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## Tuesday, August 4

**Senior Menu:** Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pumpkin bar with topping or carrot bar

**Anniv:** Craig & Kim Weber

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

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

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

6:15pm: Ladies Golf Night

## Wednesday, August 5

**Senior Menu:** Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

**Anniv:** Jim/Linda Bahr

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

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:00pm: Men's Golf League

7:00pm: C&MA Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Kids Club

## Thursday, August 6

Elementary New Student Registration

Full Circle Ag Golfing

**Senior Menu:** Hot pork combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot-raisin salad, pear halves, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Becky Hunter • Cheri Hein • Alexis

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

## The cardboard/paper

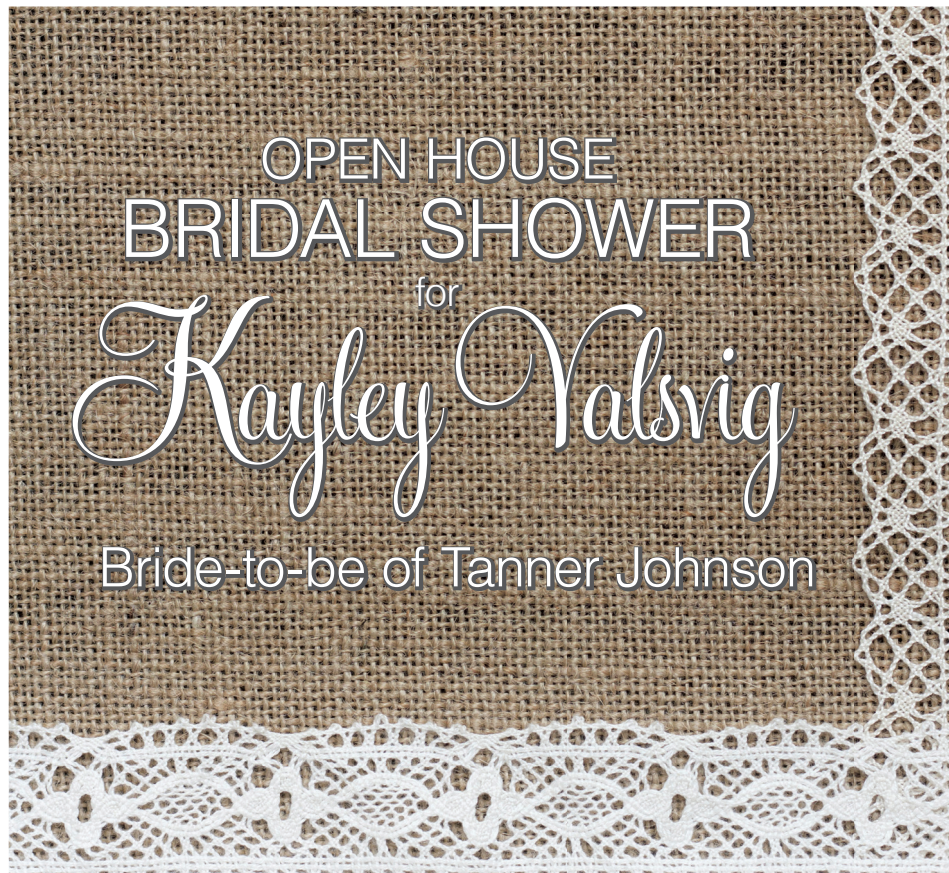
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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**DAKOTA TREE COMPANY**



Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

At the Groton United Methodist Church

The couple is registered at Herberger's, Menards and Target

## Larson Bridal Shower

Bridal shower for Samantha Larson will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 2-4 at Olive Grove Golf Course. The couple is registered at Target.

## Pool to have shorter hours for three days during Fair Week

The pool managers came before the council to discuss the hours for the Brown County Fair Week. Councilman Jay Peterson explained that not all of the facts were presented at the last meeting. The council rejected shortened hours for Brown County Fair Week at the last council meeting. Brenda Madsen said there are five guards and a manager on duty with the addition of the new slide. Seven college students will be done the Wednesday of fair week, Madsen said. "If we don't have people to run the pool, we can't be open," Peterson said. "This is the one big thing they want to go to for the summer," Madsen said. Soccer, volleyball and football practices will be underway and there is a soccer game away on Saturday.

Councilman David Blackmun asked if this can be dealt with next year earlier. "Can you explain to the lifeguards that the council wants the pool open for fair week?"

Mayor Scott Hanlon said it is sad that not all the kids go to the fair and would like to go to the pool. The council agreed to close the pool at 6:30 p.m. for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13-15.

There was also discussion of hours when school starts. "I think everyone here knows that

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you parents keep the pool open for those two and one-half weeks after school starts," said Councilman David McGannon.

Finance Officer Anita Lowary said that funds have to be transferred to get the general fund to help off-set some of the \$843,815.38 deficit. The council transferred \$120,000 from water, \$200,000 from electric and \$20,000 from solid waste to the general fund. The financial report showed \$127,790.56 available with \$150,140.57 in bills.

The repairs to the baseball lights was \$7,176. Theoretically, Lowary said there is \$5,000 left in the baseball budget, but she said there is no money available. The bill was given to Jerry Locke, but there was some confusion as to whether there was \$3,500 budgeted for lights. There was also discussion on charging admission to the games as well. There will be more on that later.

The first coat of asphalt was put down on Fifth Avenue West on Monday. The second coat will be put down on Tuesday, resulting in a three-inch mat.

The council accepted the proposal from Planning and Zoning for the joint jurisdiction map with the county. It was the same as was proposed by the council.

Fall clean-up was discussed. It was brought up that \$1,633 was spent on spring clean-up and that \$2,000 is budgeted for the year. "We really can't have fall clean-up if we're out of money," said Councilman David Blackmun. The council will find out when the county is having its fall clean-up and have it for just one weekend in Groton.

Do you have your house number up yet? The city will be getting a list of those not in compliance, send a letter and tell them they have a week to get their numbers up or \$25 will be added to their utility bill each month for up to two months.

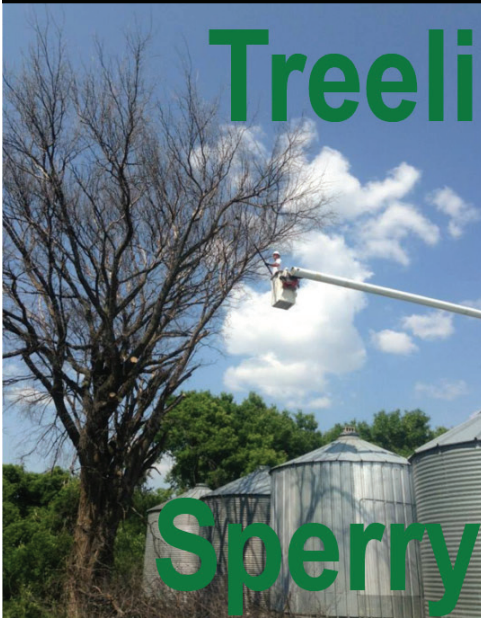
## Treeline Tree Service

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## 10th Annual Jan Hinrichs Memorial 5 X 5



## Softball Tournament

★ ★ ★ August 8 & 9, 2015

Claremont Ballpark



Silent basket auction at the church on Saturday!

## Many fun activities planned:

Poker run

Honker squares

Gun raffles

Full concession stand

Just to name a few!!



If you want to play but do not have a team,  
please call Tom Feser at 294-7346

All proceeds will go to the improvement of  
Claremont City Park.

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**By Richard P. Holm M.D.**



## **Oh! We got trouble, trouble, trouble**

Trouble, trouble, trouble, Oh! we got trouble Right here in River City! With a capital "T"  
That rhymes with "P"

And that stands for . . . Prescription Drugs.

Proof of this trouble comes from South Dakota's new Prescription Drug Monitoring Program established by the South Dakota legislature in 2010. This tool is there to help prescribers and pharmacies know when a drug seeker is at the door falsely claiming a medical problem in order to obtain drugs to sell or abuse.

We know that in South Dakota one hundred and sixty-two people have obtained separate prescriptions for narcotics from more than ten physicians/PAs/NPs over only eight months, and fifty-five have tapped at least six prescribers for such meds using six or more different pharmacies.

We also know that since 2004, poisoning deaths in South Dakota from abuse or wrongful use of certain prescription drugs have averaged at nineteen per year, mostly due to narcotics and opioids, and that number appears to be on the rise.

Still, appropriate prescribing of narcotic pain medicine provides for many an escape from suffering. Rest assured that physicians and care providers will and should prescribe pain relievers without hesitation when such medicines are needed to help people in trouble.

But with all that compassionate care comes excessive prescribing. In fact, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program tells us that in the first eight months of this year in South Dakota there have been dispensed more than eleven million tabs of the specific medication hydrocodone with acetaminophen or Vicodin. That is thirteen tabs for every South Dakotan. Other prescriptions for potentially abused medications commonly sold on the streets include zolpidem or Ambien, lorazepam or Ativan, methylphenidate or Ritalin/Concerta, and oxycodone with acetaminophen or Percocet, to name a few.

The harms from drug abuse extend beyond the illicit user to those living nearby. The surrounding community so exposed has increased crime and violence, child and spouse abuse, motor vehicle accidents, sexually spread diseases, fetal malformations in children, and deaths due to accidental and intentional overdose.

We've got trouble, trouble, trouble right here in South Dakota. This is a call to all physicians and pharmacies out there who are targeted by drug seekers. Do not fall for it. Use the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, be aware of the danger to patients and society, and just say no when you should. And to those who are seeking illicit drugs, know that we are watching you.

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To hear more from Dr. Holm, watch his TV show, On Call with the Prairie Doc, every Thursday at 7pm CT on South Dakota Public Broadcasting and his website, [www.PrairieDoc.org](http://www.PrairieDoc.org). On Call with the Prairie Doc is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University

## Today in Weather History

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

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

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

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

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


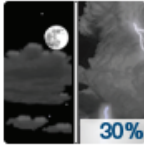





1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Iowa to Lower Michigan during the afternoon and evening hours, producing golf ball size hail and spawning several tornadoes. A thunderstorm at Maquoketa, IA, produced wind gusts to 75 mph. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from eastern Nebraska and northeastern Kansas to the Great Lakes Region, with 150 reports of large hail or damaging winds during the afternoon, evening, and nighttime hours. Thunderstorms produced tennis ball size hail at Claremont, MN, and wind gusts to 75 mph at Milwaukee, WI. Thunderstorms representing what once was Hurricane Chantal produced five inches of rain at Grant, MI, and deluged Chicago, IL, with more than three inches of rain in three hours. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary) 1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a slow moving cold front produced severe weather from the Central High Plains to the Upper Great Lakes Region. Thunderstorms around Fort Collins, CO, produced wind gusts to 74 mph along with marble size hail. Sixteen persons were injured in the storm, most of whom were accidentally locked out of their office building, having evacuated it when the fire alarm went off, apparently triggered by lightning. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms representing what remained of Hurricane Chantal drenched Wichita, KS, with 2.20 inches of rain in four hours during the early morning. Thunderstorms developing in Minnesota produced wind gusts to 85 mph at Baudette during the afternoon, and softball size hail at Lake Kabetogama, during the evening. Jamestown, ND, reported a record hot afternoon high of 103 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

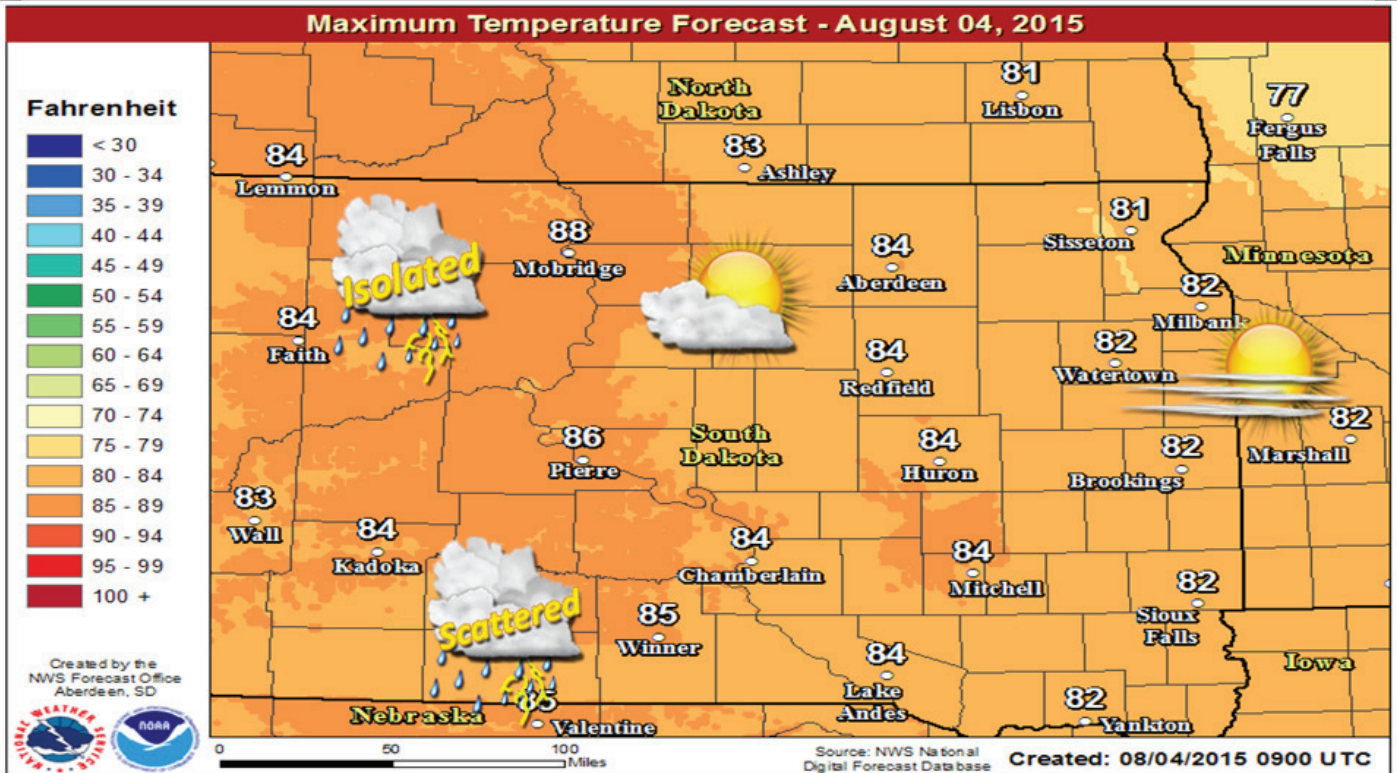
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny
High: 83 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 80 °F



## Seasonal Temperatures Today Showers and Storms Possible West



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen) National Weather Service Aberdeen @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 8/4/2015 5:29 AM Central

Published on: 08/04/2015 at 5:39AM

Today will feature partly sunny skies, along with high temperatures in the 80s. Central and western South Dakota will see isolated to scattered thunderstorms today thanks to a frontal boundary over the area. The frontal boundary, along with an area of low pressure will push eastward across Dakotas tonight through Wednesday. This system will bring a chance for showers and thunderstorms for most locations.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 80.1 at 5:00 PM

**Low:** 52.3 at 6:54 AM

**High Gust:** 12 at 1:03 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 107° in 1934

**Record Low:** 42° in 1978

**Average High:** 84°F

**Average Low:** 59°F

**Average Precip in Aug:** 0.31

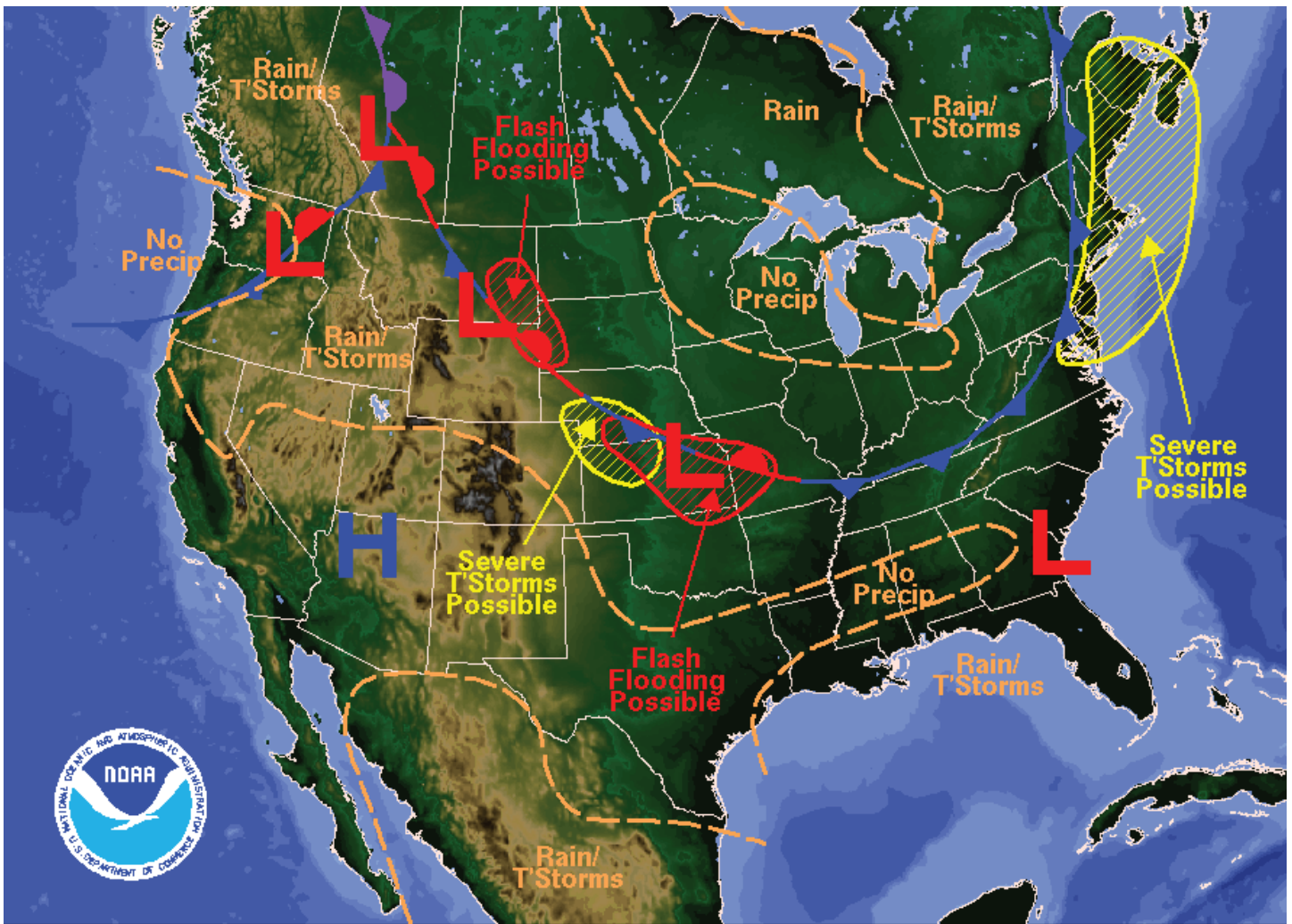
**Precip to date in Aug:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 14.17

**Precip Year to Date:** 11.57

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:57 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:22 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 04, 2015, issued 4:38 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## DO WHAT IS NEEDED

The bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City was a tragedy that struck at the heart of America. The disaster prompted many individuals and teams from across the nation to put whatever they were doing aside and help meet the needs of the survivors.

One rescue team had been working for hours and finally stopped to rest at two in the morning. Sitting there quietly in the darkness they heard a strange sound – one they could not identify. When they stood up and turned around they saw an elderly lady sweeping debris into a neat pile.

"Where are you from?" asked a member of the rescue team.

"Dallas," came the reply. "I can't do very much but when I offered to help they told me the most important thing I could do was to help clean things up. So I got a broom and started to sweep."

Whenever we do what needs to be done, no matter how small or insignificant, and do the best we can, we honor God and bless His name. We never need to compare our work with the work of others if we are doing what God has called us to do. If our heart is right, our work is right and needed.

**Prayer:** Help us, Father, to honor You by helping others in their times of need, doing whatever we can. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Galatians 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Governor seeking nominations to replace Rep. Steve Hickey**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office is looking for candidates to fill the state House of Representatives seat being vacated by Rep. Steve Hickey.

The governor's office said Monday that he anticipates naming an appointee in the fall.

Hickey is leaving the Legislature to move to Scotland and study Christian ethics in the modern world and the surveillance state.

The Sioux Falls Republican has served since 2011, and his resignation is effective Sept. 1.

Hickey represents District 9, which includes northwestern Minnehaha County. That includes the Hartford, Humboldt, Crooks and Wall Lake areas, as well as part of Sioux Falls.

### **Man sentenced for burglarizing county government building**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — One of four people who authorities say broke into a Todd County government building in Mission last fall has been sentenced to nearly a year in prison.

Authorities say 19-year-old Preston White Feather, of Mission, along with a woman and two juveniles broke into the building last August and stole property, including guns from the county sheriff's office. The group also caused damage to the building.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says White Feather pleaded guilty to burglary and was sentenced recently to 11 months in custody, four months in a halfway house and two years on supervised probation. He and the others also must pay more than \$8,600 in restitution.

### **Man gets 10 years for assault on child after birthday party**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Fort Thompson man has been sentenced for sexually abusing a child after a birthday party.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 22-year-old Dillon Bagola was giving the girl a ride home after a party last August when he pulled over and forced her to engage in a sex act.

Bagola pleaded guilty last March to a charge of abusive sexual contact by force and was recently sentenced to 10 years in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release.

### **Rounds and Thune criticize carbon emission reduction plan**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's two Republican U.S. senators are criticizing the Obama administration's plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions from power plants because they say it will hurt jobs and increase electricity rates.

U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds said Monday the reductions would also threaten grid reliability.

The Environmental Protection Agency plan proposes to cut carbon emissions by 32 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.

South Dakota would reduce its rate by 47.6 percent from 2012 levels.

A policy aide to Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state is reviewing the final version of the rule.

Matt McLarty is a policy advocate for the Environmental Law and Policy Center in Sioux Falls. He says the reduction goal is an opportunity for South Dakota to increase renewable energy production for export.

## Democrat Paula Hawks starts run against US Rep. Kristi Noem

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State Rep. Paula Hawks is attempting to upend South Dakota's all-Republican congressional delegation by challenging U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem in the 2016 election, the Democrat's campaign announced Monday.

Hawks said South Dakota residents deserve better representation from someone who will listen to what they have to say. The 39-year-old Hartford resident, who is in her second state House term, said she wants to focus on seniors, farmers and ranchers, equality for women and education and student loan debt.

"The basic thought for me is that South Dakotans deserve better representation, and they deserve somebody who is going to listen to them and to hear what they have to say, and to act on that rather than answering to the party and the highest bidder," Hawks told The Associated Press. "There's a distinct population in South Dakota that doesn't feel represented, and I know that I'm the person that will represent them well."

Hawks said she has talked to key Democratic leaders in South Dakota ahead of running, and she appears to be the first Democrat to announce a bid against Noem. There had been speculation around her potential bid for months, and Hawks said she made the final decision to enter the race in late June or early July after discussions with family and friends.

State House Minority Leader Spencer Hawley, who has seen Hawks' political work firsthand in the South Dakota House, said Hawks will be a solid candidate and said she's "spoken strongly for education" during her time serving in Pierre. She has also been a teacher and now works in the private sector where she's a training specialist.

State Democratic party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg said Hawks' background in agriculture and education and her service in the Legislature will allow her to bring a "strong and needed voice" to Congress.

Hawks faces a difficult campaign to graduate to the U.S. House by unseating Noem, who had roughly \$1.2 million in the bank when she wrapped up the fundraising quarter that ended in June. Noem, first elected after she beat incumbent Democrat Stephanie Herseth Sandlin in 2010, won against her Democratic challenger in 2014 by more than 30 percentage points.

Hawks said that Noem's bank account highlights that her priority has been fundraising, and "that has shown in the lack of solid legislation that she has brought to support South Dakota."

Noem campaign consultant Justin Brasell said in a written statement that Noem is focused on serving South Dakota residents and is working hard to protect taxpayers.

"Regarding the campaign next year, she looks forward to discussing with voters all that she has accomplished for South Dakota," Brasell said. "Kristi is grateful for all the encouragement and support she receives as she travels the state."

Kyle Kondik, managing editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball, a political analysis website run by the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, said Noem isn't as "entrenched" as U.S. Sen. John Thune, who is also up for re-election in 2016. However, he still views her seat as safe for Republicans.

## Mickelsen named executive director of SD education group

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Mark Mickelsen is taking over as executive director of the South Dakota Education Association.

Mickelsen worked for the group in an interim capacity in the last year. He manages a staff of 15 employees with offices in Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

Prior to joining SDEA in July 2014, Mickelsen served as executive director of the Utah Education Association. He was that group's communications director for 12 years before taking over the leadership role in 2008.

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## South Dakota farmers making progress in wheat harvest

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers are making progress in harvesting wheat. The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that the spring wheat harvest was 24 percent complete, compared to 2 percent the week before. The long-term average at this point is 30 percent. Winter wheat harvested was at 76 percent, ahead of the 72 percent average.

The report says oats and barley harvested is well ahead of averages.

Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were rated essentially the same, with 69 percent adequate or surplus and 31 percent short or very short.

Pasture and range conditions were at 63 percent good or excellent. Stock water supplies were 77 percent adequate or surplus.

## Patrol says 6 people have died in conjunction with SD rally

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says six people have died on the roads in connection with the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in western South Dakota.

The patrol says four people were killed in separate accidents Sunday and early Monday. Dead are 49-year-old Rhonda Denato, of Ottumwa, Iowa; 73-year-old Archie Smith, of Kansas City, Kansas; 51-year-old Brian Ware of Seattle; and 47-year-old Todd Hay of Deland, Florida.

Smith was killed when the Chevrolet Corvette he was driving crashed into a cable guard rail in the median. The other three victims were on motorcycles.

The patrol announced over the weekend that 65-year-old William Carter of Seville, Ohio and 45-year-old Gregory Bullard of Fort Collins, Colorado, died in separate motorcycle crashes.

## 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. GOP DEBATE STAGE DRAMA

Seven of the 17 Republican presidential candidates will be left out in the cold when Fox News announces which of them can participate in the first formal debate of the 2016 primary season.

### 2. CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE JUMPS CONTAINMENT LINE

The fire's rapid growth — at one point spreading across 31 square miles of terrain in five hours — catches firefighters off guard and shocks residents.

### 3. ISRAEL ARRESTS MAN AFTER WEST BANK ARSON THAT KILLED TODDLER

The Israeli Shin Bet security agency is interrogating the suspected head of a Jewish extremist group seeking to bring about religious "redemption" through attacks on Christian religious sites and Palestinian homes.

### 4. FIRE SALE ON STUFF THAT BURNS

Prices for coal, natural gas, oil and the fuels made from crude are all far less expensive than they have been in recent years, making consumers happy, but hitting energy shareholders hard.

### 5. WHAT IS DRIVING EGYPT'S DISAFFECTED YOUTH TO VIOLENCE

Young Islamists in Egypt are drifting toward extremism two years into a police crackdown launched after the military overthrew President Mohammed Morsi.

### 6. MISSION AT HIROSHIMA'S DOME

One survivor of the U.S. nuclear attack finds it hard to return to the site, while a graduate student devoted to recovering every bit of debris finds it hard to turn away.

### 7. WHY IRAQ DIGITIZES NATIONAL LIBRARY

As the Islamic State group destroys priceless Iraqi artifacts, a digitization project is underway at the Baghdad National Library to safeguard a millennia worth of history.

### 8. OFFICIALS PUZZLED OVER KILLED JUMPERS IN YOSEMITE

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Investigators rule the deaths of two wingsuit fliers earlier this year in California as accidental, but the reasons why they died remain a mystery.

## 9. HOW TO REV UP GREEK ECONOMY

The experts advise to focus on the basics: Have a steady government, simplify the rules of business, and zoom in on existing sectors, like tourism and agriculture.

## 10. 2 MISSING SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMPETITORS FOUND SAFE

It remains unclear what happened to the two while they were gone.

## AP News in Brief

### Debate stage drama: Republican presidential candidates await top 10 announcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — They crowded the stage in New Hampshire for a debate-style faceoff.

But the jam-packed Republican field will be narrowed considerably for the first formal debate of the 2016 primary season later in the week. On Tuesday, Fox News announces which 10 presidential hopefuls can participate and the exclusive club will feature notable omissions.

All but three of the 17 major Republican candidates for president participated in a New Hampshire forum Monday night that was essentially a "debate lite." Unlike Thursday's nationally televised debate in Cleveland, the gathering didn't have a cut-off for participation. In their upcoming Ohio meeting, only the GOP's top 10 candidates in national polling will be allowed on stage.

"We never ever envisioned we'd have 17 major candidates," said Steve Duprey, New Hampshire's representative to the Republican National Committee, who helped create the GOP's 2016 debate plan. "There's no perfect solution."

Without exception, the candidates on Monday aimed their criticism at Democrats instead of each other in a two-hour faceoff where Republicans had more in common than not.

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### Massive California wildfire jumps containment line; evacuees settling in emergency shelters

MIDDLETOWN, Calif. (AP) — As firefighters battled a massive Northern California wild land blaze threatening numerous homes, some of the 13,000 people urged to flee their residences were spending what may be just one of many nights in evacuation shelters.

The blaze that has charred nearly 97 square miles of brush and timber, jumped a highway Monday that had served as a containment line. Its rapid growth caught firefighters off guard and shocked residents.

Vicki Estrella, who has lived in the area for 22 years, stayed at a Red Cross shelter at Middletown High School along with her husband and their dog.

"It's amazing the way that thing spread," Estrella said. "There was smoke 300 feet in the air."

Cooler weather had helped crews build a buffer between the wildfire and some of the thousands of homes it threatened as it tore through drought-withered brush in Lake County that hadn't burned in years.

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### Israel arrests Jewish extremist after West Bank arson that killed a Palestinian toddler

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Shin Bet security agency says it is interrogating the suspected head of a Jewish extremist group after an arson attack last week that killed a Palestinian toddler in the West Bank.

The Shin Bet would not say if 23-year-old Meir Ettinger is suspected of involvement in the arson attack Friday. But it says Ettinger is head of an extremist group seeking to bring about religious "redemption" through attacks on Christian religious sites and Palestinian homes.

Israeli media says Ettinger is the grandson of Rabbi Meir Kahane, an ultranationalist whose party was

banned from Israel's parliament for its racist views in 1988. Kahane was killed by an Arab gunman in 1990. Israeli police say Ettinger will be remanded into their custody Tuesday following his arrest Monday.

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## Consumers enjoying lower energy costs amid rout in prices of fossil fuels

NEW YORK (AP) — These days it seems whatever can be burned to power a car, heat a home, make electricity or ship people and goods around the globe is being sold at bargain basement prices.

Prices for coal, natural gas, oil and the fuels made from crude such as gasoline and diesel are all far less expensive than they have been in recent years.

Consumers are rejoicing. Fossil fuel companies are reeling. Countries that import energy, such as the U.S., China, Japan and those in the European Union, are getting an economic boost. Exporters, such as Russia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela are facing lower income and budget shortfalls.

Commodities in general are slumping. The S&P global commodity index hit its lowest level since 2002 on July 27, lower even than during the 2008 global financial crisis.

The recent price declines are a result of complex factors that have led to a simple outcome: There is more than enough fossil fuels at the ready than customers need.

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## Crackdown by Egyptian police is increasingly driving disaffected youth to violence, extremism

CAIRO (AP) — The 20-year-old law student says he has had enough of fruitless protests in support of Egypt's deposed Islamist president, two years of a losing struggle with police.

Now he wants to join the extremists of the Islamic State group who are battling the army in the Sinai Peninsula.

He and other youths are growing increasingly open in their calls for violence and a move toward extremism, frustrated by the police crackdown since the military ousted President Mohammed Morsi in 2013. Some want to avenge friends and family killed or abused by police.

Once sympathetic to Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, some of them resent it as weak and ineffectual.

"Now we know there is only one right way: jihad," said the law student, Abdelrahman, showing off scars from pellets fired at him by police shotguns during protests. Like other protesters interviewed by The Associated Press, he spoke on condition he be identified only by his first name for fear of police retaliation.

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## At Hiroshima's bomb dome, victim finds it hard to look; researcher finds it hard to look away

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — The crumbling brick and concrete walls of the Atomic Bomb Dome, as it is known today, rise above the Motoyasu River. The bomb so devastated Hiroshima that there are few other reminders of the city that was here seven decades ago.

"I didn't want to see this place for a long time," said Kimie Mihara, a fragile but straight-backed 89-year-old. She walked slowly around the fenced-off ruin, now roofless save for the dome's skeleton.

On the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, this building was her office. She was running late to work. That's the only reason she's still alive.

"When this was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site, I thought of coming here. But I still didn't want to see this place," she said.

Rebun Kayo, on the other hand, has made it his life's work to come back, again and again. At the crack of dawn recently, some curious joggers stopped to watch the 38-year-old Hiroshima University graduate student wading in the shallow waters in front of the dome at low tide, under a still-dark sky.

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## **To restore economy, Greece must focus on the basics: stability, investment and simpler laws**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — After so much pain, Greece must now figure out how to get its economy back on its feet.

The scale of the country's financial problems is mind boggling — a full quarter of the economy evaporated in the past six years and business activity is now plummeting further. Government cuts needed to qualify for a new bailout will hurt incomes for years to come.

The advice to Greece from economists is simple: focus on the basics.

Have a steady government, simplify the rules of doing business, and rather than try to reinvent the economy, zoom in on sectors that can benefit from small investments: tourism and agriculture, for example. In many cases, that's easier said than done.

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## **APNewsBreak: Records show deaths of wingsuit BASE jumpers killed in Yosemite remain a mystery**

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — World-famous wingsuit flier Dean Potter had strapped his iPhone to the back of his head and hit record before jumping from a cliff in Yosemite National Park in what was to be an exhilarating flight through a V-shaped rocky formation — a route that left little margin for error.

Potter set the phone at this position to capture a video of his partner, Graham Hunt, behind and above him as the pair leaped off the granite diving board at Taft Point, 3,500 feet above the valley.

Twenty-two seconds later the video abruptly stops. The two were killed when they slammed into the ridgeline at 100 mph-plus attempting to soar through the notch in the rock formation called Lost Brother.

Through a records request, The Associated Press obtained investigation reports about the deadly flight on May 16. National Park Service investigators relied heavily on Potter's bashed iPhone, interviews and a series of rapid-fire photos taken by Potter's girlfriend, Jen Rapp, who stayed behind at the launch site as the spotter.

The investigation concluded the deaths were accidental, but despite the video and photos of the jump, officials consider the specific reason why they died a mystery. Investigators listed several possible contributing factors — including indecision, distraction, miscalculation and air turbulence — as the jumpers made split-second decisions.

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## **Cyclical Rangers: Beltre's 3rd career cycle, 6th for Texas since '09, in 12-9 win over Astros**

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adrian Beltre became the first major leaguer since the 1930s to hit for his third career cycle and the Texas Rangers held on for a wild 12-9 victory over the AL West-leading Houston Astros on Monday night.

Beltre's solo homer in the fifth, a liner deep into the seats in left field, completed the cycle against three Houston pitchers.

A two-run triple by Beltre in the first inning put the Rangers ahead to stay at 3-2. He had a double in the second and a single in the third before his ninth homer of the season made it 12-7.

All three of Beltre's cycles have come at the Rangers' ballpark, two for the home team and one as a visitor when he was playing for Seattle on Sept. 1, 2008. The third baseman's other cycle for Texas was Aug. 24, 2012, against Minnesota.

The last major leaguer with three career cycles was Babe Herman, who had two in 1931 and one in 1933, according to research provided by the Elias Sports Bureau to the Rangers. The only other big leaguers with three career cycles are Bob Meusel (1921, 1922 and 1928) and John Reilly (twice in 1883 and 1890).

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## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, August 4, the 216th day of 2015. There are 149 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On August 4, 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard had its beginnings as President George Washington signed a measure authorizing a group of revenue cutters to enforce tariff and trade laws and prevent smuggling.

### On this date:

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

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

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

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

In 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was arrested by German authorities in occupied Belgium; she was executed later that year.

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

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

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

In 1975, the Swedish pop group ABBA began recording their hit single "Dancing Queen" at Glen Studio outside Stockholm (it was released a year later).

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

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

In 1991, the Greek luxury liner Oceanos sank in heavy seas off South Africa's southeast coast; all the passengers and crew members survived.

**Ten years ago:** Al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri (AY'-muhn ahl-ZWAH'-ree), threatened more destruction in London in a videotape aired on Al-Jazeera. He also threatened the United States with tens of thousands of military dead if it did not withdraw from Iraq; President George W. Bush responded by saying, "We will stay the course, we will complete the job." A 19-year-old Israeli soldier opened fire inside a bus, killing four Israeli Arabs; an angry crowd then killed the gunman. A mini-submarine carrying seven Russians became caught on an underwater antenna 600 feet below the surface of the Pacific Ocean; the men were rescued three days later with help from a British vessel.

**Five years ago:** BP PLC reported the broken well head at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico was plugged up with mud; President Barack Obama said the battle to contain one of the world's worst oil spills was "finally close to coming to an end." Eight days after turning 35, Alex Rodriguez hit his 600th home run, becoming the youngest player to attain the milestone. (A-Rod's two-run, first-inning drive off Toronto's Shaun Marcum put New York ahead, and the Yankees coasted to a 5-1 victory over the Blue Jays.)

**One year ago:** On the first day of a U.S.-Africa summit in Washington, President Barack Obama announced \$33 billion in commitments aimed at shifting U.S. ties with Africa beyond humanitarian aid and toward more equal economic partnerships. Israel and Hamas accepted an Egyptian cease-fire proposal meant to halt a bruising monthlong war that had claimed nearly 2,000 lives. James Brady, 73, the affable, witty press secretary who had survived a devastating head wound in the 1981 assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan and undertook a personal campaign for gun control, died in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Frankie Ford is 76. Actress-singer Tina Cole is 72. Actor-comedian Richard



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Belzer is 71. Football Hall-of-Famer John Riggins is 66. Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is 60. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 60. Actress Kym Karath (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 57. Hall of Fame track star Mary Decker Slaney is 57. Actress Lauren Tom is 56. President Barack Obama is 54. Producer Michael Gelman (TV: "Live! With Kelly and Michael") is 54. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Roger Clemens is 53. Actress Crystal Chappell is 50. Author Dennis Lehane is 50. Rock musician Rob Cieka (Boo Radleys) is 47. Actor Daniel Dae Kim is 47. Actor Michael DeLuise is 46. Actor Ron Lester is 45. Race car driver Jeff Gordon is 44. Rapper-actress Yo-Yo is 44. Country singer Jon Nicholson is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer-actor Marques (MAR'kus) Houston is 34. Actress Meghan Markle is 34. Actress Greta Gerwig is 32. Country singer Crystal Bowersox (TV: "American Idol") is 30. Rock singer Tom Parker (The Wanted) is 27. Actors Dylan and Cole Sprouse are 23. Singer Jessica Sanchez (TV: "American Idol") is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "A man does not know what he is saying until he knows what he is not saying." - G.K. Chesterton, English poet-essayist (1874-1936).