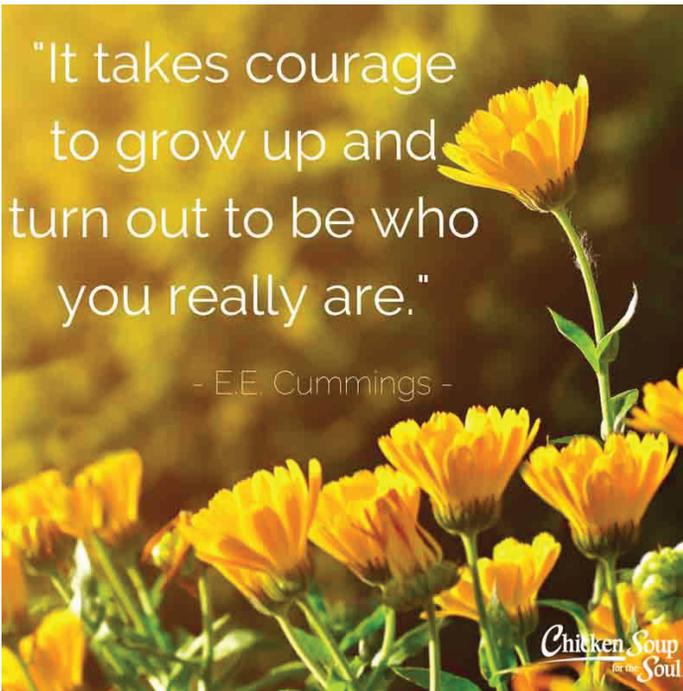


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"It takes courage  
to grow up and  
turn out to be who  
you really are."

- E.E. Cummings -



2- National Honor Society  
3- School Board Story  
4- Trinity featured on Episcopal News Service  
7- Weather Pages  
Sorry no AP news today - ran out of time

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### Bates Township ROW Notice

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and expenses charged to the landowner.

Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors  
Betty Geist  
Township Clerk

**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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The Gold Key Chapter of the National Honor Society held its inductee ceremony Monday evening. Below, the 2018 members talked about the National Honor Society. Pictured are Hattie Weismantel, Madilyn Wright, Madison Sippel, Emma Donley, Alexandra Stange, Jenifer Fjelstad and Hannah Lewandowski. The new inductees are pictured above, left to right: Cassandra Townsend, Alexis Simon, Tylan Glover, Alexis Gustafson, AnneMarie Smith and Emily Thompson. Pictured in the left photo is School Board President Steve Smith who congratulated the new members. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



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## Harder, Reder resign their positions

Two resignations were accepted and there may be changes in the school's health insurance options. The Groton Area Board of Education met Monday evening in the Commons room of the Groton Area Elementary School. The board accepted the resignations of Cory Harder as girls soccer coach and Dodie Reder as a custodian. Harder has taken on a trucking job so he will not be in the area any more. Reder resigned because of health related issues.

Business Manager Mike Weber talked about the health insurance that the school employees have and he foresees the \$500 and the \$750 deductible options to be eliminated by the company. The board may look at adding two more higher deductibles to the school's offering.

Program reviews of the fourth and fifth grade were presented. Guthmiller and Fjeldheim talked about the fourth graders and Lone and Hendrickson talked about the fifth graders. There are 50 students in the fourth grade and 45 in the fifth grade. The fifth grade is getting a new reading series which will help meet the common core requirements. Ipad's have been very useful for the fourth graders.

A 1999 Ford Windstar Van was declared as surplus. Open enrollment for students already attending school in Groton were approved for a freshman, an eighth grader, and sixth grader and a kindergarten student from the Northwestern Area School District. The Title 1 program was approved to go school-wide. The board approved for membership into the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the 2018-19 school year. Whitney Berner was hired as the new high school math teacher. Berner is currently a student teacher under Darlyne Johnson. After Tara Arntsen has her baby, Berner will take over her math class.

Middle/High School Principal Kiersten Sombke talked about the proposed graduation requirements that may take effect the 2020-21 school year. One of the options is to give students more flexibility in fulfilling graduation requirements. It has been since 2009 that the last changes were made to graduation requirements.

## Maintenance Supervisor Wanted:

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## Small, rural Episcopal churches designed by world-renowned architect are disappearing Residents of one South Dakota town are trying to preserve their Upjohn treasure

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[Episcopal News Service] In the center of a little former frontier town in northeastern South Dakota stands an Episcopal sole survivor.

The one-room wooden Trinity Episcopal Church was built only three years after the town of Groton was organized as a railroad stop in 1881. Groton is now a city of 1,400 people, according to the last U.S. census.

This simple, white-painted church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, representing significant mid-19th century revival architecture, exploration and settlement. Properties listed in the register are deemed important in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture. It's the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation.

The church's cachet also stems from its architectural design. It was created by renowned church architect and Episcopalian Richard Upjohn, who designed the majestic Trinity Church Wall Street in downtown Manhattan and founded the American Institute of Architects.

There once were 153 churches built from Upjohn's designs in South Dakota, and this is the only one remaining.

"I always took it for granted that it was there. I live two blocks from the church and walked by it every day of my life since 1965," said Betty Breck, who is striving to keep the church preserved and open for use.

She's part of the Groton Community Historical Society that is seeking help from the public to gather enough donations to be able to apply for a grant from the City of Deadwood, South Dakota, and the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission, which is set up to help historic preservation throughout the state.

Upjohn, a heavily indebted English cabinetmaker, migrated to the United States in 1829, gradually becoming one of North America's famous architects. "The buildings he designed reflected new currents in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States and its parent, the Church of England," according to an article by Joan R. Gundersen, the soon-to retire



Trinity Episcopal Church in Groton, South Dakota, is the last remaining church designed by renowned architect and Episcopalian Richard Upjohn. Photo courtesy of Groton Community Historical Society



PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF WOODEN CHAPEL.  
Drawn by RICHARD UPJOHN, 1881

Perspective drawing for Trinity Episcopal Church. Photo courtesy of Groton Community Historical Society

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archivist for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Gundersen, who lived in Northfield, Minnesota, from 1975 to 1989 while she was a tenured member of the St. Olaf College history department, wrote about Upjohn's influence in "Rural Gothic: Building Episcopal Churches on the Minnesota Frontier," published in *Minnesota History*, a quarterly publication of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Upjohn helped spread the Gothic revival in church architecture to the United States with his work on Trinity Church Wall Street and several other major churches.

"More important for the architect's and the revival's overall impact was the fact that Upjohn donated plans for many small churches and made it a policy to design one mission church each year," she said.

"With these plans, they could build churches very quickly," Breck said. "The directions were so complete. It's fascinating to me how they did it."

Upjohn's practical plans for building small churches quickly, affordably and with local materials and craftsmen in rural America started a wave of 19th-century church building, beginning in western New York sometime in the 1820s, Breck learned.

It wasn't until the 1820s that the Episcopal Church looked toward the American frontier, Gundersen wrote. That's when the General Convention founded the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which first began work on the immediate frontiers of western Pennsylvania, New York and New England. Western New York was booming, thanks to the completion in 1825 of the Erie Canal. (Today, the Episcopal Church is incorporated, conducts business and carries out its mission under the name of the DFMS.)

Eventually, Upjohn gathered plans for a church, chapel, rectory and schoolhouse that he published as "Upjohn's Rural Architecture" in 1852.

Then the building spread with the missionary movement throughout the Western frontier. In 1880, there were 22 chapels and 73 churches built with Upjohn's plans in Minnesota, Breck said.

Trinity, Groton, was a consecrated church in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota until the diocese deeded the property to the Brown County Historical Society in 1975. It joined the National Register in 1983. But the society struggled to take care of the church, so in 2016, the Groton Community Historical Society was formed for the express purpose of owning the church to maintain and preserve it.

The church is exactly as it was in the 1880s, except for the chimney, turn-of-the-century wiring and the removal of an oil furnace on the floor. The ecclesiasti-



A circa 1870 oil portrait depicts architect and Episcopalian Richard Upjohn. Photo: Wikimedia Commons



Betty Breck is trying to preserve Trinity Episcopal Church in Groton, South Dakota, due to its historic architectural design and significance. Photo courtesy of Groton Community Historical Society

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cal furniture — including the original pump organ, pews, altar and pulpit — are the same.

Once the roof is fixed, Breck envisions weekly music events and maybe use as a destination wedding chapel. She has an event planned May 27, with pump organ music.

When Breck started doing research on this church, she had no idea about its history.

“It was just this sweet little church down the road. When you sit in there, it just works its spell on you. It speaks to the spirituality of our ancestors here,” Breck said.

“They worked hard, and they took time to build a church not only for their Episcopal congregation, but by others also. It was a community center, the center of the town and held everything together on the prairie.”

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The interior of Trinity Episcopal Church in Groton, South Dakota. Photo courtesy of the Rev. Robert Hill

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## Today in Weather History

March 27, 1993: Rain and rapid snowmelt caused the Big Sioux and Vermillion Rivers to rise to 1 to 8 feet above flood stage March 26th through March 31st, 1993. The worst of the flooding occurred in far southeast South Dakota where large areas of farmland were under water. The floodwaters closed at least four state highways in southeast South Dakota and blocked dozens of smaller roads in the east. Large chunks of ice on the Big Sioux led to many temporary ice jams. The ice jams took out fences and washed out roads. In some areas, the ice had to be pushed off of the streets with tractors.

1890: The middle Mississippi Valley saw a significant tornado outbreak on this day with 24, estimated F2 or stronger tornadoes impacting the area. Tornadoes killed at least 146 people. The most notable of the tornadoes was an estimated F4 that carved a path from the Parkland neighborhood to Crescent Hill in Louisville, Kentucky. This tornado destroyed 766 buildings and killed an estimated 76 to 120 people. Most of the deaths occurred when the Falls City Hall collapsed.

1931: A blizzard struck western Kansas and adjoining states was called the "worst since January 1888". Twenty children, ages seven to fourteen, were stranded in a makeshift school bus for 33 hours during this blizzard.

1946: Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada thawed out as the mercury soared to 74 degrees, their warmest March temperature on record.

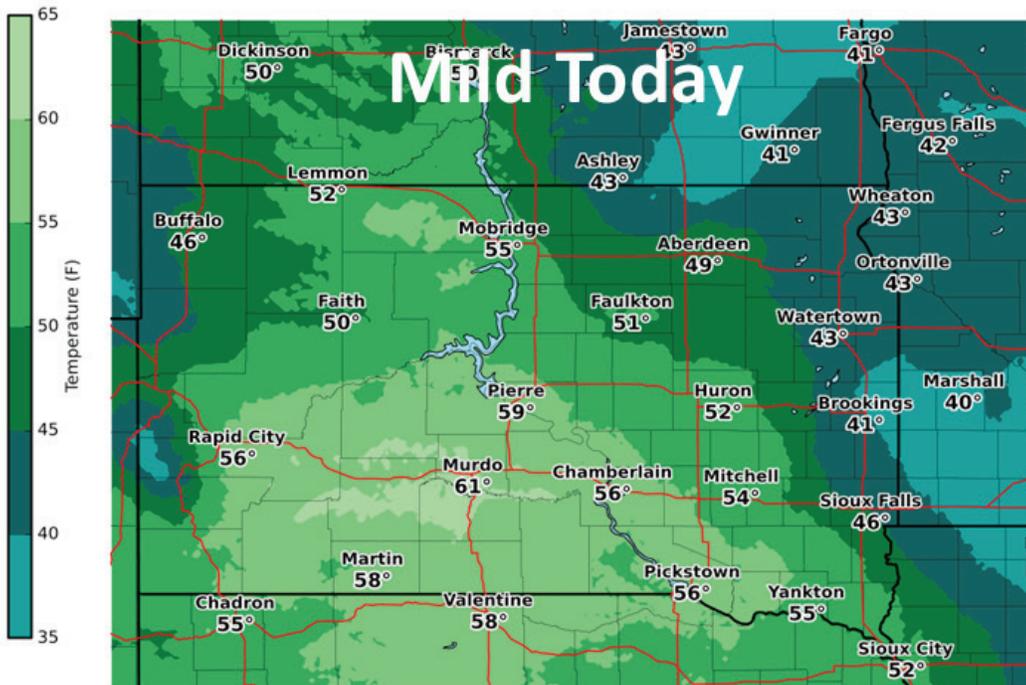
1964: Great Alaskan earthquake left at least 100 dead in Anchorage, Alaska. The magnitude 9.2 quake is the largest in US history and the second strongest worldwide. Waves reached 103 feet above the low - tide mark.

1994: The Southeastern Palm Sunday Tornado Outbreak occurred on this date. What began as a peaceful Palm Sunday quickly changed to a historic day in weather history when a powerful tornado ripped through southern Alabama and Georgia. By the time the storm was over, 22 people were dead, and 92 were injured. The F4 tornado cut a 50-mile path from Ragland in St. Clair, County Alabama to the Georgia line. The storm touched down near Ragland at 10:51 am. The storm struck Ohatchee than roared across northeastern Calhoun County, passing near Piedmont and hitting Goshen in Cherokee County. The most disastrous damage occurred at Goshen, where the twister struck the Goshen United Methodist Church at 11:37 am. 20 people were killed at the church, which did not hear the tornado warning issued 10 minutes earlier by the National Weather Service in Birmingham. A tornado watch had been released at 9:30 am. Following the tornadoes, Vice President Al Gore pledged to extend NOAA Weatheradio coverage into the areas affected by the twisters, which had previously been unable to receive the alarm signals.

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Tue Mar 27	Wed Mar 28	Thu Mar 29	Fri Mar 30	Sat Mar 31	Sun Apr 1	Mon Apr 2
48°F	43°F	39°F	33°F	32°F	31°F	36°F
33°F	22°F	20°F	17°F	10°F	14°F	30°F
SW 10 MPH	SW 13 MPH	WNW 8 MPH	NNE 10 MPH	ENE 15 MPH	NW 10 MPH	S 14 MPH
			Precip 30%	Precip 40%		



National Weather Service  
Aberdeen, SD  
[www.weather.gov/abr](http://www.weather.gov/abr)

**Weekend Outlook**

**Cold**

**Wednesday:**  
37 to 54°F

**Thursday:**  
35 to 48°F

Published on: 03/27/2018 at 4:32AM

3/27/2018 4:30 AM

A fair amount of sunshine should lead to relatively mild temperatures today across the region. However, a major cool down is coming this weekend, along with chances for snow.

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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 33.5 F at 2:30 PM

Low Outside Temp: 30.9 F at 7:19 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 9.0 Mph at 4:32 PM

Precip: 0.52

## Today's Info

Record High: 83° in 1946

Record Low: -12° in 1913

Average High: 46°F

Average Low: 24°F

Average Precip in March: 0.97

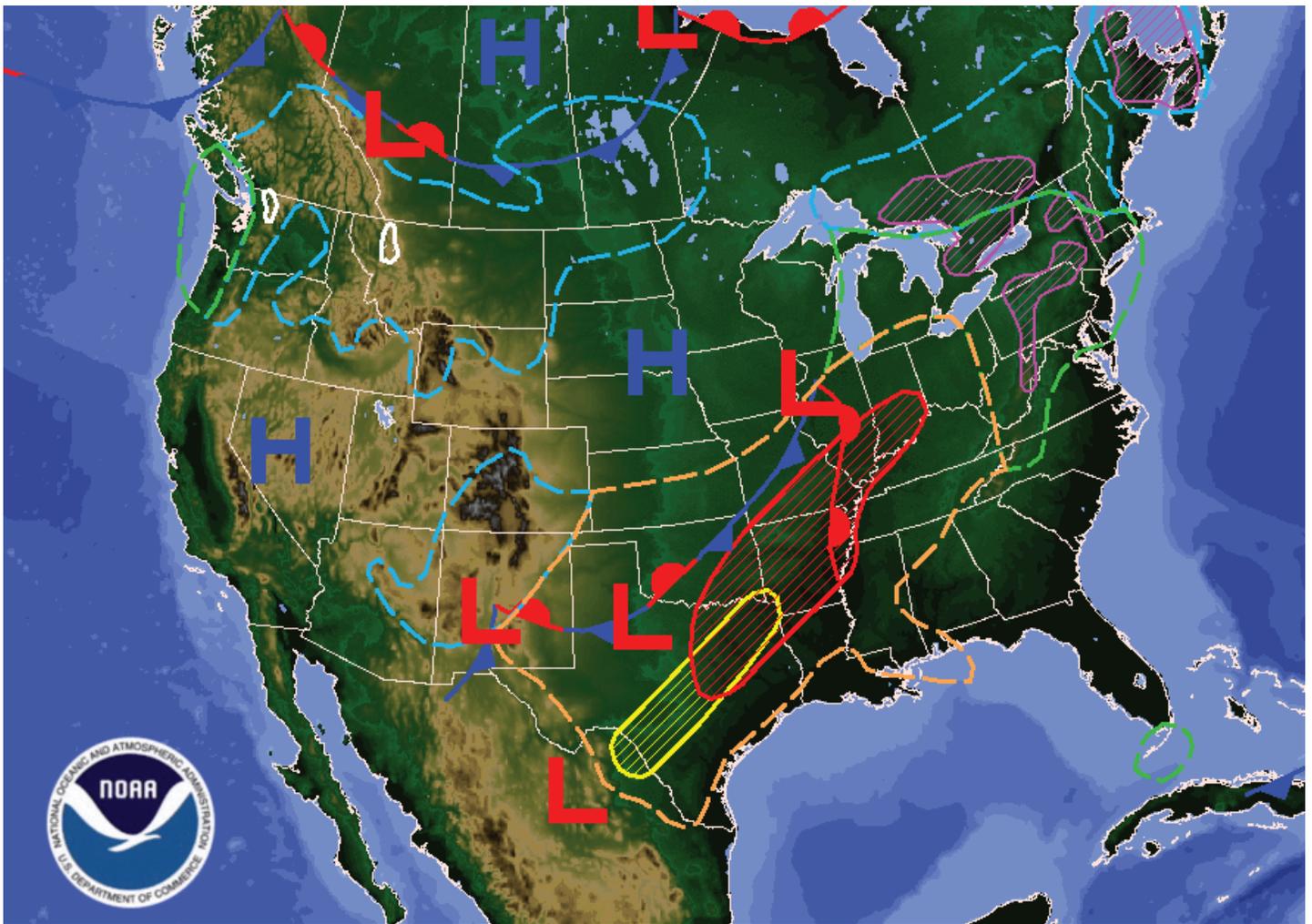
Precip to date in March: 1.66

Average Precip to date: 1.99

Precip Year to Date: 2.07

Sunset Tonight: 7:55 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:21 a.m.



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Mar 27, 2018, issued 4:47 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain  
Rain and T'Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow  
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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## BE HAPPY!

A deacon was asked by his pastor to meet a guest speaker at the local airport. He stood patiently waiting and looking at each traveler as they claimed their luggage and then left the airport. But he was not comfortable in approaching any of them and asking, "Are you the one who is scheduled to speak at the First Baptist Church?"

Finally, he noticed a gentleman who was wearing a dark blue suit, red tie and carrying a brief case. Ah, he thought, that's our guest.

Approaching him he asked, "Pardon me, Sir, but are you the minister who is to speak at the First Baptist Church tomorrow?"

"No," came the reply. "It's my indigestion that makes me look like this."

How sad it is that people associate gloom and doom with godliness and not happiness and gladness. If there is anything that should separate the born again from those who do not know Christ as Savior it is the sign of joy! We who have been released from the power of sin and the grip of Satan ought to always have a smile on our faces and thankfulness in our hearts.

"I might have been a minister myself," confessed Oliver Wendell Holmes, "for all I know, if a certain clergyman had not looked and talked like an undertaker."

God's Word does not say, "Be careful not to smile. The world is in terrible shape. The end will soon be here." Rather, "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship Him with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs."

Prayer: Father, if we cannot find a reason to be filled with "joyful songs" please open our eyes to Your goodness! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 100:1,2 Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

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## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/28/2018 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 3/24/2018 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 4/13/2018 Elementary School Carnival, 5 p.m.
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2018 Historic Trinity Church Pump Organ Concert.
- 5/28/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
  
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events