working for the City of Groton since I graduated from Groton High School in 1988. If you put it together, I worked 26 summers and enjoyed every year working with a great group of guys. I started a part-time job cooking pizzas at Pizza Ranch in Mobridge, so this summer I am going to see what a summer is like in Mobridge.

**What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate?** Groton in 1988.

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** I attended Northern State University from 1988 to 1992 graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** One thing I would tell students in school, time goes by quickly, so be kind to others and get out of life what you can.

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.** One thing I accomplished in life is sticking to my singing. I have joined the Yelduz Shrine Chanters 7 years ago. We traveled the last 4 summers to International Shrine competitions, and we got first place all 4 years. We also compete in the MSA's and have gotten golds every year. Singing has let me travel to places I probably would have not traveled to.

**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** You never know how much you actually learn in high school or college until you get out into the real world and need to use what you know and your skills. Everyone has different skills and talents, learn what they are and try to find a job that strengthens them in you.

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## Landon Larson

**Parents:** Jeff and Jami Larson.

**Hometown:** Groton

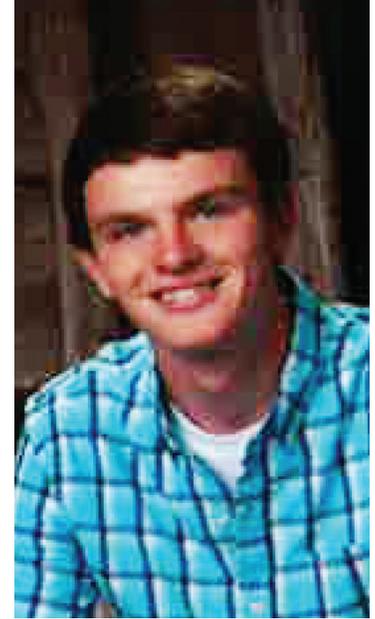
**Siblings:** Cole 15; Trevor 20.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, athletics, riding 4-wheeler, riding snowmobile.

**School/Community Activities:** FFA, Youth Group, Track, Soccer, Basketball.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Winning state track and also winning state soccer.

**Future Plans:** Go to SDSU and major in Ag System Technology, then go to work on the family farm and eventually take the farm over.



**John Wheeting**  
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## Logan Lane



**Parents:** Jim and Melodee Lane

**Hometown:** Groton

**Siblings:** Marshall, 15; Lincoln, 20; CJ, 28; and Jamie, 34

**Hobbies:** Weightlifting, hanging with friends, playing with my dog, playing hockey at the ice rink

**School/community activities:** Football, robotics

**Favorite high school memory:** Football

**Future plans:** Attend SDSU for a Ag major in Civil Engineering



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**Parents:** William and Laurie LaMee

**Hometown:** Andover

**Sibling:** Jenna LaMee, 22.

**Hobbies:** Ice skating, hanging out with friends and family, camping, talking.

**School/Community Activities:** FCCLA vice president, show choir tech, Carnival of Silver Skates, FFA member, FCA member, attend the CMA Youth Group.

**Favorite High School Memory:** In the 10th grade the FACS girls were making Indian tacos and we accidently started the kitchen on fire.

**Future Plans:** Plan on attending Lake Area Tech for cosmetology.

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## Courtney Kurtz

**Parents:** Ryan and Diane Kurtz

**Hometown:** Groton

**Siblings:** Kasey, 20; Kaden, 11; Camryn, 9.

**Hobbies:** Playing sports, hanging out with friends and family, being at the lake, and hunting.

**School/Community Activities:** Basketball, volleyball, track, year-book, FBLA, Adopt-A-Grandparent program, Groton American Legion Auxiliary Unit Post 39 member.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Celebrating every point during volleyball.

**Future Plans:** Attend North Dakota State University and major in Business Administration.



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**Hometown:** Groton

**Sibling:** Landon, 12.

**Hobbies:** Singing, hanging with friends and family, camping, tubing, hiking, swimming and shopping with friends and family.

**School/Community Activities:** Concert choir, Chamber choir, Emmanuel Lutheran church choir, show choir, volleyball, Carnival of Silver Skates, track, Dynamic Dance Team, school play.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Going to all the sporting events with my classmates and friends. Others include being involved with extra-curricular activities and homecoming events.

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings. My planned major is pre-veterinarian and my minor is vocal music.

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**Hometown:** Groton

**Siblings:** Mitchell Koens, 14; Jayden Biegler, 9; Heather Koens, 20; Bailey Biegler, 15; Sierra Biegler, 13; Chelsea Pfaff, 3.

**Hobbies:** Disc golfing, reading, urban exploration, geocaching, seashell collecting.

**School/Community Activities:** FCCLA, FBLA.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Hanging out with friends and noticing how much my classmates have changed throughout high school.

**Future Plans:** Attend Northern State University for sociology.

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**Hometown:** Groton

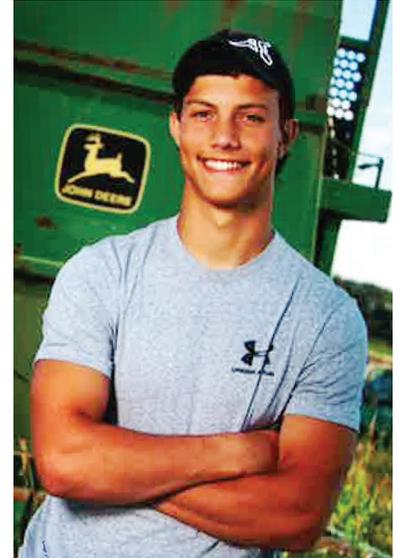
**Sibling:** Macy 16.

**Hobbies:** Working on the farm, snowmobiling, hunting, hanging out with my buds.

**School/Community Activities:** Baseball, basketball football.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Beating Custer to make it to the semi-final game in football my senior year.

**Future Plans:** Going to Lake Area Tech, majoring in diesel mechanics.



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## Matthew Knecht

**Parents:** Mike and Becky Knecht

**Hometown:** Houghton

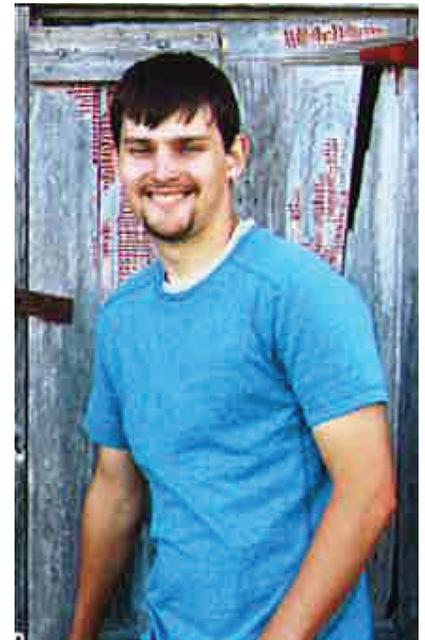
**Siblings:** Megan, 24

**Hobbies:** Sports, playing Piano, playing video games

**School/community activities:** Band, jazz band, choir, show choir, chamber choir, football, basketball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, STAR Torch, Natural Helpers, C&MA Youth Group, Volunteering at Britton Food Pantry.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Beating Custer 16-14 in football to make it to the semi-finals

**Future plans:** I will attend SDSU and major in Mathematics Education



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## Brittany Kjelden



**Parents:** Kelly and Carla Kjelden

**Hometown:** Groton

**Siblings:** Dustin, 25

**Hobbies:** Draw/paint, workout, hangout with friends and family, take naps, and be outside

**School/community activities:** Show choir, volleyball, water girl for football, manager for basketball and volleyball, dance team, track, chamber choir, Emmanuel Luther League

**Favorite high school memory:** Finally winning the float building contest senior year for homecoming- it only took six years...

**Future plans:** Attend Minnesota State University- Mankato and major in Graphic Design.



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## Maryn Howard

**Parents:** Jeff and Lisa Howard

**Hometown:** Groton

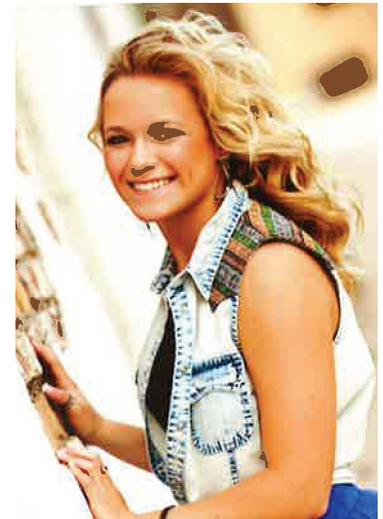
**Siblings:** Caitlin, 25; Ellie, 24; Layne, 20.

**Hobbies:** Showing livestock, hanging out w/friends and family, babysitting, spending time at the lake, working out

**School/community activities:** FFA, FBLA, yearbook staff, St. John's Lutheran youth group, 4-H

**Favorite high school/community activities:** Senior homecoming

**Future plans:** Attend SDSU to major in nursing, then later go on to Nurse Anesthesia School.



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## Shannon Hjermstad

**Parents:** Randy Hjermstad, Sandy Hoops

**Hometown:** Groton

**Siblings:** Aaron, 35; Adam, 34; Sadie, 34; Drew, 31; Lee, 30; Shelby, 16.

**Hobbies:** Singing.

**School/Community Activities:** Camp Dream Makers, Youth Leadership Forum, St. John's Youth Group.

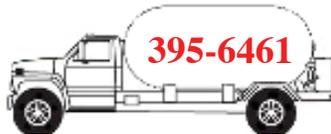
**Favorite High School Memory:** Making new friends and having fun.

**Future Plans:** Attend Lake Area VoTech and get a degree in Human Science Tech: Developmental Disabilities option.



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## Sheldon Herr

**Parents:** LaRon and Jolene Herr

**Hometown:** Bristol

**Siblings:** Erika, 15; Alexa, 12.

**Hobbies:** Archery, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling.

**School/Community Activities:** Football, FFA student advisor, FBLA.

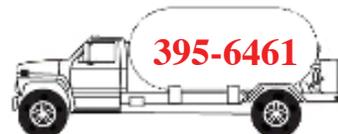
**Favorite High School Memory:** Making it to the semi-finals in football.

**Future Plans:** Attend SDSU for a degree in agriculture systems technology.



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## Christine Herr

**Parents:** Mike and Michele Herr

**Hometown:** Aberdeen

**Siblings:** Zach, 24; Stacey, 32; Jason, 34.

**Hobbies:** Netflix, ice skating, baking, hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** Color guard (flags), soccer stats, wrestling cheerleading

**Favorite high school memory:** All of the friends made throughout my four years of high school

**Future plans:** Attend St. Cloud State University for Nuclear Medicine Technology



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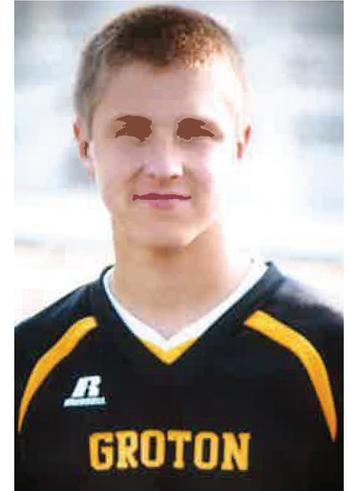
**Sibling:** Alexis, 15.

**Hobbies:** Motocross, fishing, hunting.

**School/Community Activities:** Football, soccer, Star Torch.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Winning state soccer.

**Future Plans:** SDSU for Precision Ag.



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**Hometown:** Bath

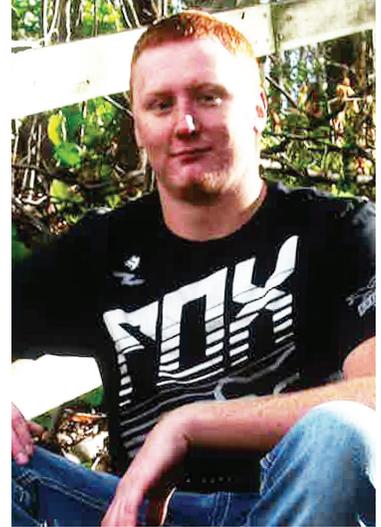
**Siblings:** Joe Gleason, 13; and Jace Gleason, 10.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, working on trucks and cars

**School/community activities:** Football

**Favorite high school memory:** Working in the shop working on my 79 GMC truck

**Future plans:** Work at Dakota Fluid Power with a degree in Fluid Power from Minnesota West in Granite Falls, MN.



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## Taylor Ann Gustafson



**Parents:** John and Beth Gustafson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Siblings:** Alexis, 15; Hannah, 11.

**Hobbies:** Reading, piano, snowmobiling, shopping, ice skating, babysitting, art projects

**School/community activities:** Yearbook, show choir, Luther League, volleyball, GHS choir, accompanist, volunteer volleyball YMCA coach, Carnival of Silver Skates instructor and skater, FBLA and FBLA historian, National Honor Society

**Favorite high school memory:** My favorite memory was my senior year of show choir. At the Vermillion competition, we received 2nd runner-up and we beat a AA school-which we were all proud of. We worked so hard and it paid off.

**Future plans:** Attend University of South Dakota for Nursing, then Physician Assistant

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## Today in Weather History

May 5, 1964: A two state, F3 tornado moved northeast from 4 miles WNW of Herreid to south of Streeter, North Dakota, a distance of about 55 miles. Blacktop was ripped for 400 yards on Highway 10, five miles north of Herreid, South Dakota. Two barns were destroyed northeast of Hague, North Dakota, with a dozen cattle killed on one farm. The F3 damage occurred at one farm about midway between Wishek and Hogue. Other barns were destroyed south of Bernstad.

May 5, 1986: Strong pressure gradient winds in excess of 60 mph occurred over west central Minnesota. City officials in Browns Valley estimated a quarter of the city suffered damage. The roof of a grandstand was blown off and landed a quarter of a block away. Seventy five homes and six businesses sustained roof damage. In nearby Dumont, Minnesota, wind ripped a large grain bin off its foundation and tore open the top of another.

May 5, 2007: A large upper low pressure area over the southwest United States spun off a strong upper level trough into the northern plains. This trough lifting over the region along with a north to south frontal boundary, powerful low level winds, and abundant gulf moisture resulted in training thunderstorms across parts of central and northeast South Dakota. The training thunderstorms produced torrential rains from 3 to over 10 inches resulting in widespread flash flooding across Brown, Buffalo, Hand, Spink, Clark, Day, Marshall, and Roberts Counties. The counties of Brown, Buffalo, Clark, Day, Marshall, and Spink were declared disaster areas by President Bush. The Governor also declared a state of emergency for the flooded counties with Senator John Thune and Representative Stephanie Herseth surveying the flood damage. Eight damage assessment teams from local, state, and FEMA came to Brown and other counties.

Dozens of cities were affected by the flooding with several hundred homes, businesses, and countless roads affected and damaged or destroyed by the flooding. Aberdeen received the most extensive damage, especially the north side of Aberdeen. Seventy-five percent of the homes in Aberdeen received some water in their basements. Basement water levels ranged from a few inches to very deep water all the way up to the first floor of homes. Many homes had basement walls collapse. The overwhelming load on the drainage systems caused sewage to back up into many homes across the region. Also, many vehicles stalled on the roads with many others damaged by the flooding. Power outages also occurred across the area. Many families were displaced from their homes with many living in emergency shelters. Countless homes were condemned across the region with many considered unlivable. Thousands of acres of crops were also flooded and damaged with many seeds and large quantities of fertilizer washed away.

Rainfall amounts from this historic event included, 3.65 inches in Miller, 3.82 inches in Britton, 4 inches in Eden, 4.47 inches in Andover, 4.90 inches in Webster, 5.68 inches west of Britton, 5.7 inches in Garden City, and 5.82 inches in Conde. Locations with 6 or more inches of rain included, 6 inches in Langford, 6.33 inches in Gann Valley, 6.72 inches in Clark, 7.41 inches in Ashton, 7.49 inches in Stratford, 7.55 inches near Mellette, 7.97 inches in Aberdeen, 8.02 inches in Redfield, 8.73 inches in Columbia, and 8.74 inches in Groton. The 8.74 inches of rainfall in Groton set a new 24 hour state rainfall record. Adding in the rainfall for the previous day, Aberdeen received a total of 9.00 inches; Columbia received a total of 10.19 inches; Groton received an astonishing two day total rainfall of 10.74 inches.

1933: An F4 tornado cut a 35 mile path from near Brent into Shelby County, Alabama. The town of Helena, Alabama was especially hard hit, as 14 people died.

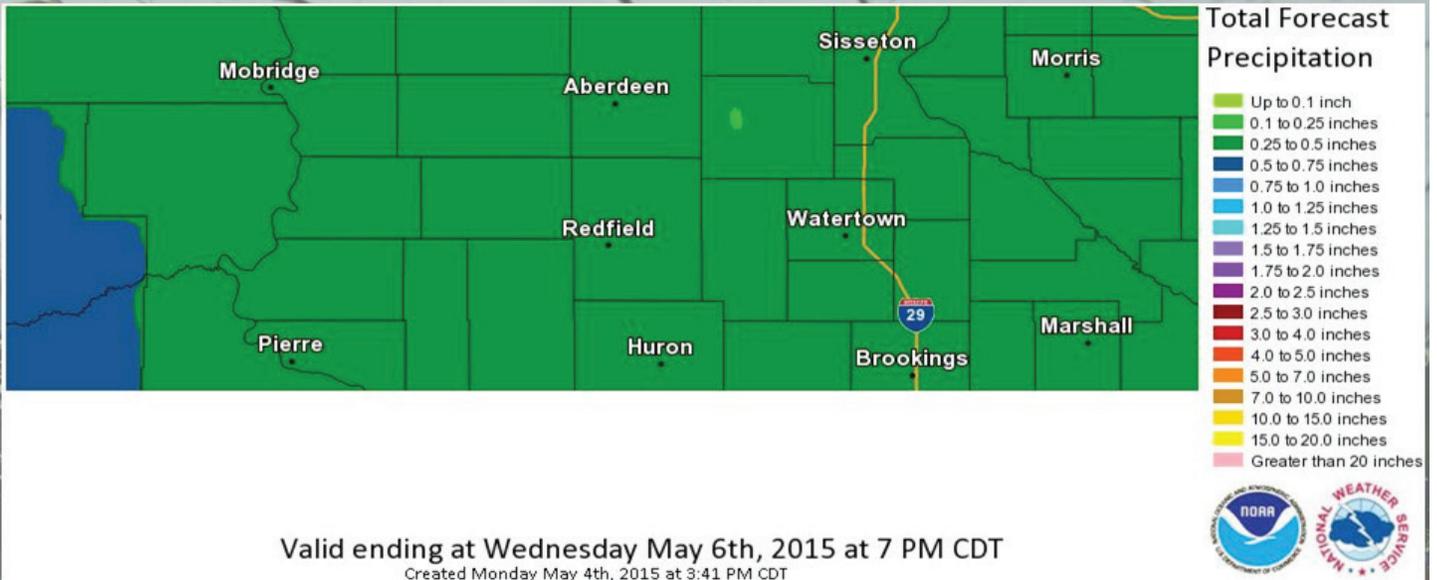
1987: Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the western U.S. A dozen cities in California reported record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 93 degrees at San Francisco, 98 degrees at San Jose, 100 degrees at Sacramento, and 101 degrees at Redding were the warmest of record for so early in the season. The high of 94 degrees at Medford, Oregon was also the warmest of record for so early in the season.

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Increasing Clouds	Thunderstorms Likely	Thunderstorms Likely	Thunderstorms Likely	Chance Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 76 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 61 °F

## Beneficial Rainfall Coming To The Region



- Rainfall spreading into the area Tuesday and continuing through Wednesday
- Average rainfall from a quarter to a half inch by late Wednesday evening
- Additional chances for showers and thunderstorms most areas on Thursday

Published on: 05/04/2015 at 4:00PM

Beneficial rains will spread across much of the region Tuesday and continue on Wednesday as low pressure spins into the Northern Plains. Expect showers and thunderstorms to increase by Tuesday evening, and persist Wednesday with rainfall amounts of a quarter to half inch expected in most areas.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 69.8 at 4:14 PM

**Low:** 33.0 at 6:36 AM

**High Gust:** 15 at 12:11 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 92° in 1926, 1897, 2000

**Record Low:** 24° in 1968, 1944, 1929

**Average High:** 66°F

**Average Low:** 40°F

**Average Precip in May:** 0.41

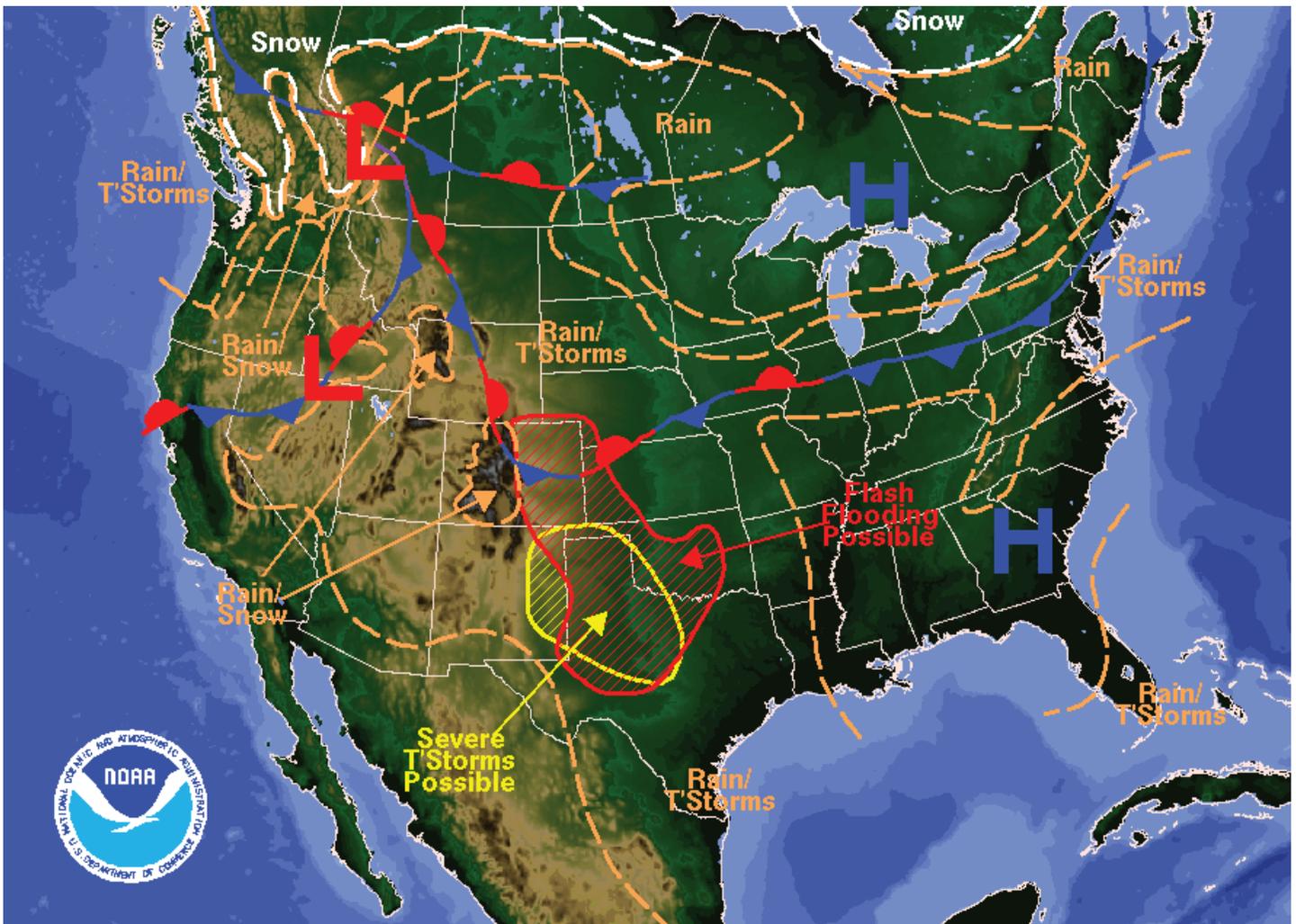
**Precip to date in May:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 4.44

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.95

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:45 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:15 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, May 05, 2015, issued 4:40 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## ANOTHER GREY HAIR

A father said to his son, "When you cause problems and are disobedient, you add another grey hair to my head."

"Wow," said the son in return, "you must have been horrible. Grandpa's hair is completely grey! What did you do to him?"

God's Word demands that children honor and obey their parents. But there is also a distinction between obeying and honoring parents.

Obeying means that children are to do what they are told to do as long as it is legal, proper and ethical. Honoring, on the other hand means giving respect, love and admiration.

Children cannot be expected to obey their parents if it means disobeying God. Neither are they to be submissive to controlling parents when they are grown. As long as children accept the support of their parents, they must comply with the expectations made of them if they are in keeping with God's Word.

But honoring and loving parents may sometimes be more difficult than obeying them. It is always important for parents and children to remember that respect, which leads to giving and receiving honor and love, flows in both directions. If there is thoughtfulness and kindness, patience and gentleness, goodness and happiness in the home, honor and love will be normal and natural.

**Prayer:** Father, family life is difficult. But when You are the center, all can live in love, peace and harmony. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Ephesians 6:1-11 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Survey: States spent \$1B-plus to clear winter snow and ice**

**BOB SALSBERG, Associated Press**

BOSTON (AP) — Winter's full fury arrived late in much of the country, but once it did it was relentless, forcing state transportation agencies to spend more than \$1 billion to keep highways safe and passable, according to a first-of-its-kind survey.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials said 23 states reported combined spending of more than \$1 billion on winter maintenance operations and 8 million work hours plowing or treating state roads from October to March.

The states that responded to Monday's survey, obtained in advance by The Associated Press, also went through 6 million tons of salt and other huge quantities of brine and liquid deicing chemicals. One state reported using 216,000 gallons of beet juice, which can help salt stick to road surfaces.

"This winter the storms just came one on top of the other and there wasn't time in between to replenish your salt piles and give your folks some time off," said Rick Nelson, coordinator of the association's Snow and Ice Cooperative Program.

A single season snowfall record was broken in Boston, with virtually all the 110 inches coming in a six-week stretch from late January to early March when temperatures rarely rose above freezing.

"In January, we were talking about what we were going to do with the surplus snow and ice funds," recalled Thomas Tinlin, Massachusetts' highway administrator. The Department of Transportation wound up spending \$154 million on winter maintenance, well above its \$107 million annual budget. Additional money was appropriated to assure the state's private snowplow contractors got paid.

Massachusetts used 600,000 tons of salt and 1.6 million gallons of liquid deicer. Crews removed 17.5 billion cubic feet of snow from state roadways, equivalent to 40 times the volume of dirt excavated during the massive Boston highway project known as the Big Dig, state officials noted.

Pennsylvania, which budgeted \$203 million for winter maintenance based on a five-year average of previous expenditures, spent \$272 million to keep traffic flowing on the state's 40,000 miles of roadway, according to Erin Waters-Trasatt, a transportation spokeswoman.

Pennsylvania also was among several states that sent crews and equipment to help out in Massachusetts, she said.

It wasn't just the typical northern snow belt states that felt winter's wrath.

"Normally we don't budget for ice and snow because we don't get it that often," said Melinda McGrath, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation. But recent winters have brought several dangerous ice storms to the south, and this year Mississippi spent \$3.1 million, used 887 tons of salt and devoted 64,704 work hours to keep state roads safe.

An even larger and longer-term expense, McGrath said, are potholes. It's a universal headache for motorists and highway officials as freezing and melting cycles cause pavement to expand, then crack. Maryland was among several other states reporting a large increase in potholes this spring.

The actual taxpayer cost of winter road maintenance was much higher than measured by the survey. Not all states responded and the expenses incurred by municipalities for plowing local roads were seen as comparable to state governments.

Unlike the previous winter, AASHTO said there were no serious shortages of salt this year.

When lawmakers and the general public consider transportation funding, winter maintenance needs can often be overlooked said Bud Wright, the group's executive director.

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"When we think about funding transportation, we need to consider the total amount needed to keep people and goods moving throughout the entire year," he said.

States are prohibited from using federal highway funds for snow and ice removal, but some sought federal disaster assistance to offset costs. President Barack Obama approved disaster declarations for Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut for a January blizzard, making those states eligible for 75 percent reimbursement. But a broader request from Massachusetts to consider all the major storms a cumulative disaster was denied.

## 2 McLaughlin men sentenced for separate assaults on officers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Two men from McLaughlin have been sentenced in federal court for separate assaults on law officers.

Forty-one-year-old Kirk Flying Horse was recently sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison for kicking a Bureau of Indians Affairs officer in the head while being arrested during a disturbance call last July. Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Flying Horse pleaded guilty to an assault charge last November.

Twenty-two-year-old Brett Claymore also pleaded guilty to an assault charge last November and was recently sentenced to half a year in custody. Seiler says Claymore elbowed a Corson County sheriff's deputy in the chest while being arrested last June for not complying with the deputy's orders.

Claymore will be on supervised release for 1 year and Flying Horse for three years after their prison terms.

## Mega Millions lottery ticket sold in Deadwood worth \$15,000

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A Mega Millions ticket sold in Deadwood is worth \$15,000 in the latest drawing.

The ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Megaball to win the game's \$5,000 third prize. The buyer also purchased an option for \$1 that tripled the winnings.

The odds of winning the third prize playing Mega Millions are 1 in about 740,000. The next drawing is Tuesday. The jackpot sits at \$110 million.

Mega Millions is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Lower Brule Sioux leadership dispute moves to tribal court

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Lower Brule Sioux Tribe official who took over for the late Chairman Michael Jandreau should be ordered to stop acting as the tribe's chairman and his recent actions should be invalidated, two councilmembers will argue in tribal court.

Terry Pechota, an attorney for Councilmen Orville Langdeau and John McCauley, said he expected the filing to arrive at the tribal court Monday. Jandreau's death about a month ago intensified a political battle among members of the tribe loyal to the decades-long administration and a new guard of tribal councilmembers who say more transparency is needed. Among them is Kevin Wright, who is acting as chairman.

Wright, since he took over leadership of the government shortly before Jandreau died in April, has pushed for staffing changes and urged the federal government to freeze fund transfers until proper tribal council oversight over the tribe's finances has been established.

The tribal court motion says Wright's actions have created a hostile work environment for employees of the tribe. It says that Wright has been acting as chairman illegally and that his actions exercising the

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office, including requesting the suspension of federal fund transfers, aren't valid.

"It's all ludicrous," Wright told The Associated Press. "It just shows that they have something to hide, to me."

The tribal court motion also lists two councilmembers, Sonny Ziegler and Desiree LaRoche, as defendants with Wright.

Ziegler and Langdeau didn't immediately return phone messages. McCauley and Matt Rappold, an attorney who had previously represented the defendants and was served with the motion, declined to comment. LaRoche was unavailable for comment.

Wright, who previously served as vice chairman, cited the tribe's constitution and bylaws when he assumed the leadership role. He has said he has been stonewalled trying to access the tribe's finances, which have been subject to allegations of mismanagement.

Wright in April sent a letter with the finance and oversight-related requests to Kevin Washburn, assistant secretary of Indian Affairs at the Interior Department. Nedra Darling, a spokeswoman for the Interior Department, said Monday the department had received Wright's letter and will be working with the tribe, but declined to comment further.

Wright and Jandreau had previously sparred about administrative transparency, and Wright was one of the council members who criticized Jandreau over allegations of financial mismanagement that were outlined by Human Rights Watch in January.

Jandreau and Marshall Matz, who has been an attorney for the tribe, have vigorously pushed back against those allegations.

The Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General has said that in February 2013 it started investigating circumstances surrounding the tribe's purchase of a New York-based brokerage firm called Westrock Advisors Inc. that ultimately went bankrupt, and the probe is still open. The office has said it is also mulling whether to investigate allegations from the Human Rights Watch report.

## **Police find no man with gun, 4 Rapid City schools reopened**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Four schools in Rapid City that were temporarily closed are back open following the discovery that a man in the area was carrying a cellphone and not a handgun.

Rapid City Police spokesman Brendyn Medina says the four elementary schools on the north side of the city had been locked Monday while police searched the area for what was reported to be a man on a bicycle with a black handgun.

Medina says police found the man and after talking with him determined that no crime had been committed.

The schools that had been locked down include North Middle School and General Beadle, Knollwood Heights and Horace Mann elementary schools.

Medina says classes continued while police searched the area.

## **Standard and Poor's upgrades South Dakota's credit rating**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A national credit rating agency's decision to upgrade South Dakota to the highest rating it issues means the state will likely save money in the future, and the efforts behind the shift institutionalize solid financial practices, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Monday.

New York-based Standard and Poor's cited the state's "consistently strong" financial position and record of "conservative budgeting" in upgrading the state from an issuer credit rating of "AA+" to "AAA." South Dakota joins 15 other states that have also been given the agency's highest rating, which has been a key priority for Daugaard.

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The agency also said its stable outlook on South Dakota reflects the state's positive revenue trends, strong gross state product and personal income growth compared to the rest of the nation.

Credit ratings give potential bond purchasers a measurement of state performance and credit worthiness.

"I'm very, very pleased about this, and it's something that most people won't care about probably, or be interested in, but I think it's nice when an objective outsider whose business it is to pay attention to these kinds of things upgrades us even as other states, even our nation, in the last decade have been downgraded," Daugaard told The Associated Press. "I think that says we're doing some things right."

Daugaard's office said upgrades typically allow issued bonds to carry a lower interest rate, providing interest savings to issuers such as the South Dakota Building Authority.

The governor said his administration has met with ratings agencies and has put forward policies and practices to help secure the upgrade. Some of those efforts include issuing an annual financial report more quickly and forecasting budget and capital expenditure projections over a longer period of time.

Daugaard said he hopes that Moody's Investors Service, a different rating agency, will consider following Standard and Poor's upgrade.

## Brookings, Sioux Falls students named Presidential Scholars

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two eastern South Dakota students have been named U.S. Presidential Scholars.

Alex Kimn of Brookings High School and Mira Yousef of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls are among 141 students nationwide honored for their accomplishments in academics or the arts.

The scholars were selected by a White House commission appointed by President Barack Obama and announced by federal Education Secretary Arne Duncan. They'll be invited to a White House ceremony on June 21.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored almost 7,000 of the nation's top students since 1964.

## April among driest in Chamberlain, Madison, other SD cities

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Several South Dakota towns had one of the driest Aprils on record.

State climatologist Dennis Todey says the biggest precipitation deficits last month were in the southeastern South Dakota, which was 2 inches or more below average.

Chamberlain and Mellette ended with their driest April on record. Madison, Roscoe and Big Stone City recorded their second-driest April. Eleven other weather stations recorded April among the top-five driest on record.

Todey says that besides the lack of moisture, nearly all of the state recorded above-average temperatures in April.

He says the outlook for the next 30 days includes equal chances of below- and above-average rainfall. Today says that wouldn't be a big issue most years, but above-average precipitation is needed to overcome the shortage of moisture.

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## 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. PORTRAITS OF TEXAS GUNMEN EMERGE

One of the suspects had been on the FBI radar for years for possible terror ties — but authorities say they had no indication he was plotting an attack.

### 2. KERRY VISITS SOMALIA

The secretary of state makes an unannounced trip to the African country in a show of solidarity with a government trying to defeat al-Qaida-allied militants.

### 3. WHY REFORMING BALTIMORE POLICE WILL BE HARD

Critics wonder whether city leaders can implement the change the city needs without the direct oversight that comes with a full-fledged civil rights investigation.

### 4. TSARNAEV DROPS IMPASSIVE Demeanor

The Boston Marathon bomber cries as his sobbing aunt briefly takes the stand in his federal death penalty trial.

### 5. OBAMA PICKS MARINE TO CHAIR JOINT CHIEFS

Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr. gained attention in 2013 when he was chosen to take over the job as top U.S. military commander in Afghanistan.

### 6. WHO IS POISED TO LAUNCH 2ND WHITE HOUSE BID

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee returns to his hometown of Hope, Arkansas to make official what the local newspaper calls “the worst kept secret” in the state.

### 7. SUBSTANCE OR STYLE

Labour leader Ed Miliband is nerdy, awkward and shy, but those traits may not stop him from becoming Britain’s next prime minister.

### 8. AFGHAN POPPY FARMERS LAUD NEW SEEDS

The variety is said to boost yield of the resin that produces heroin, makes the plants grow faster and gives up to twice as much opium.

### 9. RIHANNA SHUTS DOWN MET GALA CARPET

The singer swoops in wearing a fur-trimmed yellow cape with floral swirls of gold and a train so long it requires three wranglers.

### 10. WHAT CAN TAINT CHEMISTRY CRITICAL FOR BASEBALL SUCCESS

Many players download video clips of past games to an iPad to study their swings or deliveries, but team building can be hindered by the staring at screens instead of discussions in the clubhouse.

## AP News in Brief

### Accused gunman in Texas shooting had been target of FBI probe but faced only minor charge

WASHINGTON (AP) — In 2010, authorities arrested Elton Simpson, one of the two suspected gunmen in a weekend shooting outside a contest in Texas featuring cartoons of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

At the time, the young man from Phoenix was the target of a terror investigation that had begun some four years earlier. But despite an investigation that involved more than 1,500 hours of recorded conversations, including Simpson’s discussions about fighting nonbelievers for Allah and plans to link up with “brothers” in Somalia, the government prosecuted him on only one minor charge — lying to a federal agent. He faced three years of probation and \$600 in fines and court fees.

Then, on Sunday, two men whom authorities identified as Simpson and Nadir Soofi opened fire in the Dallas suburb of Garland on an unarmed security officer stationed outside the cartoon contest. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation by name.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the attack. An audio statement Tuesday on the extremist group's Al Bayan radio station says "two soldiers of the caliphate" carried out Sunday's attack. It did not provide details and it was unclear whether the group was opportunistically claiming the attack as its own.

The deliberately provocative contest had been expected to draw outrage from the Muslim community. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad — even a respectful one — is considered blasphemous, and drawings similar to those featured at the Texas event have sparked violence around the world.

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## **John Kerry makes unannounced trip to Somalia; 1st US secretary of state ever to visit country**

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry made an unannounced trip to Somalia Tuesday in a show of solidarity with a government trying to defeat al-Qaida-allied militants and end decades of war in the African country. He is first top U.S. diplomat ever to visit Somalia.

Kerry arrived at Mogadishu's airport shortly before noon local time, greeted by Somalia's president and prime minister on the tarmac. He immediately entered a series of planned meetings that include both of them along with regional leaders and civil society groups.

"I'm glad to be here," Kerry said.

"This is a great moment for us. Thank you for the time to be with us," President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said as they sat down together.

The trip was made under tight security conditions. Somalia's government only found out a day ago that Kerry would join the State Department's top Africa official, Linda Greenfield-Thomas, on the voyage. And the fact that he was only dipping his toe in Somalia, and not venturing past the airport, highlighted just how dangerous and instable the country remains.

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## **After Freddie Gray, some say Baltimore's police won't change without direct federal oversight**

BALTIMORE (AP) — Months before Freddie Gray died of the broken neck he suffered during what Baltimore's top prosecutor called an illegal arrest, the city's mayor and police commissioner said the department needed reform and asked the Justice Department for help reviewing officer misconduct.

Now that Gray is buried, six officers are charged in his death and an uneasy calm has returned to the streets, critics are wondering whether city leaders are capable of implementing the change the city needs without the direct, intensive oversight that comes with a full-fledged civil rights investigation resulting in a federal consent decree.

Democratic Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has already pushed back against this possibility, saying it would deprive Baltimore's leaders from having a say in fighting crime in one of the nation's most violent major cities, with more than 200 homicides a year.

"Nobody wants the Department of Justice to come and take over our city," she said last week.

Baltimore's leaders should welcome federal oversight, because it's doubtful any police department can fix itself from within, said Erwin Chemerinsky, the dean of the University of California-Irvine School of

Law.

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## **APNewsBreak: Obama selects Marine general as Joint Chiefs chairman; led Afghan war effort**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is choosing a widely respected, combat-hardened commander who led the Afghanistan war coalition during a key transitional period during 2013-14 as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

U.S. officials say he is nominating Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr. to the post to succeed Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, who will have served four years as chairman.

Obama plans to make the announcement at the White House Tuesday, said officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly ahead of the announcement. Dunford is expected to be easily confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Dunford's service as the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps will be cut short after he began that job last October. But the rapid promotion is one of several that have marked Dunford's fast-tracked military career, which saw him leap from a one-star general to four stars in about three years.

Officials also said Obama is tapping Gen. Paul J. Selva, a top Air Force officer and pilot, to serve as vice chairman. Selva, who has clocked more than 3,100 hours piloting transport and refueling aircraft, is currently the head of U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

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## **Getting to know you: British voters start seeing a new Ed Miliband**

LONDON (AP) — It was an unexpected moment on the campaign trail.

Labour leader Ed Miliband had stopped his campaign bus in the northwest England city of Chester when he was mobbed by a bachelorette party waving iPhones and chanting "Selfie! Selfie!" Miliband, often depicted as a geek, offered a few weak high-fives, posed uncomfortably with the women in pink sashes draped over their dresses and then hurried back onto the bus.

Twitter lit up with Labour supporters sharing video of their man and his adoring fans.

"It worked in quite a good way for him," said Tom Mludzinski, head of political polling at the ComRes polling agency. "People wanted to be seen with him."

Ed Miliband is nerdy. Awkward. Shy. But those traits may not stop him from becoming Britain's next prime minister.

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## **Making second presidential run, Huckabee to pitch himself as culturally conservative populist**

HOPE, Ark. (AP) — Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is preparing another bid for the Republican presidential nomination, eight years after his first efforts to expand on the support of evangelical Christians helped him win eight states in the 2008 primaries.

The ordained Baptist minister turned politician returns Tuesday to his hometown of Hope, Arkansas — the same small town where former President Bill Clinton was born — to make official what the local newspaper called "the worst kept secret" in the state.

In a strategy aimed at working-class cultural conservatives, Huckabee and his aides say his second run would pitch the candidate as an economic populist and foreign affairs hawk who holds deeply conservative views on social issues such as abortion and gay marriage.

Huckabee, 59, also plans to pitch that he is the best Republican to take on Hillary Rodham Clinton, the

front-runner for the Democratic nomination who spent more than a decade as first lady of Arkansas. In a recent campaign video, Huckabee argued that in his more than 10 years as governor, he took on Democrats in "Bill Clinton's Arkansas" after candidate Bill Clinton won election to the White House in 1992.

"Every day in my life in politics was a fight," Huckabee says in the video, released as a preview of his Tuesday announcement. "But any drunken redneck can walk into a bar and start a fight. A leader only starts a fight he's prepared to finish."

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## **Nepali police dig through mountain of mud to recover bodies of villagers, trekkers**

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Rescuers were digging Tuesday through thousands of tons of earth from a quake-triggered mudslide in Nepal that wiped out an entire village along a popular Himalayan trekking route and killed at least 60 people.

Nine of the victims recovered in the Langtang Valley since the April 25 earthquake and mudslide were foreign trekkers, said Gautam Rimal, the top government official in the Rasuwa district. Villagers say as many as 200 people could have been killed.

The valley and its little village of Langtang are about 60 kilometers (35 miles) north of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu. It was a popular stop for trekkers because of its scenic views of the Himalayas.

"The entire village was wiped out by the mudslide. There were some 60 houses there, but they were all buried under rubble. It will be impossible to recover all the bodies," Rimal said.

The village is now about a two-day hike from the nearest town because the landslide has blocked area roads. While helicopters allow easy access, they remain in short supply because of aid missions across the quake-affected parts of Nepal.

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## **Afghan poppy farmers say new seeds will boost country's opium output, already world's largest**

ZHARI, Afghanistan (AP) — It's the cash crop of the Taliban and the scourge of Afghanistan — the country's intractable opium cultivation. This year, many Afghan poppy farmers are expecting a windfall as they get ready to harvest opium from a new variety of poppy seeds said to boost yield of the resin that produces heroin.

The plants grow bigger, faster, use less water than seeds they've used before, and give up to double the amount of opium, they say.

No one seems to know where the seeds originate from. The farmers of Kandahar and Helmand provinces, where most of Afghanistan's poppies are grown, say they were hand-delivered for planting early this year by the same men who collect the opium after each harvest, and who also provide them with tools, fertilizer, farming advice — and the much needed cash advance.

Afghanistan's poppy harvest, which accounts for most of the world's heroin, is worth an estimated \$3 billion a year, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Production hit a record high in 2014, up 17 percent compared to the year before, as opium and the drugs trade continued to undermine security, rule of law and development, while funding both organized crime and the Taliban — often one and the same.

The trend is expected to continue in 2015, in part thanks to the new poppy seeds, according to officials tasked with overseeing the eradication of poppy crops.

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## Obama jokes about a quieter future with retiring 'Late Show' host Letterman

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama is envisioning a future of playing dominoes with retiree David Letterman.

Obama joked about their quieter futures during his eighth "Late Show" appearance Monday, saying Americans have grown up with the 33-year veteran comedian.

"After a tough day at the office or coming home from work, knowing that you've been there to give us a little bit of joy and a little bit of laughter, it has meant so much," Obama said. "You're part of all of us. You've given us a great gift and we love you."

Letterman is filling his CBS show with prominent guests in the lead-up to his final show May 20.

In honor of Obama's appearance, Letterman listed "Top 10 Questions Dumb Guys Ask the President," which included "Will you be a guest on one of my last shows?" and "Will you show us your birth certificate?" Number 1, in honor of the recent unauthorized landing on the Capitol lawn: "When will you return my gyrocopter?"

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 5, the 125th day of 2015. There are 240 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On May 5, 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing Elsie Mitchell, the 26-year-old pregnant wife of a minister, and five children: Dick Patzke, 14; Jay Gifford, 13; Edward Engen, 13; Joan Patzke, 13; and Sherman Shoemaker, 11. Denmark and the Netherlands were liberated as a German surrender went into effect.

### On this date:

In 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte, 51, died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

In 1862, Mexican troops defeated French occupying forces in the Battle of Puebla.

In 1865, what's believed to be America's first train robbery took place as a band of criminals derailed a St. Louis-bound train near North Bend, Ohio; they proceeded to rob the passengers and loot safes on board before getting away.

In 1915, musical film star Alice Faye was born Alice Leppert in New York.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1934, the first Three Stooges short for Columbia Pictures, "Woman Haters," was released.

In 1955, West Germany became a fully sovereign state. The baseball musical "Damn Yankees" opened on Broadway.

In 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby, the first of its Triple Crown victories.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland in his 66th day without food.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan kept a controversial promise to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl by leading a wreath-laying ceremony at the military cemetery in Bitburg.

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In 1994, Singapore caned American teenager Michael Fay for vandalism, a day after the sentence was reduced from six lashes to four in response to an appeal by President Bill Clinton, who considered the punishment too harsh.

**Ten years ago:** Tony Blair won a historic third term as Britain's prime minister, but his Labor Party suffered a sharply reduced parliamentary majority. "Precious Doe," a slain girl in Kansas City, Missouri, was identified after four years as 3-year-old Erica Michelle Marie Green. (Harrell Johnson was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole; Erica's mother, Michelle Green, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and received a 25-year term.) Michael Jackson's lawyers opened their successful defense in his molestation and conspiracy trial.

**Five years ago:** Preliminary plans for a mosque and cultural center near ground zero in New York were unveiled, setting off a national debate over whether the project was disrespectful to 9/11 victims and whether opposition to it exposed anti-Muslim biases. Three people, trapped in an Athens bank torched by rioters, died during a nationwide strike against the cash-strapped Greek government's harsh austerity measures.

**One year ago:** A narrowly divided Supreme Court upheld Christian prayers at the start of local council meetings. Philadelphia guard Michael Carter-Williams won the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Pat Carroll is 88. Former AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 81. Saxophonist Ace Cannon is 81. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 77. Actor Michael Murphy is 77. Actor Lance Henriksen is 75. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 72. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 71. Actor Roger Rees is 71. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 70. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 67. Actress Melinda Culea is 60. Actress Lisa Eilbacher is 58. Actor Richard E. Grant is 58. Former CBS News correspondent John Miller is 57. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 56. NBC newsman Brian Williams is 56. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 49. TV personality Kyan (KY'-ihn) Douglas is 45. Actress Tina Yothers is 42. Rhythm and blues singer Raheem DeVaughn is 40. Actor Vincent Kartheiser is 36. Singer Craig David is 34. Actress Danielle Fishel is 34. Actor Henry Cavill is 32. Actor Clark Duke is 30. Soul singer Adele is 27. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 27. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris Brown is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "Some of us think holding on makes us strong; but sometimes it is letting go."  
- Hermann Hesse, German-born Swiss poet and author (1877-1962).