

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 1 of 23

- 1- Groton Chiropractic
- 1- Recycling Trailers in Groton
- 1- Today's Information
- 2- Groton Lions Club Meeting
- 2- Walter 85th Birthday
- 2- Treeline Tree Service
- 3- Armed Forces Day flags are up
- 4- Armed Forces Day Poster
- 5- Final pieces assembled for slide
- 6- DARE Graduation
- 9- Dalchow resigns
- 9- Classifieds
- 10- Omaha Steaks
- 11- Today in Weather History
- 12- Local Forecast
- 13- National Weather Map
- 13- Local Weather
- 14- Daily Devotional
- 15- News from the Associated Press

Saturday, May 16

10:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

Sunday, May 17

Birthdays: Aaron Severson • Brandon Clocksene • Portia Kettering

9:00 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran with holy communion, recognizing of graduating seniors.

9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion

2:00 p.m.: GHS Graduation

3:30 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (Nigeria Circle serves)

Monday, May 18

Anniversary: Bill and Jana Duncan

Birthdays: Jean Walter • Bill Duncan • Rosalie Gerdes • Jeslyn Kosel

School Breakfast: Cook's choice.

School Lunch: Cook's choice.

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocoalte pud-

Cats anyone?

Anyone want a cat or two? We have two to give away. Contact Paul 397-7460.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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.

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204



Walter to celebrate 85th birthday

Jean Walter will celebrate her 85th birthday on May 18th. Greetings may be sent to PO Box 594, Groton, SD 57445.

Groton Lions Club

The Groton Lions held their annual potluck supper/meeting at Topper Tastad's place of business, uptown Groton, last Thursday evening. Dave Pigors, president, led the business session, and asked for a scholarship committee report. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson and Lee Schinkel reported they had met, and have chosen Maddie Colestock, Maryn Howard, and Katie Groeblichhoff, to receive the three Lions scholarships. Topper Tastad gave details on the Show 'n Shine show in Stratford, June 14.

The wheel of meat at the Legion, will be done until October.

President Dave presented Pastor Elizabeth with her ten year Chevron pin, and another membership pin from the multi district, and another membership pin for a record breaker from Lions International.

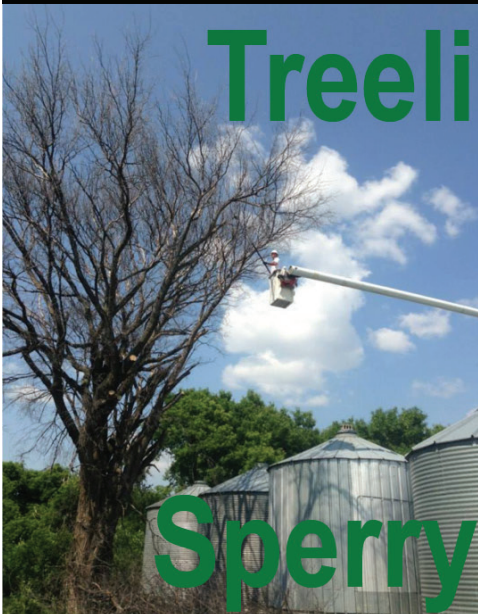
Treeline Tree Service

**Over 30 Years
of Combined
Experience!**

**TJ Sperry:
380-7915**

**Tyler Sperry:
216-8431**

Sperry Stump Removal



ARMED ★ FORCES ★ DAY



Armed Forces Day

Brian Gravatt put up the flags on Groton's Main Street this morning for Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

ARMED FORCES DAY

★★★★★ MAY 16, 2015 ★★★★★



HONOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED
THE CALL TO SERVE



Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 5 of 23



The final section of the slide was installed Friday at the Groton Swimming Pool. Fencing and concrete work, plumbing and electrical needs to be completed. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Here is a photo of the finished slide, successfully transported from Huron to Groton. Then the metal pieces were transported to the Hutterville Colony for sandblasting, to Watertown for powder coating and back to Groton for installation. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 7 of 23



First place DARE Essay winners were Stella Meier (above) and Kennedy Anderson (below).



Second place winners were Jace Craig (above) and Kansas Kroll (below).



Third place winners were Juliana Kosel (above) and Rease Jandel (below).



Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 8 of 23



One section of the fifth grade class graduating from the DARE program. In back, left to right, are Preston Lendry, Evin Nehls, Trey Johnson, Pierce Kettering, Jace Kroll, Brooklyn Imrie and Kansas Kroll; in the middle row, left to right, are Officer Justin Cleveland, Colton Minnick, Christina Zoellner, Torrence Wiseman, Sarah Jacobs, River Pardick, Alex Dutchuk and teacher Shelby Hendrickson; in front, left to right, are San Min, Kennedy Anderson, Rease Jandel, Cassandra Schultz, Macine McGannon, Emilie Thurston, Landon Kokales, Jayden Frohling and Josh Long; not pictured is Tatum Wright.



Here is the other fifth grade section. In back, left to right, are Travis Townsen, Jordan Bjerke, Lane Krueger, Jackson Cogley, Seth Johnson, Jace Craig, Ani Davidson and Trista Keith; in the middle row, left to right, are teacher Janel Lone, Maddie Bjerke, Julianna Kosel, Heath Long, Kody Lehr and Ryder Daly; in front, left to right, are Madeline Flihs, Megan Flihs, Trinity Smith, Hannah Gustafson, Allyssa Locke, Stella Johnson and Chief Stacy Mayou; not pictured are Jackson Becker, Kaden Kurtz and Hunter Youngblood.

Dalchow resigns



Groton Area Elementary Principal Daniel Dalchow turned in his resignation. He has accepted the superintendent position at Wyndmere Public School in North Dakota. Dalchow said it was an emotional day on Friday as he turned in his resignation. "The timing was right to move on," he said. His son, Nick, will be graduating from Groton Area on Sunday. "I want to do as much as possible to help with the transition," he said.

Wyndmere Public School started with 12 applicants for the superintendent position. According to the minutes of the Wyndmere Public School, the 12 candidates was reduced to four. One candidate backed out, leaving three. There were four groups interviewing each candidate. The minutes from the May 13 Wyndmere School Board special meeting stated, "All three candidates were strong." The position was offered to Daniel Dalchow at that meeting on a unanimous vote. Dalchow begins his new job July 1, 2015.

Classifieds

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.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 10 of 23



Home. Cooked.
GOODNESS.

The taste of togetherness.



PERFECT FOR
FATHER'S DAY!



The Favorite Gift

- 2 (5 oz.) Filet Mignons
- 2 (5 oz.) Top Sirloins
- 4 (4 oz.) Boneless Pork Chops
- 4 (4 oz.) Omaha Steaks Burgers
- 4 Stuffed Baked Potatoes
- 4 Caramel Apple Tartlets

49377LPH
Reg. \$164.00 | Now Only **\$49⁹⁹**

Plus get
4 more burgers
FREE



ORDER
NOW &
**SAVE
69%**

1-800-795-0946 ask for 49377LPH | www.OmahaSteaks.com/dad55

Limit 2 pkgs. Your 4 free burgers will be sent to each shipping address that includes The Favorite Gift 49377. Limit of 1 free box of 4 (4 oz.) Omaha Steaks Burgers per shipment. Standard S&H will be added per address. Not valid with other offers. Expires 6/30/15. ©2015 OCG | 505B120 | Omaha Steaks, Inc.

Today in Weather History

May 16, 1929: On this day, Aberdeen recorded 3.0 inches of snow. This is the latest measurable snow for the city of Aberdeen on record.

May 16, 1992: This was a wild day across the tri state region of Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa, with tornadoes and very strong straight-line winds. A tornado tore up three grain bins and two farm wagons in Cedar County of northeast Nebraska before crossing into Dixon County. As it traveled east, it destroyed two barns and a garage, and was responsible for killing between 5,000 and 10,000 chickens at a chicken farm. In northwest Iowa, Sioux City reported winds of around 60 miles an hour causing some minor damage. Elsewhere, winds gusted as high as 75 miles an hour in Spencer and 74 miles an hour in Le Mars.

1874 - The Mill Creek disaster occurred west of Northampton MA. Dam slippage resulted in a flash flood which claimed 143 lives, and caused a million dollars property damage. (David Ludlum)

1924 - The temperature at Blitzen OR soared to 108 degrees to set a state record for the month of May. The record was later tied at Pelton Dam on the 31st of May in 1986. (The Weather Channel)

1952 - High winds in the Wasatch Canyon of Utah struck Ogden and Brigham City. Winds at Hill Air Force Base gusted to 92 mph. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - It was a summer-like day as thunderstorms abounded across the nation. Thunderstorms in Texas drenched Guadalupe County with more than three inches of rain resulting in flash flooding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1983: A very strong spring storm dumped heavy snow across the Front Range in Colorado. Strong winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 55 mph produced blizzard conditions at times. The Foothills received 1 to 2 feet of snow with 4 to 12 inches along the Foothills. Blowing snow whipped the snow into drifts several feet deep closing schools and highways. Power outages occurred; with 20 square miles of Denver blacked out. Hundreds of passengers were stranded as only half of runways were open at Stapleton International Airport. The high temperature at Denver the next day of just 40 degrees set a record low maximum. Much of the snow melted on the 18th as temperatures rebounded into the middle and upper 50s causing widespread street flooding.








1988 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from Florida to New York State. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Havre, MT, reported a record high of 95 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather in the south central U.S. Thunderstorms spawned twenty tornadoes, and there were 180 reports of large hail and damaging winds. A tornado at Cleburne, TX, caused 30 million dollars damage. A violent (F-4) tornado touched down near Brackettville, TX, and a strong (F-3) tornado killed one person and injured 28 others at Jarrell, TX. Thunderstorms also produced softball size hail at Shamrock, TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas to the Upper Ohio Valley. Thunderstorms spawned seventeen tornadoes, including a twister which killed one person and injured another north of Corning, AR. There were 128 reports of large hail or damaging winds. Strong thunderstorm winds killed one person and injured six others at Folsomville, IN, and injured another five persons in southeastern Hardin County KY. In Arkansas, baseball size hail was reported near Fouke and near El Dorado. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

Groton Daily Independent

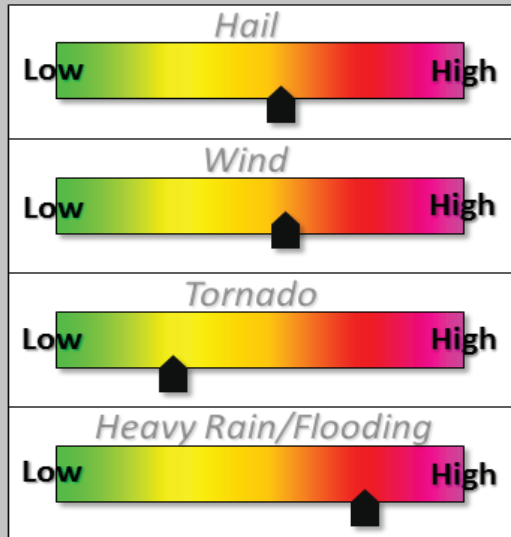
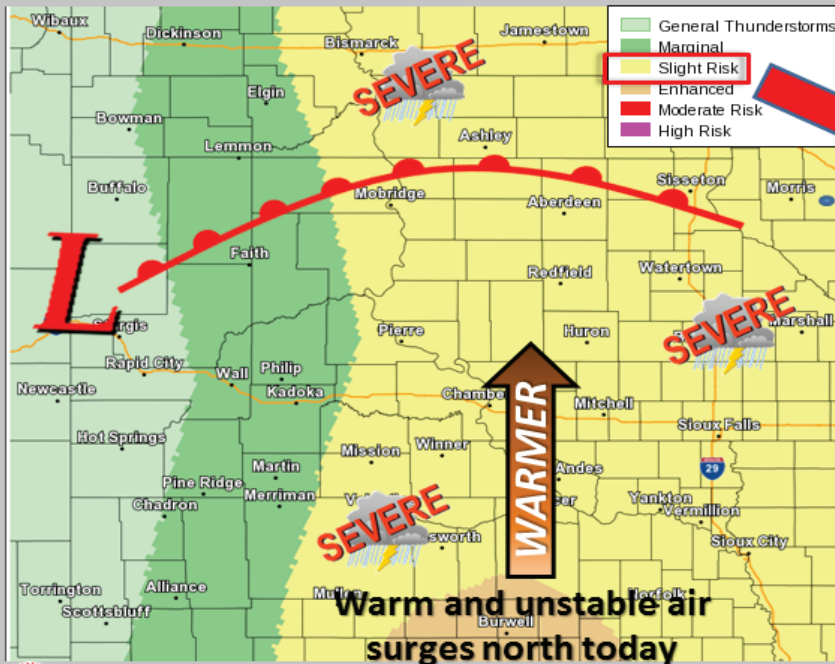
Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 12 of 23

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
60%	90%	80%	60%			
Severe Thunderstorms	Severe Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Rain Likely	Breezy	Blustery	Mostly Sunny
High: 74 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 66 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 48 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 57 °F

Severe Thunderstorms Possible Today!

Timeframe of Most Intense Storms:
2PM – 10PM

Threat Forecast



weather.gov/Aberdeen | National Weather Service Aberdeen | @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 5/16/2015 5:20 AM Central

Published on: 05/16/2015 at 5:36AM

An active weather pattern is expected across the region this weekend, with several chances for showers and thunderstorms, some of which could be severe. For this afternoon/evening, the most intense storms are expected over the eastern half of South Dakota and western Minnesota. Large hail and damaging winds are the primary threats although an isolated tornado is possible. The focus for storms overnight is more on a heavy rain threat with another 1 to 2 inches possible due to the slow movement of storms. Storms could linger into Sunday across far eastern South Dakota and into western Minnesota. With many graduations and outdoor activities planned this weekend, please stay weather aware!

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 13 of 23

Yesterday's Weather

High: 62.3 at 4:54 PM

Low: 49.2 at 6:47 AM

High Gust: 14 at 10:56 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1934

Record Low: 23° in 2014

Average High: 69°F

Average Low: 44°F

Average Precip in May: 1.64

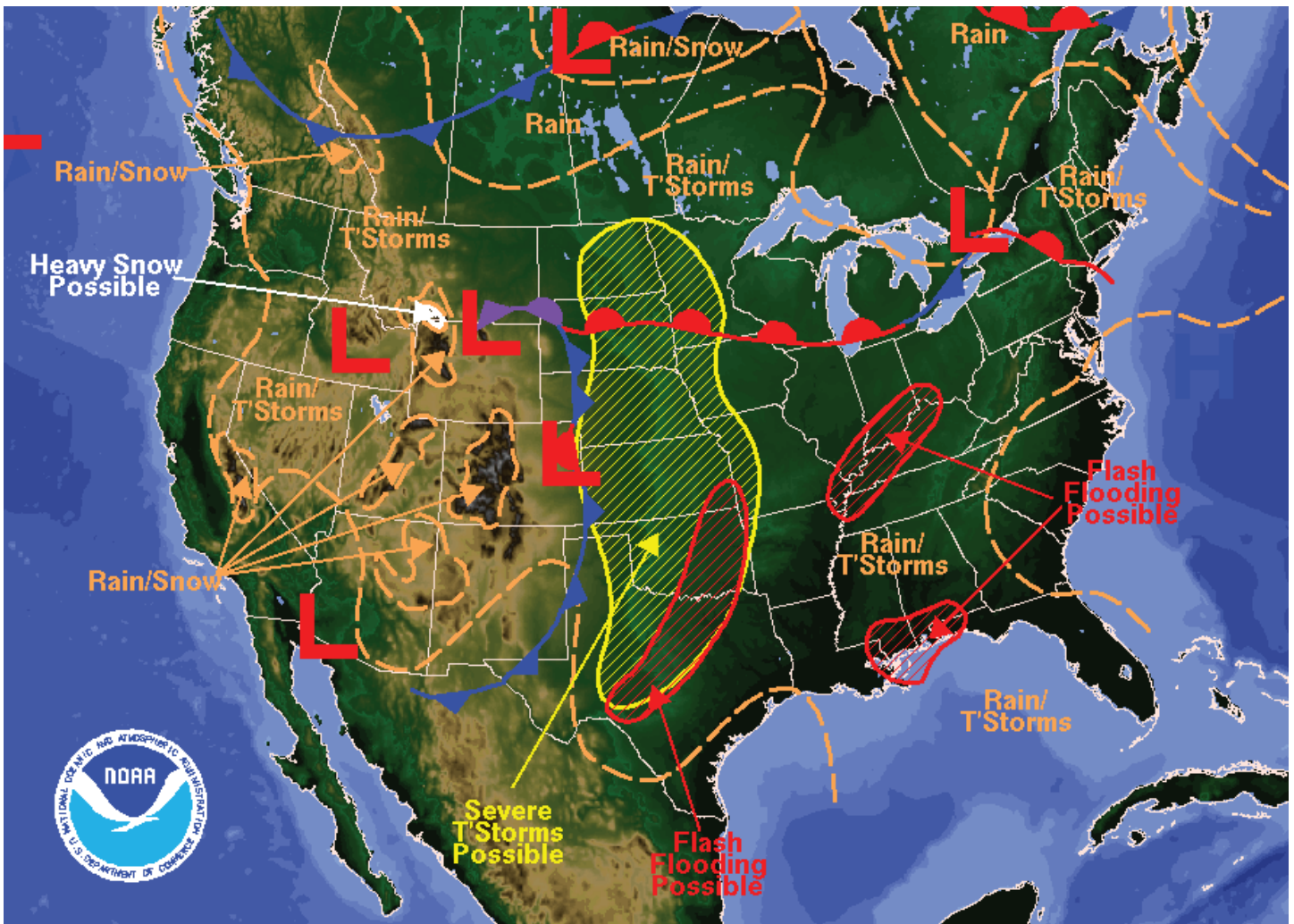
Precip to date in May: 2.61

Average Precip to date: 5.67

Precip Year to Date: 4.25

Sunset Tonight: 8:58 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:01 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, May 16, 2015, issued 4:21 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Gerhardt based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 14 of 23



LET GO AND LET GOD

An elderly man was taken for his very first plane ride. When it was over and he was safely on the ground, his wife asked him, "Well, Sam, how did you like that?"

"Pretty good," came the reply. "Only problem was that I couldn't let all of my weight down on the seat and relax."

Sometimes we Christians have difficulty laying down or letting go of the burdens we carry. While we may have many excuses, there is no real reason why we cannot let go of our fears and failures, problems and pressures and trust the Lord.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

The burdens Jesus came to relieve are not only physical ones, but spiritual and emotional ones as well.

There are times when we fear that our sins may not have been forgiven because we believe that they are too horrible for God's grace and mercy. But we are promised that "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Perhaps we become fearful that we are not doing enough for God or have missed His will for our lives. Again, the verse echoes in our ears, "If you become humble... pray... seek... turn... I will forgive." God's willingness and ability are as good as His Word. The problem belongs to us – not Him.

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to take You at Your Word, and to cast all of our cares on You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 15 of 23

News from the Associated Press

Noem to give commencement speech for Hill City High School

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem is going to impart some wisdom on high school students who are soon headed off into the sunset.

Noem is giving the commencement speech for the 2015 graduating class of Hill City High School on Sunday at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Noem is South Dakota's lone U.S. representative. She serves with U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds, fellow Republicans, in the state's congressional delegation.

Negotiations over teacher salaries stall in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Contract negotiations between teachers and district officials in South Dakota's second-largest city have stalled.

The Rapid City Education Association declared an impasse this week after salary negotiations for the 2015-2016 school year broke down late Wednesday when the teachers' union turned down the school board's last and final offer.

The offer included raises linked to the success of a June 2 vote that will ask voters whether to increase property taxes to bring in an estimated \$6 million more to the district. Those raises would have advanced teachers on the current salary schedule to the point they were at before the district stopped offering raises based on a teacher's education and experience, Rapid City School Board President Jim Hansen told the Rapid City Journal.

Hansen said he was stunned by the rejection and said negotiators turned it down without consulting their membership.

"It's mind-boggling," Hansen. "It is the offer they have asked for, for two years. They asked us to back and put everyone where they belonged six years ago. And they say 'no' and won't take it back to the membership."

But union officials say they don't have issue with the proposal if voters all the property tax increases. They're concerned what happens if they don't.

Fran Linn, the RCEA vice president, said teachers are concerned about the pay scale if the measure fails. Linn told the Rapid City Journal that if the opt-out vote doesn't pass it will be hard for schools to compete with those in neighbors Wyoming.

"We've never been able to compete, but we can't compete with those sorts of levels," she told South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

If a deal is not reached, the groups will enter into arbitration.

Donations still needed for those affected by Delmont tornado

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — The people in Delmont affected by Sunday's tornado are still in need of donations.

The Donations Management Center says tornado victims still need non-perishable food and snacks, household cleaners, personal care items and equipment to help with debris cleanup.

Donated items can be taken to the Donations Management Center at the Delmont American Legion. For financial donations, a fund has been established at First State Bank locations in Delmont, Tripp, Geddes and Armour.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 16 of 23

Those wishing to donate new appliances need to coordinate through the Volunteer Reception Center in Delmont.

The Sunday tornado injured nine people and damaged or destroyed at least 84 structures in and around the town.

Minnesota State Fair and others cancel shows over bird flu

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. (AP) — All poultry shows have been canceled at the Minnesota State Fair and all county fairs across the state this year as authorities try to stop a deadly bird flu virus, officials said Friday, while other states have already made or are considering similar moves.

Dr. Beth Thompson, assistant director of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health, said the cancellations will help prevent the spread of the disease "by not allowing the birds to be comingling."

As of Friday, 88 Minnesota turkey and chicken farms had been affected by confirmed or presumed outbreaks of the H5N2 avian influenza virus, which has cost the state's producers around 5.8 million birds.

While new cases are slowing down, State Fair General Manager Jerry Hammer told reporters said it was "absolutely" the right decision for one of the largest state fairs in the country.

"Agriculture is what the fair is all about, and educating people about where their food comes from is our central mission. And we'll do that this year," Hammer said. "Sadly the birds won't be here but the poultry barns still will have exhibits on poultry, on its impact on Minnesota's economy. ... We'll use this space very well to show people about the challenges of food production."

Bird flu has affected more than 33 million birds in 15 states, hitting Minnesota and Iowa turkey and chicken flocks the hardest. North Dakota, Pennsylvania and West Virginia had already blocked poultry shows at their state and county fairs. The Ohio State Fair will prohibit poultry from affected states. But poultry shows are still on at state fairs in Wisconsin, South Dakota and Iowa — all of which have seen the bird flu.

Jim Tucker, president and CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, said it'll be a "learning and teaching opportunity" for the affected fairs, and he hopes it doesn't overshadow anybody's experience.

The Minnesota State Fair ranks first in average daily attendance and drew 1.8 million visitors last year, but is No. 2 behind the Texas State Fair for overall attendance.

Diseases have disrupted several kinds of animal shows on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds over the decades, Hammer said, including most recently an equine virus that affected the Minnesota Horse Expo in April 2014.

Participation in 4-H poultry projects has grown 38 percent over the past 12 years from 2,300 to 3,200 young people, according to Brad Rugg, director of fair and animal science projects for Minnesota 4-H. It's popular because raising a chicken is one of the cheapest projects out there, he said.

"Life isn't fair, and that'll be one of the difficult lessons," he said, noting 4-H will offer alternative activities for those kids.

While the decision will disappoint farm families, there will be strong support for it too, said Steve Olson, executive director of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association and the Chicken and Egg Association of Minnesota.

"What's most important at this point is that we protect the health of the birds that those 4-H members, FFA members and poultry farmers are raising," he said.

Bird flu or not, Olson said his group's Turkey To Go booth will still serve its popular turkey sandwiches

and turkey legs during the fair, which runs from Aug. 27 through Labor Day.

South Dakota cabinet company breaks ground on \$10M expansion

HARRISBURG, S.D. (AP) — An all-wood cabinetry business in southeastern South Dakota has broken ground on a new 60,000-square-foot manufacturing facility.

Showplace Wood Products in Harrisburg officially broke ground Friday on the \$10 million expansion that will allow the company to manufacture new types of cabinets known as full-access or frameless cabinetry.

Representatives from the company were joined by Gov. Dennis Daugaard and local officials.

The employee-owned company says the expansion will allow it to grow its markets. It says it is already one of the largest American-made cabinet manufacturers. It sells products to all 50 states and parts of Canada.

The new plant is expected to be completed this fall, with cabinet construction set to begin in December.

Mount Marty College in Yankton selects new president

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Mount Marty College in Yankton has a new president.

Marcus Long has been selected to lead the private Catholic liberal arts college. He was chosen by the Mount Marty College trustees and approved by the Sacred Heart Monastery Council after a nationwide search.

Long joins the college after most recently serving as vice president for administration at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Before, he was a member of the senior public affairs leadership team at the University of Missouri in Columbia from 1994 to 2007.

He received bachelor's degrees in political science and history, as well as a master's degree in education, from the University of Missouri.

Search committee officials say they were impressed with Long's experience in higher education and his Catholic background.

Pizza restaurant ex-employee sues over offensive name tag

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former employee of a pizza restaurant in northeastern South Dakota is accusing the franchise's owner of forcing him to wear an offensive name tag after he forgot his at home.

Caleb Larson filed a defamation lawsuit this month against the Pizza Ranch franchise in Watertown and its owner seeking compensatory damages because of the emotional distress he says he suffered during the one-time incident. Restaurant owner Ross Olson has asked the presiding judge to dismiss the case, but admits in court filings he gave Larson a name tag that read "braindead."

Larson, who now lives in Aberdeen and whose age was not listed in the lawsuit, claims in the civil complaint that he went to work at the restaurant on May 25, 2013, but left his name tag at home. Larson says he told Olson that he could either clock out and go home to retrieve it or he could ask a family member to bring it to the restaurant.

Olson, according to the complaint, responded, "I got one," and handed Larson the offensive name tag.

"Maybe this will be our new pass around here for people who forget their name tags," Larson claims he was told by Olson when he first refused to wear it. He ended up wearing it during the shift, though,

because he says he feared losing his job.

Larson's attorney, James Lester, would not comment on the lawsuit, including why it was filed two years later. Larson left his job at Pizza Ranch after the incident, according to the civil complaint.

In his response to the lawsuit, Olson admits he gave Larson the name tag, but he denies Larson wore it and challenges Larson to present "strict proof."

Olson's attorney didn't return a message from The Associated Press seeking comment on the lawsuit.

Pizza Ranch is based in Orange City, Iowa, and has more than 180 locations across 13 states. Chief Administrative Officer Ryan Achterhoff declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Olson's complaint isn't the first on in which a South Dakota restaurant worker has said to have been forced to wear an offensive name tag. Last year, an openly gay teenager filed a discrimination complaint against Taco John's of Yankton claiming he was forced to put a name tag that bore a gay slur.

AP News in Brief

FBI looks into whether an object struck Amtrak train before fatal derailment in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The FBI has been called in to investigate the possibility that the windshield of an Amtrak train was hit with an object shortly before the train derailed this week in a crash that killed eight people and injured about 200 more.

The revelation came at a National Transportation Safety Board briefing on Friday evening, raising new questions about the accident. NTSB board member Robert Sumwalt declined to speculate about the exact significance of a projectile, but the idea raised the possibility that the engineer might have been distracted, panicked or even wounded in the moments before the train left the rails.

The train sped up to twice the speed limit when it was supposed to be slowing down as it entered a sharp bend in the tracks on its way from Washington to New York.

The NTSB said the FBI will focus its investigation on the windshield of the train.

Sumwalt said the information about a projectile came from an assistant conductor, who said she heard Amtrak engineer and the engineer from a nearby Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority regional train talking just before the derailment. Sumwalt said she recalled hearing the regional train driver say his train had been hit by an object and then Brandon Bostian, the Amtrak engineer, say his train had been struck, too.

Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev could be 1st terrorist executed in US since 9/11

BOSTON (AP) — The death sentence jurors imposed on Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev sets the stage for what could be the nation's first execution of a terrorist in the post-9/11 era, though the case is likely to go through years of appeals.

In weighing the arguments for and against death, the jurors decided among other things that Tsarnaev showed a lack of remorse. And they emphatically rejected the defense's central argument — that he was led down the path to terrorism by his big brother.

The Friday decision — which came just over two years after the April 15, 2013, bombing that killed three people and wounded more than 260 — brought relief and grim satisfaction to many in Boston.

"We can breathe again," said Karen Brassard, who suffered shrapnel wounds on her legs.

A somber-looking Tsarnaev stood with his hands folded, his head slightly bowed, as he learned his

fate, sealed after 14 hours of deliberations over three days. His lawyers left court without comment.

Egyptian court sentences ousted President Mohammed Morsi to death over mass 2011 prison break

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court on Saturday sentenced ousted President Mohammed Morsi to death over his part in a mass prison break that took place during the 2011 uprising that toppled Hosni Mubarak.

As is customary in passing capital punishment, Judge Shaaban el-Shami referred his death sentence on Morsi and others to the nation's top Muslim theologian, or mufti, for his non-binding opinion. He set June 2 for the next hearing.

Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president, was ousted by the military in July 2013 following days of mass street protests by Egyptians demanding that he be removed because of his divisive policies.

The ousted leader already is serving a 20-year sentence following his conviction on April 21 on charges linked to the killing of protesters outside a Cairo presidential palace in December 2012.

Morsi escaped a death sentence in a separate case before el-Shami related to allegations that Morsi, several of his aides and leaders of his now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood allegedly passed state secrets to foreign groups, including the Palestinian militant Hamas group and Lebanon's Hezbollah, during his one year in office.

Military says Iraq sending troops to Ramadi, city now largely held by Islamic State group

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's military has dispatched reinforcements to help its battered forces in Ramadi, a city now largely held by the Islamic State group after its militants swept across it the day before, an Iraqi military spokesman said Saturday.

The spokesman of the Joint Operations Command, Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim, told Iraqi state television that the U.S.-led coalition was supporting Iraqi troops with "painful" airstrikes since late Friday.

Ibrahim didn't give details on the ongoing battles, but described the situation on the ground as "positive" and vowed that the Islamic State group would be pushed out of the city "in the coming hours."

On Friday, the militants swept through Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, launching a coordinated offensive included three near-simultaneous suicide car bombs. The militants seized the main government headquarters and other key parts of the city.

Local officials said dozens of security forces and civilians were killed, mainly the families of the troops, including 10 police officers and some 30 tribal fighters allied with Iraqi forces.

Kerry says he hopes Iran nuclear deal could be 'a positive influence' on North Korea

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Saturday he is hopeful that the successful conclusion of a nuclear deal with Iran will send a positive message to North Korea to restart negotiations on its own atomic program.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Beijing, Kerry said he believed an Iran agreement could have "a positive influence" on North Korea, because it would show that giving up nuclear weapons improves domestic economies and ends isolation. He stressed, though, that there was no way to tell if North Korea's reclusive leadership would be able to "internalize" such a

message.

"I am sure Foreign Minister Wang would join me in expressing the hope that if we can get an agreement with Iran, ... that agreement would indeed have some impact or have a positive influence" on North Korea, Kerry said.

Although Wang did not appear to respond, Kerry explained that an Iran deal could help in showing North Korea how "your economy can do better, your country can do better, and you can enter into good standing with the rest of the global community by recognizing that there is a verifiable, irreversible, denuclearization for weaponization, even as you can have a peaceful nuclear power program."

"Hopefully that can be a message, but whether or not DPRK is capable of internalizing that kind of message or not, that's still to be proved," he said, referring to North Korea by the acronym of its official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Obamas balance remaining time in office with decisions about White House 'afterlife'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential library? Check. Future home? TBD.

The decision by President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, to build his presidential library in Chicago scratches one item from their to-do list for life after the White House.

Remaining decisions aren't as pressing as where to put the library and likely will come near the end of his term or after he leaves the building in mid-January 2017.

Mrs. Obama says that's a good thing because "we still have a lot to do in these two years, and it's hard to do this and think about the next steps. I think the time will come when it will feel right to start thinking about what's next, but until now it's really about solidifying the work that we're doing here."

It's also about not appearing more focused on the future than on their day-to-day responsibilities, says Anita McBride, a veteran of three Republican administrations.

Brick factories prepare for business boom in Nepal amid desperate need to rebuild after quake

BHAKTAPUR, Nepal (AP) — The worn-out workers of Jaya Mayaswori Brick Factory are packing clay and hauling loads with a new sense of purpose — helping to rebuild Nepal after a series of massive earthquakes and aftershocks ravaged the Himalayan nation, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

There is urgency to the back-breaking work. Nepal was crippled by last month's magnitude-7.8 earthquake, which killed more than 8,000, while a string of strong aftershocks has further terrified the survivors. The capital of Kathmandu is in shambles. Entire villages are flattened into rubble and dust. And many businesses have shut down, leaving survivors scrambling for income.

The brick factories clustered in Bhaktapur, a town on the outskirts of Kathmandu, are some of the few businesses still running. For the owners and workers who have not fled back to their villages, that means there is still a chance of earning daily wages and profits.

"I am making my contribution in the rebuilding our country by making these bricks," said 17-year-old Barsa Pun Magar, who joined the factory six months ago.

"There has been so much destruction," she said. "Every brick is going to help bring the country and people back on their feet."

Late blues great B.B. King leaves legacy of music, fans, friends in native Mississippi Delta

INDIANOLA, Miss. (AP) — Outside Indianola, B.B. King was a blues superstar, a guitar legend who inspired Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and countless other musicians. But in this small farming town in north Mississippi, he was known as Mr. Riley. And he'd return here each year to meet with friends and relatives, and to play the blues for townspeople out in the sun on Church Street.

"They would come and stand around and listen to him. He would stay there practically all day," said Ruthie King, a 65-year-old who is not related to the bluesman. "You could hear the guitar all over town because he had an amplifier."

B.B. King, born as Riley B. King, died at 89 on Thursday at his home in Las Vegas.

Ruthie King said she found out Mr. Riley had died from her son in a text message Friday morning, which referenced the musician's biggest hit.

"He said 'Good morning, mom, the thrill is gone,'" she said.

'Sting like a butterfly': Holyfield jabs Romney in charity boxing match that raises \$1 million

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and five-time heavy-weight boxing champion Evander Holyfield squared off in the ring at a charity fight night event in Salt Lake City.

Romney, 68, and Holyfield, 52, sparred, if you could call it that, for just two short rounds Friday before Romney ran away from the boxer and threw in the towel, giving up a round early in the lighthearted fight that came amid several other fights by professional boxers and an auction.

The two barely threw any punches and largely just danced around, occasionally lightly jabbing each other in the midsection in what was much more of a comedic event than an actual bout.

The black-tie affair raised money for the Utah-based organization CharityVision, which helps doctors in developing countries perform surgeries to restore vision in people with curable blindness.

Romney's son Josh Romney, who lives in Utah, serves as a volunteer president for CharityVision.

Russian rocket carrying Mexican satellite crashes in Siberia, latest in series of problems

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A Russian rocket carrying a Mexican satellite malfunctioned and crashed Saturday in Siberia shortly after its launch — the latest mishap to hit Russia's troubled space industry, whose Soviet-era glory has been marred by a series of launch failures.

The rocket, a Proton-M, was launched from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch pad in Kazakhstan on Saturday morning.

Roscosmos, the Russian Federal Space Agency, in a statement described the accident as a malfunction and said it was looking into what had happened. Russian news agencies quoted authorities in eastern Siberia as saying they are searching for the third stage of the rocket, which is believed to have crashed in the Zabaikalsky region that borders Mongolia and China.

There were also concerns about the tons of toxic fuel the rocket was carrying, which could have exploded at the crash site. Roscosmos would not provide any further details about the accident, including the exact site of the crash.

The Proton-M rocket has a history of mishaps, leading to the loss of three navigation satellites last

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 22 of 23

year.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, May 16, the 136th day of 2015. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

On this date:

In 1763, the English lexicographer, author and wit Samuel Johnson first met his future biographer, James Boswell.

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1868, the U.S. Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on the eleven articles of impeachment against him.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

In 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented. "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings (YAHN'-ings) and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1939, the federal government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, New York.

In 1943, the nearly month-long Warsaw Ghetto Uprising came to an end as German forces crushed the Jewish resistance and blew up the Great Synagogue.

In 1948, CBS News correspondent George Polk, who'd been covering the Greek civil war between communist and nationalist forces, was found slain in Salonika Harbor.

In 1955, American author and critic James Agee died in New York at age 45.

In 1965, the musical "The Roar of the Greasepaint - the Smell of the Crowd" opened on Broadway.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court, in California v. Greenwood, ruled that police can search discarded garbage without a search warrant. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine was addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine.

In 1990, death claimed entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. in Los Angeles at age 64 and "Muppets" creator Jim Henson in New York at age 53.

Ten years ago: Newsweek magazine retracted its Quran abuse story that sparked deadly protests in Afghanistan. Army Spc. Sabrina Harman was convicted at Fort Hood, Texas, of six of the seven charges she'd faced for her role in the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib. (Harman was sentenced to six months in prison after testimony about her acts of kindness toward Iraqis before she became an Abu Ghraib guard; she served about three months.) The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that states can't bar out-of-state wine shipments. Mexican President Vicente Fox said he regretted any hurt feelings for saying Mexicans in the United States were doing the work that even blacks wouldn't.

Five years ago: BP crews finally succeeded in keeping some of the oil rushing from a blown well out of the Gulf of Mexico by hooking up a mile-long tube to funnel the crude into a tanker ship. Space shuttle Atlantis arrived at the International Space Station. Rafael Nadal won a record 18th Masters title by beating Roger Federer 6-4, 7-6 (5) in the Madrid final. Lebanese-born Miss Michigan Rima Fakih won the 2010 Miss USA title. Former Honduran strongman Oswaldo Lopez Arellano died at age 88. Jazz pianist and composer Hank Jones died in New York at 91.

One year ago: Federal safety regulators slapped General Motors with a record \$35 million fine for taking more than a decade to disclose an ignition-switch defect in millions of cars linked at that point to at least 13 deaths (the figure later rose to 90). U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel pledged to Israeli

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, May 16, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 288 ♦ 23 of 23

leaders that the U.S. would "do what we must" to prevent the Jewish state's greatest fear of a nuclear-armed Iran from being realized. Cornell William Brooks was chosen to be the next national president and CEO of the NAACP.

Today's Birthdays: U.S. Rep John Conyers, D-Mich., is 86. Former U.S. Senator and Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker is 84. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 71. Actor Danny Trejo is 71. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 68. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 62. Actress Debra Winger is 60. Olympic gold medal gymnast Olga Korbut is 60. Actress Mare Winningham is 56. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 51. Rock musician Krist Novoselic (noh-voh-SEL'-ik) is 50. Singer Janet Jackson is 49. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue County) is 49. Actor Brian (BREE'-un) F. O'Byrne is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 47. Actor David Boreanaz is 46. Political correspondent Tucker Carlson is 46. Actress Tracey Gold is 46. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 45. Country singer Rick Trevino is 44. Musician Simon Katz is 44. Entrepreneur Bill Rancic is 44. Actress Tori Spelling is 42. Singer-rapper B. Slade (formerly known as Tonex) is 40. Actress Lynn Collins is 38. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 38. Actress Megan Fox is 29. Actor Drew Roy is 29. Actor Jacob Zachar is 29. Actor Marc John Jefferies is 25. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Ashley Wagner is 24. Actor Miles Heizer is 21.

Thought for Today: "The enemy of the conventional wisdom is not ideas but the march of events."
- John Kenneth Galbraith, American economist, diplomat and author (1908-2006).