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## Wednesday, July 1

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Loren Johnson, KaSandra Pappas  
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study  
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Teeners host Northville (DH)

6:00pm: U12 Midgets host Milbank Blue (DH)

## Thursday, July 2

**Senior Menu:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli or carrots, garlic toast, sherbet.

**Birthdays:** Nathan Flemming, Deb Gengerke, Carrie Duncan Olson, Drew Fjeldheim

8:00am: Elementary Library open

5:30pm: Teeners at Milbank (DH)

5:30pm: U10 Blue vs. U10 Red in Groton (DH)

5:30pm: U8 Blue PW vs. Groton Red PW (DH)

## Friday, July 3

Independence Day observed

**Birthdays:** Janet Anderson, Sharolyn Jondahl, Wade Kluess

## Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

**Birthdays:** Seth Erickson, Michael Felkey, Joan Johnson, Alex May

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

**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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## Wegner appointed to JVT Board

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company board recently appointed Robert Wegner to fill a vacancy on their board of directors.

Wegner will represent District 3 (city of Groton) for the remainder of the term, which is one year. He will then be up for re-election next year at the company's annual meeting.

Wegner is a Groton native, who attended SDSU and received a bachelor of science degree in economics. He was also a captain in the Army before becoming an independent business owner. Wegner owned New Deal Tire from 1982 until two years ago. He and his wife have two children and 10 grandchildren and reside in Groton.

"We look forward to Bob's perspective and leadership on the James Valley board," said CEO James Groft.

### About James Valley

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was incorporated Sept. 8, 1951 to serve the telephone needs of the people of rural Brown County. The Cooperative has since expanded its services to include broadband internet, cable TV, and cell phone and now serves members in Brown, Day, Spink, Marshall and Clark Counties.

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## Luecke, Sturgeon engaged

Austin Luecke and Kate Sturgeon of Sioux Falls are engaged and plan an August 22nd wedding at First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Parents of the couple are Dave and Becky Hunter and the late Rob Luecke of Groton, and Tom and Denise Sturgeon of Gretna, Neb.

The groom is a graduate of Augustana College with a Bachelors Degree in Personal Training and Business Administration and is employed as a Personal Trainer at Results Personal Training in Sioux Falls.

The bride is a graduate of Augustana College with a Bachelors Degree in Nursing and is employed at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

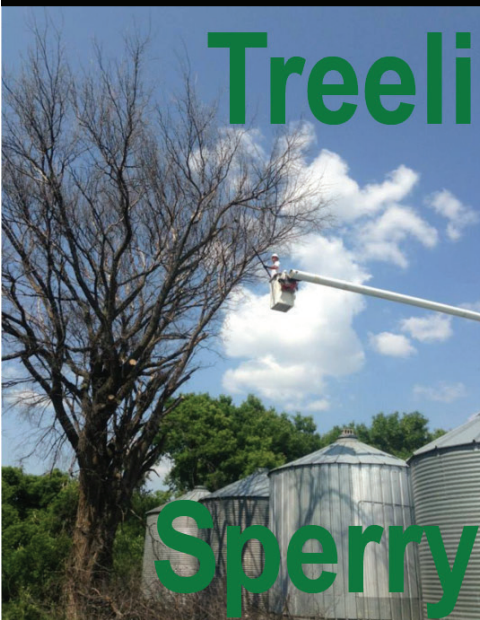


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## Let Your Creativity and Skills Shine at the State Fair

Sew it. Grow it. Show it. Create it. Enter it! The Women's Building has two fun competitions for South Dakotans to show their skills at.

Let the cupcake wars begin! The Cupcake Creations Contest is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3 from 12 pm – 2 pm at the Women's Building Kitchen. Bring your crafty ideas and decorations to compete for prizes. One dozen cupcakes will be provided, but you will need to bring the tools and decorations needed to create your cupcakes. A \$25 gift basket will be awarded to first place winner and a \$10 gift to second place. Entry forms must be submitted by July 31 and can be found in the Women's Building Premium Book. This contest is open to all ages!

Homemade wine makers, there is a contest for you, too. The Open Class Homemade Wine Competition is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 7 from 1 pm – 3 pm at the Women's Building Kitchen. This is the perfect opportunity to see how your homemade wine stacks up against others. Divisions are 1) Red Wine, 2) White Wine and 3) My Own Creation Wine. Exhibitors may enter one or all divisions. A SD State Fair Wine Pavilion \$20 gift certificate will be awarded to first place winners and a wine gift basket will go to second place winners. Entry forms must be submitted by July 31 and can be found in the Women's Building Premium Book. Must be 21 to enter.

In addition to the two special contests, other entries for the Women's Building, Arts and Education Building and Horticulture Building are being sought. Photography, garden items, upcycled items, table and place settings, canned goods, etc. can all be entered as static exhibits. With the Pinterest craze, there should be no shortage of ideas! All ages are encouraged to participate; in some cases, there are junior and senior divisions.

Premium books for these buildings are available online at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com). Registration deadline is July 31. Literature deadline is July 17.

The 2015 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 7. Channel Seeds Preview Night will be Wednesday, Sept. 2. This year's theme is "Sew it. Grow it. Show it." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Agriculture is South Dakota's No. 1 industry, generating over \$21 billion in annual economic activity and employing more than 122,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Today in Weather History

July 1, 1928: A powerful, estimated F4 tornado moved southeast from 6 miles west of Miller, Hand County, destroying farms near the start of the path. All buildings were leveled to the ground, including two homes. A check book from one home was found 10 miles away. Estimated property damaged was set at \$50,000.

July 1, 1955: An estimated F2 tornado moved northeast near Bowdle. Two barns were destroyed. A small girl and a pony were reportedly carried a quarter mile without injury. A tornado was also spotted in Emmons County in North Dakota, causing \$10,000 worth of damage.

July 1, 2005: Heavy rains of three to seven inches fell across far eastern Brown, western and northern Day, and most of Marshall Counties in late June causing widespread flooding. The flood waters slowly receded through July 10th. Many township roads and highways were flooded along with thousands of acres of cropland. Water surrounded several homes resulting in people being rescued. Some of the homes were flooded. Many bridges were damaged and roads and culverts were washed out. In Day County, 30 roads were washed out and 15 bridges needed repairs.








July 1, 2006: With continued little or no rainfall along with much above normal temperatures, a drought expanded and intensified through July across central and north central South Dakota. Severe (D2) to extreme (D3) drought early in July worsened to extreme (D3) to exceptional (D4) across all of the area by the middle of July and remained there through the end of the month. Rainfall was 1.50 inches to 2.25 inches below normal for the month and from 7 to 8 inches below normal for the year. Soil moisture was 4 to 5 inches below normal and lake and river flows were well below normal. Crops and pastures were devastated due to the extreme dryness and burn bans were in effect across all of the area. Many ranchers had to sell off much of their cattle. Throughout July, periodic strong winds, low relative humidity values, along with many lightning storms resulted in tens, if not over one hundred fires across central and north central South Dakota. Tens of thousands of acres of pastureland and cropland were burned as a result of the fires. Hundreds of fire fighters worked throughout the month to contain the fires. The governor of South Dakota declared a statewide emergency and the United States Department of Agriculture declared all of the counties drought disasters. Swan Lake, in north central South Dakota between Lowry and Hoven, had completely dried up from the long period of dryness. The last time this happened to the lake was 30 years prior in 1976. Also, Lake Oahe at Pierre was four feet above its all-time low.

1891: The U.S. Weather Bureau was born as the equipment, stations and personnel of the U.S. Army Signal Service were passed to the new agency, which was part of the Department of Agriculture.

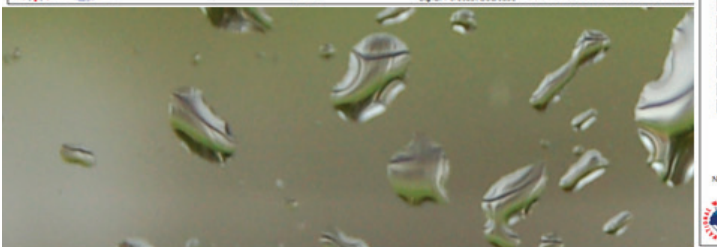
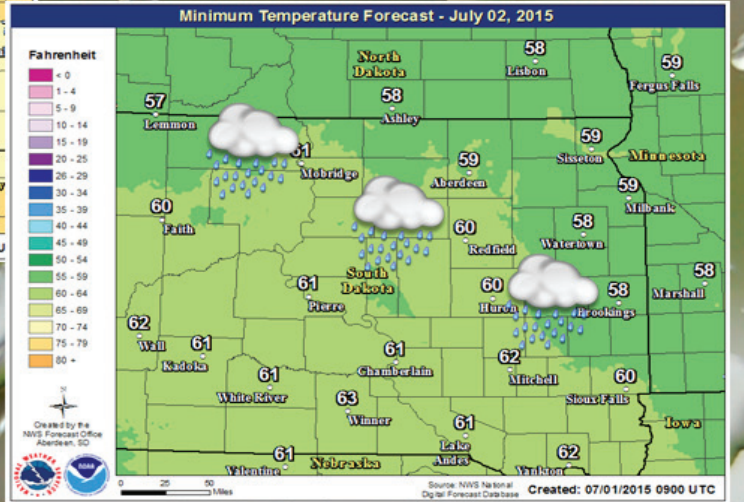
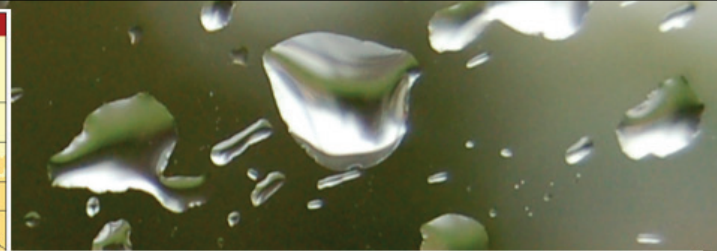
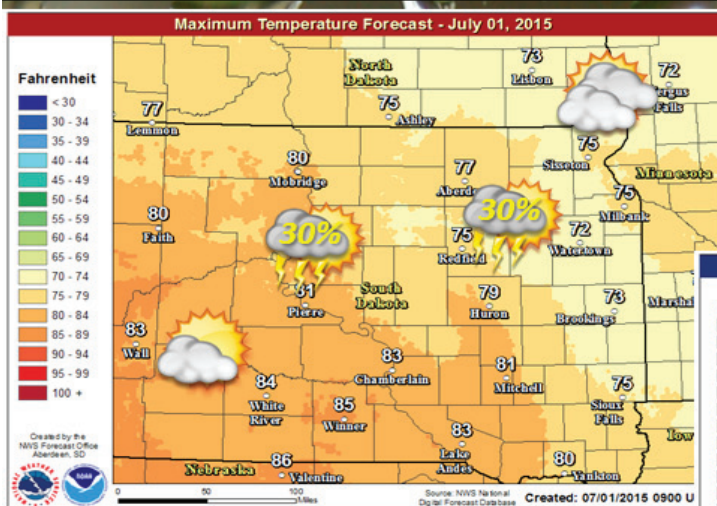
1979: It snowed almost half a foot (5.8 inches) at Stampede Pass, Washington, a July record.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Independence Day
						
40%	60%	40%	30%			
Chance Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms Likely	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 77 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 85 °F

*Scattered Showers & Weak Thunderstorms Through The Afternoon  
Better Opportunity For Widespread Moisture Tonight*



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Published on: 07/01/2015 at 5:01AM

The inclement weather pattern continues. Showers and storms will continue through the forecast area this morning. If we get some decent sun, additional heat of the afternoon storms could develop across the area. A better chance for moisture develops tonight and persists into Thursday.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 79.0 at 6:10 PM

**Low:** 61.8 at 3:59 AM

**High Gust:** 11 at 7:59 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 99° in 1974

**Record Low:** 41° in 1995

**Average High:** 82°F

**Average Low:** 58°F

**Average Precip in July:** 0.10

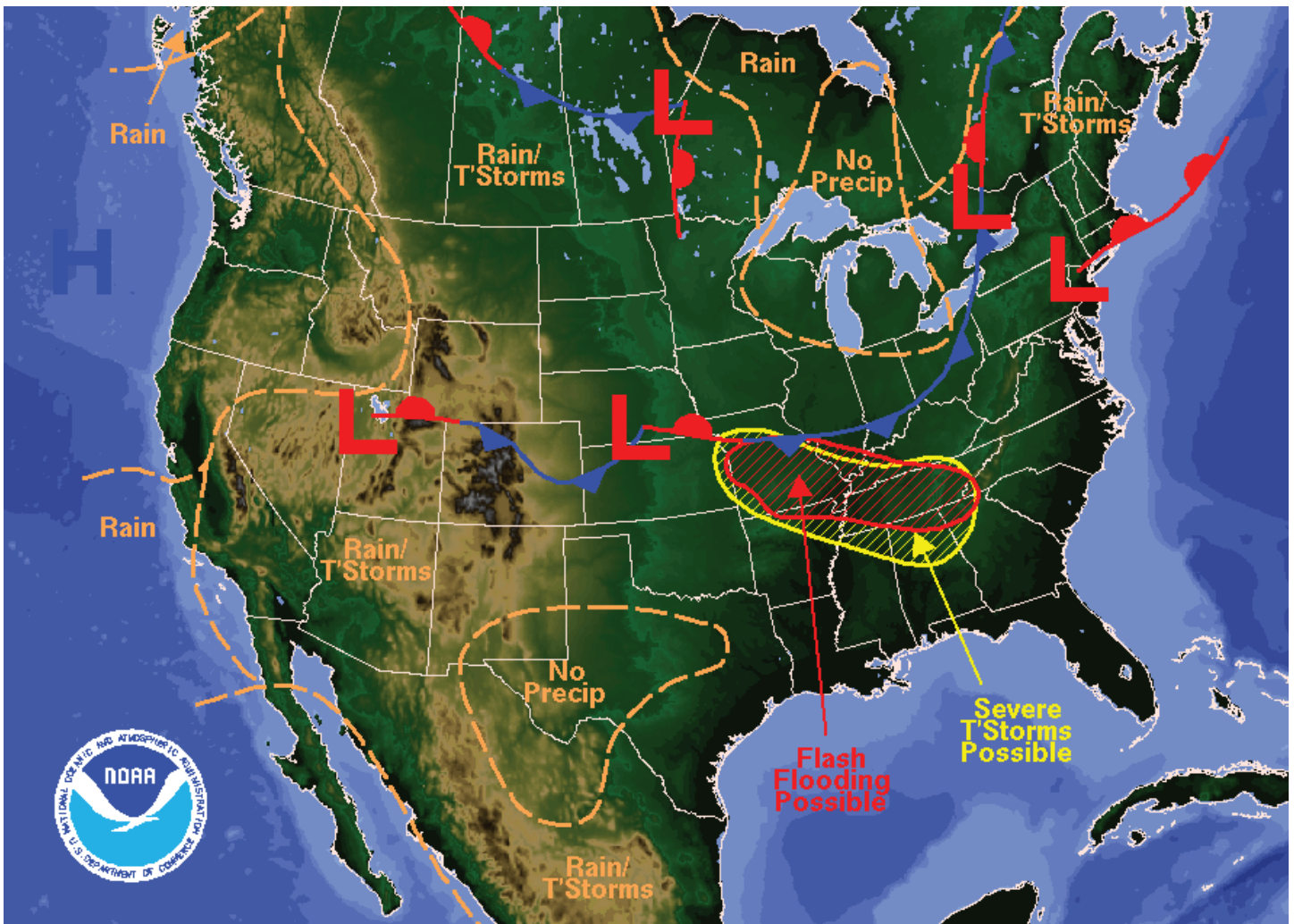
**Precip to date in July:** 0.15

**Average Precip to date:** 10.94

**Precip Year to Date:** 7.45

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:25 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:49 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 01, 2015, issued 4:34 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## ALL THAT IS HIS?

It was the first Sunday for the new pastor in the little country church. His sermon was short, but his prayer was rather lengthy. After the service was over, two members got together to share their opinions of the new pastor.

"That preacher sure can pray," said one.

"Yes he can," agreed the other. "He prayed for things that the last preacher didn't know that the Lord had."

Prayer involves responsibility and accountability. As God's children we are responsible to go to our heavenly Father in prayer and ask for what we need. As for God our heavenly Father, He is accountable to answer our prayers because we are His children. It is important that we understand the child/heavenly Father relationship. Because we are God's children we are to go to Him any time and every time we have a need. We are to ask for anything and everything, whenever we have a need and wherever we happen to be as long as the request is in agreement with His will and for our best. All of life comes from God and all of our life is given us to honor God. So, if what we ask will honor and glorify Him – the needs that we have that are in agreement with His Word – we can expect an answer.

Remember this: If it concerns us it concerned Him first and He will do whatever it takes to honor His promises if we are faithful to Him.

**Prayer:** Help us, Father, to rely completely upon You for everything we need, trusting in You always. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'



## News from the Associated Press

### **Former US Senate candidate Annette Bosworth to be sentenced**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former South Dakota U.S. Senate candidate Annette Bosworth is being sentenced for the election law violations a jury convicted her of in May.

Bosworth's hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

A jury found her guilty of six counts each of perjury and filing false documents. Bosworth says she's praying the judge throws out her conviction.

Bosworth also says she plans to appeal.

The charges stemmed from mishandling her candidate petitions for the 2014 Republican Senate primary.

Bosworth, who has been a physician in Sioux Falls, faces a maximum punishment of 24 years in prison and \$48,000 in fines.

Attorney General Marty Jackley has said prosecutors will review mitigating and aggravating circumstances when making a sentencing recommendation.

### **Wednesday brings changes to SD commercial driver's licenses**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Several changes to South Dakota's commercial driver licensing program will go into effect Wednesday.

The new regulations raise the minimum age to apply for a commercial driver's license from 16 to 18. They also set a 14-day waiting period from the date a commercial learner's permit is issued to the date the applicant is able to take the commercial driver's license driving test.

The changes were approved by lawmakers during this year's session. The rule changes are meant to keep the state in compliance with federal regulations.

Jane Schrank is the director of the state's Driver Licensing Program. Schrank says that non-compliance could have resulted in the loss of millions of dollars in federal funds.

Additional regulation changes are available online.

### **Youth wage, election changes go to voters in 2016 election**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Activists who oppose a law that drops the youth minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour and legislation they say will make it harder for candidates to run for office have gathered enough signatures to put the measures before South Dakota voters in 2016.

The secretary of state's office finished reviewing the signatures Tuesday. The two laws were approved by the Republican-dominated Legislature during the 2015 session. Because opponents were successful in gathering enough support to put the measures on the ballot, neither will go into effect as intended on July 1.

That means businesses must keep paying minor employees at the state's \$8.50 hourly minimum wage and candidates running in 2016 won't have to navigate the new election law changes.

"I'm pleased," said Cory Heidelberger, who helped lead the push. "We've saved democracy, and we've saved the kids a buck. It's been a good week."

The laws' opponents, which included individual organizers, the state Democratic Party, labor unions and smaller political parties, gathered more signatures than the 13,871 required to refer each law to a vote.

Opponents of the youth minimum wage law have argued that it is an affront to voters who overwhelmingly passed the \$8.50 minimum wage in the 2014 election.

Activists working to defeat the election-law changes, which include different filing deadlines and signature gathering requirements, have argued they make it harder for candidates to run for office. Opponents have said the changes are especially difficult for smaller parties.

## **US Attorney in South Dakota releases annual report**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The annual report of the office of the U.S. Attorney in South Dakota shows that the top federal prosecutor in the state filed 450 cases last year, half of which involved violent crimes in Indian Country.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler announced the release of the 2014 report Tuesday.

Among the fraud prosecutions highlighted by the report is that of a group of former University of South Dakota football players who admitted filing bogus tax returns to the tune of \$1.1 million.

The report also highlights prosecutions from Indian Country and provides a breakdown of the number of defendants by Indian reservation. Pine Ridge led the reservations by number of defendants with 133, followed by Rosebud Sioux with 81 and Cheyenne River Sioux with 61.

## **Bond set at \$5M for man charged with murder in infant death**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A judge in western South Dakota has set a \$5 million bond for a man facing murder and other charges in an infant's death.

The bond for 26-year-old Kristopher Houchin was set Tuesday. The Rapid City man has been charged with second-degree murder, first-degree rape and child abuse.

Houchin was arrested after a 6-month-old girl died of injuries at a Rapid City hospital Friday. Preliminary autopsy results indicate the girl died from brain bleeding as a result of blunt force trauma.

Police in Rapid City say the girl, who wasn't a relative of Houchin's, was under his care before she was taken to the hospital. The Associated Press doesn't generally identify alleged victims of sex crimes. It's unclear if Houchin has an attorney.

## **Ellsworth AFB leasing space to in-home health care company**

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. (AP) — A Virginia-based in-home health care company has signed a lease for space at Ellsworth Air Force Base in western South Dakota.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development says Advance Health will open its third location in the nation at the base. The company is the first one in South Dakota to take advantage of a federal program allowing private businesses to lease underutilized real property.

Advance Health provides health assessments and care coordination to seniors and other people in vulnerable health. Health professionals associated with the company deliver care directly into people's homes.

The company expects to fill over 200 jobs during the next three to five years.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says comprehensive health care and services will be in higher demand as the state's population continues to age.

## Ag secretary: Feds not liable for damage caused by 2013 fire

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Ranchers and landowners in South Dakota and North Dakota who sought more than \$50 million from the U.S. government for an out-of-control prescribed burn that torched over 16,000 acres will not be compensated, according to a letter written by the federal agriculture secretary.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture determined the federal government is not liable for damages caused by the Pautre Fire, which began as a 130-acre controlled burn set by the U.S. Forest Service on the Dakota Prairie National Grasslands in April 2013, according to a letter obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Vilsack said in his letter last week to U.S. Sen. John Thune that 16 claims were filed following the fire that destroyed fences, bales of forage, buildings and trees and caused respiratory problems in some cattle on grazing land between Hettinger, in southwestern North Dakota, and Lemmon, in northwestern South Dakota.

Vilsack said while federal officials “deeply regret” losses suffered from the Pautre Fire, a review of the claims that totaled over \$50.3 million found no liability on the part of the U.S. government.

The Forest Service relied on forecasts from the National Weather Service in Rapid City, South Dakota, which Vilsack said didn’t predict a much stronger cold front that later moved in.

“Although the weather reports in question proved ultimately to be inaccurate, the Forest Service relied on the best information available,” he wrote.

Landowners and ranchers say they’ve struggled with the costs of rebuilding fences and structures.

Todd Campbell, the executive director of the Grand River Cooperative Grazing Association, said he recently received a letter from the USDA, notifying him that the claim his association filed had been denied. His association, along with many of its members, lost acres of grazing land and miles of fencing “Yeah, we’re pretty disappointed,” he said.

Thune said in a statement Monday night that he’s disappointed the USDA has “refused to acknowledge negligence and accept responsibility” for the fire.

Even though he said the federal government isn’t liable, Vilsack said the Forest Service has worked with ranchers to assist them. He said agency representatives repaired fences, provided grazing opportunities where possible and offered Forest Service allotments.

He said the Forest Service also made excess hay available and helped ranchers find other avenues of financial assistance.

Many of those who filed claims plan to meet this week and discuss how to proceed, Campbell said. Anyone whose claim is denied has six months to file a lawsuit against the federal government.

Campbell said ranchers plan to work with the South Dakota congressional delegation to figure out their options.

## Winds blow smoke from forest fires in Canada into Midwest

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A haze blanketed much of the Midwest on Tuesday as strong winds carried smoke from forest fires in Canada thousands of miles to the south, prompting health warnings in at least two states.

Smoke from wildfires in northern Saskatchewan was blowing as far south as Tennessee, with a thick haze extending through much of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, eastern Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

“There’s a ton of smoke from Canada across the northern Plains,” said Bill Borghoff, a weather service

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forecaster in Chanhassen, Minnesota. "The strong jet stream makes for a perfect setup to bring all this smoke to the south."

The smoke is from dozens of fires burning in Saskatchewan, fed by drought and high temperatures.

The smoky conditions caused county health departments in Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, to issue warnings, urging people to refrain from exercising outside. People with heart or lung diseases and the elderly are at increased risk of health problems that would require hospital emergency room visits, officials said.

Brad Fillback, a weather service forecaster in Johnston, Iowa, said the smoke is likely reducing day-time temperatures by a few degrees but allowed for less cooling at night.

"It's acting a bit like clouds," he said.

The smoke should shift eastward by Thursday, first spreading toward the Great Lakes but later reaching as far east as New England.

As it moves east, the smoke should be less dense, as high-altitude winds cause it to "fracture," Borghoff said.

It's unclear how long the fires in Canada could burn, and Borghoff said wind conditions could bring more smoke into the Midwest in a couple weeks.

## Woman dies after boat collision below Missouri River dam

HARTINGTON, Neb. (AP) — A 68-year-old Nebraska woman has died after a collision of two boats below Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri River.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission says the accident occurred about 9:55 a.m. Monday in the tail waters east of the dam. The dam sits on the Missouri River between South Dakota and Nebraska, about 3½ miles west of Yankton, South Dakota.

The woman was a passenger in one of the boats. The commission says she was taken to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton for treatment and pronounced dead there.

Nebraska Game and Parks spokesman Jerry Kane said Tuesday that he couldn't immediately provide the woman's name. The Cedar County attorney didn't immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

An autopsy has been ordered as the investigation continues.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

### The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

#### 1. LONG LINES IN GREECE AS BANKS REOPEN FOR PENSIONERS

Eurozone finance ministers are set to weigh the latest Greek proposal for aid Wednesday, hours after the country's international bailout expired without a deal.

#### 2. MYANMAR FISHERMAN GOES HOME AFTER 22 YEARS AS A SLAVE

Myint Naing is one of hundreds of enslaved men rescued after a year-long AP investigation exposed extreme labor abuses in Southeast Asia's seafood industry.

#### 3. MILITANTS ATTACK EGYPTIAN ARMY CHECKPOINTS IN SINAI

At least 30 soldiers are killed just two days after the assassination in Cairo of the country's top prosecutor and the day after the president vowed swift justice.

#### 4. WHOSE TIES ALIVE AND WELL AT IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS

Despite a chill over the Ukraine crisis, U.S. and Russia continue to find common cause on one of the

most pressing issues on the global agenda.

## 5. U.S., CUBA TO REOPEN EMBASSIES

This is the biggest tangible step in the countries' historic bid to restore ties after more than a half-century of hostilities.

## 6. INDONESIAN AIR FORCE PLANE CARRIED MORE PASSENGERS

The death toll rises to more than 140, with the victims including families of military personnel aboard and those from the neighborhood where the aircraft went down in flames.

## 7. WHAT JEB BUSH'S TAX RETURNS SHOW

In an online posting that accompanied the disclosure, the candidate adds, "I have paid a higher tax rate than the Clintons even though I earned less income."

## 8. NEW RULES FOR CAREER COLLEGES

The Education Department now requires any college offering a career-training program to prove their graduates earn enough money to repay their student loans.

## 9. HOW PAKISTANI ACTIVISTS LOOK TO COUNTER EXTREMISM

They hope to turn young people away from violence through art: by painting murals over violent graffiti and distributing comic books in schools.

## 10. U.S. DOWNS GERMANY 2-0 TO REACH WORLD CUP FINAL

Goals by Carli Lloyd and Kelley O'Hara propel the Americans to Sunday's championship game against either Japan or England.

## AP News in Brief

### **Eurozone ministers to weigh latest Greek proposal as pensioners queue for hours to get cash**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Crowds of anxious elderly Greeks thronged banks for hours from before dawn Wednesday, struggling to be allowed to withdraw their maximum of 120 euros (\$134) for the week, after Greece reopened some banks to help pensioners who don't have bank cards.

The often chaotic scenes came hours after Greece's bailout program with European creditors expired and it failed to repay a debt to the International Monetary Fund, the first developed country to do so. The last country to miss an IMF payment was Zimbabwe in 2001.

The expiry of its bailout and the missed IMF payment left Greece cut off from vital financing and pushed it one step closer to leaving the euro. The IMF cannot lend money to a country that is in arrears.

The eurozone's finance ministers are set to weigh a last-minute Greek proposal for a new aid program, submitted Tuesday afternoon, in a conference call later Wednesday.

Markets appear to have taken in stride the latest developments, with investors still hopeful that a deal may emerge in the days ahead that would prevent Greece from leaving the euro. The Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares was up 0.6 percent while Germany's DAX was 0.6 percent higher.

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### **The Latest: Stock markets across Europe surge on hopes of a Greek bailout breakthrough**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The latest news on Greece's financial woes, a day after the country's bailout with European creditors expired and the country failed to pay a debt due to the International Monetary Fund (all times local):

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12.24 p.m.

Stock markets across Europe surged higher on a report on the Financial Times website that Greece will accept all the bailout demands of creditors bar a few changes such as maintaining a discount on sales taxes on the Greek islands.

In the two-page letter sent to Greece's creditors on Tuesday, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras appears to be making big concessions in a request for a new bailout deal.

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## **22 years a slave: Myanmar fisherman survives beating, shackling, years in jungle, to go home**

TUAL, Indonesia (AP) — All he did was ask to go home.

The last time the Burmese slave made the same request, he was beaten almost to death. But after being gone eight years and forced to work on a boat in faraway Indonesia, Myint Naing was willing to risk everything to see his mother again.

So he threw himself on the ground and begged for freedom. Instead, the captain vowed to kill him for trying to jump ship, and chained him for three days without food or water.

He was afraid he would disappear. And that his mother would have no idea where to look.

Myint is one of more than 800 current and former slaves rescued or repatriated after a year-long Associated Press investigation into pervasive labor abuses in Southeast Asia's fishing industry.

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## **Militants launch attacks on Egyptian army checkpoints in Sinai, killing up to 30 troops**

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Islamic militants on Wednesday unleashed a wave of simultaneous attacks, including a suicide car bombing, on Egyptian army checkpoints in the restive north of the Sinai Peninsula, killing at least 30 soldiers, security and military officials said.

The attacks took place just south of the town of Sheikh Zuweid and targeted at least six military checkpoints, the officials said. The militants also took soldiers captive and seized weapons and several armored vehicles, they added, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

At least 40 other soldiers were wounded, said the officials.

Egypt's military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Mohammed Samir, said fighting was still underway in the area between the armed forces and the militants. His statement put the number of soldiers killed so far at 10, but the conflicting numbers could not immediately be reconciled in the immediate aftermath of a major attack.

Samir's statement, posted on his official Facebook page, said some 70 militants attacked five checkpoints in northern Sinai and that Egyptian troops killed 22 off them and destroyed three all-terrain vehicles fitted with anti-aircraft guns.

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## **US, Cuba reach agreement to open embassies, a major step in restoring diplomatic ties**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Cuba have agreed to open embassies in each other's capitals, the biggest tangible step in the countries' historic bid to restore ties after more than a half-century of hostilities.

President Barack Obama is expected to announce the agreement Wednesday at the White House. The U.S. Embassy in Havana is scheduled to open later this month.

The U.S. and Cuba have been negotiating the re-establishment of embassies following a surprise December announcement that secret talks had led to an agreement to restart diplomatic relations.

For Obama, ending the U.S. freeze with Cuba is central to his foreign policy legacy as he nears the end of his presidency. Obama has long touted the value of direct engagement with global foes and has argued that the U.S. embargo on the communist island just 90 miles south of Florida was ineffective.

A senior Obama administration official confirmed the embassy planning. The official insisted on anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter ahead of the president.

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## **Despite Ukraine crisis, Russian-US cooperation alive and well at Iran nuclear talks**

VIENNA (AP) — Russia-U.S. relations are at a post-Cold War low just about everywhere, except at the Iran nuclear talks.

Despite a chill over the Ukraine crisis that has spread to almost every element of their relationship, Moscow and Washington continue to find common cause on one of the most pressing issues on the global agenda — a deal to prevent Iran from being able to make nuclear weapons.

Officials on both sides credit the other with pragmatic proposals and good faith that transcends their broader differences.

For the U.S., failure to get an agreement carries the unappealing risk of involvement in a new Mideast conflict, nor does President Barack Obama want to lose out on a key plank of his foreign-policy legacy. The Obama administration has said it could strike Iran's nuclear facilities militarily should diplomatic attempts to curb its nuclear activities fail. Israel is even more upfront about threatening to launch air attacks, a move that could draw the U.S. into the fray.

The Russians also don't want a U.S.-Iran war. Gary Samore, a U.S. negotiator at the nuclear talks until 2013, says getting an agreement is in Moscow's strategic interest as it tries to limit the U.S. presence in the Middle East.

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## **Indonesia investigates if paying passengers were on crashed military plane**

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP) — An air force transport plane that crashed in Indonesia carried more passengers than the military previously reported, raising the death toll to more than 140 on Wednesday combined with victims from the neighborhood where the aircraft went down in flames.

So far, 141 bodies have been recovered from the rubble of a residential area in Medan city, where the C-130 Hercules crashed shortly after takeoff on Tuesday, North Sumatra police Maj. A. Tarigan told TVOne station.

The air force says 122 people were on board, including military personnel and their families. Officials don't expect any survivors from the plane.

Initially, the air force said there were 12 crew members on the C-130 and did not mention passengers. It then repeatedly raised the numbers of people aboard, indicating lax controls and raising questions about whether the plane was accepting paying passengers despite previous promises to crack down on the practice.

Hitching rides on military planes to reach remote destinations is common in Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago that spans three time zones. The plane had traveled from the capital, Jakarta, and stopped

at two locations before arriving at Medan on Sumatra, one of Indonesia's main islands.

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## **Tax returns show Jeb Bush likely earned less but paid a higher tax rate than the Clintons**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first presidential race since Democrats cast the GOP nominee as an out-of-touch millionaire, Republican Jeb Bush is aggressively trying to flip the script.

Bush released three decades of federal tax returns on Tuesday that show he's generated a vast fortune since leaving the Florida governor's mansion. But they also show that Hillary Rodham Clinton and former President Bill Clinton made more in speaking fees and book royalties alone in the past year and a half than Bush and his wife earned overall in the first seven years after he left public office.

In an online posting that accompanied Tuesday's disclosure, Bush added, "One fun fact I learned in this process: I have paid a higher tax rate than the Clintons even though I earned less income."

As part of an effort to show a commitment to personal transparency, Bush posted his personal income tax returns on a website that outlines his work history since 1981. They show he paid an effective federal income tax rate of roughly 36 percent in the past three decades and made roughly \$27.7 million in total income between 2007 and 2013.

By comparison, the Clintons' earnings exceeded \$30 million combined in speaking fees and book royalties between January 2014 and May 2015, according to a personal financial disclosure Clinton filed earlier this year. In that time, the Clintons paid a tax rate of more than 30 percent.

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## **Emails show top Obama administration officials knew about Clinton's private email address**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior Obama administration officials, including the White House chief of staff, knew as early as 2009 that Hillary Rodham Clinton was using a private email address for her government correspondence, according to some 3,000 pages of correspondence released by the State Department late Tuesday night

The chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, requested Clinton's email address on Sept. 5, 2009, according to one email. His request came three months after top Obama strategist David Axelrod asked the same question of one of Clinton's top aides.

But it's unclear whether the officials realized Clinton, now the leading Democratic presidential candidate, was running her email from a server located in her home in Chappaqua, New York — a potential security risk and violation of administration policy.

The emails ranged from the mundane details of high-level public service — scheduling secure lines for calls, commenting on memos and dealing with travel logistics — to an email exchange with former President Jimmy Carter and a phone call with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Carter mildly chided Clinton about how to handle the release of two hostages held in North Korea, while Clinton recounted that Rice, her predecessor, "called to tell me I was on strong ground" regarding Israel.

One day in November 2009, aide Huma Abedin forwarded Clinton a list of 11, back-to-back calls she was scheduled to make to foreign ministers around the world.

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## **Fire breaks out at South Carolina church previously burned down by KKK; cause unknown**

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — An African-American church in South Carolina that was burned down by the



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Ku Klux Klan in 1995 caught fire again Tuesday night, though authorities said it was too soon to say what caused the latest blaze, which broke out on a night of frequent storms. No one was believed to be inside at the time.

The fire at the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal church in Greeleyville broke out at a time when federal authorities are investigating conflagrations at several other predominantly black churches — including one Friday at a church near Aiken, South Carolina — but so far the fires don't appear to be related.

Greeleyville is a town of about 400 people around 50 miles north of Charleston, where a pastor and eight members of a historic black church were fatally shot on June 17 in what authorities are investigating as a hate crime.

Agents from the State Law Enforcement Division were on their way to the church before the fire was out, Division Chief Mark Keel said. But he said they will have to wait until the hot spots are extinguished before using dogs and other investigative tools to figure out what started it. He said investigators will be on the scene first thing Wednesday morning.

"We do know they apparently had some strong storms," Keel said. "Talked to a guy who said they had a lot of lightning down there tonight. I don't know whether that had anything to do with it at all."

Today in History

## The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2015. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 1, 1940, the original Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state opened to traffic despite concerns over its tendency to "bounce" in windy conditions, inspiring the nickname "Galloping Gertie" (four months later, the suspension bridge's main section collapsed into Puget Sound).

### On this date:

In 1535, Sir Thomas More went on trial in England, charged with high treason for rejecting the Oath of Supremacy. (More was convicted, and executed.)

In 1863, the pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1912, aviator Harriet Quimby, 37, was killed along with her passenger, William Willard, when they were thrown out of Quimby's monoplane at the Third Annual Boston Aviation Meet.

In 1934, Hollywood began enforcing its Production Code subjecting motion pictures to censorship review.

In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1965, "The Great Race," Blake Edwards' big-budget homage to oldtime slapstick comedy starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood, was released by Warner Bros.

In 1974, the president of Argentina, Juan Peron, died; he was succeeded by his wife, Isabel Martinez de Peron.

In 1980, "O Canada" was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

In 1995, rock-and-roll disc jockey Wolfman Jack died in Belvidere, North Carolina, at age 57.

In 2000, Vermont's civil unions law, which granted gay couples most of the rights, benefits and re-

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sponsibilities of marriage, went into effect. The Confederate flag was removed from atop South Carolina's Statehouse (in a compromise, another Confederate flag was raised on the Statehouse grounds in front of a soldier's monument). Actor Walter Matthau died in Santa Monica, California, at age 79.

In 2004, actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80.

**Ten years ago:** Justice Sandra Day O'Connor unexpectedly announced her retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court (she was succeeded by Samuel Alito). Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Vandross died in Edison, New Jersey, at age 54.

**Five years ago:** California lawmakers approved a \$20 million settlement with the family of Jaycee Dugard, who was kidnapped as a girl and held captive in a secret backyard for 18 years by a paroled sex offender. At least two suicide bombers attacked a popular Muslim shrine in Pakistan's second largest city, Lahore, killing some three dozen people.

**One year ago:** David Greenglass, the star witness in the trial of his sister, Ethel Rosenberg, and her husband, Julius, died in New York City at age 92. (The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953 for conspiring to pass secrets about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union; Greenglass served 10 years in prison for espionage followed by years of living under an assumed name.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Olivia de Havilland is 99. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 84. Actress Jean Marsh is 81. Actor Jamie Farr is 81. Bluesman James Cotton is 80. Actor David Prowse is 80. Cook-iemaker Wally Amos is 79. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 74. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 73. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 70. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 65. Actor Daryl Anderson is 64. Actor Trevor Eve is 64. Actor Terrence Mann is 64. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 64. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 64. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 63. Actress Lorna Patterson is 59. Actor Alan Ruck is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 55. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 54. Country singer Michelle Wright is 54. Actor Andre Braugher is 53. Actor Dominic Keating is 53. Actress Pamela Anderson is 48. Rock musician Mark Pirro is 45. Rock musician Franny Griffiths (Space) is 45. Actor Henry Simmons is 45. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 44. Actress Julianne Nicholson is 44. Actress Melissa Peterman is 44. Rock musician Bryan Devendorf (The National) is 40. Actress Liv Tyler is 38. Bluegrass musician Adam Haynes (Dailey & Vincent) is 36. Actress Hilarie Burton is 33. Actress Lynsey Bartilson is 32. Actress Lea Seydoux (LEE'-uh say-DOO') is 30. Actor Evan Ellingson is 27. Actors Andrew and Steven Cavanaugh are 23.

**Thought for Today:** "In an age of multiple and massive innovations, obsolescence becomes the major obsession." - Marshall McLuhan, Canadian communications theorist (1911-1980).