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## OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

In Honor of  
**Jen Steen**

Future Bride of Tim Hauer  
Daughter of Jeff & LuAnn Steen  
Saturday, June 20th  
9:30 – 11:30

SEAS Catholic Church - Groton  
The couple is registered at  
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**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Rail-  
road Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**  
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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## Saturday, June 20

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

**Birthdays:** Robert Snyder, Scott Hanlon, Robert Osterman, Cary Bruckner.

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

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

## Sunday, June 21

FATHER'S DAY

Jr. Teeners at Milbank Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

**Anniversaries:** Gary & Linda Thurston, Ben & Kristi Peterson.

**Birthdays:** Gabrielle Ferrell, Art Gengerke, Austin Lorenz, Karen Spanier.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (India Serves)

5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Historic Trinity Church

## Hoops Reunion

The John and Mary Hoops family reunion will be held on June 28th at the Groton Community Center. The pot-luck dinner is at 12:30, with chicken and drinks being provided.



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## Service Notice: Donna Hannon

Services for Donna Hannon, of Conde will be 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22nd at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in the Conde Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the chapel from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Donna died Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Manor Care Health Services in Aberdeen.

## Missouri River Walleye Length Limits Change

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) would like to remind anglers that during the months of July and August, there is no minimum length restriction for walleyes on Lake Sharpe, Francis Case or on the portion of the Missouri River from the point where the river becomes Dakota/Nebraska border upstream to Fort Randall Dam.

Anglers are only allowed one fish over 20 inches in their daily limits and possession limits remain the same. Lake Oahe has no minimum length restrictions for walleye and the stretch of the Missouri River that defines the South Dakota/Nebraska border, including Lewis and Clark Reservoir, will retain the 15 inch minimum walleye length limits.

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## Summer in South Dakota

By Senator Mike Rounds

Now that summer is officially here, many of us are planning family vacations and weekend getaways. With so many unique events across South Dakota during the summer months, people of all walks of life can find something that interests them. Whether you're interested in fishing, kayaking, hiking, biking, boating, golfing or camping, just to name a few, you can do it here! Some of my favorite memories include weekends spent with family boating on the Missouri River or camping in the Black Hills.

South Dakota is a beautiful, diverse state with a rich history that attracts many world travelers. Travel and tourism are a major part of our economy in South Dakota. According to the South Dakota Department of Tourism, out-of-state visitors contributed \$1.99 billion to our economy last year. That's a growth of nearly 3 percent from 2013! This helps support the 28,000 South Dakota jobs that are tourism-related.

With so many activities going on this year, 2015 will undoubtedly be a big year for tourism in South Dakota. This August, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally celebrates its 75th anniversary. From August 3 through 9, hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world—bikers and non-bikers alike—will descend upon Sturgis to attend the rally. It is estimated that attendance for Sturgis this year could reach 1 million – more than our state's population! In addition, Mount Rushmore celebrates its 90th anniversary.

South Dakota is home to six National Park Service sites and 56 state parks and recreation areas. Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, the Mickelson Trail and Jewel Cave are just a few of the beautiful and unique places for tourists and South Dakotans to visit in the Black Hills. In the central and eastern part of the state, a number of glacial lakes and reservoirs are maintained by the Game Fish & Parks Department and provide for top-notch fishing, especially if you're trying to catch walleye or smallmouth bass.

Often referred to as the land of infinite variety, each region of South Dakota has a unique landscape ranging from rolling prairies and peaceful lakes to majestic mountains and towering pines. Visitors can retrace the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, attend a powwow, plan a hunting or fishing excursion or experience the American Old West of Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood.

Summertime in South Dakota is a great opportunity to explore all that our state has to offer. In addition to our historical landmarks and scenic parks, the kindness and generosity of the people of South Dakota are what keep visitors coming back time and time again.

There's no better place to spend quality time with friends and family than the great outdoors of South Dakota. I thank those South Dakotans who work in the tourism industry and make our state a fun, inviting and exciting place to vacation. I am extremely proud of all we have to offer and will continue to promote and advocate for the South Dakota tourism industry while working in the United States Senate. South Dakota is the land of great faces and great places!

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#### Tricks For Boating Bass

A trick to use in stained or muddy water or at night when bass can't see as well is to use big lures that displace water and create good vibrations.

Another trick some fishermen use is to put a little more bend in the blade of a spinnerbait to make it throb more intensely and make more noise as it moves through the water.

Maybe the best trick I can give you, though, is to slow down your retrieve. Believe it or not, a slow-moving bait will actually send out more heavy vibrations than a fast moving bait will.

The final trick is to use darker colored baits in low visibility situations. When their sight is restricted, dark colors stand out better. Actually, it is not the color that catches bass in these situations anyway; it is the vibration of the bait.

*By Larry Whiteley, Host of the award-winning Outdoor World Radio*

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## Breck plays fiddle at Ft. Sisseton

Groton resident Betty Breck, center, and the South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers entertained visitors at the recent Ft. Sisseton Historical Festival under the Couteau Tent during a Saturday afternoon downpour. In spite of the weather, a record crowd of 16,500 attended the two-day event. (Photo by Stu Surma, Java, SD)

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## Update On The Tribal Pilot Parole Program

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard

This week I had the honor of speaking about South Dakota's criminal justice system at a policy briefing on Capitol Hill. I talked with policymakers about the process we undertook to study our growing prison population and the criminal justice reforms we adopted in 2013. I encouraged those who attended to look to South Dakota as they consider making similar reforms at the federal level.

It was an easy pitch because the reforms we've adopted in South Dakota are already bringing positive results. Our prison population is lower than what was projected; we haven't had to construct a new state prison; and the tribal pilot parole program we put in place last year has been effective.

Nearly 30 percent of the inmates in the state prison system are Native American. More than half of parolees who abscond from the state parole supervision are Native Americans. In many of these cases, the absconders are returning to one of the reservations, where they often have homes and families. Unfortunately, because the state lacks jurisdiction on the reservations, state parole agents can no longer supervise parolees who return to a reservation.

The tribal pilot parole program was enacted one year ago as an agreement between the state of South Dakota and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. Under the program, the tribe supervises enrolled tribal members who want to return to the Lake Traverse Reservation while on parole.

The state provides the training and funding for a tribal parole agent to supervise parolees on the reservation under the same parole system that state agents use. This system applies swift, certain and proportionate sanctions for misbehavior, along with incentives for compliance. These evidence-based practices have been shown to reduce the risk that a parolee will return to the penitentiary.

As a part of the pilot program, a tribal wellness team meets regularly to provide support for the parolees in the program. The team includes individuals who work in a number of different areas including mental health, tribal law enforcement, drug and alcohol treatment, housing, and veteran's affairs. If a participant violates parole, the wellness team reviews the individual's case and determines the most appropriate sanctions. They take the risks and needs of each violator into consideration, and apply the penalties which are most likely to change behavior.

So far the results of the pilot program have been very promising. In the first year, 95 percent of the offenders in the tribal parole pilot did not abscond or have a parole violation report submitted. Nearly 70 percent went without a sanction due to a rule violation. No offenders were returned to prison because of a new conviction and only one offender was returned to prison due to a technical violation.

In its first year, the parole program with Sisseton Wahpeton has been a success. The pilot has led to smoother transitions for Native American parolees and restoration for tribal families. If the tribal pilot parole program continues to be successful, we'll have the opportunity to expand it to other reservations.

Of all things undertaken in my four and a half years as Governor, the Public Safety Improvement Act is one of the efforts of which I am most proud. Through the tribal pilot parole program and other programs under the law, we are not only improving public safety and reducing spending, but holding offenders more accountable and improving lives.

## Today in Weather History

June 20, 1956: An F2 tornado moved ENE from near Rockham to near Athol and Ashton. One person was killed as a mobile home was destroyed near the start of the path. Four barns were destroyed and one home was unroofed.

Also on this day, an F5 tornado cut a swath through Fargo, North Dakota killing 10 and injuring at least 103 people. This was the northernmost confirmed F5 tornado until the Elie, Manitoba tornado on June 22, 2007.

June 20, 1989: A meteorological "hot flash" hit Pierre. Descending air from collapsing thunderstorms caused the temperature in Pierre to warm from 86 degrees at midnight to 96 at 1 a.m. and to 104 at 2 a.m. Pierre's record high for the date of 105 degrees in 1974.

1682 - A major tornado ripped through southwestern Connecticut, passing through Stratford, Milford, and New Haven, and then into Long Island Sound. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1921 - Circle, MT, received 11.5 inches of rain in 24 hours, a record for the state. The town of Circle received a total of 16.79 inches of rain that month to establish a rainfall record for any town in Montana for any month of the year. (The Weather Channel)

1928 - A farmer near Greensburg, KS, looked up into the heart of a tornado. He described its walls as rotating clouds lit with constant flashes of lightning and a strong gassy odor with a screaming, hissing sound. (The Weather Channel)

1964 - A squall line producing large hail swept through central Illinois. A second squall line moved through during the early morning hours of the 21st, and a third one moved through shortly after dawn. The series of hailstorms caused nine million dollars damage. Hailstones as large as grapefruit caused heavy damage to trees, utility lines, crops and buildings. The thunderstorms also produced as much as five inches of rain in an eight hour period. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms prevailed east of the Rockies, producing severe weather in the Central High Plains Region. Thunderstorms spawned four tornadoes in Colorado, and produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Goodland, KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thirty-eight cities in the central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 97 degrees at Flint, MI, and 104 degrees at Chicago, IL, equalled records for the month of June. Thunderstorms in North Dakota produced baseball size hail near Kief, and wind gusts to 100 mph near McGregor. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)








1989 - An early morning thunderstorm produced wind gusts to 61 mph at Pierre, SD, and the hot thunderstorm winds raised the temperature from 86 degrees at midnight to 96 degrees by 1 AM, and 104 degrees by 2 AM. Butte, MT, and Yellowstone Park, WY, reported snow that afternoon. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2001: Large hail driven by strong thunderstorm winds raked Denver International and front-range airports. Wind gusting to 54 mph along with hail as large 2 inches in diameter punched at least 14 thousand holes and cracks in the flat roofs of several buildings at Denver International Airport. In addition, 93 planes and hundreds of cars were damaged. About 100 flights had to be canceled stranding 1500 travelers. The Airport was completely shut down for about 20 minutes. The storm also damaged ground avoidance radar used to track planes on the ground to prevent collisions. Damage was estimated at 10 million dollars not counting the damage to the 93 airliners. The storm moved south and struck Watkins Colorado with hail as large as 2 1/2 inches in diameter and winds gusting to 60 mph. At least 30 private planes at front-range airport were destroyed.



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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
 20%	 10%	 20%	 50%	 20%		 20%
Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chc Thunderstorms
High: 84 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 79 °F



## Warm, Isolated Afternoon T'Storms

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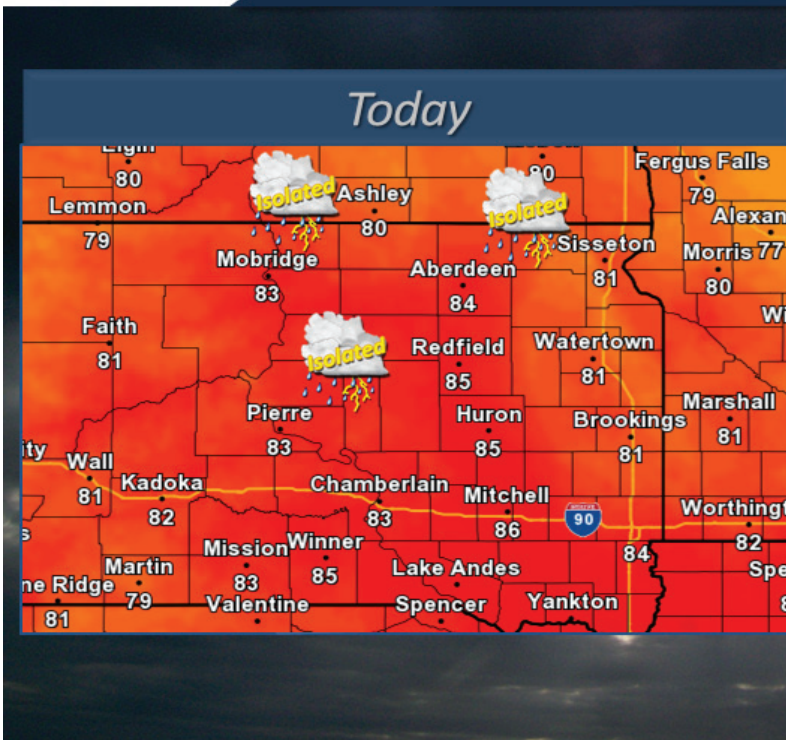
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### Weather Headlines



**Late Afternoon:** Isolated late afternoon t'storms are possible. Can't rule out one or two strong storms.



**Late Tonight:** Another round of overnight storms possible, mainly for southwest SD



**Sunday night:** A low pressure system will bring additional thunderstorm chances, mainly late at night

Published on: 06/20/2015 at 5:50AM

A mainly warm and dry day is expected across the region, however, can't rule out isolated thunderstorms late in the afternoon, and a strong storm or two is not out of the question. Another round of thunderstorms will then work its way across parts of southwest South Dakota late tonight. The active pattern continues with another low pressure system Sunday night, and additional storm chances into early next week.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 80.0 at 2:08 PM

**Low:** 58.4 at 5:04 AM

**High Gust:** 35 at 12:14 PM

Precip: 0.50

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 101° in 1988

**Record Low:** 34° in 1969

**Average High:** 79°F

**Average Low:** 55°F

**Average Precip in June:** 2.46

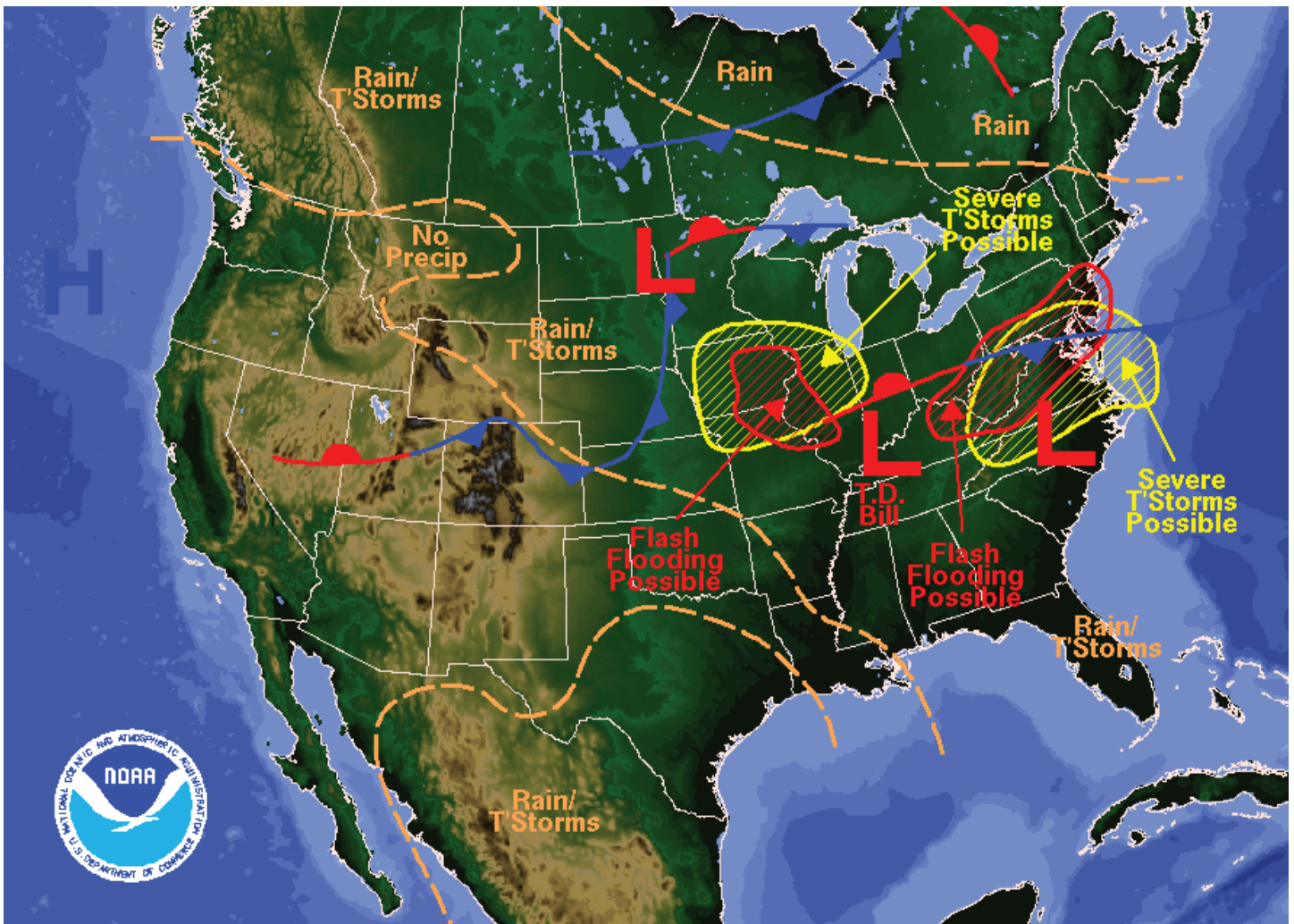
**Precip to date in June:** 0.95

**Average Precip to date:** 9.60

**Precip Year to Date:** 6.67

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

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jun 20, 2015, issued 4:25 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts





## SAVED TO SERVE

A six-year-old child was trapped in a bedroom on the second floor of a home that was engulfed in flames. He was frightened and did not know what to do.

He ran to a window and used all of his strength to open it. But he failed. Then he climbed on a dresser, broke the window and shouted for help. Though he could not be heard, his father saw him. There was no way he could get back into the house, climb the steps and rescue him. The flames continued to burn intensely.

When a neighbor saw the dangerous situation, he ran to the home, leaned against the side of it and encouraged an onlooker to climb on his shoulders. Then another climbed on top of his shoulders until there were enough, one standing on the shoulders of another, until they reached the window. They were finally able to force open the window and rescue the child. When he reached manhood, he identified himself as a "brand plucked out of a fire." John Wesley grew to become one of the most famous preachers of all time and the founder of Methodism.

God spared Wesley's life and then called him into a life of ministry. Few of us will ever go through an experience as he did. Yet, all of us are called to serve the Lord. Each day that our Creator gives us is to worship, honor and serve Him in all that we do. We are not called to be famous but faithful.

**Prayer:** Help us, Heavenly Father, to realize that each day is a God-given day to love, honor and serve You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Zechariah 3:2 And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

## News from the Associated Press

### **Annual LGBT pride festival returns to Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Pride Festival that celebrates those in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community kicks off in South Dakota's largest city this weekend.

The festival is one of many around the nation hosted in June. Festival Chairman Thomas Christiansen tells KDLT-TV the event aims to celebrate the LGBT community but also raise awareness of discrimination and prejudice.

Christiansen says they added beer and puppies to the festival this year.

Organizers say more than 2,000 people from South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska came to the festival last year.

The festival comes just before the U.S. Supreme Court is expected rule on whether same-sex couples can legally wed.

### **As farmers markets increase in SD, SDSU creates vendor guide**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The agriculture outreach division of South Dakota State University has released a manual that aims at helping interested and existing farmers markets' vendors navigate regulations and become successful merchants as the number of markets in the state increases.

Farmers markets have grown in popularity in the U.S. over the past two decades, and with triple the number of these local marketplaces between 2008 and 2015, South Dakota has not been an exception. Now, SDSU Extension hopes its manual addressing state regulations, food safety practices, product pricing and several other guidelines will become a one-stop shop for vendors on what can sometimes be an overwhelming task of working a booth at markets.

"Producers are learning from each other, so they are seeing this as an opportunity," SDSU Extension community development field specialist Chris Zdorovtsov cited as a reason why producers are increasingly choosing to participate in farmers markets. "People are getting creative in the way they can remain — and have an income — in their smaller communities. So, they may retire from a current job, or maybe they are a younger farmer who wants to start a business, but they're finding producing local foods as a way they can still live where they want to live and make some money."

SDSU Extension data shows the state has gone from having about 20 markets in 2008 to 45 in 2012 and around 60 this year. Nationwide, the number of markets has steadily increased from 1,755 in 1994 to 8,268 last year, according to data collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The federal agency offers an online directory of farmers markets searchable by ZIP code and encourages vendors to accept food stamps to give more people a chance to buy locally grown, farm fresh food.

Producer Paul Warner, who began selling vegetables at a farmers market in 1998 in Madison, said not much information was available about regulations and best practices during his first years as a vendor.

"Something like that when we started would've been helpful," Warner said of SDSU's manual. He now sells about 60 percent of the produce from his farm at two farmers markets in Sioux Falls. "Previously, you were pretty much on your own. You had to do research and Internet searches to universities."

From the consumer standpoint, Zdorovtsov said more markets are being established because people "are more willing" to purchase products from local vendors as "they want to know the person they are buying the food from." She added that at least two South Dakota farmers markets accept SNAP ben-

efits and the state Department of Social Services provides free card-reader machines to the vendors to specifically accept SNAP cards.

"You know the people are excited to buy from you at the market and to talk directly to you are the person who grew that crop from a feed or a transplant all the way through and you can answer any questions that they may have and you develop a lot of repeat customers," Warner said. "It's really satisfying to have that relationship with those customers."

## **26-year-old Sioux Falls man hospitalized following stabbing**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A stabbing in Sioux Falls has left a young man hospitalized.

Fifty-year-old Dennis Ghost Bear is facing an aggravated assault charge for allegedly stabbing a 26-year-old man near a shelter house.

Witnesses told police they saw Ghost Bear stab the younger man near the 800 block of East 10th Street. Police say they found Ghost Bear with a small knife.

The victim was transported to Avera McKennan hospital. Authorities say his injuries are not life threatening.

## **Thune: Reform bill gives rail regulators more teeth**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Thune says his bill to reform a federal transportation oversight board would aid South Dakotans by allowing regulators early on to investigate shipping issues like last year's grain backlog.

The South Dakota senator's bill to reform the federal Surface Transportation Board passed the Senate unanimously Thursday night.

The bill would, in part, authorize the board to investigate and resolve matters like service disputes, allowing regulators to tackle rail disruptions before they lead to major issues.

The delays in grain shipments last year were especially pronounced in northern Plains states like the Dakotas, Montana and Minnesota. Across the region, grain bins were full and harvests from prior years were stored on the ground while awaiting rail cars.

Thune's bill still needs a companion in the U.S. House.

## **Judge upholds Jackley's explanation of initiated measure**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says a circuit judge has upheld his written explanation for a proposed 2016 ballot measure that would place restrictions on payday lenders.

Opponents challenged the explanation and asked that it be rewritten, but Jackley says Judge Kathleen Trandahl has denied the request.

The ballot initiative would cap interest on payday loans at 36 percent. Both sides have said it would effectively end payday lending in South Dakota because it would make it difficult to keep a business profitable.

Under state law, the attorney general is responsible for preparing explanations for proposed initiated measures, referred laws and constitutional amendments. Jackley's explanation includes a title, an objective, a summary of the purpose and effect of the proposed measure and a description of legal consequences.

## **South Dakota AG Jackley elected president of national group**



PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has been elected president of the National Association of Attorneys General.

The group held its annual meeting this week in California. Jackley issued a statement Friday saying he's honored to serve, and that the leadership position will help him address important issues impacting South Dakota and the nation.

The association is made up of attorneys general from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

## AP News in Brief

### **Family members of church slayings offer forgiveness, mercy to alleged attacker at hearing**

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Felecia Sanders survived the attack on her Bible study group by pretending to be dead, but lost her son Tywanza.

On Friday, she came face to face with the alleged shooter, as she had the night of the slaughter.

"We welcomed you Wednesday night in our Bible study with open arms," Sanders told Dylann Storm Roof, who appeared via video conference for a bond hearing. "You have killed some of the most beautiful people that I know. Every fiber in my body hurts ... and I'll never be the same."

"Tywanza was my hero."

And then Sanders did something remarkable: She forgave the young man who has been charged with nine counts of murder for the bloody attack at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### **In Congress, Charleston shootings evoke sympathy but prospects for gun curbs remain remote**

WASHINGTON (AP) — This week's slaughter of nine people in a South Carolina church left prospects that Congress will curb guns right where they've been for years — remote for now, according to lawmakers and activists on both sides of the issue.

Conceding that congressional action was unlikely soon, President Barack Obama said lawmakers will tighten federal firearms restrictions when they believe the public is demanding it.

"I am not resigned," Obama told the U.S. Conference of Mayors in San Francisco on Friday. "I have faith we will eventually do the right thing."

Others said there was little evidence that Wednesday's killing of nine black parishioners by the white alleged gunman, Dylann Storm Roof, would make congressional action more likely, considering recent history.

"I'm skeptical it's going to change peoples' minds who weren't converted by Newtown," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn. Murphy was part of the Senate's failed efforts to strengthen background checks following the 2012 massacre of 26 children and educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

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### **Cybertheft and island-building stoke US-China tensions ahead of high-level talks in Washington**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tensions between the U.S. and China are growing over its island-building in the

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South China Sea and over suspicions that Beijing was behind a massive hack into a federal government server that resulted in the theft of personnel and security clearance records of 14 million employees and contractors.

But both powers have incentives to calm the waters ahead of the Chinese leader's visit to Washington in the fall.

The two countries' top diplomats and finance officials meet here next week for the annual U.S.-China strategic and economic dialogue. The Obama administration says the two governments won't be papering over their differences, but they are expected to accentuate the positive, stressing areas of cooperation, like climate change.

Civilian and military officials will meet Monday to discuss thorny security issues. Secretary of State John Kerry and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew kick off two days of talks Tuesday with Vice Premier Wang Yang and State Councilor Yang Jiechi on a sprawling agenda, including plans for a bilateral investment treaty.

China, in particular, is presenting the dialogue as a prelude to Xi Jinping's visit to the White House slated for September, his first since becoming China's president in 2013.

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## **Police investigate possible sighting of 2 convicted killers who escaped prison; video analyzed**

LINDLEY, N.Y. (AP) — New York State Police are investigating a possible sighting of the two convicted killers who escaped from an upstate New York prison two weeks ago.

Two men fitting the description of inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt were seen a week ago in Steuben County, New York, over 300 miles southwest of the prison in Dannemora, according to a State Police news release posted late Friday. Two men were seen walking near a rail yard in Erwin on June 13, and then seen the next day in Lindley, New York, heading toward the Pennsylvania border.

Investigators conducted interviews in both communities and have surveillance video that was initially deemed inconclusive and is being sent to Albany for analysis.

It was not clear why authorities waited a week before divulging the information.

Sweat and Matt used power tools to cut their way out of Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora on June 6. Hundreds of police officers have been looking for them.

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## **Religion and politics: Republican presidential hopefuls open up about faith in public life**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2016 Republican hopefuls are offering new insight into how faith would guide their decisions in the White House.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush calls his Catholic faith "an organizing part of my architecture." Ohio Gov. John Kasich says religion gives him more empathy toward the poor. And Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas cites his Christian values in lashing out at the Supreme Court.

Such are the views of the Republican presidential hopefuls in Washington this week for one of the nation's premier gatherings of Christian activists. The Faith and Freedom Coalition's annual conference began the day after nine people were shot to death inside a South Carolina church, offering a grim backdrop to the three-day meeting designed to give religious activists a closer look at the large class of GOP candidates and other leaders considering bids.

"We pray that this might be a time of spiritual revival and faith," Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said Friday.

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Beyond the horrors in South Carolina, presidential prospects offered religious conservatives an intimate look at the role of faith in their public lives.

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## **There he goes again: Jordan Spieth, Masters champion, shares US Open lead with Patrick Reed**

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP) — Masters champion Jordan Spieth is halfway home from the second leg of the Grand Slam.

It sure feels a lot farther away in this U.S. Open.

Spieth overcame a double bogey on the par-4 18th hole that he called “the dumbest hole” he has played, and a scary moment when Jason Day collapsed to the ground Friday on their final hole at the par-3 ninth from what was later diagnosed as vertigo. Spieth managed to make his birdie for a 3-under 67, giving him a share of the lead with Ryder Cup partner Patrick Reed going into what figures to be a long weekend.

The competition is plenty fierce. The real challenge might be Chambers Bay, from the wobbly roll on the greens to how the USGA presents its toughest test.

Henrik Stenson said it was like putting on broccoli. Reed was so furious after his closing bogey — he made only two pars over the final 12 holes — that he called it “Mickey Mouse golf” on the 18th green.

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## **Yankees star Alex Rodriguez homers for 3,000th hit; 29th major leaguer to reach milestone**

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez homered for his 3,000th career hit and smiled all the way around the bases Friday night, the highlight so far in what’s become a resurgent season for the disgraced slugger.

The New York Yankees star wasted no time, connecting in the first inning on a first-pitch, 95 mph fastball from Detroit ace Justin Verlander.

Out of baseball last year while serving a drug suspension, Rodriguez became the 29th player in major league history to reach 3,000 hits. He was the first to do it since Yankees great Derek Jeter homered from the very same batter’s box in 2011.

“It’s a magical number,” Rodriguez said after the final out of New York’s 7-2 victory. “I’m very happy to be in the club.”

With the crowd at Yankee Stadium standing in anticipation, Rodriguez sent a high drive to right field. He held onto the bat as he took a few steps toward first base, and outfielder J.D. Martinez bumped into the wall as he backed up.

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## **Fan who wound up with ball from A-Rod’s 3,000th hit holding onto souvenir — for now, anyway**

NEW YORK (AP) — The fan at Yankee Stadium who wound up with the ball that Alex Rodriguez launched for his 3,000th hit is holding on to the prized souvenir.

For now, anyway.

“At first, I was 100 percent adamant about not giving the ball back,” Zack Hample told The Associated Press by telephone late Friday night. “Now, I’m thinking about it.”

“I’m not making any definite decisions tonight and probably not tomorrow, either,” he said an hour after New York beat Detroit 7-2. “I want to enjoy the moment.”



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The 37-year-old Hample has some experience in this area. He describes himself as a pro at catching home run balls, has written books about the art and has snagged — get this — a whopping 8,161 baseballs at stadiums around the country.

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## Suruc is the largest refugee camp in Turkey, the world's biggest refugee host

Suruc is a symbol.

The largest refugee camp in Turkey, in a nation which hosts the largest number of refugees in the world, Suruc is a gleaming, orderly metaphor for Turkey's open door policy toward refugees from Syria, nearly 2 million of whom have crossed the border in the past four years.

The camp holds 25,000 people in 7,000 tents split into 15 "neighborhoods," according to Abdullah Ciftci, Suruc's district governor. It has schools, hospitals, supermarkets, television tents, prayer rooms, playgrounds and even farmland.

Opened in February 2015, the camp's large pale tents — set against the bright stony white ground — are an immaculate showcase of Turkey's generosity at a time when other European nations talk of building walls, destroying boats, and migrant quotas.

Refugees keep flooding into Turkey as the fighting in Syria continues, but Suruc has room to grow. Ciftci said the camp, which is dominated by a giant Turkish flag, can accommodate another 10,000 people.

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## Listeners upset Kim Kardashian was guest on public radio show, threaten to withhold donations

CHICAGO (AP) — An appearance by Kim Kardashian on the National Public Radio show "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!" has angered among some listeners.

NPR received hundreds of complaints about last week's episode of the humorous quiz show. Kardashian was in a segment called "Not My Job," in which she answered questions about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. She answered two of three questions correctly.

But many listeners were outraged that she was on the Chicago-based show. Some have threatened to stop donating to the nonprofit NPR.

In a response posted on NPR's website, ombudsman Elizabeth Jenson said she wasn't sure what to make of the outrage over Kardashian's 11-minute appearance. She said while Kardashian wasn't a great guest, "she was gracious" and had a couple of funny lines.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, June 20, the 171st day of 2015. There are 194 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1975, Steven Spielberg's shark thriller "Jaws," starring Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss (not to mention a mechanical shark nicknamed "Bruce") was released by Universal Pictures.

### On this date:

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.

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In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.  
In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Massachusetts, found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1921, U.S. Rep. Alice Mary Robertson, R-Okla., became the first woman to preside over a session of the House of Representatives.

In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1944, during World War II, Japanese naval forces retreated in the Battle of the Philippine Sea after suffering heavy losses to the victorious American fleet.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, California, mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court).

In 1979, ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza's national guard.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Bald Eagle Day.

In 1990, South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, arrived in New York City for a ticker-tape parade in their honor as they began an eight-city U.S. tour.

**Ten years ago:** During a joint news conference with European leaders at the White House, President George W. Bush said he was determined to complete the mission of establishing democracy in Iraq because the world would be a better place for it. A suicide car bomber killed at least 15 traffic policemen outside police headquarters in Irbil, Iraq. Kuwait's first female Cabinet member, Massouma al-Mubarak, took the oath of office over the shouts of Muslim fundamentalist and tribal lawmakers opposed to women in politics.

**Five years ago:** Juan Manuel Santos, a former defense minister from a political powerful clan who oversaw a major weakening of leftist rebels, won Colombia's presidency. Edith Shain, who claimed to be the nurse smooched by a sailor in Times Square in a famous Life magazine photograph marking the end of World War II, died in Los Angeles at 91. Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland won the U.S. Open.

**One year ago:** The Obama administration granted an array of new benefits to same-sex couples, including those living in states where gay marriage was against the law; the new measures ranged from Social Security and veterans benefits to work leave for caring for sick spouses. Defiant before skeptical Republicans, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen refused to apologize during a hearing for lost emails that might have shed light on the tax agency's targeting of tea party and other groups before the 2010 and 2012 elections.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Martin Landau is 87. Actress Bonnie Bartlett is 86. Actress Olympia Dukakis is 84. Actor James Tolkan is 84. Actor Danny Aiello is 82. Blues musician Lazy Lester is 82. Actor John Mahoney is 75. Movie director Stephen Frears is 74. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 73. Actor John McCook is 71. Singer Anne Murray is 70. TV personality Bob Vila is 69. Musician Andre Watts is 69. Actress Candy Clark is 68. Producer Tina Sinatra is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 66. Actor John Goodman is 63. Rock musician Michael Anthony is 61. Pop musician John Taylor is 55. Rock musician Mark degli Antoni (de-GLI'-an-toh-nee) is 53. Christian rock musician Jerome Fontamilas (Switchfoot) is 48. Rock musician Murphy Karges (Sugar Ray) is 48. Actress Nicole Kidman is 48. Country/bluegrass singer-musician Dan Tyminski is 48. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 47. Actor Peter Paige is 46. Actor Josh Lucas is 44. Rock musician Jeordie White (AKA Twiggy Ramirez) is 44.

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Rock singer Chino Moreno (Deftones) is 42. Country-folk singer-songwriter Amos Lee is 38. Country singer Chuck Wicks is 36. Country musician Chris Thompson (The Eli Young Band) is 35. Christian rock musician Chris Dudley (Underoath) is 32. Rock singer Grace Potter (Grace Potter & the Nocturnals) is 32. Actor Mark Saul is 30. Actress Dreama Walker is 29. Actor Chris Mintz-Plasse (plahs) is 26. Actress Maria Lark is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order." - Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947).