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GFAFB locked down following reports of gunfire

A single shot was reportedly fired near the base exchange and medical clinic

GRAND FORKS COUNTY — The Grand Forks Air Force Base is on lockdown and cars are being turned away at the gate Wednesday afternoon, April 17, following a report of a shot being fired on the base.

“At about 1 p.m. local time here, Grand Forks Air Force Base security forces received a report of a single gunshot near the medical clinic and

base exchange,” base spokesperson Lea Greene said in a statement given to the Herald. “Out of an abundance of caution, they issued a lockdown to respond to the situation. As of 2:30 p.m., no injuries are reported and law enforcement is still conducting door-to-door sweeps.”

Greene told the Herald only one person reported hearing a gunshot so, at

this point, it’s possible that the sound was misinterpreted.

“We don’t even know if it was a real gunshot that the reporter heard, at this point,” she said.

Other than the reported sound, Greene said, there are no indications of an active shooter on the base.

However, the source of the sound has not been located. The medical clinic

is quite large, she said.

A loudspeaker could be heard playing on the base around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday saying that the base is on lockdown and that there is an active shooter at the base exchange and medical.

Greene said base residents have been calling 911 to report what they’ve heard over the



Eric Hylden / Grand Forks Herald
Grand Forks Air Force Base military police stop vehicles leaving the east gate to the base during a lockdown Wednesday.

LOCKDOWN on A2

Olson named NCTC interim president

STAFF REPORTS
Grand Forks Herald

EAST GRAND FORKS — Shari Olson has been named the interim president of Northland Community and Technical College, according to a



press release Wednesday morning, April 17. The decision was made by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Her appointment is effective July 1, the release said.

“With her deep knowledge of Minnesota State, including her previous leadership role with Northland, I am confident Dr. Olson is the right person to provide leadership during this transition,” said Scott Olson, chancellor of Minnesota State, in a statement. “She will make tremendous contributions to the well-being of Northland Community & Technical College — promoting a culture of collaboration and continuous innovation and improvement. I’m grateful that Shari is willing to take on this challenge and I look forward to working closely with her as she positions Northland for success well into the future.”

Olson was one of two candidates for the position, alongside Anthony Kinkel. The decision came following Scott Olson’s recommendation

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CVIC President/CEO Coiya Tompkins Inman, right, and Allison Burkman, center, work with videographer Suzanne Irwin while taping a podcast at the Empire Arts Center on March 18.

‘Dove Talks’ video series a ‘robust tool’ for CVIC

The donor-funded videos cover how to address abusive behaviors and more

BY SAV KELLY
Grand Forks Herald

EDITOR’S NOTE:

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, visit CVIC’s website at <https://www.cviconline.org/> or call the 24-hour crisis line at (701) 746-8900.

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In the year-and-a-half since CVIC published its first “Dove Talks” video on YouTube, President and CEO Coiya

Tompkins Inman believes the series has evolved into a great project that offers useful information for staff, donors and the entire community.

“It’s become a pretty robust tool,” Tompkins Inman said. “It’s still something I think we can continue to refine, but what’s really great about it is a lot of the content isn’t necessarily going to be dated. Maybe the topics and trends could get updated — but the core content, a lot of it, has some shelf life.”

With nearly 40 videos in the series, “Dove Talks” provides insight into CVIC’s services, priorities, collaborations and impact. Published biweekly on Thursdays, videos highlight topics like the importance of language, addressing abusive behaviors in relationships and teaching children to be active bystanders.

In a highly digital age, the series has proven to be a powerful method to provide a consistent

stream of information to the public, Tompkins Inman said.

CVIC started a YouTube channel in late 2019, though activity was sporadic for the first few years.

“We had a channel, but we just hadn’t really invested a lot of time in thinking about: What kind of content do we want on here?” Tompkins Inman said. “How do we want to educate people?”

There was also the issue of funding — as a

nonprofit, CVIC didn’t have a large advertising budget to pull from, she said.

CVIC included the project in a funding application submitted to one of its largest private grantors, and ultimately received \$28,300 for it.

“The primary expense of it is the actual video production,” Tompkins Inman said. “We’ve put quite a bit into lighting, sound and things like

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North Dakota begins federal push for Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library funding

Bipartisan effort aims to secure federal support for Medora-based project, preserving Roosevelt’s legacy

BY JAMES B. MILLER, JR.
The Dickinson Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Kelly Armstrong (R-N.D.) and Sens. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) have presented the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Act, a bipartisan effort seeking federal support for the construction of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library (TRPL) in Medora, North Dakota.

The journey toward the

establishment of the library faced various challenges, including funding shortages and bureaucratic complexities. The proposed act aims to address these obstacles and move the project forward.

Reps. Armstrong and Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) introduced the act in the House of Representatives, while Sens. Hoeven, Cramer, Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) introduced it in the Senate. This legislative move

marks a new phase in the ongoing efforts to establish the library, adding a federal dimension to the initiative.

The bill’s primary objective is to authorize funding for the ongoing construction of the TRPL and ensure the preservation of Roosevelt’s history and legacy. It includes provisions that would enable the TRPL Foundation to enter into inter-agency agreements aimed at preserving and exhibiting federal curatorial collections associated with

Roosevelt, currently housed in storage.

Presidential libraries serve as repositories of historical artifacts, documents and records, providing valuable resources for researchers, educators and the general public. By securing federal funding for the TRPL, the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Act aims to ensure that Roosevelt’s legacy receives the recognition and preservation in line with established

LIBRARY on A14



Josiah C. Cuellar / The Dickinson Press

Bipartisan introduction of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Act seeks federal support for constructing the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora.

Public hearing to be held on transition of Mahnomen Health Center to rural emergency hospital

STAFF REPORTS
Grand Forks Herald

MAHNOMEN, Minn. — A public hearing is scheduled for April 30 regarding Mahnomen Health Center transitioning to a rural emergency hospital. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. via Microsoft Teams, hosted by the Minnesota Department of Health's Health Regulation Division, the release said. Those in attendance will be given the opportunity to discuss the transition of Mahnomen Health Center to a rural emergency hospital, which means it will not have inpatient services or swing beds. A submission filed by the center said it will continue to provide outpatient services and emergency services.

Those interested in attending the hearing can join it through the Microsoft Teams event or by calling 651-395-7448 and using the access code 89 653 172#, the release said. Those who want to join the hearing through Microsoft Teams, learn more about the hearing itself or submit a public comment beforehand can find these options on the Mahnomen Health Center public hearing webpage on the Minnesota Department of Health's website. The Minnesota Legislature passed legislation in 2021 requiring a public notice and a public hearing before the closure of a hospital or a hospital campus, service relocation or cessation in offering certain services, the release said.

BRIEF

Grand Forks man gets 10 years for child endangerment, neglect and drug crimes

GRAND FORKS — A Grand Forks man was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Monday, April 15, for child endangerment, neglect and drug crimes. Alexander Lee Gothberg, 35, pleaded guilty to four Class B felonies: child endangerment resulting in bodily injury, fentanyl possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, possession of a schedule II stimulant with intent and possession of a schedule II opiate with intent. Gothberg was arrested

in April 2023 after he called 911 to report that his 2-year-old child overdosed on fentanyl, according to an affidavit filed in the case. He said he'd found one of his children lying on the floor, not breathing, the affidavit said. An open bag of powder fentanyl was on the table next to the child. Inside the residence, officers found suspected fentanyl, marijuana, methamphetamine, ketamine, Vyvanse, alprazolam, diazepam, clonazepam, carisoprodol, tapentadol and Dilaudid, according to an affidavit filed in the case. Herald staff report

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride, warning, "The British are coming!" In 1906, the Great San Francisco Earthquake struck, killing an estimated 3,000 people and destroying 80% of the city. In 1942, Lt. Col. James Doolittle led a squadron of

U.S. planes in the bombing of Tokyo and other Japanese cities. In 1983, a suicide bombing at a United States embassy left 63 dead in Beirut, Lebanon. In 2014, an avalanche killed 16 Nepali guides on Mount Everest.

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StormTRACKER Forecast

Windy end to the week. Highs in the 40s Thursday, 30s Friday. Sunnier and warming into the weekend.

Almanac Through 6 pm Wednesday		
Temperature	High	Low
Wednesday	51°	37°
Normal	53°	32°
Record	82° in 1915	11° in 2022
Precipitation	In Inches	
Wednesday	.22"	
Month To Date	.82"	
Departure From Avg Month To Date	.25"	
Year To Date	2.25"	
Departure From Avg Year To Date	-0.28"	
Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.	Sunset: 8:23 p.m.	
Moonrise: 3:00 p.m.	Moonset: 5:14 a.m. 4/19	

Full April 23
Third May 1
New May 7
First May 15

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
42/28	36/26	50/25	60/37	54/38	57/35	63/42
Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
Wind: W 22 mph	Wind: NW 22 mph	Wind: NW 14 mph	Wind: W 11 mph	Wind: S 11 mph	Wind: N 13 mph	Wind: S 12 mph

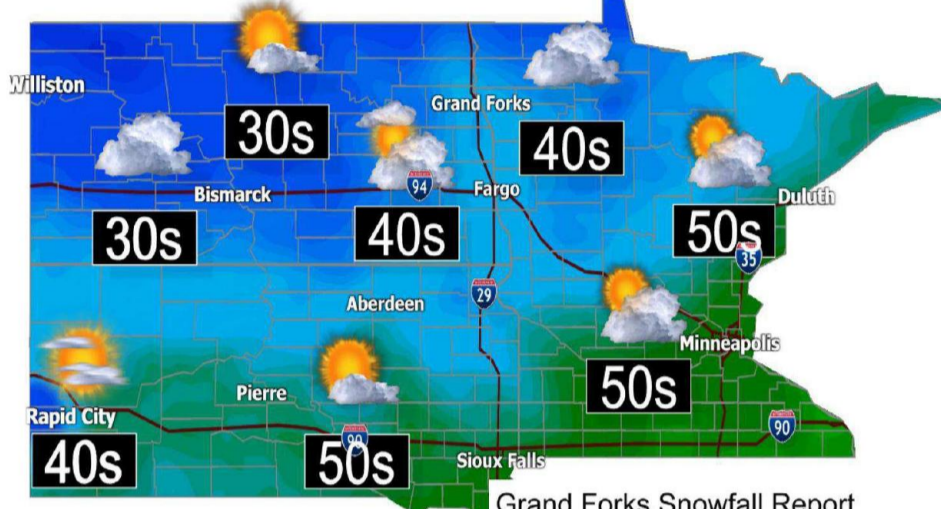
*Average wind speed for each day

WEATHER TALK

How old is a river?

BY JOHN WHEELER
WDAY

FARGO — The Red River formed when glacial meltwater from Lake Agassiz drained away between 12,000 and 9,000 years ago. This places the age of the Red River at a little more than 9,000 years, which is brand-new, geologically. The Missouri River in North Dakota is some 30 million years old, but its course through North Dakota was changed many times during the Ice Age. The southern part of the Mississippi River may be as old as 70 million years. The oldest river in North America is believed to be the French Broad River, which flows out of North Carolina, through the Appalachians, to Knoxville, Tennessee, where it combines with the Holston River to form the Tennessee River. This river course is thought to be around 320 million years old. The Finke River in Australia, at 400 million years, is thought to be the world's oldest river. John Wheeler is Chief Meteorologist for WDAY Television.

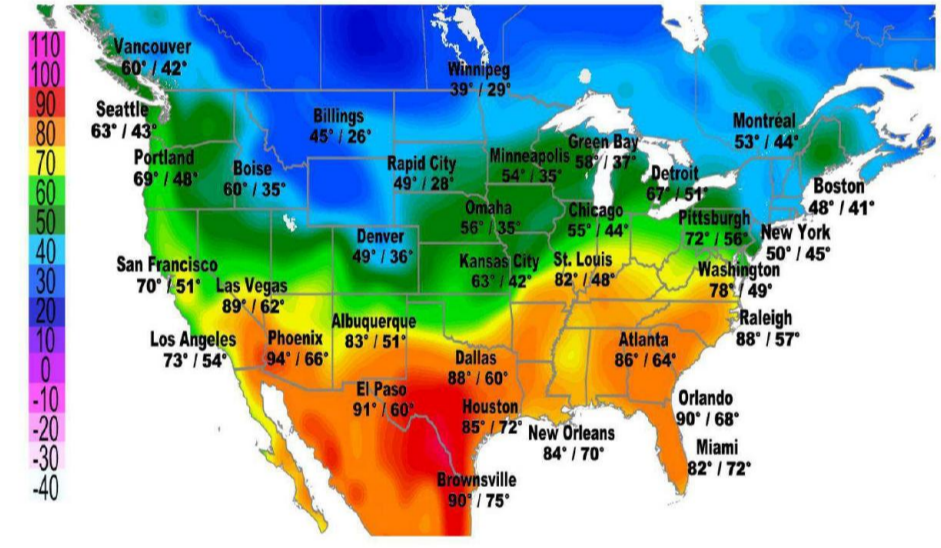


Grand Forks Snowfall Report

As measured by the National Weather Service in Grand Forks

As of 6 pm Tuesday	Observed	Average	Last Year
Month To Date	0	.1"	0
Since July 1	0	2.2"	11.3"
Snow Depth	29.0"	47.8"	78.3"
	0		

North Dakota	Today		Tomorrow		Minnesota	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Bismarck	39	26	40	28	Bemidji	42	27	38	25
Devils Lake	38	25	36	24	Duluth	53	35	44	32
Fargo	45	30	38	28	International Falls	43	29	38	27
Minot	36	22	38	28	Minneapolis	54	35	47	32
Williston	37	24	36	24	Rochester	53	35	48	31



CALENDAR

Today, April 18
To place your event in the Grand Forks Herald calendar, email gfhcity@gfherald.com, with "Calendar item" in the subject line. Events should include name, time, location, short description and contact info. Please submit 10 days before the event. The Herald does not guarantee publication of all events.

Breakfast at the Grand Forks Senior Center is 8:30 to 9 a.m., 620 Fourth

Ave. S. Also, **hot meal drive-thru** is 11:30 a.m. to noon, and **inside dining serving** is 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. **Monday through Friday.** For 60+. Obtain required paperwork and key tags in the Senior Center. Order frozen meals ahead of time at (701) 772-7245, pick up during the drive-thru or inside.

SCORE free and confidential business mentoring meetings, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **every Thursday** via Zoom,

phone, email or in person. To schedule an appointment, email score@gra.midco.net or visit www.score.org and request a mentor from 58201, Grand Forks.

Nature storytime: Little Critters, 10 a.m., Turtle River State Park, 3084 Park Ave., Arvilla, North Dakota. Geared toward 3-5 year olds. Event is free, vehicle pass required. (701) 795-3180.

LSS senior meals: Congregate, home

delivered and curbside is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Monday through Friday,** in the East Grand Forks Senior Center, 538 Rhinehart Dr. S.E., East Grand Forks. Info: (218) 399-3351.

Business After Hours, 4:45 to 7 p.m., North Dakota Museum of Art, 261 Centennial Drive, Grand Forks. Due to the business nature of the event, those under age 18 may not attend. (701) 772-7271.

Studio Night, 6 to 8 p.m.,

Arts for Vets, 215 N. Third St., Grand Forks. Located inside the Riverview Center. Meet local artists, view their work, learn of upcoming shows. Info: (701) 330-3072 or email artsforvets@gmail.com.

The History of High Plains Fair Housing Center, 6 to 9 p.m., Empire Arts Center, 415 DeMers Ave., Grand Forks. In celebration of Fair Housing Month, learn about the center's impact on the community. Registration is free. Visit the Empire

calendar of events to register.

Author talk: Sarah Vogel, "The Farmer's Lawyer," 7 to 9 p.m., Chester Fritz Library, 3051 University Ave., Grand Forks. Free parking in the parking lots and on adjacent streets, handicapped accessible parking on the east side of the building. Zoom option also available, call (701) 777-6326 or (701) 746-0444 for details.

CVIC CONTINUED from A1

that." Suzanne Irwin, a professional videographer, records and edits the videos. Guests – primarily staff and community partners – participate on a volunteer basis. Many episodes are filmed on CVIC property, though some are recorded at partner locations or even the Empire Arts Center, which offers an inexpensive rate for the organization, Tompkins Inman said.

The project was named "Dove Talks" because the bird symbolizes peace, which aligns with CVIC's ultimate goal as an organization – to become a community without interpersonal violence, Tompkins Inman said. The nonprofit hopes to achieve this goal through a holistic approach outlined in its Safer Tomorrow Road Map.

"Our entire plan is really built on three major pillars of safety, healing and education," Tompkins Inman said. Through "Dove Talks," CVIC emphasizes the road map itself, but also how taking a holistic approach has impacted the community. "That's one of the things we try to underscore, too," Tompkins Inman said. "What have the results of this work really been? How have we really been able to move the needle in decreasing violence in our community?"

In taking this approach, CVIC has built a repertoire of expertise and knowledge within its own team, as well as among partners and donors – something Tompkins Inman says she's really proud of. "There's a lot of institutional knowledge right here in Grand Forks County," she said. "These are folks that have either

been a part of our long-range plan, or have actually helped build it." The library of nearly 40 "Dove Talks" videos has a wide range of contributors, Tompkins Inman said, from the county state's attorney's office to partners in healthcare and education. Guests in upcoming episodes include Altru leadership, who will speak about the new hospital; Grand Forks County Sheriff Andy Schneider, who will talk about CVIC's partnerships with law enforcement; representation from Alpha Chi Omega, a UND sorority with a national philanthropy focus on domestic violence awareness; Dave Molmen, former Altru CEO and longtime CVIC donor who was instrumental in launching the road map; and Grand Forks County Commissioner Kimberly Hagen, who will talk about her perspective as both a volunteer and civic leader.

"No one's ever turned me down to do a show," Tompkins Inman said. "There's a lot of interest in being a part of this broader goal." "Dove Talks" subject ideas come up in conversations between staff, community partners and clients. When the project started, Tompkins Inman was worried there wouldn't be enough to talk about to maintain a biweekly schedule. "But there's been no shortage of topics," she said. "In fact, we usually shoot probably four to six at a time, and then I'm already thinking about the next one." The YouTube channel gets a little less than 4,000 impressions per month, Tompkins Inman said, but the videos are utilized outside of the channel as well. They've been used to educate new employees, train community partners, inform the media and donors of what the organization is

working on and let the community know what services are available to them. "We still believe there's a fair amount of our community that may not have the broader view of what we really do," Tompkins Inman said. "They tend to think of us as still in that 'safety' bucket, that emergency/crisis stage – and we really do a lot more for victims and families beyond just that initial crisis standpoint." When the two-year grant period concludes at the end of the year, CVIC will apply for a renewal. If the application is accepted, "Dove Talks" episodes will continue to air for at least another couple of years. If the application is denied, production costs could potentially be cut to keep the project going. For now, Tompkins Inman says the organization is fortunate to have the funding it does.

Correction

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit organization. It was inaccurately identified in the Tuesday, April 16, A1 Herald article "Friends and colleagues recall influence and impact of former North Dakota Lt. Governor Lloyd Omdahl."

LOCKDOWN CONTINUED from A1

loudspeaker. She advises against doing this, saying law enforcement is aware of the situation and those that need to respond are doing so. "Just remain calm and listen to the directions of law enforcement," she said. For those waiting outside of the base, Greene advises them to wait for the all clear. The Herald will continue to pursue this story.