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Wednesday, April 13

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Beef sticks, baked tiny potato, broccoli, fruit.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potato and ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin coolie, whole wheat bread.

Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

Birthdays: Jessica Morehouse, JoAnn Nehls, Nancy Cutler

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

10:00am: NSU Math Contest

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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Midwest Masonry & concrete Pumping

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Putney Putovers 4-H Secretary's Report (April 4th, 2016)

The Putney Putovers 4-H club met April 4th, 2016 at the Simon's house. Amber of Amber Sue Photography gave a presentation to club members with helpful tips for taking pictures. Everyone had a great time learning and practicing their new skills. The meeting was called to order by President Carly Wheeting. The flag pledges were led by US: Alexis Simon State: Carly Guthmiller 4-H: Aspen Johnson. Roll call was completed with the topic "What do you like most about South Dakota". The Secretary's Report was read by Hailey Monson; it was approved by Lane Tietz and seconded by Hannah Monson. There were no bills. Community Service was reported by Alexis Hanten made bars for a play, and the following served at church: Caleb Hanten, Alexis Hanten, Ashley Johnson, Aspen Johnson, Porter Johnson, Brenna Johnson, Lucas Simon, Hannah Monson, and Hailey Monson.

There was no old business. In new business, the Putney Putovers Club did great at selling fruit for the annual 4-H Fruit Fundraiser, and top sellers were discussed. Members are also encouraged to check the Newshound for important dates. The next meeting date and time is to be announced. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carter Simon and seconded by Porter Johnson. The meeting was adjourned by President Carly Wheeting. Caleb Hanten gave a talk on "The Story of Wheat". Snacks were provided by Lane Tietz and Carly Guthmiller.

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

Come and go bridal shower for Sarah Geary, bride-to-be of Sam Thorson, Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and at Target.

Handiman looking for work

I can do almost anything from building whatever you need, repairing machinery, welding, flooring, installing windows and doors. If you're looking for work to be done around the home or farm, I'm your guy. Call me at 605/228-4172.

**Paul's
Lawn
Care**



Paul, Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel

605/397-7460

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Harder, Gengerke and Fjelstad earn spots on school board

Incumbent Merle Harder wins re-election to 2nd term on the Groton Area School Board. Newcomers Deborah Gengerke and Clint Fjelstad earn two other seats vacated by current board members Dorene Nelson and Lars Hanson, who choose not to run.

Corey Mitchell's eight (8) vote difference for the final seat narrowly missed state statute allowing a recount within a 2% margin, based on total number of ballots cast (325).

SDCL 13-7-19.3. Close margin in school election – Petition for recount –
Appointment of recount board.

A recount shall be conducted when, within five days after completion of the official canvass of a school district regular or special election at which a question is approved or disapproved by a margin not exceeding two percent of the total votes cast in the election, any three registered voters of the school district file a petition duly verified by them, setting forth that they believe a recount will change the outcome. A recount board shall be appointed by the business manager who shall appoint one person on each side of the question and one person who shall be mutually agreed upon by the other two appointed.

GROTON AREA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS Tuesday, April 12, 2016

	Merle Harder	Corey Mitchell	Clint Fjelstad	Deborah Gengerke	Poll Book Count
ANDOVER	20	14	11	23	25
BRISTOL	41	32	29	62	71
COLUMBIA	23	35	20	33	50
GROTON	105	93	122	145	179
TOTAL	189	174	182	263	325

Percentage of district ballots cast – 12.9%
(Eligible voters – 2,527)
Ballots Rejected – 0

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GROTON "ROB LUECKE" INVITE-2016				
BOYS				
	BOYS 100 M DASH	SCHOOL	TIME	COMMENTS
1	LINCOLN GIBBS	LANGFORD	10.85 SQ	
2	SAM VANORMAN	RONCALLI	10.99 SQ	
3	BRYCE MALSAM	EDMUNDS CENT	11.0 SQ	
4	CARLOS TEJERA	EDMUNDS CENT	11.08 SQ	
5	CHANCE OLSON	LANGFORD	11.29 SQ	
6	PRESTON BARR	ABER CENT JV	11.61	
7	LAYNE TIESZEN	ABER CENT JV	11.66	
8	STANLEY HASKINS	BRITTON/HECLA	11.67	
	BOYS 200 M DASH	SCHOOL	TIME	
1	ANTHONY BACHMEIER	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	22.83	
2	LINCOLN GIBBS	LANGFORD	23.05(SQ)	
3	CARLOS ESCANDON	EDMUNDS CENTRAL	23.31 (SQ)	
4	CHANCE OLSON	LANGFORD	23.33(SQ)	
5	CANNON HANNIGAN	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	23.55	
6	ZACH SUMPTION	FREDERICK	23.63(SQ)	
7	CONNER FIEDLER	RONCALLI	23.68	
8	BEN BOYKO	BRITTON-HECLA	23.93	
	BOYS 400 M DASH	SCHOOL	TIME	
1	ANTHONY BACHMEIER	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	51.47	
2	CARLOS ESCANDON	EDMUNDS CENTRAL	53.02	
3	SAM VAN ORMAN	RONCALLI	53.03	
4	ZACH SUMPTION	FREDERICK	53.53	
5	JAKE HEINERT	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	55.02	
6	CALEB MCNEIL	REDFIELD/DOLAND	57.04	
7	JAIDEN SJOMELING	MOBRIDGE/POLLOCK	58.49.	
8	FRANKIE WUESTENWALD	GROTON	58.65.	
	BOYS 800 M RUN	SCHOOL	TIME	
1	DEREK BOEKELHEIDE	NORTHWESTERN	2.16.52	
2	CALEB MCNEIL	REDFIELD/DOLAND	2.18.00	
3	SEAN SCHURING	GROTON AREA	2.19.70	
4	WYATT HAUX	IPSWICH	2.21.05	
5	TREYTON DEIGEL	GROTON AREA	2.21.81	
6	JAIDON SJOMELING	MOBRIDGE/POLLOCK	2.23.14	
7	KYLE HUGHES	HERRIED/SELBY	2.23.69	
8	ZACH JORDAN	REDFIELD/DOLAND	2.26.44	

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BOYS 1600 M RUN		SCHOOL	TIME
1	JACKSON HARRISON	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	4.51.51
2	DEREK BOEKELHEIDE	NORTHWESTERN	5.00.01
3	TREY COSATO	REDFIELD/DOLAND	5.07.13
4	SHANE RITTER	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	5.12.27
5	SEAN SCHURING	GROTON	5.12.57
6	MICHAEL WIRTH	WARNER	5.13.44
7	KYLE HUGHES	HERRIED/SELBY ARE	5.18.43
8	TREYTON DIEGEL	GROTON	5.18.83
BOYS 3200 M RUN		SCHOOL	TIME
1	JACKSON HARRISON	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	10.19.83
2	AARON RYAN	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	10.47.99
3	SHANE RITTER	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	10.59.71
4	TREY COSATO	REDFIELD/DOLAND	11.08.98
5	MICHAEL WIRTH	WARNER	11.12.53
6	CODY LARSON	WARNER	11.27.15
7	LOGAN KENSOK	GRIGGS COUNTY	11.41.43
8	KYLE HUGHES	HERREID/SELBY ARE	11.45.87
BOYS 110 M HURDLES		SCHOOL	TIME
1	BRYCE MALSAM	EDMUNDS CENT	14.84 SQ
2	COOPER BALOUN	REDFIELD	15.76 SQ
3	DYLAN VINCENT	ABER CENT JV	16.29
4	MASON LARSON	LANGFORD	16.78
5	SKYLAR MACCONNELL	BRITTON/HECLA	17.25
6	JONAH DOHRER	ABER CENT JV	17.32
7	BEN POND	IPSWICH	17.39
8	TYLER TRAPHAGEN	RONCALLI	18.54
BOYS 300 M HURDLES		SCHOOL	TIME
1	BRYCE MALSAM	EDMUNDS CENTRAL	42.78 (SQ)
2	ANTHONY ANDERA	RONCALLI	44.94
3	MASON LARSON	LANGFORD	45.6
4	TYLAN GLOVER	GROTON	46.59
5	RYDER FUHRMAN	WARNER	47.01
6	SKYLAR MACCONNELL	BRITTON-HECLA	47.04
7	COOPER BALOUN	REDFIELD/DOLAND	47.26
8	BEN POND	IPSWICH	47.8
BOYS 400 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	H.GIBBS, L.GIBBS, FREY,OLSON	LANGFORD	45.49 (SQ)
2		RONCALLI	45.87
3		HERRIED/SELBY ARE	46.64
4		BRITTON/HECLA	46.86
5		GROTON	47.06
6		ABERDEEN CENTRAL	49.78
7		GRIGGS COUNTY	49.85
8		MOBRIDGE/POLLOCK	50.23

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BOYS 800 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	VAN ORMAN, HOLZER, FIEDLER, ANDER	RONCALLI	1.37.4
2		HERRIED/SELBY ARE	1.37.57
3		GROTON	1.40.91
4		MOBRIDGE/POLLOCK	1.41.35
5		LANGFORD	1.42.55
6		FREDERICK	1.43.13
7		REDFIELD/DOLAND	1.45.11
8		GRIGGS COUNTY	1.45.87
BOYS MEDLEY RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	GALLAGHER, IVERSON, KENSOK, TROSTA	GRIGGS COUNTY	4.03.52
2		HERRIED/SELBY	4.06.76
3		FREDERICK	4.10.51
4		IPSWICH	4.11.36
5		LEOLA	4.14.30
6		WARNER	4.17.79
7		ABER CENT JV	4.19.65
8		MOBRIDGE/POLLOCK	4.20.17
BOYS 1600 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	HANSEN, GILBORN, ROZELL, HOELLEIN	WARNER	3.50.37
2		MOBRIDGE/POLLOCK	3.55.08
3		RONCALLI	3.56.40
4		ABER CENT JV	3.58.84
5		FREDERICK	4.02.05
6		NORTHWESTERN	4.04.09
7		IPSWICH	4.04.21
8			
BOYS 3200 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	Hoellein, Rozell, Gilborn, Hanson	Warner	9.14.21
2		Ipswich	9.23.15
3		Aberdeen Central	9.27.69
4		Northwestern	9.44.6
5		Mobridge/Pollock	10.23.92
6		Britton-Hecla	10.38.33
7			
8			
BOYS LONG JUMP		SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	BRYCE MALSAM	EDMUNDS-CENTRAL	21'2" (SQ)
2	CHANCE OLSON	LANGFORD	20'7" (SQ)
3	COLE MARTEN	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	19'8"
4	LOGAN SCHAEFBAUER	HERREID SELBY ARE	19'7" (SQ)
5	PRESTON JONES	BRITTON-HECLA	19'7"
6	ADAM HERMAN	GROTON	19'7"
7	JOHN BEGAMAN	HERRIED/SELBY ARE	19'7" (SQ)
8	JARED RABENBERG	BRITTON-HECLA	19'2 1/2"

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BOYS TRIPLE JUMP		SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	CANNON HANNIGAN	ABER CENT JV	42'11"
2	JOHN BOGEMAN	HERRIED/SELBY	40'1"
3	JESSE IVERSON	GRIGGS COUNTY	39'1"
4	ADAM HERMAN	GROTON AREA	38'11"
5	PRESTON JONES	BRITTON/HECLA	38'3"
6	ERIC HOLZER	RONCALLI	38'2"
7	ANDREW BUECHLER	RONCALLI	37'4"
8	BEN POND	IPSWICH	36'10"
BOYS HIGH JUMP		SCHOOL	HEIGHT
1	JARED RABENBERG	BRITTON/HECLA	6'5"(SQ)
2	JOHN BEGEMAN	HERREID/SELBY ARE	6'1"(SQ)
3	MICAH HOELLEIN	WARNER	5'9"
4	DYLAN VINCENT	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	5'9"
5	ALEX SUMPTION	FREDERICK	5'9"
6	TREVOR SUMPTION	FREDERICK	5'5"
7	RYLAN BRISS	GRIGGS COUNTY	5'5"
8	BENNETT SHABAZZ	GROTON	5'5"
BOYS SHOT PUT		SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	WESLEY ODEGAARD	GRIGGS COUNTY	48' 3"
2	LONNIE RODLUND	TIOSPA ZINA	46' 10 1/2"
3	STEVE FEY	GROTON	46' 2 3/4"
4	NICK OLSON	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	41' 9"
5	MCCLAIN LONE	GROTON	41' 3 1/2"
6	TREVOR BEGEMAN	HERREID/SELBY ARE	40'9 1/2"
7	DAWSON MCNEIL	WARNER	40'6 1/4"
8	JACOB KUCH	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	39' 9 1/4"
BOYS DISCUS		SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	WESLEY ODEGAARD	GRIGGS COUNTY	136'
2	CARSON KELLER	MOBRIDGE/POLLOCK	135'8"
3	BRADY WIEKER	LANGFORD	125'9"
4	MIKE ROGERS	WARNER	124'7"
5	MCCLAIN LONE	GROTON	124'2"
6	TREVER BERGEMAN	HERREID/SELBY ARE	123'3"
7	DAWSON MCNEIL	WARNER	120'
8	TJ ALLAM	ABERDEEN CENTRAL	118'10"
BOYS POLE VAULT		SCHOOL	HEIGHT
1	ANTHONY ANDERA	RONCALLI	14'0"
2	TRISTON BROWN	ABER CENT JV	11'3"
3	WILL JARROTT	ABER CENT JV	10'9"
4	WYATT HAUX	IPSWICH	10'
5	BEN BELLEFEVILLE	RONCALLI	10'
6	THOMAS GOETZ	IPSWICH	7'6"
7	JACOB NIERMAN	IPSWICH	7'6"
8	GARRETT MITZEL	RONCALLI	7'0"

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<u>Awards:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Jay Swisher Running Events MVP	LINCOLN GIBBS-LANGFORD	MACY HEINZ-IPSWICH
Rob Luecke Top Hurdler MVP	BRYCE MALSAM-HERREID/SELBY AREA	SIDNEY LIEDHOLT-WARNER
Dick Donovan Field Events MVP	WESLEY ODEGAARD-GRIGGS COUNTY	CARLY WHEETING-GROTON

GROTON "ROB LUECKE" INVITE-2016				
GIRLS				
	GIRLS 100 M DASH	SCHOOL	TIME	COMMENTS
1	KARLI GARDNER	ABER CENT JV	12.68	
2	KASSI JONES	BRITTON/HECLA	12.74 SQ	
3	ANGELA HEINZ	IPSWICH	12.76 SQ	
4	HAILEY BOEKELHEIDE	NORTHWESTERN	13.26	
5	ALEXA SCHAEFBAUER	MOBRIDGE/POLL	13.45	
6	AUTUM TURK	REDFIELD/DOL	13.49	
7	BROOKLIN KREGER	LANGFORD	13.7	
8	ASHLEY GUSTAFSON	LANGFORD	13.93	
	GIRLS 200 M DASH	SCHOOL	TIME	
1	ANGELA HEINZ	IPSWICH	26.86	
2	KASSI JONES	BRITTON/HECLA	27.19	
3	GENEVA WOLLMAN	MOBRIDGE/POLLOC	27.75	
4	JADA HIRSCH	HERRIED/SELBY	28.11	
5	SYDNEY SCHELL	NORTHWESTERN	28.17	
6	SEYANI PETERS	ABER CENT JV	29.07	
7	FAITH JANDEL	REDFIELD/DOLAND	29.51	
8	HAYLEY BORAH	MOBRIDGE/POLLOC	29.53	
	GIRLS 400 M DASH	SCHOOL	TIME	
1	MACY HEINZ	IPSWICH	1.02.17	
2	KATE GILLETTE	REDFIELD/DOLAND	1.03.96	
3	GRACE GOEHRING	HERRIED/SELBY	1.05.51	
4	GENEVA WOLLMAN	MOBRIDGE/POLL	1.06.31	
5	HAYLEY BORAH	MOBRIDGE/POLL	1.07.11	
6	HANNAH SCHMIERER	ABER CENT JV	1.08.52	
7	AUTUMN SCHLOMER	MOBRIDGE/POLL	1.09.44	
8	JORI EWART	RONCALLI	1.10.59	
	GIRLS 800 M RUN	SCHOOL	TIME	
1	MACY HEINZ	IPSWICH	2.28.50 SQ	
2	MELANIE JACOBS	ABER CENT JV	2.35.07	
3	SAMI SHIELDS	ABER CENT JV	2.36.73	
4	KATE GILLETTE	REDFIELD/DOLAND	2.37.89	
5	TESSA KILBER	IPSWICH	2.39.98	
6	LAUREN HENDERSON	MOBRIDGE/POLLOC	2.42.30	
7	BROOKE MALSOM	ABER CENT JV	2.44.33	
8	GWYN SIMMONS	RONCALLI	2.47.87	

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GIRLS 1600 M RUN		SCHOOL	TIME
1	MACY HEINZ	IPSWICH	5.17.85 (SQ)
2	NICOLETTE SCHMIDT	REDFIELD/DOLAND	5.23.16 (SQ)
3	MELANIE JACOBS	ABERDEEN CENTRA	5.27.03
4	SAMI SHIELDS	ABERDEEN CENTRA	5.47.08
5	MADDY EISEMANN	MOBRIDGE/POLLOC	6.03.89
6	ISABEL LITZEN	RONCALLI	6.09.75
7	GWYN SIMMONS	RONCALLI	6.13.96
8	STEPHANIE JAY	ABERDEEN CENTRA	6.17.98
GIRLS 3200 M RUN		SCHOOL	TIME
1	NICOLETTE SCHMIDT	REDFIELD-DOLAND	11.43.19(SQ)
2	KATHERINE ERICKSON	ABERDEEN CENTRA	12.01.96(SQ)
3	PEYTON GROFT	NORTHWESTERN	12.03.45(SQ)
4	ALEAH STEGER	IPSWICH	12.11.95(SQ)
5	MADDY EISEMANN	MOBRIDGE-POLLOC	13.27.53
6	KAYLEE WALKER	HERREID/SELBY AR	13.43.10
7	MARY GUETENKAUF	RONCALLI	13.59.68
8	CORTNEY HORNUNG	GRIGGS COUNTY	14.07.62
GIRLS 100 M HURDLES		SCHOOL	TIME
1	BROOKE SKOGLUND	BRITTON/HECLA	16.03
2	AUDREY WANNER	GROTON	16.05
3	SIDNEY LEIDHOLT	WARNER	16.15
4	SEYANI PETERS	ABER CENT JV	16.83
5	JOSIE DOEDEN	GROTON	17.16
6	PERIS FELLOWS	BRITTON/HECLA	18.73
7	LEZLIE HAUCK	EDMUNDS CENT	18.79
8	CLAIRE GILLETTE	REDFIELD	18.94
GIRLS 300 M HURDLES		SCHOOL	TIME
1	SIDNEY LEIDHOLT	WARNER	48.89(SQ)
2	CHELSEY BAD MOCCASSIN	ABERDEEN CENTRA	49.87
3	BROOKE SKOGLUND	BRITTON/HECLA	50.86
4	ABBY KOPECKY	ABERDEEN CENTRA	51.43
5	KAYLEE CLAUSEN	REDFIELD/DOLAND	52.97.
6	ABBY HANSON	ABERDEEN RONCAL	54.7.
7	SEYANI PETERS	ABERDEEN CENTRA	55.30.
8	LEZLIE HAUCK	EDMUNDS CENTRAL	55.88.
GIRLS 400 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	HAMMRICH, MAUER, GRABOWSKA, HEINZ	IPSWICH	53.24
2		REDFIELD/DOLAND	54.85
3		LANGFORD	55.28
4		NORTHWESTERN	56.21
5		RONCALLI	56.68
6		FREDERICK	56.75.
7		MOBRIDGE/POLLOC	58.56.
8		GROTON	58.65.

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GIRLS 800 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
	SCHAEFBAUER,HEUMILLER,BORAH,WO	Mobridge/Pollock	1.55.24
2		Redfield/Doland	1.57.31
3		Langford	1.57.71
4		Aberdeen Central	1.57.84
5		Northwestern	1.59.3
6		Ipswich	2.00.45
7		Roncalli	2.00.92
8		Frederick	2.01.27
GIRLS MEDLEY RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	SCHUMACHER,WALKER,GOEHRING,HIR	HERRIED/SELBY	4.44.77
2		BRITTON/HECLA	4.51.44
3		RONCALLI	4.53.43
4		REDFIELD/DOLAND	4.56.07
5		NORTHWESTERN	4.56.39
6		ABER CENT JV	5.01.38
7		WARNER	5.13.03
8		GRIGGS COUNTY	5.36.91
GIRLS 1600 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	HAMMRICH,HEINZ,GRABOWSKA,HEINZ	IPSWICH	4.19.32
2		ABER CENT JV	4.24.77
3		REDFIELD/DOLAND	4.26.33
4		ABER CENT JV	4.29.58
5		RONCALLI	4.35.35
6		BRITTON/HECLA	4.38.51
7		WARNER	4.39.48
8		MOBRIDGE/POLLOC	4.40.45
GIRLS 3200 M RELAY		SCHOOL	TIME
1	CLEMENS,THORSON,DUNCAN,GROFT	NORTHWESTERN	11.00.95
2		RONCALLI	11.15.72
3		IPSWICH	11.46.83
4		GRIGGS COUNTY	13.05.93
5			
6			
7			
8			
GIRLS LONG JUMP		SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	KARLI GARDNER	ABER CENT JV	16'1"
2	JENNA GRISMER	ABER CENT JV	15'7"
3	AUDREY WANNER	GROTON	15'6"
4	ADY DWIGHT	LANGFORD	15'4 1/4"
5	SHYLA HENRICKS	BRITTON/HECLA	15'2 3/4"
6	ALEXA SCHAEFBAUER	MOBRIDGE/POLLOC	14'11"
7	ELISE CARDELLA	RONCALLI	14'9 1/4"
8	CORTEZ STANDING BEAR	ABER CENT JV	14'8 1/2"

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GIRLS TRIPLE JUMP		SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	Audrey Wanner	Groton	33' 7 1/2"(SQ)
2	Jenna Grismer	Aberdeen Central	33' 3"
3	Jamie Tebben	Redfield/Doland	32' 8 1/2"
4	Anna Hase	Aberdeen Central	31' 10"
5	Elise Cardella	Roncalli	31' 9 3/4"
6	Lily Basten	Ipswich	31' 4"
7	Alexa Schaeffbauer	Mobridge/Pollock	31' 3 1/2"
8	Rylie Gall	Redfield/Doland	31' 1 1/2"
GIRLS HIGH JUMP		SCHOOL	HEIGHT
1	Danielle Seymout	Northwestern	5'3"(SQ)
2	Laken Olsen	Britton/Hecla	5'0" (SQ)
3	Lauren Henderson	Mobridge/Pollock	5'0" (SQ)
4	Karli Gardner	Aberdeen Central	5'0" (SQ)
5	Shyla Henricks	Britton/Hecla	4'10"
6	Laurie Rogers	Warner	4'10"
7	Kaylee Clausen	Redfield/Doland	4'10"
8	Maleia Munga	Aberdeen Central	4'8"
GIRLS SHOT PUT		SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	JAMIE TEBBEN	REDFIELD/DOLAND	40'6 1/4"
2	CARLY WHEETING	GROTON	35'1"
3	MCKENZIE BIERMAN	WARNER	34'8 1/2"
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Today in Weather History

April 13, 1986: A major spring storm quickly intensified bringing blizzard conditions to much of the Northern Plains Region. Up to 18 inches of snow was reported in North Dakota, and in South Dakota, winds gusting to 90 mph whipped the snow into drifts fifteen feet high. Livestock losses were in the millions of dollars, and for some areas, it was the worst blizzard ever.

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

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

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

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

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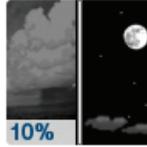


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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Breezy. Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy
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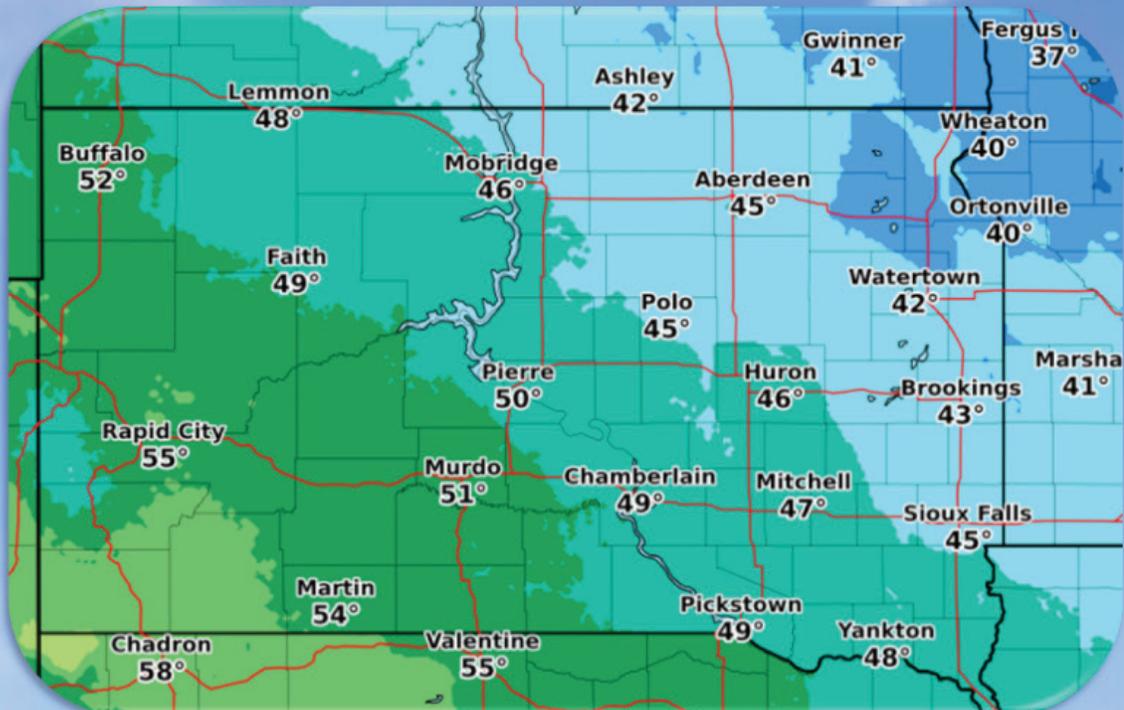
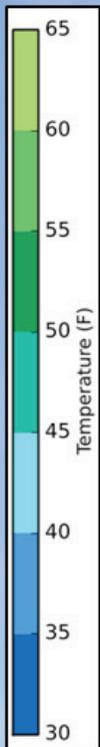
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High Temperatures Today



Published on: 04/11/2016 at 4:31AM

Cool and dry Canadian high pressure will keep much below normal temperatures across the region through tonight. Temperatures today will top out in the 40s across much of central and eastern South Dakota, and west central Minnesota. The area of high pressure will slide east on Tuesday, allowing much warmer air to return through Thursday. Expect breezy conditions to briefly return on Tuesday, especially over eastern South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 64.6 at 4:48 PM

Low: 23.9 at 2:53 AM

High Gust: 29 at 12:21 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 83° in 1968

Record Low: 8 in 1939

Average High: 55°F

Average Low: 30°F

Average Precip in April.: 0.52

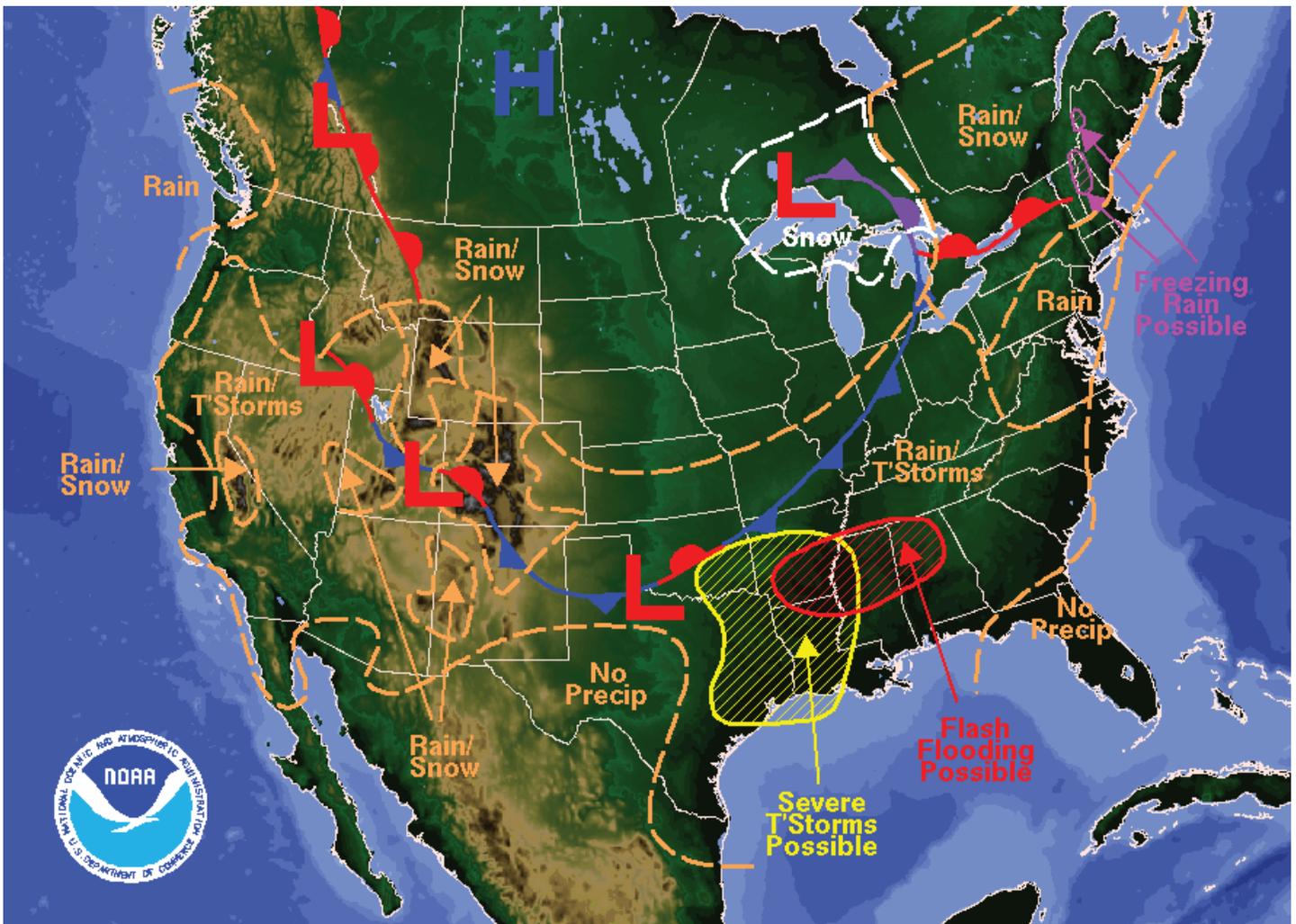
Precip to date in April.: 0.08

Average Precip to date: 2.70

Precip Year to Date: 1.03

Sunset Tonight: 8:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 11, 2016, issued 4:23 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



DEFEATING DENIAL

It was a hard-fought football game and a tough loss for the home team. Following the game a father asked his son, "Why did your team lose?"

"Well, Dad," he answered, "the other team found a hole in our line and took advantage of it."

"Why didn't you close the hole?" asked the father.

"I tried, Dad," he explained, "but I just couldn't do it. I wasn't strong enough."

It is much easier to blame others for our failures than to admit that we may be the cause of a problem. That is called denial. But denial only keeps the problem going and the solution beyond our reach. Once we can admit "what is," with God's help we can deal with everything that He brings into our lives.

If we are able to admit that we have failed at anything or something large or small, whether it occurred yesterday or today, we can begin to learn from our experiences. And from our experiences comes insight; from insight comes wisdom; from wisdom comes learning; and from learning comes the lessons that we can apply to all of the opportunities that God brings into our lives.

Paul said that "I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need." Whatever God brings into our lives is His will. And the strength we need to face and be victorious over anything and everything that He brings to us, will come from Him and our commitment to doing it. We cannot expect His strength to subdue things that do not concern Him or are not in His will for our lives. But if we are doing what He would have us to do, the victory will come from Him.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to look to You for the strength we need to do what You would have us to do and to be willing to give You the credit for our success. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Technical problems delay Sioux Falls election results

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Malfunctioning memory sticks in ballot-counting machines are being blamed for hiccups in the vote-tallying process during Tuesday's city election in Sioux Falls.

Volunteers and members of the city auditor's office worked until about 10:30 p.m. counting the nearly 13,000 votes cast. The first results did not come in until about an hour and 45 minutes after the polls closed.

County Auditor Bob Litz told the Argus Leader newspaper that it wasn't a major problem. But for a time, election results posted on the city's website showed that 100 percent of the precincts had reported but that fewer than half of the votes had been counted.

City Clerk Tom Greco told KELO-TV that the technical issues caused "a lot of stress."

Historical society foundation gets grant to digitize photos

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation says a \$1,000 grant is helping a project to make historic images available online.

The donation from the Midco Foundation was announced Tuesday.

In the process of digitizing the photographs from the South Dakota State Historical Society's archives, they will be made available online.

Chelle (SHEL'-ee) Somsen of the archives says more than 3,000 users access over 15,000 images in the digital archives in an average month.

The society's archives contain more than 1 million images. With the digitization project, more than 55,000 of them have been made available on the Internet.

Crews conducting prescribed burns in Custer State Park

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Wildland fire crews are conducting prescribed burns in Custer State Park this week.

The burns by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Wildland Fire Division, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and Custer State Park are scheduled to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Firefighters are planning on burning approximately 1,000 acres.

One will be in the park's southeast corner, north of the Wildlife Visitor Station. The other will be in the southeast corner of the park.

Officials say prescribed fire helps maintain healthy native vegetation and is needed to prevent the encroachment of invasive species. Fire also reduces the hazardous buildup of debris and dead vegetation, which can fuel wildfires.

Wilder weather means tricky times for reservoir operators

KEITH RIDLER, Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Wilder swings in weather patterns in the past decade are making it trickier to keep reservoirs filled for irrigation and power generation while also avoiding the risk of flooding homes downstream, some Pacific Northwest reservoir operators say.

Reservoir management plans that dictate how much water is stored or released are based on decades of weather and snowmelt information. Conditions far outside the norm — such as early snowmelt due to warmth or rain instead of snow during winter — can skew calculations that are used to make water predictions.

"We're struggling at this point with weather patterns," said Joel Fenolio, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers senior water manager for the Upper Columbia, which includes eastern Washington, northern Idaho, western Montana and British Columbia.

Still, "I'm not convinced that the correlations are completely breaking down yet," Fenolio said. "Maybe

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in five years we'll have a better idea."

On the eastern side of the Continental Divide, nine of the 10 highest runoff years in the Missouri River Basin have occurred since 1970, said Jody Farhat, the corps' northwestern water management division chief for the basin.

That includes an unusual combination of weather events in 2011 that overwhelmed the system leading to widespread flooding. That was followed the next year by what the agency calls a "flash drought" due to lack of water. Farhat makes decisions about water releases on six dams on the Missouri River in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

"These wild swings between wet and dry with no advance warning seems to be more common than at any time in the past if you look at the historic record," Farhat said.

She said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is working on a study, due out late this year, trying to better understand the reasons for the weather events and variability, and how they might factor into future decisions.

April and the months surrounding it are crunch time for reservoir managers trying to fill reservoirs so farmers can get enough water to grow crops through the summer, yet leave enough room so an unexpected rapid snowmelt won't force large releases that would surpass flood stage levels downstream.

The formula guiding managers includes snowpack and reservoir levels, which are known, but how much new precipitation might arrive and in what form with spring storms is hard to predict.

One noticeable change in weather patterns is that snowmelt due to warmer weather is occurring earlier in the year, said Jay Breidenbach, a Boise-based National Weather Service meteorologist who works with reservoir managers.

"The peak stream flow seems to be earlier than it was 20, 30 years ago," Breidenbach said.

In 2015 in much of the Northwest, peak stream flows occurred in February, a month early.

"We got so much more rain than snow," said Tim Merrick, a spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey in Idaho. "That seems to be the trend throughout the West."

When summer arrived in 2015, the lack of snowpack in Idaho led to many streams in the state recording record low flows on specific days of the year. But with a good snowpack this year, gauges on some Idaho rivers in April have been recording record high flows for specific days.

In the Columbia River Basin that includes large portions of Washington state, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, last year's low snowpack and early melt led to low summer flows and warm water that killed 90 percent of the returning sockeye salmon despite attempts to cool the river with releases from northern Idaho's Dworshak Reservoir.

Reservoirs on the Boise River above Boise look good, said Brian Sauer of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which works with irrigators. In fact, Lucky Peak Reservoir is so full, the Army Corps recently took over management and started releasing water to make room for additional water expected to enter the reservoir.

Flows through Boise have risen to the point where portions of a popular walking and biking trail that parallels the river through the city have been inundated.

"If the system was strictly built for flood control, we could empty the reservoirs every fall and have room," Sauer said. "If you want to end the (runoff) season with full reservoirs, that makes it a little more challenging."

Pine Ridge leader thankful for hospital inspections

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The top leader on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation told tribal members Tuesday that he is thankful for federal inspections that have uncovered serious quality-of-care deficiencies at a government-run hospital serving the community.

Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Yellow Bird Steele made the remarks during a radio address just days after the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ordered the facility's administrators to either agree to make substantial changes or lose its Medicare and Medicaid funding. The ultimatum came after the

agency's inspectors found deficiencies in the hospital's emergency department.

"They started the whole ball rolling," Steele said of the agency. "I thank them. I thank Medicare because they're the ones that brought it to light. ... I thank them so much because they are the ones that are making (Indian Health Service) change the quality of health care to you, the Oglala Oyate."

The 45-bed hospital on Pine Ridge is administered by the Indian Health Service, which provides free health care to enrolled members of Native American tribes as part of U.S. treaty obligations. The agency has been under scrutiny in recent months due to findings of woefully inadequate service at some of the facilities.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Friday gave the Pine Ridge hospital until April 29 to reach an agreement to enter a last-chance remediation program. Without an agreement, the facility won't be allowed to bill the government for services provided to Medicare- and Medicaid-eligible patients after May 16.

The warning came after four inspections, the most recent of which was completed on Feb. 25. Inspectors looking at records of 26 patients found that six of them had not received appropriate medical screening examinations. Among the cases reviewed was that of a woman who was discharged despite having a high blood pressure of 193/90 and a recent history of a stroke.

The head of the IHS, Mary Smith, met with tribal leaders, including Steele, last week and promised swift and long-lasting reforms. Smith, who has been on the job for just over a month, also visited some hospitals.

During his address on KILI Radio in the reservation's community of Porcupine, Steele said he is confident of IHS' new leadership.

"We will get better health care," Steele said. He went on to say that tribal leaders "are going to continue to monitor it with (U.S.) Sen. (John) Thune. We are going to get you better health care so there will be less suffering and people's lives will be saved."

Huron likely to lose commercial air service in September

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Huron is likely to become the latest South Dakota city to lose commercial airline service in September, as new regulations requiring pilots to have at least 1,500 hours of service continue to place stress on small air carriers.

The U.S. Department of Transportation in February asked Huron officials to justify why the city should not be dropped from the Essential Air Service program, which provides subsidies to small airlines so they can maintain flights in rural communities. Huron is served by Wyoming-based Great Lakes Airlines, and the subsidy paid to the carrier is not supposed to exceed \$1,000 per passenger. Huron's drop to 1,920 passengers for the fiscal year ending in September drove the number up to \$1,302.

Huron officials responded to the notice by saying it was the government's 1,500-hour pilot minimums that caused it to exceed the \$1,000 threshold, said Larry Cooper, the Huron Regional Airport director.

Airlines that operate small planes have been dealing with a worsening shortage of pilots since the Federal Aviation Administration raised the minimum-experience bar to 1,500 hours in 2013 — from a previous 250 hours — after a crash near Buffalo, New York, that killed 50 people.

Great Lakes had been flying 19-passenger turbo props from Huron to Denver and Minneapolis, but when the new regulations led to a pilot shortage, the airline switched to 9-seat aircrafts and paired Huron's flights with ones out of Pierre. On-time performance slipped and cancelations skyrocketed, Cooper said.

"There was no way in the world we were ever going to be able to board enough people to stay below that funding level," Cooper said.

A telephone message left for Great Lakes Airlines chief executive Chuck Howell was not immediately returned.

Cooper said Huron, an eastern South Dakota city of about 13,000, had been doing fine before the new regulations. Its 3,485 passengers in the 2013 fiscal year kept the subsidy at \$554, and it crept up to \$778 the following year as the passenger count dropped to 2,480. City officials have asked the federal agency to allow Huron to rebid for service from another carrier, he said.

Watertown's city council anticipated receiving notice and beat the feds to the punch by petitioning the federal agency to drop Great Lakes so it could seek a new carrier. Council members noted that Great Lakes canceled 337 flights to or from Watertown from December 2014 and May 2015.

In a letter to the department, Watertown Mayor Steve Thorson said the city's passenger numbers dropped 91 percent since Great Lakes took over in April 2012.

"The passenger trend is ominous and the City of Watertown is unwilling to accept a fate of not being in the Essential Air Service program due to poor performance from its air carrier," Thorson wrote.

Pierre continues to be served by Great Lakes, but it is currently evaluating bids to replace the company with another carrier.

Aberdeen is served by a Delta regional carrier, while Sioux Falls and Rapid City are served by several larger airlines.

Building trust top priority for new Nebraska women's coach

ERIC OLSON, AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Amy Williams made it clear she has a set of priorities as the new Nebraska women's basketball coach: Building trust, re-recruiting the players scheduled to join the program in the fall and keeping current players who might be thinking about leaving after months of tension.

Williams was formally introduced at a news conference Tuesday, one week after the unexpected resignation of Connie Yori.

The 41-year-old Williams, the head coach at South Dakota the past four years, will take over a program embroiled in turmoil at the end of the season amid allegations from players and support staff that Yori had mistreated players. Yori, who led the Cornhuskers to nine NCAA Tournaments in 14 years, has denied any wrongdoing.

Williams said in an interview that she met with players Monday and intends to leave the past in the past.

"We talked with the group last night about what a wonderful opportunity this is for all of us to start on a fresh slate and move forward and focus on the future," she said.

Williams will have a five-year contract paying \$575,000 annually, about \$160,000 less than Yori made. Williams was on a year-to-year contract at South Dakota that paid her \$180,000. She said she hopes to have made all, if not most, of her decisions about hiring staff by the end of the week.

"I can't wait to join the journey with you guys and begin building relationships with you," Williams said, looking at players in the back of the room at the news conference. "We're going to compete for championships. We're going to do it the right way and most of all we're going to do it together. I can't wait to start that process."

South Dakota flourished under Williams, who will be making a significant jump from the Summit League to the Big Ten. The Coyotes were 96-44 the last four years. That includes a 32-6 mark this past season with road wins over Big Ten members Illinois and Minnesota, with the victory at Minnesota coming during the Coyotes' run to the WNIT championship.

Williams' teams won two Summit League regular-season championships, one conference tournament championship, and the Coyotes reached the NCAA Tournament in 2014.

Williams said Nebraska was among the few places for which she would have left South Dakota. The Spearfish, South Dakota, native was a walk-on guard for the Cornhuskers from 1994-98. Then Amy Gusso, she played sparingly in 57 career games.

"It gave me an indescribable feeling of pride as a student-athlete when I got to wear that Husker jersey across my chest," she said, "and I'm so excited to have the opportunity to return and be a part of this again."

Her first task is to pick up the pieces from a team divided over Yori's sudden departure. The athletic department began investigating Yori's treatment of players after concerns of bullying and disregard for players' well-being were raised in February by several current players and some support staff members.

Natalie Romeo, the team's second-leading scorer, and three male students who served as practice players

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told The Associated Press they never witnessed Yori overwork, bully or abuse players in any way. Romeo said she and teammates split into factions of those who supported Yori and those who didn't.

Some players were critical of how Yori conducted practices. Asked about that, Williams said, "Our philosophy at practice will be to be as efficient and hard-working as you can. I'm very patient and tolerable as a coach. As long as I'm getting full effort, I'm a pretty happy lady."

Athletic director Shawn Eichorst declined to comment on the circumstances surrounding Yori's departure, other than to reiterate that he wished her well. She agreed to \$1.2 million in severance.

Romeo has received permission to contact other schools about possibly transferring. Other players haven't commented.

Eichorst said he homed in on Williams quickly in his search.

"The key for us is to rally around Amy and our wonderful program and lock down our prospects," he said. "She's a tremendous worker. She's building relationships. So we're plowing forward."

USD's new arena to be called Sanford Coyote Sports Center

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota's new \$66 million arena will be named Sanford Coyote Sports Center.

Sanford Health secured the naming rights to the facility with a \$20 million donation that launched the development of the arena, a science, health and research lab, and an outdoor track and soccer complex in 2012.

Sanford Health has served as the sports medicine provider for the university since 2005.

The 6,000-seat arena for basketball and volleyball is scheduled to open for the 2016-17 academic year.

First school sentinel training scheduled in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says the first School Sentinel Training Program has been scheduled in South Dakota.

The training will be July 25-Aug. 5 at the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pierre.

State legislators passed a school sentinel law in March 2013, a few months after the deadly Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Connecticut. It allows for the arming of school employees, hired security personnel or volunteers.

State law requires that sentinels be trained. Jackley says the cost of the training is \$800 per person. School districts are responsible.

The Tri-Valley School District is the only one in the state so far to approve a school sentinel policy.

New York City woman dies 3 days after crash in South Dakota

OACOMA, S.D. (AP) — A New York City woman injured in a one-vehicle crash in south central South Dakota has died from her injuries.

The Highway Patrol says 21-year-old Renata Horowitz was injured in an April 4 crash near the Lyman County town of Oacoma. Authorities say she died three days later at a Sioux Falls hospital.

The patrol says Horowitz lost control of her sport utility vehicle on Interstate 90 and the SUV left the roadway and rolled several times. A 20-year-old passenger from Seattle suffered injuries that authorities described as serious but not life-threatening.

Pennington County crash kills 1 person, injures 5 others

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — One woman was killed and five other people were injured in a one-vehicle crash on a Pennington County road.

The Highway Patrol says the crash happened shortly before 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, about 5 miles south of Rapid City. The driver of a pickup truck lost control, and the vehicle rolled in the ditch.

A 19-year-old female passenger was killed. The male driver, a male passenger and three female pas-

sengers suffered minor injuries. They range in age from 16 to 22.

Authorities did not immediately identify any of the victims.

Charges are pending against the driver.

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Reaction remains mixed among parents. Jon Alvey called the policy "a great thing," saying that with a longer response time for law officers in rural areas, a school shooter "could do a lot of damage in a short amount of time," KSFY-TV reported.

Other parents are worried about what might happen if a gun in school ends up the wrong hands. Staci Swier said she thinks the sentinel policy offers a "false sense of security," the newspaper reported.

Youth sports volunteers banned for offensive comments

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A youth sports organization has banned two volunteers after they were overheard making allegedly racist comments at a wrestling tournament in Aberdeen earlier this month.

The comments, which were heard on a webcast set up for competitors' family members, were made about a 6-year-old American Indian wrestler from Sioux Falls. The boy's grandmother posted about it on Facebook, which was shared more broadly on social media, and the boy's mother said she received messages of support from around the world.

State Amateur Athletic Union wrestling committee chairman Bob Johnson said he was "shocked" by the comments.

"Neither of those individuals will ever be able to work at one of our tournaments again," he said. "They were volunteers that were very inappropriate, and just stupid in my opinion."

Officials haven't named the volunteers. The Northern State University wrestling team was volunteering at the tournament but coach Rocky Burkett would not say if the volunteers were students. He did say that the two men responsible for the comments are going to complete educational programs on cultural awareness.

"We're trying to prevent the situation from happening again," Burkett said.

The Native American Student Association on the Aberdeen campus will be involved in those educational programs.

"It is truly unfortunate that the uneducated remarks of a few individuals had to overshadow the accomplishments of our children and the community during a wrestling event," said organization president Shawnee Edge.

25 handguns stolen from Rapid City sporting goods store

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are investigating the theft of 25 handguns from a sporting goods store.

The theft happened over the weekend at The Rooster. Authorities say thieves smashed through a glass door and took the guns from a display case.

Police Chief Karl Jegeris is urging anyone with information to come forward, saying it's "extremely concerning" that so many guns are in the hands of criminals.

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Department: Week honors people who answer emergency calls

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Public Safety says people who answer emergency calls are being honored in South Dakota.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week runs through Saturday. The department says the week is dedicated to people who serve as public safety telecommunicators and 911 dispatchers.

State 911 Coordinator Shawnie Rechtenbaugh says when there's an emergency such as a fire or safety issue, telecommunicators and dispatchers are on the other end of the call waiting to help.

The agency says the estimated 380 telecommunicators and dispatchers in South Dakota help bring together first responders during an emergency.

DOT officials urge safety during work zone awareness week

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State transportation officials are reminding motorists to drive safely through construction sites during National Work Zone Awareness Week.

South Dakota Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist says work zones are dynamic places that can change minute-to-minute to increase the likelihood of a serious crash.

Driver-related factors that affect work zone crashes include speeding, in-vehicle distractions and inattentive or aggressive driving. The most frequently occurring type of work zone crash is a rear-end collision, and officials say paying constant attention to traffic ahead and maintaining an adequate following distance is important.

This year's slogan "Don't Be That Driver," reinforces the message that driving in and around work zones requires a driver's undivided attention.

The week runs through Friday.

Pickup truck crashes into Rapid City sewing store

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Rapid City say a full-size pickup truck drove into the building of a business but no employees or customers were injured.

Rapid City police say the truck crashed and lodged in the building of The Sewing Center on Knollwood Drive about 11 a.m. Monday. The 44-year-old driver was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police say the driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and failing to have insurance. Formal charges are pending.

USDA: Cool temps slow spring tillage, small grain seeding

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says South Dakota received little precipitation over the past week, but cool temperatures slowed spring tillage and small grain seeding.

The USDA's Agricultural Statistics Service says the winter wheat crop is rated 1 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 59 percent good and 5 percent excellent. Twenty-nine percent of the spring wheat crop is planted, behind last year's 36 percent but ahead of the five-year average of 22 percent.

Oats planted is at 31 percent, near last year's 34 percent but ahead of the 24 percent average. About 3 percent of that crop has emerged.

Cattle and calf conditions are rated 15 percent fair, 77 percent good and 8 percent excellent. Calving is 53 percent complete, on par with last year and the five-year average.

Despite court ruling, China gay rights movement makes gains

GERRY SHIH, Associated Press

CHANGSHA, China (AP) — For years, Chen Tiantian could only read about the gay rights movement in faraway places. She knew that there were activists in Beijing and a vibrant community in Shanghai, and that in San Francisco, a distant mecca, gay pride parades took up entire streets.

But on Wednesday, the 20-year-old English major sat on the steps of a courthouse and spoke fervently about how the struggle for equality had arrived in her central Chinese hometown — and how she planned to take part.

"It's hard to believe, but we're right in the middle of this," said Chen, who came with several friends to support a local couple who had challenged the city's civil affairs bureau after they were denied a marriage certificate. "It's like I'm finally entering the struggle myself."

Though it was dismissed by the court in Changsha, China's first legal challenge to a law limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples has galvanized many of the hundreds of young Chinese gay rights supporters who gathered at the courthouse, some of them waving small rainbow flags. The hearing's sizable public turnout and coverage by usually conservative Chinese media appeared to reflect early signs of shifting social attitudes in China on the topic of sexual orientation.

The lawsuit that was dismissed was brought by 26-year-old Sun Wenlin against the civil affairs bureau for refusing to issue him and his partner, Hu Mingliang, a marriage registration certificate. The judge's ruling against the couple came down after a three-hour hearing — but that didn't dampen the mood of many of the hundreds of young Chinese who gathered outside the courthouse hoping for a chance to "witness history," in the words of one supporter.

Some supporters, who had traveled overnight from neighboring provinces to line up at 5 a.m. to attend the hearing, said they felt energized because having a gay marriage lawsuit argued in a Chinese court for the first time was a small but significant victory in itself. Unlike in most politically sensitive legal cases, security outside the courthouse was light and the atmosphere was relaxed.

More seasoned activists said they too had reason to be optimistic given a pickup in legal challenges, even if successes in court remained few and far between.

Chinese society and the government have generally frowned on nontraditional expressions of gender and sexuality, but awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues is rising.

China doesn't legally recognize same-sex marriage, and officials with the central government have said they do not see the law changing soon. It also remains unclear how far gay rights activism will be allowed to go under the current political climate in China, where lawyers groups and feminist activists have been jailed in recent months.

But many gay rights activists in China say they feel public attitudes are shifting substantially given the growing mainstream media coverage of LGBT issues.

In 2014, a Chinese court ruled that gay conversion treatments were illegal. Earlier this week, a labor arbitration panel in the southern province of Guizhou heard China's first transgender job discrimination case and is expected to make a ruling in the coming weeks.

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Ying Xin, the director of the Beijing LGBT Center, said there was a sharp uptick in awareness of gay issues compared to 2009, when the group started doing street performance art in Beijing.

"This is a moment because of all the news coverage, and people are gaining exposure," Ying said, pointing out recent coverage of LGBT issues and lawsuits in domestic online and broadcast news outlets.

Central China Television, the state broadcaster, has covered gay issues on several occasions and sent a reporter Wednesday to interview Sun after the court decision.

As he left the courthouse amid applause and cries of "Hero," Sun, the plaintiff, told reporters and scores of supporters that he would continue to appeal until all of his legal options were exhausted.

"The bigger significance of this case is that it will let more people know about their rights," said Gou Gou, a Beijing-based lawyer from an informal group of legal professionals called the Rainbow Lawyers network. "But young people are the most passionate. This will hopefully direct them to become more involved with the right training."

For Chen, the English student, Wednesday's hearing seemed like an awakening. She attributed the Internet to her knowledge of LGBT issues, saying she had read voraciously about everything from the battle over same-sex marriage in the United States winding its way to the Supreme Court to news of homophobic attacks in Russia.

Chen said she had long wanted to join some sort of organization or cause but had no idea how to participate in Changsha, which had no organized gay community to speak of.

"I'm going to become active, but I'm just worried that as a college student we have no financial power to do anything real," Chen said. "But this case definitely gave a lot of people courage to stand up. For gay people in China to make that first step was really not easy."

For the past week, Sun and Hu have been tracked by two college students who are making independent documentaries about them. Yang Dangling, 22, who traveled from the eastern city of Nanjing with her camera, said LGBT student clubs were forming on campuses across the country in the past five to 10 years.

Despite a surge in their national profile, Sun and Hu have sought to maintain a low-key lifestyle in Changsha. Several months ago, police came to the house to urge Sun to drop his case, but left after he reiterated his determination to press on.

Sun said his parents have been fully supportive of his legal battle, while Hu's mother and father, who live in the Hunan countryside, are more conservative but have come to accept their son's sexual orientation.

The night before the hearing, Sun and Hu spoke to local reporters before settling down for 10 yuan (\$2) bowls of rice and fried peppers in a nearby eatery, where they contemplated the progress of China's gay rights movement.

Sun insisted he didn't want to be a spokesman for all gay people in China, but only fight for his individual rights and set a legal precedent. Social attitudes can only change with economic development, he said.

Hu, the more soft-spoken of the two, interjected to rebut the notion. He recalled bringing Sun home to the countryside several months ago, where he introduced him to some old friends, who shrugged off the revelation that he was gay.

"These people knew me for 20 years," Hu said. "If you know someone who is gay, that changes your perspective. It just takes exposure."

Regulators: 5 big banks get failing grades for crisis plans

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators say that five of the biggest banks in the U.S. have inadequate plans for unwinding operations in case of failure, potentially leaving them unable to cope with financial distress without another taxpayer bailout.

JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Bank of New York Mellon and State Street were cited Wednesday by the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for gaps in their bankruptcy plans known as "living wills" that they were required to submit. The five banks were among eight Wall Street behemoths whose plans were evaluated.

The two agencies found the five banks' plans are "not credible" or insufficient for an orderly restructur-

ing in bankruptcy. The regulators gave the banks an Oct. 1 deadline to fix the problems or face possible "more stringent" requirements.

This is What Dessert Looks Like without Pollinators

FREMONT, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr 13, 2016--Life without pollinators would be a lot less sweet. That's the message Whole Foods Market (NASDAQ:WFM) and the Xerces Society are delivering this month as part of the duo's "share the buzz" campaign to raise awareness around the plight of pollinators, and

to inspire shoppers to be part of the solution.

Whole Foods Market gives shoppers a startling preview of what dessert would look like without pollinators. (Photo: Business Wire)

One in every three bites of food comes from plants that depend on pollinators, and with pollinator populations declining at alarming rates, the availability of ingredients in many of the baked goods people enjoy every day is being threatened.

To showcase the vital role pollinators play in the global food supply, Whole Foods Market's Fremont, California, store gave shoppers a startling preview of what their bakery choices would be if pollinators vanished. The before-and-after photos are disturbing - as are the findings:

97 percent of the dessert choices featured in the bakery department would either disappear or would be significantly altered; only 32 of 1,057

items remained in their original form.*

With key ingredients such as chocolate, coffee, almonds, berries, carrots and even vanilla relying on pollinators for production, hundreds of desserts - from specialty treats like macaroons and tiramisu to everyday favorites like chocolate chip cookies - would be history.

Dairy-based dessert options would be scarce. Pollinators are vital to crops that feed cattle, including alfalfa; without them, there'd be no more cheesecakes, crème brulee, thickly iced cakes, puddings, creamy tarts or éclair fillings. Even the most basic choices like plain white cupcakes that require dairy ingredients would be limited.

"Sweet tooth or not, life without dessert would be tough to swallow," said Eric Mader, pollinator program co-director for The Xerces Society. "But with one-third of the world's food crops depending on disappearing pollinator species, that may one day be a reality. The good news: it's not too late. With support from Whole Foods Market and its shoppers and suppliers, our organization is working with farmers nationwide to help them create wildflower habitat and to adopt less pesticide-intensive practices, which will help pollinators thrive."

With shoppers' support, Whole Foods Market and its suppliers have donated more than \$547,000 to the Xerces Society since 2012. These funds have helped create or improve more than 186,000 acres of pollinator habitat in the U.S., with tens of thousands more acres in development.

"This campaign is all about inspiring people to take small steps that make a big difference for these small heroes of our food supply," said Lee Kane, mission and culture coach for Whole Foods Market. "Even simple strategies like shopping organic or planting native wildflowers can tip the balance back in favor of our pollinators."



Whole Foods Market gives shoppers a startling preview of what dessert would look like without pollinators. (Photo: Business Wire)

Customers can also “share the buzz” by choosing Responsibly Grown outdoor potted plants, or by purchasing pollinator-friendly products from brands that are supporting the Xerces Society’s conservation efforts, including:

Cascadian Farm - The organic cereal, snacks and frozen produce brand protects pollinators through research funding and organic farming. Brand packaging features “Bee Friendlier” codes that consumers enter on bee-friendlier.com, which trigger 25 cent donations to pollinator conservation efforts of their choice. The company also recently announced a new commitment to plant thousands of acres of pollinator habitat on supplier farms by 2020.

Blue Diamond - This almond product maker protects pollinators by donating to research on bee health and by planting flowering ground covers around its almond orchards.

Whole Foods Market’s limited edition 365 Everyday Value® Pollinator-Friendly Almonds and Almond Butters - Whole Foods Market launched its pollinator-friendly almond products to directly support a pilot program developed by the Xerces Society, and Nevada Ranch in Le Grange, California, which is working to integrate native wildflower habitat and improved pesticide protection in large-scale almond production.

Find product information, kid-friendly educational activities, videos spotlighting lesser-known pollinators like moths, butterflies, fireflies and hummingbirds, and more at: wfm.com/pollinators.

*The only dessert items that remained unaltered were soy-based vegan “cheesecake” and coconut macaroons. Vegan oatmeal raisin cookies, vegan peanut butter cookies, plain mini cheesecakes, angel food cake, vegan white cake and lemon sticky toffee pudding also remained, but in very limited quantities or with recipe alterations.

Verizon workers go on strike amid contract dispute

MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — About 39,000 Verizon landline and cable workers on the East Coast walked off the job Wednesday morning after little progress in negotiations since their contract expired nearly eight months ago.

The workers, members of two unions — the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers — represent installers, customer service employees, repairmen and other service workers in Connecticut, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., for Verizon’s wireline business, which provides fixed-line phone services and FiOS Internet service.

“We’re on strike to maintain good jobs and maintain our standard of living,” said Keith Purce, president of CWA Local 1101 which represents about 3,500 workers in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Standing on a picket line in Manhattan with hundreds of union workers, Purce said they were prepared to stay out “as long as it takes.”

He said talks broke off last week and no new talks were scheduled.

Verizon spokesman Rich Young said the company was very disappointed that union leadership has called a strike. He said it has trained thousands of non-union workers to fill in for striking workers and “we will be there for our customers.”

The workers’ latest contract expired in August.

Outside a Verizon office in Philadelphia’s Chinatown section, dozens of striking workers gathered. Edward Mooney of the Communications Workers of America said the issue was about keeping jobs from going overseas.

Between 300 and 400 union members walked a picket line outside the company’s office in downtown Albany, where workers set up an inflatable “greedy pig” and rat, said Mike Panzerino, treasurer of CWA Local 1118.

“We’re tired of fighting with the company,” Panzerino said. “All we’re asking for is a fair contract and they don’t want to give it to us.”

The unions say Verizon wants to freeze pensions, make layoffs easier and rely more on contract workers. The telecom giant has said there are health care issues that need to be addressed for retirees and

current workers because medical costs have grown and the company also wants "greater flexibility" to manage its workers.

Verizon also is pushing to eliminate a rule that would prevent employees from working away from home for extended periods of time. In a television ad, the unions said the company was trying to "force employees to accept a contract sending their jobs to other parts of the country and even overseas."

"The main issues are job security and that they want to move workers miles and miles away," said Isaac Collazo, a Verizon employee who has worked replacing underground cables in New York City for nearly 19 years.

"We have a clause currently that they can't just lay anyone off willy nilly and they want to get rid of that," said Collazo, a single father of three children. "I feel if the company had the opportunity, they would just lay people off."

But Young said the unions' talk about offshoring jobs and cutting jobs is "absolute nonsense."

"These contracts have provisions that were put in place decades ago. ... They need to take a look at where the business stands in 2016," he added.

Verizon said in a statement Wednesday that it "has activated its business continuity plans as customer service remains the company's top priority."

In August 2011, about 45,000 Verizon workers went on strike for about two weeks.

Verizon Communications Inc. has a total workforce of more than 177,000 employees. In its statement, the company said it had been willing to participate in mediation if the unions extended their strike deadline, but that the unions instead called a strike.

Paul Ryn is not running for president _ or passing a budget

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan's national stature is such that he had to call a news conference to deny he wants to be president. Back on Capitol Hill, he's about to blow through a statutory deadline to pass an annual budget, a major embarrassment for him and House Republicans.

Under the government's arcane budget law, the House is supposed to produce a budget by this Friday, April 15. But a tea party revolt over Ryan's embrace of last year's bipartisan deal with President Barack Obama to increase spending has left him well short of the votes he needs.

"It would appear that we're not going to have a budget," the No. 2 House Democrat, Steny Hoyer of Maryland, told reporters Tuesday. "They made it a big deal. Hypocrisy is part of it," he added. "They're in deep disarray."

House Republicans met the budget deadline each of the five years they controlled the House under the leadership of John Boehner, who was ousted as speaker last fall under conservative pressure. Ryan himself, his party's 2012 vice presidential nominee, chaired the House Budget Committee for much of that time and guided the "Ryan Budget" that slashed entitlement spending. But he also cut a deal with Senate Democrats and the White House that enhanced his profile as a charismatic, policy-focused conservative.

The Wisconsin Republican has repeatedly lambasted Democrats when they didn't get budgets done while in congressional control, even backing a law that would have cut off the paychecks of lawmakers if they failed to pass a budget.

Ryan's own inability to deliver now that he's speaker raises questions about his stewardship of the House, and whether his repeated promises to return power to rank-and-file lawmakers can produce results, given how unwilling some of them are to compromise. And amid an angry GOP presidential campaign that's exposed deep divisions in the party, Ryan's honeymoon in the House may be coming to an end if he's unable to bridge the same divide between hard-core conservatives and more pragmatic-minded lawmakers that defeated his predecessor.

"There was a lot of excitement last fall when newly elected Speaker Ryan was talking about 2016 being a year of policy and passing a robust policy agenda," said Dan Holler, spokesman at Heritage Action for America. "It's been pretty underwhelming."

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Ryan's spokeswoman, AshLee Strong, disputed the suggestion that the budget was dead. "Member discussions continue regarding the best path forward for the budget," she said.

The budget is not the only area where House Republicans are faltering under Ryan's leadership. Very little significant legislation has been moving, and negotiations over a bill to address Puerto Rico's fiscal crisis have proceeded in fits and starts, an area where Boehner's ability to cut deals with Democrats might have come in handy. It's unclear whether a just-released Puerto Rico bill backed by Ryan will attract the needed support.

But Ryan has aimed his sights higher than the nitty-gritty of legislating, putting committees to work on developing policies on issues from health care to national security to poverty that can serve as a "governing agenda" for the GOP. He's pledged to release the proposals ahead of the GOP convention in July, giving his Republicans a program to run on should they want to distance themselves from the eventual GOP nominee.

Ryan made clear Tuesday that he will not be that nominee, hastily calling a news conference to try to shut down rampant speculation that he could emerge as his party's standard-bearer if front-runner Donald Trump or the other candidates — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich — flame out at a contested convention. Party leaders fear both Trump and top challenger Cruz could spell certain defeat in November, costing the GOP not only the White House but control of the Senate too.

"Let me say again, I'm not going to be our party's nominee," Ryan said. "But I'll also be clear about something else: not running does not mean I'm going to disappear," he said. Ryan pledged to unveil "a policy agenda and offer a clear choice to the American people."

On the budget, Boehner confronted a comparable situation in 2014 to where Ryan is now. It was the second year of a budget deal with Obama — negotiated by Ryan — and some conservatives were reluctant to go along with higher agency budget levels. Boehner was working with a smaller GOP majority but had an advantage since conservatives were relatively sheepish after the 2013 government shutdown that they sparked.

Now, in a hyper-polarized presidential election year — and after toppling Boehner last year — conservatives aren't falling into line.

Asian stocks lifted by optimism on oil prices, Wall Street

YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Asian stocks logged solid gains Wednesday, cheered by a rally on Wall Street, although oil prices erased some of the recent big gains that had relieved among global investors.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 added 2.6 percent to 16,341.01 in morning trading. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 2.3 percent to 20,970.31, while the Shanghai Composite index was up 2.1 percent at 3,086.56. Other regional markets were higher nearly across the board, including Australia's S&P/ASX 200, which rose 1.3 percent to 5,038.90. South Korea's markets were closed for an election holiday.

WALL STREET: The Dow Jones industrial average rose 164.84 points, or 0.9 percent, to 17,721.25. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 19.73 points, or 1 percent, to 2,061.72 and the Nasdaq composite increased 38.69 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,872.09.

THE QUOTE: "Oil was the dominant theme again with hopes for a deal to freeze production more entrenched," said Cynthia Jane Kalasopatan of the Singapore Treasury Division of Mizuho Bank.

OIL FACTOR: Russian officials told Interfax, the Russian news agency, that they planned to reach a deal with Saudi Arabia to cut oil production, raising hopes that the recent gains in oil prices will not abate. OPEC ministers meet this Sunday in Doha, Qatar.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 40 cents to \$41.78 in New York. It surged \$1.81 on Tuesday. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 24 cents to \$44.45. It rose \$1.86 on Tuesday.

CURRENCIES: The euro fell to \$ 1.1368 from \$1.1422 late Tuesday while the dollar rose to 108.88 yen from 108.31 yen.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 13, the 104th day of 2016. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field."

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

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

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

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

Ten years ago: Confessed al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee) expressed no remorse for his role in the 9/11 attacks as he took the stand for the second time in his death-penalty trial in Alexandria, Virginia. British author Dame Muriel Spark died in Florence, Italy, at age 88.

Five years ago: Ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his two sons were detained for investigation of corruption, abuse of power and killings of protesters. A federal jury in San Francisco convicted Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice, but failed to reach a verdict on the three counts at the heart of allegations that he'd knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it. (Bonds' conviction for obstruction was ultimately overturned.) The NBA fined Kobe Bryant \$100,000 for using a derogatory gay term in frustration over a referee's call.

One year ago: Republican Sen. Marco Rubio entered the 2016 presidential race with a rally in Miami. A federal judge in Washington sentenced former Blackwater security guard Nicholas Slatten to life in prison and three others to 30-year terms for their roles in a 2007 shooting in Baghdad's Nisoor Square that killed 14 Iraqi civilians and wounded 17 others. A judge in Phoenix sentenced Jodi Arias to life in prison for killing her ex-boyfriend, Travis Alexander. Guenter Grass, 87, the Nobel-winning German writer who gave voice to the generation that came of age during the horrors of the Nazi era but later ran into controversy over his own World War II past and stance toward Israel, died in Luebeck, Germany.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Stanley Donen is 92. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 83. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 81. Actor Edward Fox is 79. Actor Paul Sorvino is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lester Chambers is 76. Movie-TV composer Bill Conti is 74. Rock musician Jack Casady is 72. Actor Tony Dow is 71. Singer Al Green is 70. Actor Ron Perlman is 66. Actor William Sadler is 66. Singer Peabo Bryson is 65. Bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 65. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 64.

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Rock musician Jimmy Destri is 62. Singer-musician Louis Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 61. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 59. Actress Sandra Santiago is 59. Sen. Bob Casey Jr., D-Pa., is 56. Rock musician Joey Mazzola (Sponge) is 55. Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov is 53. Actress Page Hannah is 52. Actress-comedian Caroline Rhea (RAY) is 52. Rock musician Lisa Umbarger is 51. Rock musician Marc Ford is 50. Reggae singer Capleton is 49. Actor Ricky Schroder is 46. Rock singer Aaron Lewis (Staind) is 44. Actor Bokeem Woodbine is 43. Singer Lou Bega is 41. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 40. Actor Kyle Howard is 38. Actress Kelli Giddish is 36. Actress Courtney Peldon is 35. Pop singer Nellie McKay (mih-KY') is 34. Rapper/singer Ty Dolla \$ign is 34. Actress Allison Williams is 28. Actress Hannah Marks is 23.

Thought for Today: "In the landscape of extinction, precision is next to godliness." — Samuel Beckett, Irish poet and playwright (born this date in 1906, died 1989).