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Thursday, July 24

SD Wheat Growers Golfing at Olive Grove

Senior Menu: Herbed Roast Pork, Baked Potato/S.Cream, Lemon Buttered Broccoli, Cinnamon Applesauce, Whole Wheat Bread.

Anniversary: Roger and Pam Rix

Birthdays: Christi Swenson • Nathan Loutsch • Nicole Foote • Karen Lane • Harvey Flihs II • Macine McGannon

Friday, July 25

10U & 12U NESD League Tourney

Legion State at Tabor

SD Wheat Growers Golfing at Olive Grove

Senior Menu: Turkey Sub Sandwich, Creamy Potato Salad, Fruited Jello, Ice Cream Sundae.

Anniversary: Steve and Lori Giedt

Birthdays: April Woodward • Stan Knudsen • Taylor Holm • Hannah Webb

5:30pm: Teeners host Mellette

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118



The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.



Garden Club News

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Janice Flihs with Elda Stange assisting. Eleven members and one guest, Sandy Strom, answered roll call with a favorite flower.

Thank yous were read from All and Sherry McKiver and the Groton Senior Citizens.

The Northern District meeting held in Groton was discussed. There were 15 in attendance.

The program books were distributed. They were published by Marj Overacker with a Lady Bug theme.

New business included discussion of having a Harvest Party instead of a Christmas Party. It will be October 20 at the home of Linda Gengerke with a pot-luck supper.

The next meeting will be August 18 with Marj Overacker and Eunice McColister assisting. Marj will give the program. Election of officers will be held.

Townsend places as Grand Champion at State 4-H Horse Show

Cassandra Townsend, daughter of Dean and Kellie Townsend, brought home some hardware from the State 4-H Horse Show. According to Kellie, "Tuesday was a bit rough, but she made up for it Wednesday!" Cassandra started out the day by placing second in judging (team also placing second) - first in Hippology (team also placing first), Grand Champion in Stock Seat and third place, purple in Reining! Kellie added, "Awesome job Cassandra. We are VERY proud of you!" (Photo Courtesy Kellie Townsend)

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you family and friends for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday.
Yvonne Gibbs

I would like to extend a thank you to my family for hosting a surprise birthday party. This was very much appreciated. Thank you to all who came, for the cards and phone calls. Thanks again and God bless you!

Norman Townsend

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for a rewarding opportunity? Sun Dial Manor in Bristol is accepting applications for CAN's and a Restorative Aide to assist residents in the Restorative Therapy Department, and a Cook. Small, drug free facility with new upgrades and recently remodeled. We offer competitive wages and benefits. For questions, please call Connie Brown RN, DON, at 605/492-3615. (0702.0730)

FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Kendra at 605/215-4000.

FOR SALE

Beautiful and spacious townhouse for sale by owners. Three bedrooms, three baths, finished basement with a custom wet bar. Heated 2 car attached garage. Low monthly rural utilities and low rural taxes. Priced to sell. If interested, please call Lisa @ 605 290 2404 or Dennis @ 605 880 4821.

Breck to play fiddle at Trinity on Sunday

Betty Breck will be playing hymns with her fiddle at Sunday's (July 27) worship service at the Trinity Historic Church in Groton



at Third Ave. and Third Street. Service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday. You are invited to the service in the historic setting. Offering will be used to help maintain the church and to pay for insurance.

EMPLOYMENT

MAINTENANCE WORKER: The City of Conde, SD, is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. Work areas include, but are not limited to water, sewer, streets, snow removal, and rubble site. The following certifications/licenses must be possessed or be able to obtain: Commercial Applicator's License, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment and Distribution, and a valid SD driver's license. Mechanical ability and knowledge and experience with all types of equipment are desired. Individual must also be dependable, reliable, friendly, and able to work with others. Salary/wage is depending upon qualifications and experience. Applications and/or additional information may be obtained from the City Finance Office, PO Box 113, Conde, SD 57434. Telephone: 605-382-5258 or email ctyconde@nvc.net. The City Office is located in the north side of the former school on Broadway St. SW, Conde, SD. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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The Life of Mary Ann Sippel

Services for Mary Ann Sippel, 67, of Aberdeen and formerly of Groton will be 2 p.m., Thursday, July 24 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the church from 11-2 p.m. on Thursday.

Mary Ann died July 21, 2014 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

Mary Ann was born on October 6, 1946 to Marvin and Margaret (Johnson) Sippel in Britton. She attended Dombrowe Country School through the eighth grade and graduated from Groton High School in 1964. Mary Ann attended the Aberdeen School of Commerce and began her first job with Tempo in Aberdeen. She later took a job as a bookkeeper and accountant with South Dakota Wheat Growers and was with the company for 28 years. Mary Ann then worked at Wal-Mart for eight years in the office before her retirement.

Mary Ann was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton, where she was still an active member. She enjoyed reading, traveling and bowling in earlier years. Mary Ann was a member of the Precious Moments Club and the Groton Senior Citizens.

Celebrating her life is her brother, Marty (Ellie) of Groton and two aunts, Mrs. Lorraine Sippel and Mrs. Marie Gengerke, many cousins and special friends, Diane Hassbroek and Kathy Gobezywski.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Marvin in 2007 and Margaret in 2013 and her God-child, Lisa Mae Sippel in 1999.

Casketbearers will Matt Johnson, Roger Johnson, Adam Sippel and Robbin Green.

Service Notice: Rose Kutter

Services for Rose Kutter, 69, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Saturday, July 26 at Faith Lutheran Church in New Effington. Pastor Cheryl Rondeau Bassett will officiate. Burial will follow in Garden of Rest Cemetery, New Effington.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, on Friday from 4-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Rose died July 22, 2014 at Sanford Select Specialty Hospital in Sioux Falls.

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Over 7,000 sq. ft. of living area. Six bedrooms, six baths, two kitchens, living room, dining room, study room, two family rooms, theater room, oversized three-stall garage, irrigation system.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Scattered Thunderstorms High: 84 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 64 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 85 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 58 °F	Breezy High: 85 °F	Breezy Low: 59 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 76 °F

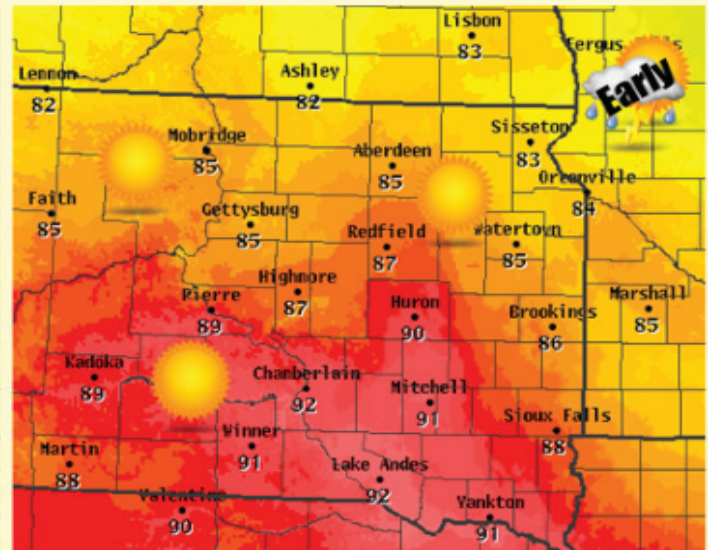
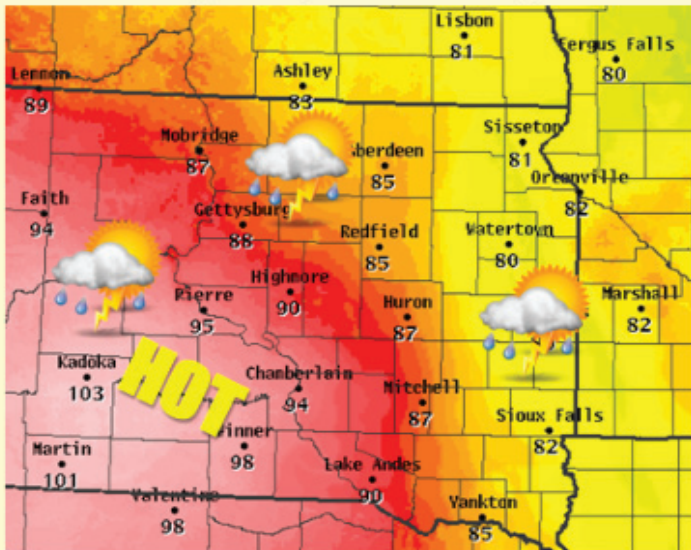


Hot West River – Mild East
Scattered Storms This Morning
Second Round Possible This Evening/Overnight



High Temperatures Today

Highs Friday



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 7/24/2014 4:30 AM Central

Hot air will push into western South Dakota today. This will allow for scattered storms to move across the forecast area early today. Another round of storms looks possible this evening and overnight as well, with the focus shifted more to the north. Storms will continue into eastern South Dakota/western Minnesota early Friday, with dry windy conditions expected for Saturday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 81.5°F at 4:42 PM

Heat Index:

Low: 60.4°F at 5:31 AM

High Gust: 14 mph at 9:50 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1931

Record Low: 46° in 1905, 1895

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July.: 2.34

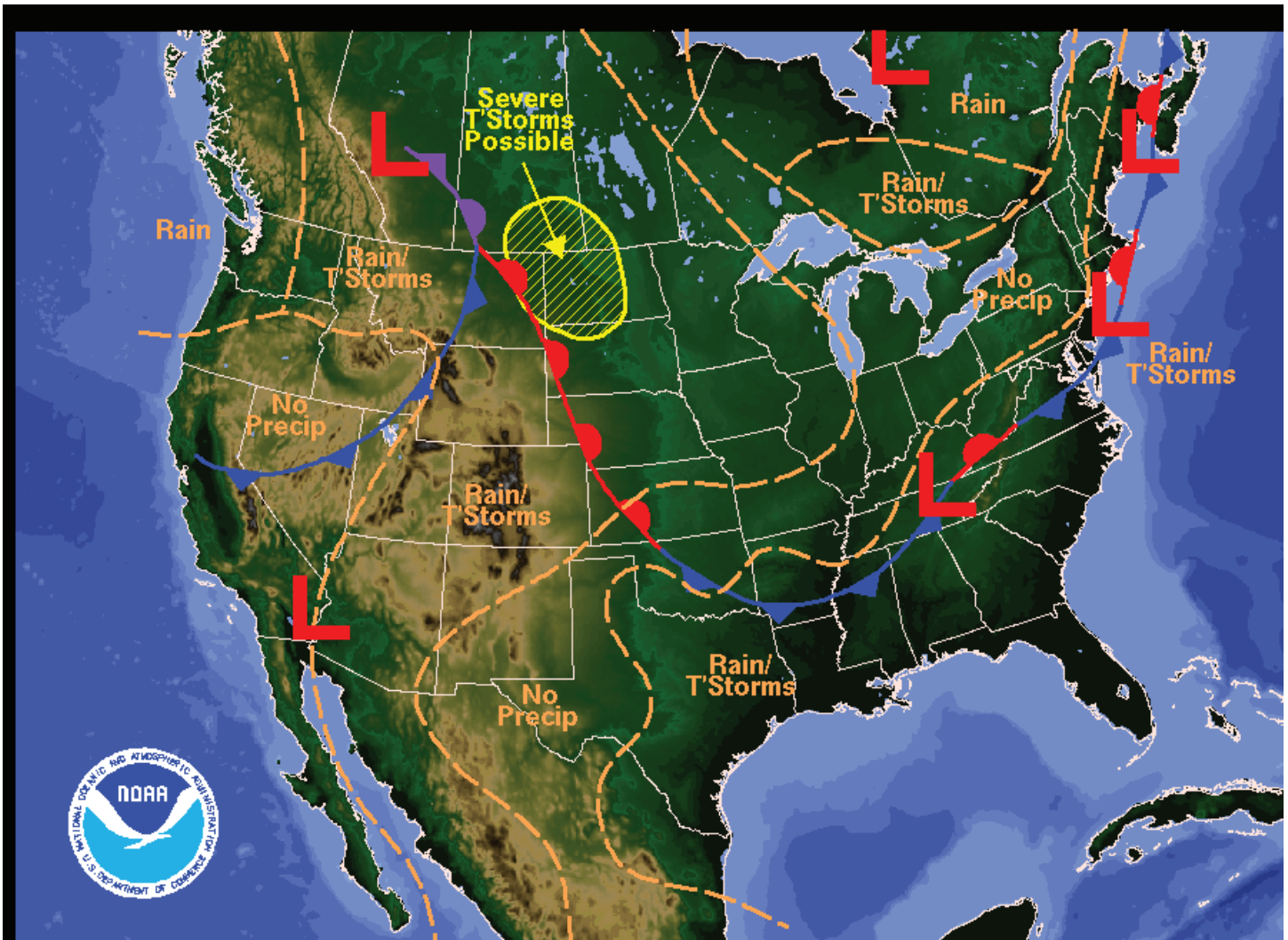
Precip to date in July.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 13.18

Precip Year to Date: 9.13

Sunset Tonight: 9:11 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:10 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jul 24, 2014, issued 2:36 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Today in Weather History

July 24, 1993: A severe thunderstorm struck southern Hyde County, including the city of Highmore, with winds in excess of 60 mph and heavy rains of two to four inches. Near Stephan, in far southern Hyde County, an estimated of over four inches of rain in 20 minutes caused flooding damage around a bridge. Three to nine inches of rain caused widespread flash flooding and flood damage to Day, Roberts, and southeastern Marshall Counties. Especially hard hit was an area from Webster, northeastward through the Pickerell and Buffalo Lakes area, to Sisseton. A state of emergency was declared in Sisseton. The heavy rains overwhelmed a small creek that flows through Sisseton, swelling it to three blocks wide and up to five feet deep. The rushing water carried lumber, railroad ties, propane tanks, and several vehicles. Flood damage occurred to 70 percent of all buildings in Sisseton, including 100 homes. In Webster, the excessive rain flooded all the sewer lefts that pump water out of low lying areas in town. The sewer system then backed up into homes and businesses. Nine of the 12 main floor rooms at the Super 8 motel in Webster were flooded by the rainstorm. Roads and bridge damage was also extensive in Roberts, Day, and Marshall Counties with about 50 roads and bridges in Day County damaged by the flooding. Areas lakes, including Pickerell, Blue Dog, Enemy Swim, and Buffalo lakes rose over two feet, inundating areas around lake homes and submerging docks. Some estimated storm total rainfall amounts include; 4.60 inches in Webster; 3.91 in Waubay; 3.90 in Britton; and 3.60 inches near Ashton.

July 24, 1997: Over 6 inches of rain fell in the Conde area in far northeast Spink County. Water was over Highway 37 and many town basements were flooded. One basement filled with 5 feet of water. Nearly 7 inches of rain was received at Lake Poinset and over 6 inches of rain was received in Estelline. Hidewood creek in Hamlin County overflowed its banks. Water went into many residences homes and some people were evacuated. A small bridge was taken out by the high water and Highway 28 was closed for an hour.

24 July 1928: Wahluke, WA hit a high temperature of 118 degrees, which set the record high for the state. The record would be tied in 1961.

24 July 1930: An EF5 tornado ripped through Treviso and Udine in Italy, just northeast of Venice. It claimed 22 lives.

24 July 1965: Middlesboro, KY recorded 4.70" of rain in just two hours. An amazing total of 8.44" of rain fell on this date, making it Middlesboro's wettest day on record, beating the second wettest day on record by nearly three and a half inches. Yellow Creek left its banks and did about \$100,000 (1965) damage in Middlesboro.

24 July 1994: A dust storm near Moses Lake, WA caused a three vehicle accident, resulting in 1 death and 14 injuries.



WHAT'S WORTHY OF OUR TRUST?

A small child needed a minor operation, but was allergic to anesthetics. The surgeon knew the procedure would be painful, but not unbearable. So, he took a shiny silver dollar from his pocket and said, "This is for you. I'm going to hurt you a little bit. I want you to take a good look at it and hold it really tight in your right hand. Be sure to remember what you saw while I'm at work, because I'm going to ask you what it was when I'm finished. If you do, it won't hurt you as much."

When he finished, he gently rubbed her forehead and said, "You are a brave little girl. What did you think about?"

Quickly she replied, "The words, 'In God we trust.'" In Psalm 25:2, David wrote, "In You I trust, O my God." Why would a king have a need to trust God?

First, for pardon. Later in the psalm he wrote, "Forgive my iniquity, for it is great." Our relationship with God begins when we ask Him to cleanse us from sin and all unrighteousness so we may enter into His presence. David knew the importance of being rightly related to God.

Second, for peace. "Free me from my anguish," he prayed. Fear is the natural reaction when we are filled with anxiety. Only God can fill our hearts and calm our souls.

Finally, for protection. "Guard my life and rescue me," he plead. As a warrior, he knew the threats and dangers of war. He knew that only One could keep him safe in dangerous situations. So, he trusted Him alone.

Prayer: Lord, we have all that we need in You. May we lift our hearts in prayer and praise You for Your presence. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 25:2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

A colorful advertisement for a taco bar and soup night. The background features a red, white, and green zigzag pattern. At the top left is a large illustration of a taco. The text "Come 'n' Get It!" is written in a large, bold, red font. Below that, "Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night" is written in a smaller red font. The name "Andover Bar & Grill" is in a large, bold, black font. To the right, "Serving 5-9 p.m." is written in a green font. At the bottom, the address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is written in a smaller black font. At the bottom right is another illustration of a taco.

News from the Associated Press

Wagner woman appointed to pardons, paroles board

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a Wagner woman to the state's Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda will fill the vacancy created by a resignation earlier this year in the nine-member board.

White Horse-Carda has served the Diocese of South Dakota as an Episcopal priest since 2010. She previously spent 20 years working as a teacher and administrator at the Wagner Community School.

Her term in the state board will end in January 2015.

The board conducts hearings and acts on inmate requests for parole. It also makes recommendations to the governor when inmates request clemency.

Clear Lake Group wins Wild Card 2 Jackpot

Pierre, S.D. — A group of 14 co-workers from a Watertown area business today claimed their \$230,000 Wild Card 2 jackpot from the July 19, 2014 drawing at the Sioux Falls Lottery office.

The "EMPI 14", comprised of 12 women and two men, all work in the West Building of the EMPI facility in Clear Lake. They've been purchasing lottery tickets as a group for a number of years and this is their first jackpot win.

If split equally, each member of the "EMPI 14" will receive about \$12,321 after taxes. Members of the group include:

- * Rhonda Baxter, Clear Lake
- * Donna Crooks, Astoria
- * Linda Kalsbeck, Watertown
- * Diane Koopman, Clear Lake
- * Louis Lasart, Watertown
- * Carol Nagelhout, Castlewood
- * Rory Pond, Aurora
- * Margo Sample, Clear Lake
- * Mary Schake, Clear Lake
- * Gail Seeklander, Bruce
- * Dianna Theisen, Clear Lake
- * Loretta Tvedt, Brandt
- *Carolynn Webber, Gary

The odds of winning the top prize in Wild Card 2 are 1:1,898,688. The winning ticket was purchased at Hy-Vee Wine and Spirits on 9th Avenue in Watertown; the business will receive a \$2,300 bonus for the sale.

Wild Card 2 is played in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The jackpot currently sits at \$200,000 for the next drawing Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

Report says Prairie Pothole region losing wetlands

BY KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Federal officials and conservationists say a recent report detailing wetland losses in the five-state Prairie Pothole Region over the past decade highlights the need for increased protection for the region that provides breeding and nesting habitat for the majority of the nation's migratory waterfowl.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released its Status and Trends of Prairie Wetlands report earlier this month that shows that the wetlands in the Prairie Pothole Region declined by an estimated 74,000 acres between 1997 and 2009 - an average net loss of 6,200 acres per year — and some conservationists say the trend hasn't slowed.

Prairie potholes are shallow depressions that are wetlands and are commonly found in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Montana. The region provides important breeding and nesting habitat for more than 60 percent of the nation's migratory waterfowl. The Dakotas especially are hotbeds for pheasant and duck hunting.

Conservationists and wildlife officials say more emphasis needs to be put on conservation easements and incentive-based programs that protect wetlands on farmland in the region while reimbursing farmers for lost income.

Compared to the entire region, the wetland loss since the late 90s is fairly small, but Jonathan Phinney, who leads the branch of environmental contaminants for the Wildlife Service, said any wetland loss to the critical habitat is concerning.

"It's disturbing for the Service because this is the duck production area," Phinney said. "Even though the numbers are small, our trust resources are constantly being imperiled."

Hazardous weather conditions, such as flooding, and agricultural development on land with pockets of wetlands have been the primary reasons for wetland loss in the region, and Harris Hoistad, the refuge manager at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in South Dakota, said increasing agricultural commodity prices won't help to reverse the trend.

Hoistad said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program began in the 1980s when commodity prices were low. And now that they're increasing, landowners who depend on farming are less likely to set aside a portion of their land for wetlands and grasslands.

Johann Walker, the director of conservation programs for Ducks Unlimited in the Dakotas and Montana, said his organization has seen rapid increases in commodity production and farmland prices.

"Which would cause me to predict, if anything, that rate (of pothole loss) has been greater (since 2009), but I have no reason to believe that it's slowed," he said.

Walker said Ducks Unlimited is working on proposals with several organizations to slow the loss of wetlands or stop it entirely by offering to pay private landowners so they can bring in income while keeping their wetlands intact.

Walker said partnerships between conservation groups and private landowners are "one of the biggest solutions" to reversing the trend. Conservation easements through the Fish and Wildlife Service can also help keep wetlands intact, he said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced several funding initiatives in the last six months aimed at conserving wetlands.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced up to \$50 million earlier this month in Moorhead that will provide financial incentives to landowners, ranchers and farmers who make conservation efforts, such as restoring and protecting wetlands and grasslands in the Red River Valley, which is part of the

Prairie Pothole Region.

Missoula man sentenced for construction fraud

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A Montana man has been sentenced to more than eight years in prison and ordered to pay nearly \$6.5 million in restitution for taking millions of dollars in down payments on steel buildings he never completed.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy sentenced Jonathan Lee Oliver, of Missoula, on Tuesday to 100 months in prison.

Oliver, 41, pleaded guilty in February to wire fraud, money laundering and structuring, which is intentionally making cash transactions in amounts less than the \$10,000 level at which a federal report must be filed.

Charging documents said Oliver solicited prepayments of nearly \$7.9 million for steel buildings — mostly from residents of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota — between October 2010 and December 2011, but he only completed one building.

Prosecutors alleged Oliver used some of the money to buy a house, three new vehicles, a motorhome, an engagement ring and other items.

Molloy ordered Oliver's sentence to run consecutive to any state sentences imposed in New Hampshire or Oregon.

Oliver was being sought for violating his probation in an Oregon case when he was arrested Dec. 21, 2011, after a brief chase in North Dakota. The next day, North Dakota's attorney general issued a cease-and-desist order against Oliver's company, Western Steel Structures Inc., for violations of North Dakota's consumer fraud law.

Western Steel Structures had addresses in Missoula and in Salem, Oregon. The cease-and-desist order alleged Oliver filed for a contractor's license in North Dakota using a false name and failed to disclose his criminal history. It also said he received at least \$1.4 million in down payments on steel buildings but in most cases provided none of the materials and did no work.

In June 2007, Oliver was convicted of two counts of first-degree aggravated theft in Oregon for taking \$34,000 from a couple and failing to build an outdoor horse arena. He was sentenced to 13 months in jail, ordered to pay \$26,000 in restitution and prohibited from working as a contractor for two years after his release.

In 2000 in New Hampshire, Oliver was found to have accepted \$625,000 in prepayments for home heating oil that he failed to deliver to more than 1,000 customers. The violations were not a criminal offense so no jail time was ordered, but he was ordered to pay restitution. Oliver filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in Oregon four years later, court records said.

SDSU hires 4 new people in athletic department

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University has hired four new people in its athletic department, including two executives.

The school announced Wednesday that Jeff Holm has been named senior associate athletic director for facilities and operations, and Brian Brunner will be the assistant athletic director for annual giving.

Holm has been the associate athletic director at Augustana College in Sioux Falls for the last four years. Brunner previously served in the Central Michigan athletic department.

The department is also adding Carly Case as athletic academic adviser and Kadero Watson as football operations coordinator.

Forest Service expands ban on exploding targets

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has banned exploding targets in southern Idaho, southwestern Wyoming, Nevada, Utah and a small portion of eastern California because of wildfire and public safety concerns.

Intermountain Region Forester Nora Rasure issued the ban that started Wednesday and runs through July 22, 2015, on national forest lands.

Some target shooters use exploding targets because they contain chemicals that mix when struck by a bullet and create a loud bang and big puff of smoke.

But the Forest Service says exploding targets the past two years have started at least 16 wildfires in Western states that cost \$33 million to fight.

The Forest Service in May imposed a similar ban in northern Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and portions of South Dakota, and last year in Oregon and Washington.

South Dakota PUC rules against wind power producer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Public Utilities Commission has ruled against an alternative energy producer seeking to force rural electric cooperatives to buy the wind power it plans to generate.

Wisconsin-based Prelude LLC tried to use the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act, or PURPA, to get six co-ops to purchase its electricity. PURPA requires utilities in specific circumstances to buy alternative energy and applies to rate-regulated utilities.

Under South Dakota law, however, rural electric co-ops aren't rate-regulated. Commissioners say the state Legislature doesn't allow that.

The cooperatives involved in the dispute were Moreau-Grand Electric in Timber Lake, Rosebud Electric in Gregory, Butte Electric in Newell, Rushmore Electric in Rapid City, Grand Electric in Bison, and North Dakota's Basin Electric.

Shannon County name change proposal OK'd for vote

Residents of Shannon County to vote in November on name change to Oglala Lakota County

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Residents of Shannon County will vote later this year on whether to change the name to Oglala Lakota County.

Auditor Sue Ganje said supporters have gathered enough petition signatures and the state's attorney's office has approved the matter for the November general election ballot, KCSR radio reported (<http://bit.ly/1n9IDK2>).

The southwestern South Dakota county holds the majority of the land on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. It is named after Peter Shannon, a chief justice of the Dakota Territory Supreme Court who later helped negotiate land deals with the Lakota. Shannon isn't well thought of among many American Indians.

"We live here in a county that's named after a white federal judge whose intention was to take the land away from the Native Americans," said County Commissioner Anna Takes The Shield, who helped lead the petition drive. "We believe that people living here within the borders of Shannon County should be able to identify with their background and who they are as a people."

The question on the November ballot will be: "Shall the name of this county be changed to Oglala Lakota County?" A two-thirds majority is needed for approval.

Meade County road collapse hampering traffic

NEW UNDERWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The collapse of a stretch of road in Meade County could disrupt traffic in western South Dakota for months to come.

The New Underwood Road is a major north-south artery in the region, linking U.S. Highway 34 with Interstate 90. It's used heavily by trucks traveling to the oil fields, and is a popular route for residents of the Cheyenne Indian Reservation and northern counties who travel to Rapid City.

About 750 vehicles use the paved road each day, according to Highway Superintendent Ken McGirr.

A portion of the road recently dropped 3-7 feet down the slope of a hill. Traffic is being detoured, and the road might be closed to all but local traffic.

"Safety is first," McGirr said.

Daine McNenny, who uses the road to travel into New Underwood, said if he has to take another route it would turn a half-hour trip into at least an hour.

Moving the road might be the only long-term solution, but that would cost well over \$1 million and won't happen this year, McGirr said.

"I've got engineers looking at the topography," he said.

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. ARIZONA INMATE DIES 2 HOURS AFTER START OF EXECUTION

The condemned man gasps and snorts as the lethal injection used adds to the scrutiny of the death penalty in the U.S.

2. GAZA FIGHTING RAGES AS U.S., OTHERS PUSH FOR END TO VIOLENCE

More war dead as Washington announces signs of progress in cease-fire talks, but prospects for a quick cessation to the hostilities seem distant. Hamas says the lifting of an Israeli and Egyptian blockade must be addressed in tandem with a truce.

3. DOZENS OF VICTIMS OF MALAYSIAN JET CRASH ARE LEAVING UKRAINE

Kiev says 51 containers holding bodies and body parts of the Flight 17 passengers are departing for the Netherlands aboard two military transport planes.

4. WHERE GUNMEN ATTACK RESULTS IN 60 DEAD

Militants fire mortar rounds on Iraqi army bases north of Baghdad, setting off a gunbattle with troops in which 52 prisoners and eight soldiers are killed.

5. WHAT CAUSED TAIWAN PLANE CRASH

Stormy weather on the trailing edge of Typhoon Matmo is suspected to have led to the tragedy that killed 48 people.

6. AP FINDS GOV. RICK PERRY'S PET PROJECT ISN'T ALL IT SEEMS

A closer look at the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, designed to bring high-paying jobs and innovation to the state, reveals that some of the businesses that received money moved away or forfeited their right to do business.

7. SOCIAL SECURITY'S TECHNOLOGY 'BOONDOGGLE'

An internal report reveals that six years and nearly \$300 million after embarking on an aggressive plan to replace its outdated computer systems, the agency still can't say when it will be completed or how much it will cost.

8. COUPLING IN CHINA: IT'S COMPLICATED

Dating, love, and family are topics of the play "The Leftover Monologues," an amateur production by American journalist Roseann Lake, to be held at a central Beijing arts venue.

9. IN A CAVERN OUT WEST, THE BONES OF NATURAL HISTORY

A new scientific expedition will study remains of thousands of ancient animals that accidentally fell to their deaths in hidden Wyoming cave.

10. WHY IS NFL OWNER STEPPING DOWN

Pat Bowlen, 70, announces that he's giving up control of the Denver Broncos because of Alzheimer's disease.

AP News in Brief

Arizona murderer gasps for more than 1 1/2 hours in death chamber before dying

PHOENIX (AP) — A condemned murderer took nearly two hours to die and gasped for about 90 minutes during an execution in Arizona that quickly rekindled the national debate on capital punishment in the U.S.

The execution of 55-year-old Joseph Rudolph Wood took so long that his lawyers had time to file an emergency appeal while it was ongoing. The Arizona Supreme Court also called an impromptu hearing on the matter and learned of his death during the discussions.

"He has been gasping and snorting for more than an hour," Wood's lawyers wrote in a legal filing demanding that the courts stop it. "He is still alive."

It is the third prolonged execution this year in the U.S., including one in Ohio in which an inmate gasped in similar fashion for nearly a half-hour. An Oklahoma inmate died of a heart attack in April, minutes after prison officials halted his execution because the drugs weren't being administered properly.

Gov. Jan Brewer said later that she's ordering a full review of the state's execution process, saying she's concerned by how long it took for the administered drug protocol to kill Wood.

AP reporter's account of Arizona execution that took nearly 2 hours to complete

FLORENCE, Ariz. (AP) — Joseph Rudolph Wood looked around the death chamber and glanced at the doctors as they made preparations for his execution, locating the proper veins and inserting two lines into his arms.

Wood then uttered his final words, smiled at the victim's family members and made eye contact with a deacon. Just after declaring that he was at peace with his death, he smiled at the deacon, but for a second, a subtle look of panic took over his face.

Officials administered the lethal drugs at 1:52 p.m. Wood's eyes closed.

About 10 minutes later, the gasping began.

Wood's jaw dropped, his chest expanded, and he let out a gasp. The gasps repeated every five to 12 seconds. They went on and on, hundreds of times. An administrator checked on him a half-dozen times. He could be heard snoring loudly when an administrator turned on a microphone to inform the gallery that Wood was still sedated, despite the audible sounds.

Gaza fighting rages as US, others push for cease-fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli tanks and warplanes bombarded the Gaza Strip on Thursday, as Hamas militants stuck to their demand for the lifting of an Israeli and Egyptian blockade amid U.S. efforts to reach a cease-fire.

The 16-day conflict has claimed the lives of 718 Palestinians, most of them civilians, Palestinian health officials say. Israel has lost 32 soldiers, all since July 17, when it widened its air campaign into a full-scale ground operation aimed at halting rocket fire from Gaza and destroying a sophisticated network of cross-border tunnels.

Two Israeli civilians and a Thai worker in Israel have also been killed.

Appearing with visiting British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made no reference to the cease-fire efforts in underscoring his determination to neutralize the rocket and tunnel threats.

More than 2,000 rockets have been fired at Israel from Gaza since July 8, and the Israeli military says it has uncovered more than 30 tunnels leading from Gaza to Israel, some of which have been used by Hamas to carry out attacks.

Iraqi officials: 60 killed in attack on prisoner convoy ahead of vote for president

BAGHDAD (AP) — Gunmen attacked a prisoner convoy north of Baghdad on Thursday, setting off a gunbattle with troops in which 52 prisoners and eight soldiers were killed, officials said.

The attack came as Iraq's parliament was set to elect a president, part of a troubled political transition that has seen repeated delays despite the lightning advance of Sunni militants across much of northern and western Iraq last month.

U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon arrived in Baghdad earlier Thursday to encourage lawmakers to form a more inclusive government that can address the crisis.

The dawn attack began with militants firing mortar rounds on Iraqi army bases in the town of Taji, where suspects were being held on terrorism charges, prompting officials to evacuate the facilities, fearing a jailbreak.

As the convoy traveled through a remote area, roadside bombs went off and militants opened fire. The ensuing battle left 52 prisoners and eight soldiers dead, with another eight soldiers and seven prisoners wounded, they added. It was not immediately clear if the prisoners were killed by soldiers or militants, or if the extremist Islamic State group was involved.

Planes carrying remains from Malaysian Airlines disaster heads to the Netherlands

KHARKIV, Ukraine (AP) — A Dutch military aircraft carrying remains of victims from the Malaysian plane disaster departed for the Netherlands Thursday and a second prepared to go, while Australia's government dispatched 50 police officers to London to prepare to join a proposed U.N. team to secure the scattered wreckage.

All 298 people aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 — most of them Dutch citizens — were killed when the plane was shot down on July 17. Wreckage of the Boeing 777 fell on territory controlled by pro-Russian separatists, and U.S. officials say the plane was probably shot down by a missile, most likely by accident.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who says he fears some remains will never be recovered unless security is tightened, has proposed a multinational force mounted by countries such as Australia, the Netherlands and Malaysia that lost citizens in the disaster.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop was traveling with her Dutch counterpart Frans Timmermans to Kiev to seek a memorandum of understanding with the Ukraine government to allow international police to secure the area where the wreckage fell, Abbott said.

Details including which countries would contribute and whether officers would be armed and protected by international troops were yet to be agreed, Abbott said.

Taiwan airline points to typhoon weather as cause of plane crash that killed 48, injured 15

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Stormy weather trailing behind a typhoon was the likely cause of a plane crash on a Taiwanese island that killed 48 people on board and injured 10 on the plane and five on the ground, the airline said Thursday.

The ATR-72 operated by Taiwan's TransAsia Airways was carrying 58 passengers and crew when it crashed while trying to land in the Penghu island chain in the Taiwan Strait between Taiwan and China late Wednesday. The plane was flying from the city of Kaohsiung in southern Taiwan.

The victims included 46 Taiwanese and two French medical students who were interns in Taiwan.

The crash came hours after Typhoon Matmo passed over Taiwan. About 200 airline flights at Taiwanese airports had been canceled earlier in the day due to rain and high winds. Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau had warned of heavy rains Wednesday evening even after Matmo moved west into China.

"According to what we can understand so far, this was due to weather, the influence of the typhoon," a TransAsia representative, Phoebe Lu, told The Associated Press. She said the carrier was waiting for Taiwanese authorities to complete an investigation to get confirmation.

Official Algerian news agency says Air Algerie plane disappears from radar

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An Air Algerie flight from Burkina Faso to Algiers has disappeared from radar on a flight from Burkina Faso to Algiers, the official Algerian news agency said Thursday.

Air navigation services lost track of the plane 50 minutes after takeoff early Thursday, last sited at 0155 GMT, the agency said.

"In keeping with procedures, Air Algerie has launched its emergency plan," the agency quoted the airline as saying.

The flight path of Flight AH5017 from Ouagadougou, the capital of the west African nation of Burkina Faso, to Algiers was not immediately clear.

Ougadougou is in a nearly straight line south of Algiers, passing over Mali where unrest continues in the north.

\$300 million later, Social Security trying to salvage computer system that doesn't work

WASHINGTON (AP) — After spending nearly \$300 million on a new computer system to handle disability claims, the Social Security Administration still can't get it to work. And officials can't say when it

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will.

Six years ago, Social Security embarked on an aggressive plan to replace outdated computer systems overwhelmed by a growing flood of disability claims. But the project has been racked by delays and mismanagement, according to an internal report commissioned by the agency.

Today, the project is still in the testing phase, and the agency can't say when it will be operational or how much it will cost.

In the meantime, people filing for disability claims face long delays at nearly every step of the process — delays that were supposed to be reduced by the new processing system.

"The program has invested \$288 million over six years, delivered limited functionality, and faced schedule delays as well as increasing stakeholder concerns," said a report by McKinsey and Co., a management consulting firm.

Long odds for justice in Malaysia jet disaster, experts say

GENEVA (AP) — Anyone hoping to bring to justice whoever downed Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 must face sobering facts.

The wreckage scene is compromised, key evidence may have disappeared altogether and political complexities could block an international court from hearing the case.

If Russian nationals were involved in the disaster that claimed 298 lives, they could prove untouchable: The Russian constitution forbids extradition of its citizens.

And, as legal heir to the Soviet Union, Russia has never paid a ruble in compensation to families of the 269 people killed in the 1983 shoot-down of a Korean airliner by the Soviet Air Force.

What's more, as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, Russia has the right to veto any attempt by the United States or another member of that body to bring a case before the International Criminal Court. There are other avenues to get there, but they are fraught with problems.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 24, the 205th day of 2014. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1974, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar (see-MOHN' boh-LEE'-vahr) was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, New York, the town where he was born in 1782.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1911, Yale University history professor Hiram Bingham III found the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu, in Peru.

In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike.

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In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts - two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon - splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1987, Hulda Crooks, a 91-year-old mountaineer from California, became the oldest woman to conquer Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak.

In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, killing two police officers before being shot and captured. (The shooter, Russell Eugene Weston Jr., is being held in a federal mental facility.)

In 2002, nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine.

Ten years ago: Without promising what specific steps he would take, President George W. Bush said in his weekly radio address that his administration was committed to relying on the recommendations of the September 11 commission in waging the war on terrorism. Former Nixon administration official Fred LaRue, who served a prison term for Watergate, died in Biloxi, Mississippi, at age 75.

Five years ago: Trying to tamp down a national uproar over race, President Barack Obama acknowledged using unfortunate words in declaring that Cambridge, Massachusetts, police had "acted stupidly" in arresting black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., adding he'd invited the Harvard professor and Sgt. James Crowley, the arresting officer, for "a beer here in the White House."

One year ago: The House narrowly rejected, 217-205, a challenge to the National Security Agency's secret collection of hundreds of millions of Americans' phone records. A high-speed train crash outside Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain killed 79 people. Pope Francis made an emotional plea in Aparecida, Brazil, for Roman Catholics to shun materialism in the first public Mass of his initial international trip as pontiff. It was announced by Kensington Palace that the newborn son of Prince William and Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, would be named George Alexander Louis. Virginia Johnson, half of the renowned Masters and Johnson team of sex researchers, died in St. Louis at age 88.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Aniston is 81. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 79. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 78. Actor Mark Goddard is 78. Actor Dan Hedaya is 74. Actor Chris Sarandon is 72. Comedian Gallagher is 68. Actor Robert Hays is 67. Former Republican national chairman Marc Racicot (RAWS'-koh) is 66. Actor Michael Richards is 65. Actress Lynda Carter is 63. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 62. Country singer Pam Tillis is 57. Actor Paul Ben-Victor is 52. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 49. Actress-singer Kristin Chenoweth is 46. Actress Laura Leighton is 46. Actor John P. Navin Jr. is 46. Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is 45. Basketball player-turned-actor Rick Fox is 45. Actor Eric Szmanda is 39. Actress Rose Byrne is 35. Country singer Jerrod Niemann is 35. Actress Summer Glau is 33. Actress Elisabeth Moss is 32. Actress Anna Paquin is 32. Actress Megan Park is 28. Actress Mara Wilson is 27. Rock singer Jay McGuinness (The Wanted) is 24. Actress Emily Bett Rickards (TV: Arrow) is 23. TV personality Bindi Irwin is 16.

Thought for Today: "Everything has two sides - the outside that is ridiculous, and the inside that is solemn." - Olive Schreiner, South African author and feminist (1855-1920).