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The Groton Daily Independent has learned that Brett Schwan was offered the contract as the elementary principal.

Groton will be hosting the Legion Region Tournament this year as the previous site that was selected turned it down due to lack of workers.

Hoops Reunion

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

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**

Monday, June 22

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert, French bread.

Birthdays: Angela Dobbins, Wade Nyberg, Jerrie Vedvei.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:30pm: U12 Softball host Redfield and Webster

5:30pm: U8 Softball host Redfield and Webster

6:30pm: Amateurs host Webster

Tuesday, June 23

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Henry & Vera Musil.

Birthdays: Twila Ruden, Kaycie Hawkins, Shaylee Peterson, Alyssa Sippel, Sarah Sippel, Megan Baule, Madeline Flihs, Branden Abeln.

8:00am: Elementary Library open (Maddie Colestock reading at 10 am)

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

6:00pm: Legion host Northville (DH)

6:00pm: T-Ball Scrimmage

7:00pm: U10 Softball host Ipswich

Wednesday, June 24

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

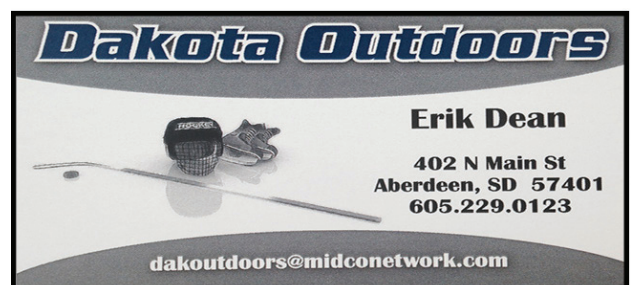
Anniversary: Mark & June Thompson

Birthdays: Jeremy Weber, Eunice Alberts, Ellie Sippel

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Men's League at Olive Grove



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Practical Money Skills

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By Jason Alderman



Ways to Save Money on a Last-Minute Summer Trip

If you, your partner or your family want – or need – to get out of town right now, how do you improvise a great last-minute trip without breaking the bank?

Planning is essential. Embrace travel as a hobby – look for tricks, techniques and current online resources to keep abreast of the best last-minute deals.

Compromises will be necessary. You'll likely need to travel at off-peak hours (either the first flight out in the morning or the last one at night, usually on weekdays) and stay at hotels or venues off the beaten path.

Here are some quick tips to save money on last-minute travel:

Travel light, move fast. Traveling last-minute isn't for the indecisive. Dedicated travelers are minimalists – they know what to pack, organize their paperwork and payment options and have the mental preparation to deal with problems and challenges along the way. Also realize that last-minute travel can increase risk and other costs. If you're planning a trip that requires travel insurance, (<https://www.insuremytrip.com/learn/travel-insurance-basics/when-to-buy.html>) you may not get coverage approval in time.

Build the right online resources. The Internet has revolutionized most forms of purchasing goods and services, but for travel, it has offered unprecedented speed and customization. Use top travel sites that have a tested track record and broad listings of various travel products, but be on the lookout for new travel websites and apps launch every day. Some airlines now offer their own last-minute fare sites, but try to sign up for email alerts and social media feeds from a variety of travel resources so you won't miss a deals on air, hotel or ground transportation. Also, layovers are good to build into your itinerary as long

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as you don't have to pay for a hotel and take a moment to compare the price of two one-way tickets – possibly from competing carriers – against round-trip tickets at single carriers. You might save.

Test new lodging options. The new generation of apartment and spare-bedroom sharing sites and longtime online vacation home rental services offer last-minute and in some cases “day-of” lodging possibilities, but keep in mind that online scammers (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/rentalscams>) have entered this territory and all transactions should be verified independently. Staying in hostels is not just for students and backpackers anymore; there are hostels that aim for older travelers as well. Getting on the phone also works in the hotel industry – check online prices against what you can find by calling up the hotel's booking number and ask if there is a lower corporate rate or special for the period of your stay.

Compare ride-share with car rental. If you think you're going to need to drive at your destination, check car-rental rates against leading ride-share companies available at the touch of a smartphone screen. Many ride-share companies allow you to get advance pricing estimates in advance. Also keep in mind what it might cost to park the rental car in your destination city – ride-share will help you avoid that expense.

Finally, evaluate every membership connection you have. Start by looking at all the plastic you have in your wallet. From your credit cards to the membership card for your main professional networking group and even to the auto club that tows your car, can you take advantage of any travel benefits you can leverage on a last-minute trip? Take some time to review those benefits – or look at them for the first time.

Bottom line: Last-minute travel is almost always possible as long as you're willing to do a little homework and improvise.

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Outdoor World[®]

Tips For Bagging Big Cats

Summertime is channel cat time across America. In lakes and reservoirs, fish flat areas in 18 to 25 feet of water using shad, shrimp, dough balls, cheese, prepared baits, nightcrawlers, and even that left over hot dog from lunch.

In rivers, try the same baits around undercut banks, old hollow logs, and even slack water. Ponds are also great places to catch channel cats. Give them some time to mouth the bait and pick it up before setting the hook.

My favorite part of channel cat fishing is eating them. Here's my special recipe:

- Cut filets into bite size pieces
- Dunk them in milk
- Coat with one of Bass Pro Shops Uncle Buck's fish batters
- Drop in 325 degree peanut oil until they're good and crisp. Dip them in shrimp sauce for some outstanding eating.

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

For more tips go to basspro.com and click on 1Source News & Tips

The window to the soul

Richard P. Holm, MD

It is not just poetry; it is almost a scientific fact to say that the eyes are the windows to the soul. To support that statement let's go to Embryology Class during the first years in Med School, when you learn how the eyes develop in the embryo within the womb.

It is incredible how it works. The sperm joins with the egg; the cells duplicate and develop into a hollow ball of cells, which then elongates.

The first specialized nerve tissue becomes a darkening cord of special cells along the back of the tiny growing embryo. Next the neural cord thickens on one end, and this grows into the control tower of the brain. There as the brain is expanding and convoluting like a miniature thunderhead into the command center, out pops two buds, which gradually mature into the eyes.

It is fascinating to realize that the eyes are truly an extension of the brain into the outside world. When you look into eyes of another individual, you are actually seeing the brain as it is gathering in the light energy around it. Of course all of the senses are an extension of neural tissue. We listen, smell, taste, touch, and look so as to better understand the outside world and environment. But there is something about the looking, and that oh-so direct connection of the eyes to the brain that is so intriguing.

And with this almost naked exposure to the world comes the price of vulnerability. Despite the overhanging boney brow, the eyes are subject to easy destruction from stick and stone, or for that matter sparkler and bottle rocket.

Do we always have to lose a treasure before we cherish it enough to protect it? Bottom line: this special sense of sight needs protection lest we block out the windows to the soul.

To hear more from Dr. Holm, watch his TV show, On Call with the Prairie Doc, every Thursday at 7pm CT on South Dakota Public Broadcasting and his website, www.PrairieDoc.org.

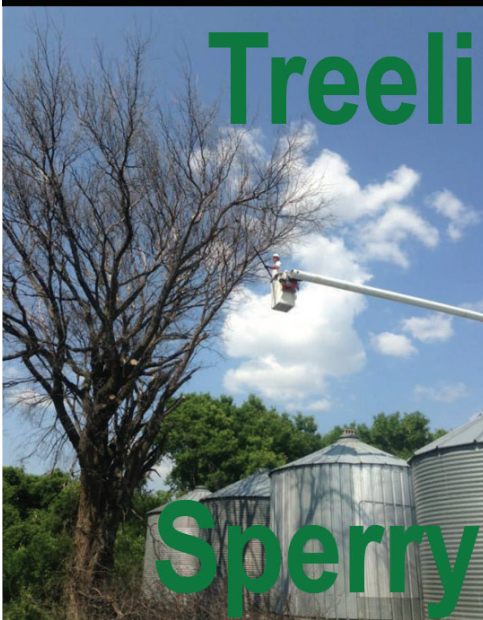
Dr. Rick Holm wrote this Prairie Doc Perspective for On Call with the Prairie Doc, a weekly program where medical professionals discuss health concerns for the general public. On Call with the Prairie Doc is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University journalism department and airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Television at 7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain, and streams live at www.PrairieDoc.org.

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Today in Weather History

June 22, 1916: An estimated F2 tornado moved northeast from 4 miles east of Willow Lakes to east of Vienna, in Clark County. A farmhouse was picked up and thrown into a granary. A boy was smothered to death by grains as a barn collapsed on him, one mile south of Vienna.

June 22, 1916: The second deadliest tornado in Minnesota's history occurred on this day. 59 people were killed as an estimated F5 tornado ripped through the town of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. 400 buildings were destroyed. A blank check was found over 60 miles away and lumber was carried 10 miles. Of the 59 victims, 35 were guests of the Grand Hotel.

June 22, 1996: From the morning through the late afternoon hours, several supercell thunderstorms moved southeast along a strong warm front from eastern Corson County to southwest Deuel County. These storms produced several tornados, large hail, very heavy rains, and damaging winds. Hail up to the size of baseballs and winds gusting to 70 mph damaged and destroyed thousands of acres of crops, broke windows in homes, buildings, and vehicles. Many roofs were damaged and trees were downed from near Mobridge to Redfield to Toronto. The most extensive crop, building, and tree damage was around the areas of Redfield, Vienna, Naples, Hazel, Bryant, Henry, Lake Norden, Castlewood, Estelline, and Toronto all south of Highway 212. The hail swaths of destruction were as much as 10 miles wide in places. Some farmers said you could not tell what was planted because the crops were completely destroyed. Hail piles of one to two feet were reported in some places. Also, most of the area from Redfield to Toronto received one to three inches of rain which caused some flooding problems.

2003: A hailstone measuring 6.5 inches in diameter with a circumference of 17.3 inches and weighing 1.33 pounds falls in Aurora, Nebraska. The National Weather Service reports this is the second largest hailstone ever documented in the U.S. by weight, and the largest by size at that time. The world's largest hailstone NOW was produced from storms in South Dakota; 8" in diameter and 1.9375 lbs. on July 23, 2010.








2007: The first officially documented F5 tornado in Canada struck the town of Elie, Manitoba population 500 people. Video of the storm showed a heavy van being whirled through the air. The tornado also tossed an almost intact house several hundred yards through the air before it disintegrated. The tornado traveled across the landscape for about 35 minutes covering 3.4 miles and leaving a damage path 984 feet wide. Wind speeds in the tornado were later estimated at 260-316 mph. Fortunately no fatalities or serious injuries were reported.



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from the Winnipeg FreePress

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Severe Thunderstorms	Severe Thunderstorms	Mostly Clear	Partly Sunny	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms
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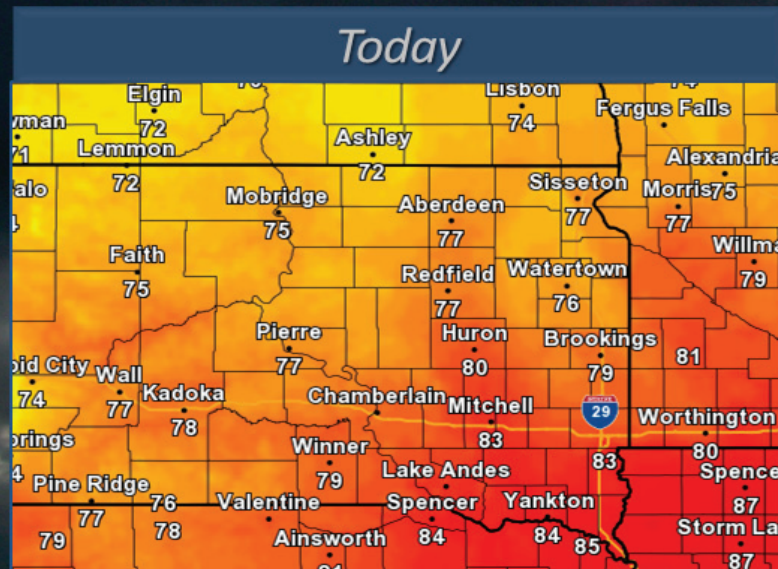
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Weather Headlines



Early Morning: Showers and thunderstorms end across NE SD and west central MN this morning.



Today & Tuesday: Cooler & less humid air across the region



Wednesday: Another round of thunderstorms possible

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Showers and thunderstorms across parts of northeast South Dakota and west central MN will come to an end this morning. Cooler and less humid air moves in for Monday & Tuesday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 86.6 at 3:45 PM

Low: 57.9 at 6:39 AM

High Gust: 24 at 11:45 PM

Precip: 1.63

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1911

Record Low: 39° in 1905

Average High: 80°F

Average Low: 56°F

Average Precip in June: 2.71

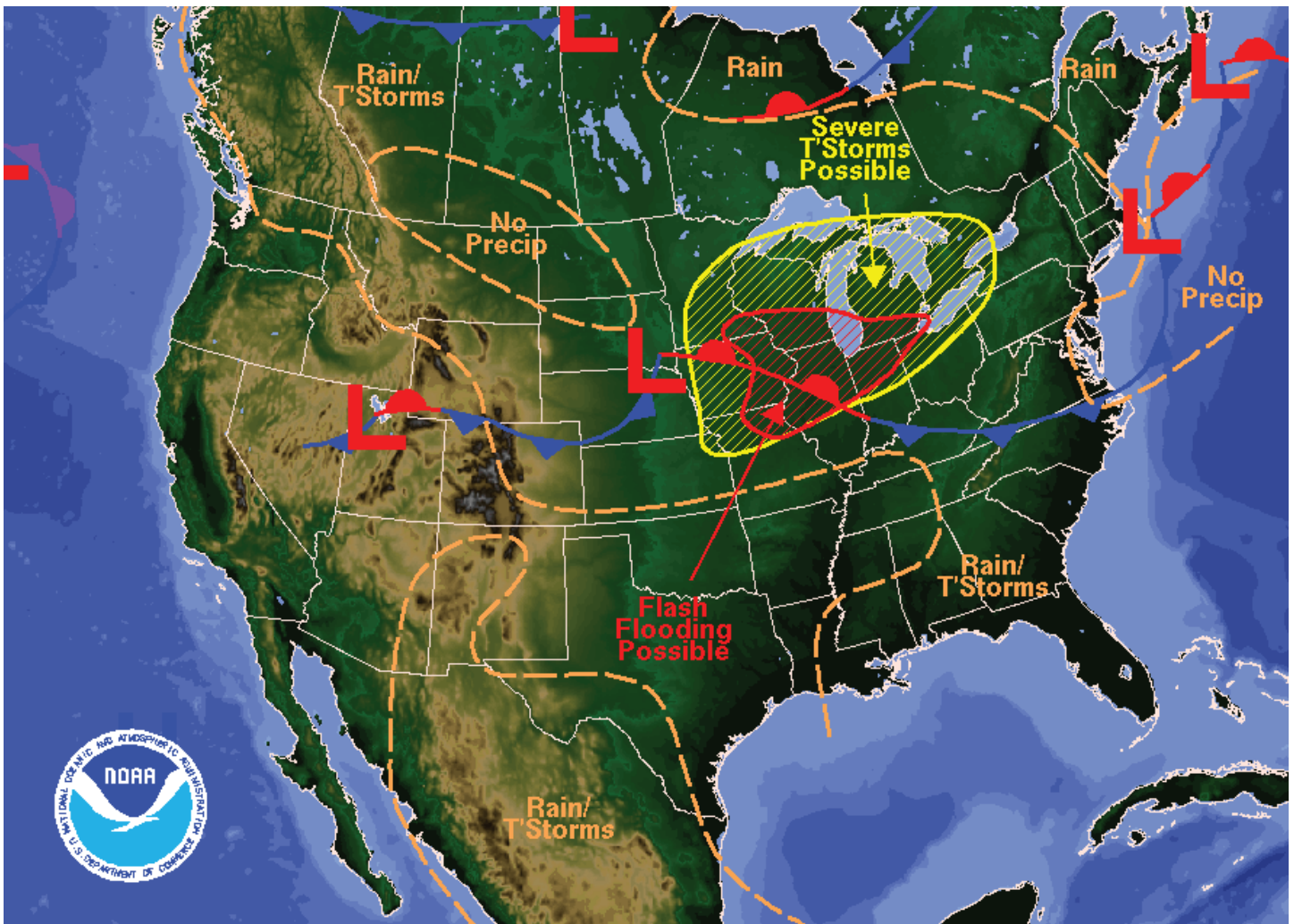
Precip to date in June: 1.58

Average Precip to date: 9.85

Precip Year to Date: 7.30

Sunset Tonight: 9:25 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jun 22, 2015, issued 4:41 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE MOST OF THE MOMENT

A soldier who served in Vietnam was assigned the duty to meet a senator at the airport near his command. It was his responsibility to see that he was taken safely to the office of the commanding general.

As they walked to the car, the soldier stopped to help an elderly woman who was having difficulty carrying her luggage. After a few more steps, he picked up some items that had fallen from the arms of a mother who was having difficulty carrying her child. Then he picked up a child that had tripped and fallen down.

Impressed, the senator asked, "Who taught you to be so kind and gentle and helpful?"

Quickly, and without hesitation, the soldier replied, "During my tour of duty in Vietnam, Sir, it was my duty to clear the fields of mines. I never knew if my next step would be my last. So, I learned then and there to get everything I could out of every moment I had."

Twice the Apostle Paul said in his writings, "Make the most of every opportunity." He challenged the early Christians to be alert and aware of the people God brought into their lives. He wanted to impress them with the fact that the time we have to present His plan of salvation to others is limited and that opportunities once gone will never return.

We too are obligated to accept this challenge.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to realize the shortness of life and the length of eternity and be faithful witnesses. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 5:16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

News from the Associated Press

Juveniles in Sioux Falls steal minivan, flee police, crash

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for several juveniles who allegedly stole a minivan and fled from officers after throwing fireworks at passing vehicles.

Officers decided not to give chase early Sunday due to high speeds, and say the driver of the van eventually lost control and crashed the vehicle into a tree.

All of the van's occupants then fled on foot. Officers caught one of them — an 11-year-old boy. He was charged with possession of stolen property, fleeing police and obstructing an officer, and released to his parents.

Authorities are working to identify the others who were involved.

Severe thunderstorms create damage in eastern South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Severe storms are creating a swath of damage through eastern South Dakota.

The Argus Leader reports that winds gusting to 100 mph downed trees and power poles in Garretson, and blew over four large tanks at a fertilizer plant. A gas leak prompted the evacuation of a mobile home park. The local fire hall was opened as an emergency shelter.

The strong winds have damaged buildings in the region. KELO-TV reports that a century-old barn near Corsica was among them.

Wind gusts strong enough to down trees and blow over Dumpsters were reported in Pierre.

Sioux Falls church holds vigil to honor Charleston victims

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A prayer vigil in memory of the nine people killed at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, has been held at a Sioux Falls church, where leaders called for an end to racial hatred.

The Argus Leader and KDLT-TV report the Saturday vigil drew around 40 to 50 people to the parking lot of First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. The victims' names were read aloud, with candles lit in their memory.

The Sioux Falls church's worship leader, Taylor Johnson, said members "couldn't just be here in silence."

The Rev. Sara McManus says Sioux Falls has "a lot of racism in it, as much as we don't want to admit it." She says there's a lot of work to be done in the city.

Lightning believed cause of Rapid City apartment fire

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Lightning is believed to be the cause of a weekend apartment building fire in Rapid City that displaced 27 residents.

The 17-unit building was heavily damaged in the blaze that began about 7 p.m. Saturday. Part of the roof collapsed, and an official cause of the fire won't be known until the structure is determined safe to enter.

One resident was treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation.

The Red Cross is helping the displaced residents with emergency lodging, food and clothing.

Hot Springs native wins Miss South Dakota competition

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — A new Miss South Dakota has been crowned.

Miss Oahe, Autumn Simunek (shuh-mah-nik) of Hot Springs, was crowned Miss South Dakota 2015 Saturday night in Hot Springs.

Simunek also won the preliminary talent award Thursday night. For her talent, she performed the classic pop vocal "Hallelujah."

Simunek is the second consecutive former Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen to go on to win the title of Miss South Dakota.

The 22-year-old is a senior at the University of South Dakota.

Simunek will represent South Dakota in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in September.

USPS employee in SD indicted on theft of mail charge

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An employee of the U.S. Postal Service in western South Dakota has been indicted on a theft of mail charge.

Authorities are accusing Daniel Newman, of Rapid City, of embezzling letters, post cards, packages, bags and other mail between November and March. Authorities say Newman stole money, gift cards and other items contained in the mail he embezzled.

Federal court records show a jury trial against Newman has been scheduled for late August. He was arrested Friday and has pleaded not guilty to one count of theft of mail matter by officer or employee.

Newman's attorney could not immediately be reached to comment on the charge.

Eastern SD 4-H members eligible for public speaking contest

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The annual 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the Sioux Empire Fair is taking applications from club members from more than 40 eastern South Dakota counties.

Karelyn Farrand is a 4-H youth character education field specialist with the South Dakota State University Extension. Farrand says the contest gives 4-H members an opportunity to use their critical thinking, writing and speaking skills.

The registration deadline is July 17, and the contest will take place Aug. 5.

The contest has two divisions; one for children ages 8 through 13 and another one for members ages 14 through 19. The top prize in the senior division is \$1,000, while the one for the junior division is \$500.

A list of participating counties can be found at SDSU's Extension website.

Capitol Lake Visitor Center in SD to host outdoor concert

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Capitol Lake Visitor Center in Pierre will be hosting a free outdoor concert this summer featuring traditional music artists Bob and Sheila Everhart.

The July 10 concert is being organized by the museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center.

The Everharts, from Anita, Iowa, have recorded several albums of traditional, folk and country music and earned a Grammy nomination for one of their Smithsonian Institution recordings.

The artists have appeared alongside several performers including Patti Page, Ray Price and Jimmy Buffet. They have appeared on NBC's "Today" show and the radio and television music show "Louisiana

Hayride.”

Organizers are encouraging attendees to bring lawn chairs, blankets or any other comfortable outdoor gear.

Nonprofit Farm Rescue getting \$150,000 Bremer donation

HORACE, N.D. (AP) — The nonprofit Farm Rescue is getting a large donation from the Otto Bremer Foundation.

The donation totals \$150,000 over two years and will be used for general operations.

The North Dakota-based group assists family farmers in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and eastern Montana. Crews with the nonprofit set up camp on the farms of injured or ill farmers, doing their planting or harvesting work rather than handing out money. The group also assists farmers who have been victims of natural disasters.

Volunteers help the farmers plant and harvest up to 1,000 acres of crops free of charge.

The nonprofit reached a milestone in the fall when it helped its 300th farm family.

Earliest known cello from SD museum on display at the Met

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota museum that owns the earliest known cello has lent the unique piece to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The Amati “King” cello, which dates back to the mid-16th century, is on special loan from the National Music Museum in Vermillion.

National Music Museum director Cleveland Johnson says the “King” is one of the museum’s crown jewels and describes it as “the Mona Lisa of Italian stringed instruments.”

It is decorated with royal emblems and mottoes of King Charles IX of France. It is one of a set of 38 stringed instruments commissioned by the Valois royal court.

The cello will be on display at the Met through Sept. 8.

The “King” last left Vermillion in 2007, when it was temporarily displayed in Italy.

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. GREECE BRACES FOR TOUGH TALKS

Eurozone leaders meet in Brussels, and markets surge on hopes of a deal, as the clock runs down on the nation’s chances of avoiding an exit from the euro.

2. TALIBAN SUICIDE BOMBER, GUNMEN ATTACK AFGHAN PARLIAMENT

The ambush leaves 18 civilians wounded and all seven attackers dead. All the lawmakers inside the building are safe.

3. SOLIDARITY IN CHARLESTON BEFORE CHURCH VICTIMS’ FUNERALS

Area residents repeat messages of love at the remembrances, hopeful their expressions will drown out the hate embodied in the slayings.

4. WHO SAYS U.S. NOT CURED OF RACISM

In an interview for a podcast, Obama tells a comedian host that the legacy of slavery “casts a long shadow” that is part of America’s DNA.

5. WHAT CAUSES SHIFT IN MANHUNT FOR KILLERS

Probing the latest sighting, police move their search for two convicted murderers to an area west of

the New York prison from which they escaped.

6. MYSTERY WARNINGS APPEAR ON INSTAGRAM IN NORTH KOREA

Opening the app with mobile devices on the country's carrier results in a notification in English saying: "You can't connect to this website because it's in blacklist site."

7. CLINTON EMBRACES 'FIRST MAMA' ROLE

In contrast to her 2008 presidential run, the candidate is emphasizing her family and gender this time.

8. WHERE BLOODSHED REACHES LEVELS OF CIVIL WAR

El Salvador has just experienced one of its most violent months since the end of the conflict in 1992, with 635 homicides reported in May.

9. APPLE CHANGES TUNE ON ROYALTIES AFTER TAYLOR SWIFT COMPLAINS

"When I woke up this morning and I saw Taylor's note that she had written, it really solidified that we needed to make a change," says the company's senior vice president Eddy Cue.

10. DAY TO REMEMBER FOR NEW FACE OF GOLF

Jordan Spieth is now halfway to history, yet still barely old enough to drink. The last player who did things like him was named Tiger Woods.

AP News in Brief

Stock markets surge as euro leaders gather for emergency summit on Greece ahead of deadline

BRUSSELS (AP) — Markets surged on Monday on hopes that eurozone leaders gathered for a last-ditch summit on Greece would reach a breakthrough that might keep the country from defaulting on its debt and falling out of the currency union.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras presented the leaders of Germany, France and the European Union over the weekend with a proposal "for a mutually beneficial agreement, which will provide a permanent solution."

No details of the proposal were made public, but investors were hopeful that it represented a long-awaited compromise. The Athens stock index was up 8 percent while Stoxx 50 of top European shares was 3.3 percent higher.

Greece and its international creditors, which count the eurozone states and the International Monetary Fund, have been discussing for over four months what economic reforms the country should make before it get new loans. Greece needs money soon as it faces a June 30 debt repayment it cannot afford.

Before leaders gather on Monday evening, eurozone finance ministers will also gather in Brussels to pore over the details of Greece's proposal and confirm whether it meets the demands of creditors.

THE LATEST: Greek banks get extra emergency credit from ECB as savers pull money from accounts

11:25 a.m. (0925 GMT, 5:25 a.m. EDT)

The European Central Bank has increased the amount of emergency credit it allows Greek banks to draw on to remain afloat, and remains on call in coming days to revise the amount should that be necessary, a banking official says.

The official, who spoke Monday only on condition of anonymity as the ECB had not made the decision public, declined to provide the amount.

The credit helps support Greek banks, from which worried savers have been pulling money out ahead

of a critical European summit on Monday on how to keep the country solvent.

Figures have not been officially released, but reports suggest Greeks withdrew about 4 billion euros last week.

Taliban suicide bomber, gunmen attack Afghan parliament as lawmakers meet inside

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban launched a complex attack on the Afghan parliament Monday, with a suicide car bomber striking at the entrance and gunmen battling police as lawmakers were meeting inside to confirm the appointment of a defense minister, police and witnesses said.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said the attack began with a car bomb explosion near the entrance. Gunmen then attempted to storm the compound but were pushed back by security forces and eventually took refuge in a nearby building under construction, he said.

Sediqqi later said all seven attackers were killed by police. He said no members of parliament were wounded in the incident. "It is over now," he said.

Health Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ismail Kahousi said 18 civilians were wounded, including two women and two children.

Sidiqa Mubarez, a member of parliament, said the building was rocked by a large explosion and that some people were wounded by flying glass. She said the explosion happened shortly after Masoom Stanekzai had arrived to be confirmed as defense minister, a post that has been vacant for nine months.

Charleston shows solidarity as it prepares to bury the victims of the Emanuel church massacre

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Bells tolled across the city, thousands linked up on a towering bridge and a historic sanctuary reopened in displays of unity as Charleston heals from a church massacre and gets set for a week of victims' funerals.

Area residents repeated messages of solidarity, love and even defiance of evil at the remembrances, hopeful their expressions would drown out the hate embodied in the slayings at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Authorities say a white gunman was welcomed into a bible study last week at the historic black church before making racially offensive remarks and shooting nine people to death.

"Because the doors of Mother Emanuel are open on this Sunday, it sends a message to every demon in hell and on earth," said the Rev. Norvel Goff, who led the first Sunday service since the killings at the church known as "Mother Emanuel" because it is one of the oldest black congregations in the South.

During the service, many stood — some holding small children — to shout their praises or raise their hands toward the church's vaulted ceiling. For added security, police officers stood watch over worshippers.

As Emanuel's congregation sang a gospel hymn, church bells rang throughout the "Holy City" — nicknamed because of the numerous churches here.

As Charleston church grieves, congregations hit by past attacks recall struggles to rebuild

The blast, powered by at least 40 sticks of dynamite, ripped into the stillness before dawn.

A few more hours and Sunday school classrooms at The Temple on Atlanta's Peachtree Street would have been filled with 600 children. The synagogue was spared blood, but the explosion on that morn-

ing in 1958 rocked a Jewish congregation whose backing of the civil rights movement had long sown fears of retaliation.

Its members, badly shaken, found their first bit of solace when the rabbi posted the title of his next sermon on a signboard streetside: "And none shall make them afraid," it read.

As members of a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina, begin searching for a route forward after the massacre of their pastor and eight others, history provides far too many examples for them to follow — from Atlanta to Birmingham and points beyond, where hate turned our most sacred institutions into crime scenes.

Recovery may not be a choice. But those who've worked to rebuild congregations recall it as wrenching, even as it inspired a deepened search for affirmation.

Possible sighting causes shift in manhunt for 2 New York killers; Vermont joins search

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP) — State police moved their manhunt for two convicted murderers to an area west of the New York prison from which they boldly escaped more than two weeks ago, as officers began probing the latest sighting.

Investigators and military trucks converged on Mountain View, a hamlet in Franklin County, late Sunday. Just hours before hundreds had searched two towns more than 350 miles away, following an unconfirmed but credible report of another sighting.

Acting Franklin County District Attorney Glenn MacNeill told WPTZ-TV Sunday that a person had been seen fleeing from a hunting camp in the area. Much of the county is within the Adirondack Park.

Inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt broke out of maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility on June 6 and up to 800 law enforcement officers have gone door to door checking houses, wooded areas, campgrounds and summer homes.

Vermont State Police joined the search Sunday but it wasn't immediately known where they were sent.

Hack? New policy? Mystery warnings appear on Instagram in North Korea that site on blacklist

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Warnings are appearing on Instagram accounts in North Korea that claim access to the popular photo-sharing app is being denied and the site blacklisted for harmful content.

Opening the app with mobile devices on the North Korean carrier Koryolink has resulted in a notification in English saying: "Warning! You can't connect to this website because it's in blacklist site." A similar notice in Korean says the site contains harmful content, though that is not mentioned in the English version.

Such warnings have also appeared when websites that link to Instagram are accessed through desktops or laptops using LAN cables on the North Korean Internet provider. The warnings have been appearing on and off for at least five days.

Tech support staff at Koryolink said they were not aware of any changes in policy regarding Instagram. There has been no notice from the government or from the mobile phone service to its customers that Instagram has been blacklisted. Officials with Instagram had no comment when contacted by The Associated Press. Instagram is owned by Facebook, which is functioning normally in Pyongyang.

It was still possible to use the app, despite the warnings, on some mobile devices. But attempts on

others to post photos or view user galleries through the standard Koryolink connection have been virtually impossible, suggesting that some access was indeed being obstructed.

Bloodshed in El Salvador reaching levels last seen in 1980s civil war; no solution in sight

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Word on the street is that only the girlfriends of gang members are allowed to be redheads or blondes. So in this violent place, women are scurrying to salons to give up their blond hair and highlights, to dye it all black — not out of fashion sense, but out of fear.

“They also say you can’t wear yellow or red clothing,” said Claudia Castellanos, a beautician at an upscale salon. “Can you believe it? They’ve already attacked a woman on a bus for wearing yellow.”

There’s no evidence the rumors are true. The gangs, sophisticated criminal organizations, even issued a statement to deny the hair-color decree.

But with violence in El Salvador reaching levels rivaling those of the civil war that ended more than two decades ago, few are willing to take risks.

El Salvador has just experienced one of its most violent months since the end of the civil war in 1992, with 635 homicides reported in May for the country of just over 6 million people. June is on track to break that mark, with the latest bloodshed coming Sunday when suspected gang members killed two soldiers guarding a bus terminal in the capital.

Eateries in southern Chinese town hold dog meat festival despite outcry, govt disavowing ties

BEIJING (AP) — Restaurateurs in a southern Chinese town held an annual dog meat festival Monday despite international criticism of the event as cruel and unhygienic.

The Yulin government distanced itself from the festival and announced new restrictions, but eateries reached by telephone reported brisk business during the event ostensibly held to mark the summer solstice.

Restaurant owners say eating dog meat is traditional during the summer, while animal rights activists say the festival has no cultural value and was merely invented to drum up business.

As many as 10,000 dogs, many of them stolen pets, are slaughtered for the festival held deep inside the largely rural and poor Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Apparently concerned about the adverse publicity, the local government disavows any ties to the event, issuing a statement saying it did not officially sponsor or promote the festival. It said authorities would tightly control public order and punish any incidents of stealing or poisoning dogs. Traders would no longer be permitted to slaughter dogs in public, place carcasses on display or serve meals outdoors, it said.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2015. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On June 22, 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa ended with an Allied victory.

On this date:

In 1611, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-

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day Hudson Bay by mutineers aboard the Discovery; their fate remains unknown.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated for a second time as Emperor of the French.

In 1870, the United States Department of Justice was created.

In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In 1937, Joe Louis began his reign as world heavyweight boxing champion by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round of their fight in Chicago. (A year later on this date, Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their rematch at Yankee Stadium.)

In 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the "GI Bill of Rights."

In 1959, the Swedish film "Wild Strawberries," written and directed by Ingmar Bergman, opened in New York.

In 1965, movie producer David O. Selznick ("Gone with the Wind") died in Los Angeles at age 63.

In 1977, John N. Mitchell became the first former U.S. Attorney General to go to prison as he began serving a sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. (He was released 19 months later.)

In 1984, the British airline Virgin Atlantic began operations.

In 1995, the docudrama "Apollo 13," starring Tom Hanks and directed by Ron Howard, had its world premiere at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills, California.

Ten years ago: White House adviser Karl Rove set off a political firestorm with a speech to the New York state Conservative Party in which he said, "Liberals saw the savagery of the 9/11 attacks and wanted to prepare indictments and offer therapy and understanding for our attackers" while conservatives, he said, "saw the savagery of 9/11 and the attacks and prepared for war." Federal drug agents launched a wide-ranging crackdown on medical marijuana providers in northern California.

Five years ago: White House Budget Director Peter Orszag announced he was stepping down. South Carolina Republicans chose Nikki Haley, a tea party favorite, to run for governor (she went on to win a runoff and the general election). Dino Ciccarelli, Cammi Granato and Angela James were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame as players; Jimmy Devellano and the late Daryl "Doc" Seaman were elected as builders. South Africa became the first host nation not to advance in 80 years of World Cup play.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, in a recorded interview aired on CBS' "Face the Nation," said that al-Qaida-inspired militants who had violently seized territory in Iraq could grow in power and destabilize other countries in the region. Fouad Ajami, 68, a Middle East scholar who rallied support for the American invasion of Iraq and advised policy makers in the Bush administration, died in Palo Alto, California. Steve Rossi, 82, one half of the comic duo of Allen & Rossi, died in Las Vegas, Nevada. Michelle Wie closed with an even-par 70 for a two-shot victory over Stacy Lewis, the No. 1 player in women's golf, for her first major championship in the U.S. Women's Open. "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" received its eighth trophy as outstanding entertainment talk show at the Daytime Emmy awards ceremony in Beverly Hills.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Prunella Scales (TV: "Fawlty Towers") is 83. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is 82. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 79. Movie director John Korty is 79. Actor Michael Lerner is 74. Actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is 72. Fox News analyst Brit Hume is 72. Singer Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) is 71. Actor Andrew Rubin is 69. Actor David L. Lander is 68. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 68. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 67. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is 66. Actress Meryl Streep is 66. Actress Lindsay Wagner is 66. Singer Alan Osmond is 66. Actor Murphy Cross is 65. Actor Graham Greene is 63. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 62. Actor Chris Lemmon is 61. Rock musician Derek Forbes is

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59. Actor Tim Russ is 59. Rock musician Garry Beers (INXS) is 58. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 57. Rock musician Alan Anton (Cowboy Junkies) is 56. Actress Tracy Pollan is 55. Environmental activist Erin Brockovich is 55. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler is 53. Actress Amy Brenneman is 51. Author Dan Brown is 51. Rock singer-musician Mike Edwards (Jesus Jones) is 51. Rock singer Steven Page is 45. Actor Michael Trucco is 45. Actress Mary Lynn Rajs kub (RYS'-kub) is 44. TV personality Carson Daly is 42. Rock musician Chris Traynor is 42. Country musician Jimmy Wallace is 42. Actor Donald Faison (FAY'-zahn) is 41. Actress Alicia Goranson is 41. Actor-comedian Mike O'Brien (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 39. TV personality/actor Jai Rodriguez is 36. Actress Lindsay Ridgeway is 30. Pop singer Dina Hansen (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 18.

Thought for Today: "If you look at life one way, there is always cause for alarm." - Elizabeth Bowen, Irish author (1899-1973).