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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**

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Anniversaries: Jim & Jenny Meister, Gary & Patty Baule, Jeff & Jami Larson.

Birthdays: Elaine Wolken, Cassie Monson
1:00pm: Jr. Tenors host Northville (DH)
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, June 28

Anniversaries: Doug & Melenie Sombke, Carroll & Pearl Dean.

Birthdays: Holly Johnson, Michael Baule.
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center
5:00pm: Amateurs at Britton
5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Historic Trinity Church
7:00pm: U12 Midgets at Claremont

Monday, June 29

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: John & Meri Erickson, Gordon & Dorene Nelson.

Birthdays: Derick Furman
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
5:00pm: T-Ball Gold at Claremont
6:00pm: U12 Softball host Clark (DH)



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Chamber Golf Tourney June 26, 2015 - Olive Grove Golf Course

Championship Flight

- 61- Groton Golf Cars (Steve Dunker, Betty Dunker, Craig Dunker, Tasha Dunker, Lorin Fliehs, Terry Gilchrist)
- 62- Ken's Food Fair (Lionel Bruemmer, Kerry Brandenburger, Roger Colestock, Henry Renville, Mike Siegler, Madison Colestock)
- 63- Johnson Farms (Jerry Johnson, Becky Johnson, Carrie Cole, Jeff Fliehs, Natalie Frank, Dave Frank)
- 63- James Valley Telco (Tina Guthmiller, Joel Guthmiller, Eric Moody, Jason Hill, Tami Zimney, Brian Carrells)
- 63- Blackies Brigade (Jeanne Wanous, Rod Kluess, Arlys Kluess, Colton Monson, Rob Wanous, Paul Flach)
- 63- Spanier Harvesting (Scott Vedvei, Brandon Spanier, Gabe Kjellsen, Mason Dinger, Melissa Spanier, Jessica Dinger)
- 63- Olive Grove (Randy Stanley, Sue Stanley, Bob Walter, Vicki Walter, Greg Kejllsen, Brian Schuring)

First Flight

- 65- S & S Lumber (Jake Unzen, Tiffany Unzen, Jarod Fliehs, Kristi Fliehs, Reid Johnson, Shawn Lambertz)
- 66- Simon Insurance (Myndi Kampa, Scott Kampa, Jackie Flores, Conner Hanson, Blake Ronning, Justin Freeland)
- 67- Grand Slam (Mitchell Locke, Heidi Locke, Missy Schuneman, Tom Schuneman, Chad Weiszhaar, Brady Weiszhaar)
- 68- Jorgensen Team (Brandon Stanley, Jamie Jorgensen, Sean Jorgensen, Kalen Kjellsen, Taylor Hanson, Justine Severson)
- 70- Brad Larson Team (Brad Larson, Dar Larson, Sammy Larson, Rachel Larson, Lance Bonn, Brock Sandness)
- 72- Groton Ford (Craig Jondahl, Lisa Anderson, Denice Raap, Torre Raap, Angie Peterson, Todd Thurston)
- 75- TNT Tax (Nancy Hansen, Mindy Santema, Jennifer Starks, Todd Wahl, Ken Santena, Keith Starks)

Longest Putt #9: Roger Colestock

Longest Putt #1: Greg Kjellsen

Closest to Pin #4: Denise Raap

Closest to Pin #8: Greg Kjellsen

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Those Who Have Carried The Flag

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War the individual states were not united by a national government and they lacked a symbol that could unite them. Instead, there were many flags. An attempt to unite the states fighting for independence under a flag that held resemblance to Great Britain's was not successful. Instead, the Second Continental Congress determined it was time to part with Great Britain's emblem entirely and establish a new national symbol for a new nation.

One year after the Declaration of Independence was adopted the Second Continental Congress established a national flag. The resolution pronounced that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white" and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Decades later, a conflict over slavery and state sovereignty erupted. The North and the South could no longer resolve their differences. Those in the South rejected the flag that had united the country since its origin. Southerners replaced the American flag with their own flags: three successive confederate flags that would set their people apart from the United States.

Although the Civil War nearly tore our nation apart, we eventually emerged as a better and stronger nation. The tenets of the Declaration of Independence – that ALL men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights – could finally be realized with the elimination of slavery. And because of the Civil War, Americans began to fly the American flag. It wasn't until Northerners began displaying flags as a symbol of their allegiance and patriotism that it became commonplace for individuals to fly flags at their own homes.

By the time of World War II, the United States was among the most prosperous and prominent nations of the world. The country had grown and the flag then contained 48 stars. As a world superpower, the United States joined the fight against the Axis Powers and led the Allies to victory.

With the admission of Alaska and Hawaii to the union, our flag became what it is today – a flag with 50 stars. Today our flag represents the American way of life. It is a sign of relief, an emblem of hope and a symbol of freedom. The flag stands for the fight for independence, the triumph over slavery, the crushing of Nazism and the containment of communism.

This Independence Day, I hope you'll take the opportunity to thank the men and women who have worn the uniform of our United States, united under the flag of our nation. Because of them, and those who went before them, we won our independence, and are free.



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**Audrey Wanner
being saved
by Rachel
Blackmun,
Jasmine
Schaller, Marlee
Jones and Taylor
Gustafson**

**Groton Lifeguards held an
in-service this week. They went
through backboarding and rescue
procedures.**



**Jackson Oliver being saved by
Serik Shabazz**



**Halle Dohman being saved by
Kami Lipp**

SDSU experts available to comment on mosquito surveillance, West Nile virus forecasting

BROOKINGS, S.D. - June 26, 2015 - Two South Dakota State University scientists are able to talk about the characteristics of the mosquito that carries West Nile virus (*Culex tarsalis*), South Dakota mosquito surveillance and West Nile virus forecasting.



**Michael
Hildreth**

Mosquito expert Michael Hildreth, a biology professor at South Dakota State University, has helped the South Dakota Department of Health with statewide mosquito surveillance for West Nile virus since 2003.

Hildreth can talk about the differences between *Culex tarsalis* and other mosquitoes and what he has learned through monitoring South Dakota mosquito populations. He can be reached at 605-691-9073 or michael.hildreth@sdstate.edu.

Senior scientist Michael Wimberly of the Geospatial Sciences Center of Excellence at South Dakota State University built and continues to refine a West Nile prediction model that combines environmental data gathered through earth-imaging satellites with the mosquito surveillance data from the South Dakota Department of Health. He's been working on this since 2009.

He is available to comment on how environmental factors affect the risk of West Nile virus. He can be reached at 605-695-0869 or michael.wimberly@sdstate.edu.

About South Dakota State University

Founded in 1881, South Dakota State University is the state's Morrill Act land-grant institution as well as its largest, most comprehensive school of higher education. SDSU confers degrees from six different colleges representing more than 175 majors, minors and specializations. The institution also offers 32 master's degree programs, 15 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

The work of the university is carried out on a residential campus in Brookings, at sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City, and through Extension offices and Agricultural Experiment Station research sites across the state.



**Michael
Wimberly**

Today in Weather History

June 27, 1894: Three people were injured as a tornado destroyed a home 5 miles north of Houghton in Brown County. Lumber on a wagon was scattered for over a mile. This tornado was estimated to be an F2. Also, a second F2 tornado formed south of Aberdeen and moved northeast and went near Randolph, to beyond Bath. Several barns and two homes were destroyed along the narrow path. Three other small funnels were seen to touch down. Another tornado with estimated F2 strength moved ENE from northeast of St. Lawrence to Bonilla and Hitchcock. At least one home was destroyed. One person was killed in the destruction of her home, north of Wessington. An estimated F2 tornado hit 2 miles south of Henry. At least two small homes were totally blown away. There was another possible tornado 12 miles north of Henry. Numerous tornadoes continued into Minnesota.

June 27, 1928: This long lived estimated F2 tornado moved southeast from 7 miles west of Faulkton, passing north and east of Orient. Buildings were damaged on nine farms. One home near Orient was riddled with timbers from a nearby grain elevator. This tornado was estimated to travel a distance of 40 miles. Estimated loss of property was \$90,000.

1901 - There was a rain of fish from the sky at Tiller's Ferry. Hundreds of fish were swimming between cotton rows after a heavy shower. (David Ludlum)

1915 - The temperature at Fort Yukon AK soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1957 - Hurricane Audrey smashed ashore at Cameron, LA, drowning 390 persons in the storm tide, and causing 150 million dollars damage in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Audrey left only a brick courthouse and a cement-block icehouse standing at Cameron, and when the waters settled in the town of Crede, only four buildings remained. The powerful winds of Audrey tossed a fishing boat weighing 78 tons onto an off-shore drilling platform. Winds along the coast gusted to 105 mph, and oil rigs off the Louisiana coast reported wind gusts to 180 mph. A storm surge greater than twelve feet inundated the Louisiana coast as much as 25 miles inland. It was the deadliest June hurricane of record for the U.S. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms moving out of Nebraska produced severe weather in north central Kansas after midnight. Thunderstorm winds gusting to 100 mph damaged more than fifty camping trailers at the state park campground at Lake Waconda injuring sixteen persons. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Beloit and Sylvan Grove. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - The afternoon high of 107 degrees at Bismarck, ND, was a record for the month of June, and Pensacola, FL, equalled their June record with a reading of 101 degrees. Temperatures in the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley dipped into the 40s. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from the Ohio Valley to western New England. Thunderstorm spawned six tornadoes, and there were 98 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Tropical Storm Allison spawned six tornadoes in Louisiana, injuring two persons at Hackberry. Fort Polk LA was drenched with 10.09 inches of rain in 36 hours, and 12.87 inches was reported at the Gorum Fire Tower in northern Louisiana. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1995: The Madison County Flood on June 27, 1995 was the worst flash flood that Virginia had seen since the remnants of Camille dropped up to 30 inches of rain one night in Nelson County in August 1969. The Nelson County flood ranks as one of the nation's worst flash floods of this century. The floods and landslides led to the death of 117 people

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
10%	40%					20%
Severe Thunderstorms	Severe Thunderstorms	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chc Thunderstorms
High: 91 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 86 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 89 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 83 °F



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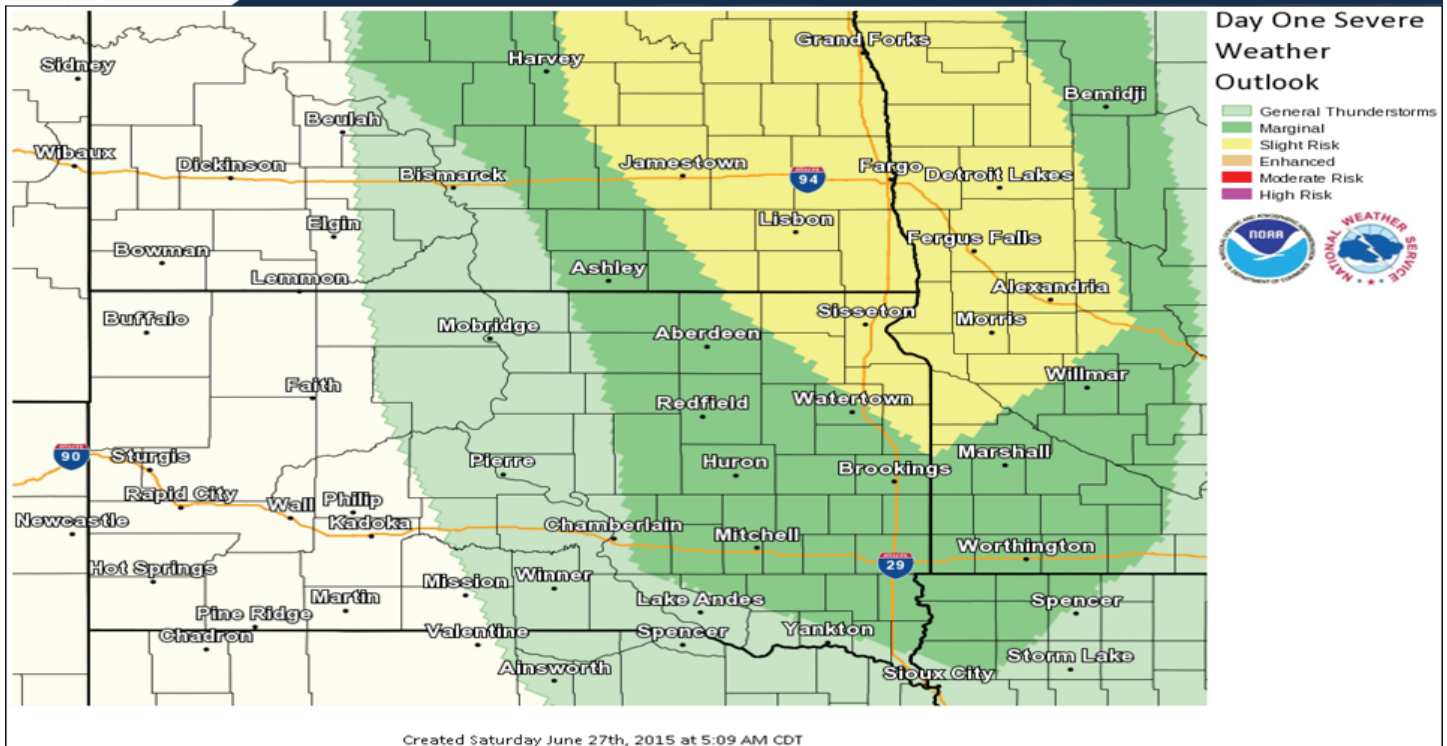
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Scattered thunderstorms are forecast to move into northeast SD and west central MN by late afternoon/early evening. Some of these storms will have the potential to become strong to severe, with large hail and strong winds. An isolated tornado cannot be ruled out either, mainly over far northeast SD and west central MN. Before the storms move in, hot temperatures can be expected today, with highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 84.7 at 5:57 PM

Low: 60.3 at 3:36 AM

High Gust: 13 at 3:40 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1936

Record Low: 43° in 1907

Average High: 81°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in June: 3.34

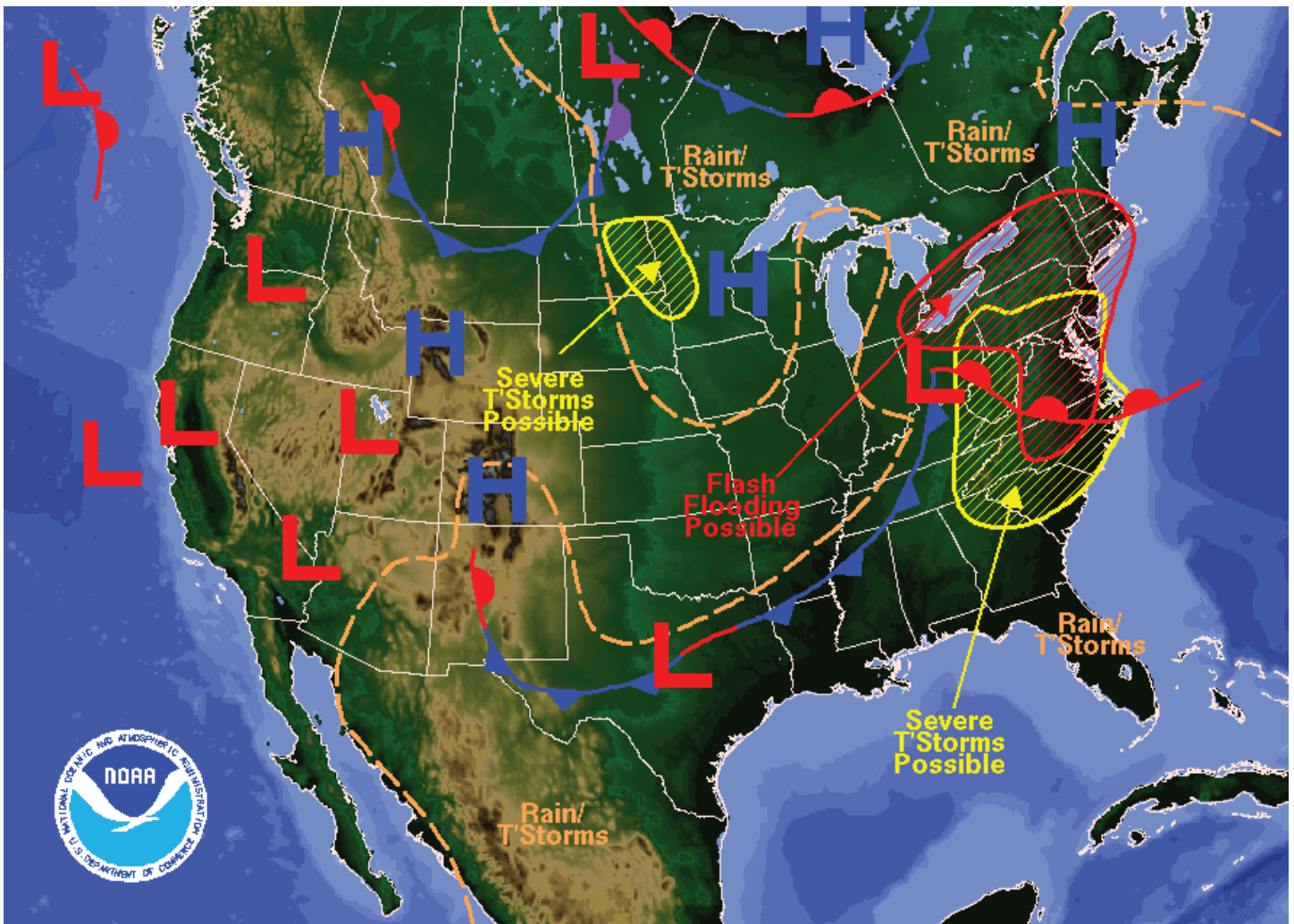
Precip to date in June: 1.58

Average Precip to date: 10.48

Precip Year to Date: 7.30

Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jun 27, 2015, issued 4:09 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Bill Bowerman was the track coach for the University of Oregon. Every time he watched his athletes run he would ask himself one question: "What can I do to help him run faster?"

Often he would think of their shoes and wondered if a different design would enable them to increase their speed. One morning while thinking about this concern his wife served him a waffle for breakfast. As he looked at the waffle he thought of a slab of rubber with the imprint of a waffle pressed deep inside of it.

From that concern came the beginning of the now famous waffle-pattern running sole that became the birth of the Nike shoe line.

"If any of you is deficient in wisdom" is the way one translator begins James 1:5. James was a Christian teacher with a Jewish background and saw wisdom as something that was entirely practical – something that was concerned with the business of living.

We must always remember that our God is a giving God and gives us the wisdom we need to make right choices, solve difficult problems and find directions for right living. However, as willing as God is to give, the responsibility for asking lies with the Christian. When we ask for anything in faith believing, God will grant the request as long as it is in His and our best interest.

Prayer: We pray, Father, that we will rely on You for the wisdom we need to meet and solve our problems. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

News from the Associated Press

Sale of fireworks in South Dakota is legal starting Saturday

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Fire officials in South Dakota are urging safety ahead of the July 4 holiday. Fire Marshal Paul Merriman says fire officials see a few injuries and unintentional fires every year from fireworks.

Legal sale of fireworks in South Dakota starts Saturday. People can discharge fireworks legally up until July 5 this year.

Individual cities may adopt stricter limits on fireworks, and Merriman suggests residents check local ordinances.

Merriman says that while there has been more rain in most of South Dakota this summer, the public still needs to be careful when discharging fireworks.

Merriman says people should follow the instructions on the product, avoid using fireworks in areas where a fire could start and keep a source of water nearby. He adds children should only use sparkers with adult supervision.

Fire marshal: Be careful lighting fireworks for July Fourth

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — State Fire Marshal Paul Merriman is reminding people celebrating the Fourth of July holiday to be careful when they're shooting off legal fireworks.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety said Friday that the sale of fireworks in the state is legal this weekend.

Ignition is allowed beginning on June 27 and ending on July 5.

Merriman says safety is important and says every year there are some injuries and unintended fires.

He says people should follow directions listed on the fireworks, avoid areas fires could start when lighting fireworks and keep water nearby.

Man dies after motorcycle, semi-truck collide on I-29

BERESFORD, S.D. (AP) — A 59-year-old man is dead after the motorcycle he was driving was clipped by a semi-truck on Interstate 29 in South Dakota during a period of heavy rain.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol has identified the man as Lonnie Manuel Jr., of Lusby, Maryland.

The Highway Patrol says the semi-truck was traveling south Friday morning on I-29 near Beresford at about 70 mph in the driving lane. The motorcycle also was in the driving lane traveling at a much lower speed. The semi-truck driver tried to avoid the motorcycle but clipped its rear fender.

Manuel was ejected from the motorcycle and slid about 200 feet before he left the roadway. He later died at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Authorities say the semi's driver was not injured. The Highway Patrol is investigating the incident and says alcohol was not a factor.

Wildlife officials find rusty crayfish in SD waters

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State wildlife officials have discovered a new aquatic invasive species in South Dakota waters.

The South Dakota Games, Fish and Parks Department says a conservation officer in the southeastern part of the state recently encountered an angler who had illegally trapped crayfish for bait from the

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Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam. The officer suspected that rusty crayfish was among the illegal baitfish and subsequent samples obtained from the area confirmed the presence of the invasive species.

The department says rusty crayfish are an extremely aggressive species that typically compete with others for food and habitat.

Mike Smith with the Game, Fish and Parks Department says anglers should be aware that no live bait may be harvested in the portion of the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam.

He adds that live rusty crayfish are illegal to possess and transport.

In South Dakota, gay marriages quickly commence

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Gay South Dakotans exulted Friday as the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples in America have the constitutional right to marry and county officials across the state began issuing marriage licenses to all.

Though the nation's high court set a three-week window for the losers to challenge its ruling, South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley cleared the way for same-sex couples, saying counties could issue licenses as they wish. The state Department of Health announced Friday afternoon that it had updated its system and issued gender-neutral marriage licenses to county officials, paving the way for couples to marry.

"I'm honored to be a part of this moment," said Misty Collins, a 37-year-old Rapid City woman who married Melissa Eidson on Friday after becoming one of the first same-sex couples in the state to receive a marriage license.

The couple will soon move to Arizona, but first wanted to marry in the state in which they met and have been dating for seven years.

"It was a surreal moment; a very amazing moment," she said. "The timing is perfect."

South Dakota has had a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage since 2006, when voters in the state approved the amendment with about 52 percent of the vote. Last year, six couples, led by Minneapolis attorney Josh Neville, sued the state to challenge the ban.

Jenny and Nancy Rosenbrahn, two Rapid City women in their 70s, became the face of the lawsuit in the media. The two were married in Minneapolis last year and were visiting the Twin Cities on Friday when Nancy Rosenbrahn saw a Facebook update flash across her cellphone.

"Oh my gosh, it's legal — we're married," she recalled saying Friday as the couple drove back to Rapid City for a celebration.

The lawsuit filed by Neville is on hold at the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. The attorney said he didn't anticipate any delay from the 8th Circuit judges affirming that gay marriage should be legal in the state and said he would ask the 8th Circuit on Friday to issue a ruling on his case.

Neville, who is gay, was ecstatic.

"As a lawyer for them, I can't tell you how happy that I know they are," he said. "But as a gay man, who went into the practice of law specifically because of this issue, I'm overwhelmed."

South Dakota's congressional delegation, all Republicans, criticized the high court's ruling. U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds and U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem said they all believe a marriage should be between a man and a woman.

"Today's ruling is a blow to state's rights," Rounds said. "I believe states have a constitutional role in setting their own policy on marriage. Marriage is between a man and a woman, and traditional families

play an important role in the fabric of our society.”

After the news broke Friday morning, some members of the state’s lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community began organizing impromptu celebrations while others headed to their local government centers.

Bob Weldland, an art education coordinator in Sioux Falls, said his partner proposed to him Friday for a second time. The two are not yet legally married but they held a ceremony at a church in Minnesota in 2010 and Weldland refers to his partner as his husband.

Weldland and his partner plan to renew their vows among friends and family this August and marry according to “government standards, and not just by God.”

“He texted me: ‘So, do you want to marry me again?’”

Minnesota to face Oklahoma State in South Dakota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota will play Oklahoma State in a neutral-site nonconference game in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this season.

The Gophers announced Friday they’ll face the Cowboys on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the 3,250-seat Sanford Pentagon arena. The venue opened two years ago and has hosted four NCAA Division I games to date, with two scheduled this season.

Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said the program’s goal was to take on a “marquee opponent” in December to prepare for Big Ten play. Oklahoma State finished 18-14 last season and appeared in the NCAA Tournament.

The Gophers and Cowboys last met in 1986. They’ve played five times, with three wins by Minnesota, all on its home court.

Iowa State and Colorado also have a nonconference game scheduled for the Sanford Pentagon on Nov. 19.

Despite large growth, commutes in Sioux Falls still quick

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls metro area has grown by thousands of working commuters since 2005, but residents haven’t seen a huge uptick in the average time it takes them to get to their jobs.

The Associated Press analyzed decades of travel and population data and found many regions across the U.S. struggling with traffic congestion that may only worsen. But residents in South Dakota’s main population center have commute times shorter than the national average of nearly 26 minutes.

Even as the number of Sioux Falls working commuters has grown to at least 130,000 in 2013 from at least 109,000 in 2005, the average time it takes to get to work in the metro area has only increased slightly, U.S. Census Bureau data show.

It took workers an average of at most 17.9 minutes to travel to their jobs in 2005. That commute had climbed to an average of at most 19.5 minutes in 2013, the latest figures available.

“I’m sorry to smile,” Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether said with a laugh. “I’ve lived outside of Sioux falls, so I’ve actually experienced some real ... congestion.”

Huether said the city wants to make sure commuters move quickly without congestion on the road. The city is adding more turning lanes and improving street light technology, as well as taking other steps, to keep travel times down, he said.

“Reality is you can get anywhere in our town in 20 minutes or less,” Huether said, but he added that the city is trying to stay one step ahead of its rapid population growth.

Another area of growth in the Sioux Falls metro area is in public transit commute times for people heading to work, jumping sharply to an average 45 minutes in 2013. Huether said he's trying to educate the city council and the people of Sioux Falls that public transit is an effective way to manage transportation needs.

The Latest: Pennington County issues same-sex license

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The latest South Dakota reaction over Supreme Court ruling that says gay couples nationwide may marry:

12:36 p.m.

County officials in western South Dakota have issued a marriage license to two women following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage throughout the country.

Pennington County Register of Deeds Donna Mayer says two women came to the office in Rapid City on Friday asking for a marriage license. Mayer says state officials in Pierre instructed her how to issue the license using the terms "Spouse A" and "Spouse B."

It's not clear if the women were the first in the state to obtain a license, but Mayer says state officials called Pennington County the "guinea pigs" for issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

The state Department of Health announced later that the state has updated its electronic system to begin issuing gender-neutral licenses as of 1 p.m. Couples can request marriage licenses at any county register of deeds office in the state.

11:05 a.m.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says his office is treating the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling as effective immediately, but says it's up to county officials whether to issue licenses right away.

Jackley says some local officials may need time to implement it.

Each county's register of deeds is responsible for issuing marriage licenses in South Dakota. Jackley says larger counties might need more time than smaller ones before they can begin issuing licenses.

Jackley says he believes South Dakota residents should define marriage and not the federal government. However, he says, the five Supreme Court justices who ruled in favor of same-sex marriages "have now determined neither the states nor our citizens have the right or the ability to define marriage."

10:45 a.m.

The Yankton County register of deeds says the office plans to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples if they apply for them as counties wait for more guidance from the state on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that gay couples can marry.

Brian Hunhoff said Friday that he hopes to get gender-neutral marriage license applications today, since the current ones list "bride" and "groom." But if a same-sex couple comes in before those arrive Hunhoff says he intends to offer a license after requesting guidance from the state.

Hunhoff says he's "going to do whatever (he) can to accommodate a couple that wants to get married today."

He says no couples have asked yet.

Many counties are deferring to the governor and attorney general, who haven't yet given clear guidance.

10:15 a.m.

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County officials from across South Dakota say they're waiting for direction from state officials before they begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Officials in Minnehaha, Pennington, Brown and Codington counties say they can't issue licenses until they hear from the Department of Health, who oversees vital records like marriage certificates. Officials there are deferring to the governor and attorney general, who haven't yet given clear guidance.

The Supreme Court ruled Friday that same-sex marriage should be legal nationwide, but the court gave the losing side about three weeks to ask for reconsideration. Some state officials and county clerks might decide there is little risk in issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Kathy Lindemann is the chief deputy of the register of deeds in Brown County. She says once they hear from the state register of deeds, "we're good to go."

9:55 a.m.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says South Dakota will comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that same-sex couples have the right to get married anywhere in the United States.

Daugaard said Friday that he and Attorney General Marty Jackley will examine what the court's ruling means for state and local governments. Daugaard says he would have preferred legal same-sex marriage to come "through the democratic process, rather than the courts."

Jackley says he'll comment on the decision later Friday after having time to read it.

The South Dakota Department of Health, which is responsible for the vital records system currently used to issue marriage licenses, referred comment to the governor's office.

9:50 a.m.

A Sioux Falls man says he got a second marriage proposal from his partner following the news that same-sex marriage is now legal in the U.S.

Bob Weldland, 27, says his partner texted him at work, asking if he would "marry me again." Weldland says he learned of the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion from his partner and that it still feels very surreal.

He says the move is a "step in the right direction" but says same-sex couples still have an uphill fight.

Weldland and his partner consider themselves married under God. They plan to get married by "government standards" this summer. They were united in a Minnesota ceremony in 2010 before gay marriage was legal in that state.

9:35 a.m.

Two plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging South Dakota's gay marriage ban are celebrating the Supreme Court's decision that same-sex couples nationwide have the right to marry.

Lynn and Monica Serling-Swank of Brandon call the decision "unbelievable." Monica Serling-Swank said: "We finally won."

Gay couples already can marry in 36 states and the District of Columbia. The ruling means the remaining 14 states will have to stop enforcing their bans on same-sex marriage.

The ruling doesn't take effect immediately because the court gave the losing side about three weeks to ask for reconsideration. But states may start to issue marriage licenses sooner.

9:30 a.m.

The attorney representing six same-sex couples in a lawsuit challenging South Dakota's ban on gay marriage says he's in disbelief over a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declares state's must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Minneapolis attorney Josh Neville says the ruling by the court is a "powerful, powerful opinion." Neville says he doesn't anticipate any delay for U.S. District Judge Karen Schrier's opinion to go into effect.

Neville, who is gay, says he's overwhelmed. He hasn't talked to his plaintiffs but says he can't describe how happy they must be.

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From opposition to embrace: Obama's and Clinton's public evolution on same-sex marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama praised the Supreme Court's watershed same-sex marriage ruling, he held it up as evidence that a "shift in hearts and minds is possible."

Obama may well have been describing his own public trajectory on gay unions — a complicated path that took him through opposition and ambivalence to enthusiastic embrace.

His journey is not unlike the rest of America. But over the years he has worn his uncertainty on his sleeve, publicly musing about his stance before becoming a full-throated advocate for marriage and other aspects of gay rights.

"When all Americans are treated as equal, we are all more free," Obama declared Friday.

As far as political figures go, Obama's road to "yes" is hardly unique.

'Dangerous, dangerous men': Escaped murderer fatally shot by officer in NY woods, other on run

MALONE, N.Y. (AP) — The shooting death of one escaped killer brought new energy to a weeks-long hunt for a second escaped murderer as helicopters, search dogs and hundreds of law enforcement officers converged on a wooded area 30 miles from the prison.

"Of course our preference would always be to capture them alive," New York State Police Superintendent Joseph D'Amico told a news conference as he announced late Friday the killing hours earlier of Richard Matt, one of two escaped killers from an update maximum-security prison.

He credited a tip from the public, one of over 2,300 received so far, for crucial information leading to the deadly confrontation in Malone.

D'Amico said Matt was shot by a border patrol agent when he failed to comply with commands in the woods near a cabin where a shot had been fired earlier in the day at a camping trailer. A 20-gauge shotgun was found on him, though he did not fire it at officers, he added.

"They verbally challenged him, told him to put up his hands. And at that time, he was shot when he didn't comply," D'Amico said.

Obama sings 'Amazing Grace,' calls for end of injustice in service for church slaying victims

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama sang a hymn of hope and spoke with the fervor of a preacher as he eulogized a pastor and eight parishioners gunned down at a historic black church in an apparent hate crime — and he minced no words in calling for an end to racial injustice and gun violence in the United States.

In his eulogy for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Obama suddenly began singing "Amazing Grace," quickly joined by ministers and some of the thousands who packed into the arena at the College of Charleston

in South Carolina.

The nation's first black president called for gun control and efforts to eliminate poverty and job discrimination, and said the Confederate battle flag — long a symbol of Southern pride — must be removed from places of honor.

"For many — black and white — that flag was a reminder of systemic oppression and racial subjugation. We see that now," he said.

The president came to eulogize the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, a state senator and pastor of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, a church founded by the leader of a failed slave revolt and burned to the ground by angry whites in 1822. After the Civil War, the church led efforts to expand equal rights in the South, hosting Martin Luther King Jr. during campaigns in South Carolina.

The Latest: Belgian tourist who was shot in the leg recounts Tunisia attack that left 39 dead

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — The latest news from an attack on a beach resort in Tunisia (all times local):

10.40 a.m.

Belgian tourist Clause Besser has described from his hospital bed how he heard gunshots on the beach in a Tunisian resort town and tried to flee as a gunman killed at least 39 people.

Besser recounted early Saturday how he took a bullet as he ran away from the shooter at the beach in Sousse.

Greece's fate poses challenge to Merkel, but Germany's leader has plenty of credit in the bank

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel has emerged undamaged from the global financial crisis, European bailouts, an astonishing U-turn on nuclear power and the crisis over Ukraine.

Now, with the future of efforts to resolve Greece's fiscal woes up in the air, the long-serving leader looks well-placed to emerge strong even if they fail.

Over a decade leading Europe's biggest economy, Merkel has enjoyed consistently high popularity and accumulated a store of political capital at home that would be the envy of most other leaders on the continent.

Her conservative party has a seemingly unassailable poll lead, no credible challenger is in sight and the German economy is strong. Her steady-handed, reassuring and risk-averse leadership style resonates with German voters and has earned her the nickname "Mutti," or Mama.

Merkel has said repeatedly that her aim is to keep Greece in the euro. But voters are unlikely to hold a failure of that effort against her "because she has owned this role of protector in the euro crisis for several years," said Peter Matuschek, the head of political and social research at Germany's Forsa polling agency.

Nearly 2 decades after Suharto's fall, Indonesian army inches back into civilian sphere

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Nearly two decades after the fall of dictator Suharto forced Indonesia's military out of politics, the army is inching back into civilian roles, risking a setback for democracy in this Southeast Asian nation and perhaps even for the turbulent region.

The vast Indonesian archipelago is one of the world's most-populous democracies and also among the youngest. Many Indonesians welcomed the army's retreat from politics after Suharto's often brutal 32-year rule was ended by mass protests in 1998. But years later, analysts and former generals say the military's national defense role is still not fully accepted among officers or the rank-and-file.

Now, the army is creeping into areas beyond defense as inexperienced President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo relies on it to strengthen his hand against the powerful and unruly police and political parties allied to former President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

Megawati, the daughter of Indonesia's first president, Sukarno, positioned herself as the power behind Jokowi's presidency by letting her party back him during last year's election.

The army has signed agreements with government ministries and state companies that involve it in areas such as providing security for airports, bus stations and railways and helping farmers increase their crops. Some officials have called for army involvement in Indonesia's anticorruption agency to counter attempts by police and their political allies to neuter an institution that is effective and feared.

Communications lag rattles Lower 48 relatives after tourist plane crashes in Alaska, killing 9

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — For Pat and Judy Thompson, it was a "five-hour window of fearing the worst." On Friday as the couple from Minnetonka, Minnesota, were getting ready for their day, Judy Thompson flipped on the TV and heard about a sightseeing plane carrying cruise ship passengers that crashed in Alaska, killing all nine on board. The news rattled the couple; their son, Brian, was on cruise vacation to Alaska with his girlfriend, and they were pretty adventurous. Could they have been on that plane?

Eight passengers from the Holland America Line ship Westerdam and a pilot died when a DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter turboprop went down Thursday in Misty Fjords National Monument near Ketchikan in southeast Alaska. The shore excursion was sold through Holland America.

The plane crashed on a cliff, 800 feet above a lake in steep, muddy and slippery terrain, said Chris John with the Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad. The fuselage was largely intact, but the wings and tail were separated or heavily deformed, he said.

A recovery crew reached the crash site Friday.

Lawyer: Unsealing Cosby deposition from 2005 sex-assault suit would be 'terribly embarrassing'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A lawyer for Bill Cosby argued Friday that it would be "terribly embarrassing" for the comedian if documents from a 2005 sex-assault lawsuit were unsealed.

Cosby is fighting efforts by The Associated Press to unseal motions from a lawsuit he settled with a former Temple University employee.

The lawsuit accused Cosby of drugging and sexually assaulting the woman at Cosby's home. The settlement is confidential.

Cosby's lawyer argued that his client's deposition could reveal details of Cosby's marriage, sex life and prescription drug use.

"It would be terribly embarrassing for this material to come out," lawyer George M. Gowen III argued.

Deformed mutt named Quasi Modo is crowned World's Ugliest Dog

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — A 10-year-old mutt named Quasi Modo, whose spinal birth defects left him a bit hunchbacked, is the winner of this year's World's Ugliest Dog contest.

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The pit bull-Dutch shepherd mix and his owner took the \$1,500 prize Friday night, besting 25 other dogs competing in the contest that applauds imperfection, organizers said.

Quasi Modo was abandoned at an animal shelter before being adopted by a veterinarian in Loxahatchee, Florida, according to his biography posted on the contest's website.

"My appearance can be a little unsettling to some (I have had grown men jump on top of their cars to get away from me because they thought I was a hyena or Tasmanian devil) but once they get to know me I win them over with my bubbly personality," his biography said.

Two Chinese crested and Chihuahua mixes named Sweepie Rambo and Frodo took the second- and third-place prizes, respectively.

Happening at World Cup: US win on heels of gay marriage ruling makes for great day for Wambach

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — That the United States capped Friday with a victory over China to advance to the semifinals at the Women's World Cup had special meaning for forward Abby Wambach.

Earlier, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples across the nation have the right to marry. Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the majority opinion: "No longer may this liberty be denied."

U.S. Soccer posted to Twitter: "More than ever, today we are (hash)OneNationOneTeam (hash)LoveWins."

Wambach has been married to her partner, Sarah Huffman, since 2013.

"Obviously it impacts my life personally, but everybody on our team was super happy and excited about it. And to cap it off with a win, moving on to the semis at the World Cup, for me it doesn't get any better," Wambach said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, June 27, the 178th day of 2015. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 27, 1955, Illinois enacted the nation's first automobile seat belt law. (The law did not require cars to have seat belts, but that they be made seat belt-ready.)

On this date:

In 1787, English historian Edward Gibbon completed work on his six-volume work, "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.

In 1864, Confederate forces repelled a frontal assault by Union troops in the Civil War Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia.

In 1905, the Industrial Workers of the World was founded in Chicago.

In 1922, the first Newberry Medal, recognizing excellence in children's literature, was awarded to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisi-

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ana and Texas.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy spent the first full day of a visit to Ireland, the land of his ancestors, stopping by the County Wexford home of his great-grandfather, Patrick Kennedy, who'd emigrated to America in 1848.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon opened an official visit to the Soviet Union.

In 1985, the legendary Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, passed into history as officials decertified the road.

In 1990, NASA announced that a flaw in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was preventing the instrument from achieving optimum focus. (The problem was traced to a mirror that had not been ground to exact specifications; corrective optics were later installed to fix the problem.)

In 1995, Jodi Huisentrut, 27, an anchorwoman for KIMT-TV in Mason City, Iowa, mysteriously disappeared; her fate has never been determined.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled, in a pair of 5-4 decisions, that displaying the Ten Commandments on government property was constitutionally permissible in some cases but not in others. BTK serial killer Dennis Rader pleaded guilty to ten murders that had spread fear across Wichita, Kansas, beginning in the 1970s. (Rader later received multiple life sentences.) Wal-Mart heir John Walton died in a plane crash near the Jackson Hole Airport in Wyoming; he was 58. Civil War historian Shelby Foote died in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 88.

Five years ago: Wary of slamming on the stimulus brakes too quickly but shaken by the European debt crisis, world leaders meeting in Canada pledged to reduce government deficits in richer countries in half by 2013, with wiggle room to meet the goal. Pope Benedict XVI lashed out at what he called "deplorable" raids carried out by Belgian police as part of an investigation into priest sex abuse. Cristie Kerr cruised to a 12-stroke victory in the LPGA Championship, closing with a 6-under 66 for a 19-under 269 total.

One year ago: Over Russian objections, Ukraine's new president, Petro Poroshenko, signed a free-trade agreement binding his country more closely to Western Europe. Leslie Manigat, 83, a prominent figure in the Haitian political establishment whose rule as president was cut short by a military coup in 1988, died in Port-au-Prince. Bobby Womack, 70, a colorful and highly influential R&B singer-songwriter who had influenced artists from the Rolling Stones to Damon Albarn, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 85. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 77. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 73. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 66. Actress Julia Duffy is 64. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 60. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 56. Actor Brian Drillinger is 55. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 49. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., is 47. Olympic gold and bronze medal figure skater Viktor Petrenko is 46. Actor Edward "Grapevine" Fordham Jr. is 45. TV personality Jo Frost is 45. Actor Yancey Arias is 44. Actor Christian Kane is 41. Actor Tobey Maguire is 40. Rock singer Bernhoft is 39. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 39. Musician Chris Eldridge (Punch Brothers) is 33. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian (kar-DASH'-ee-uhn) is 31. Actor Drake Bell is 29. Actor Sam Claflin (Film: "The Hunger Games") is 29. Actor Ed Westwick is 28. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 24. Pop singer Lauren Jauregui (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 19. Actor Chandler Riggs is 16.

Thought for Today: "The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything - or nothing." - Viscountess Nancy Astor, American-born British politician (1879-1964).