

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 1 of 18



The clouds were outlined in the early Sunday morning hours from one of the storms that passed through the area Sunday morning.

- 1- Midwest Masonry
- 1- Haze settles in on Groton
- 1- Recycling Trailers in Groton
- 1- Today's Information
- 2- Lightning strikes pole
- 2- Death Notice: Vivian Sletten
- 2- Head Start Help Wanted
- 3- Firecracker Golf Tourney
- 4- Governor Daugaard's Column
- 5- Treeline Tree Service ad
- 5- Today in Weather History
- 6- Local Weather Forecast
- 7- National Weather Map
- 7- Local Weather
- 8- Daily Devotional
- 9- News from the Associated Press

Sunday, July 5

Anniversary: Allen & Joyce Walter

Birthdays: Jasmine Schinkel, Karen Mettler, Paula Krueger, Trenton Duncan, Stephen Simon.

9:00 a.m.: 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

3:30 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (MM Bible Study serves)

5:00 p.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Groton Historic Trinity Church at 3rd & 3rd.

Monday, July 6

Anniversaries: Ed & Connie Stauch, Darrel & Deanna Hendrickson.

Birthdays: Ward Sperry, Kamryn Janae Fliehs, Carol Kutter, Shawn Millim, Jarrett Adler, Rich Fliehs, Bryan Sombke, Bryce Sombke.

Senior Menu: Goulash, green and gold beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

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**

Midwest Masonry & concrete Pumping

Greg Heilman, owner



405 E 1st Ave., Groton

Greg: 253/929-9137

Mike: 605/492-7041

midwestmasonry1@yahoo.com



Lightning strikes pole in park

Four waves of storms went through the Groton area last night and with it was a spender display of natural fireworks for the Fourth of July. Lightning struck an electrical pole on the north side of the city park

Death Notice: Vivian Sletten

Vivian Sletten, 84, of Groton died July 4, 2015 at Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.



HEAD START Education-Purchasing Coordinator

The Northeast South Dakota Head Start Program in Aberdeen is seeking a candidate who is highly motivated and will be responsible for supervising/mentoring teaching staff, developmental screening of children ages 3 to 5, monitoring federal regulations, and purchasing consumable and classroom items for entire program. Must be able to lift 30 lbs. and occasionally heavier items. Extensive driving is required, company vehicle is provided.

Qualifications: A minimum of a BS/BA Degree in Early Childhood Education or a Degree in a related field with a minor in Early Childhood Development. Applicant must possess good leadership/mentoring skills, have a working knowledge of the developmental and educational needs of children; and be able to work closely as a team with Head Start staff, parents and volunteers; must have adequate computer knowledge and skills.

Starting date is July 27, 2015.

Annual salary is \$29,215 DOQ. Excellent benefits. For a complete job description and an application form, visit: www.nesdhs.org/careers/

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 3 of 18

Firecracker Tournament

July 4, 2015

Olive Grove Golf Course

Championship Flight

- 69- Brad and Dar Larson
- 71- Mark Papstiel and Susie Souza
- 71- Tom and Pat Price
- 74- Jarod and Kristi Fliehs
- 74- Jay and Kasey Waage
- 74- Chip Hanson and Carmen Ferguson
- 75- Brad and Brenda Waage
- 75- Scott and Susan Nehls
- 75- Doug and Vicki Jorgenson
- 78- Sid and Nancy Fosheim
- 78- Randy and Sue Stanley
- 79- Roy and Kari Pulfrey



Chad Ellingson and Haley Rheault placed third in the first flight.



Brad and Dar Larson were the championship flight winners.

First Flight

- 76- Rod and Arlys Kluess
- 78- Les and Julie Hinds
- 78- Chad Ellingson and Haley Rheault
- 79- Bob and Vicki Walter
- 82- Bob and Mavis Rossow
- 82- Jonathan and Mandilyn Fliehs
- 82- Mike and Terri Traxinger
- 83- Steve and Betty Dunker
- 83- Nick Doetzel and Laura Pulfrey
- 83- Blake and Leah Ronning
- 84- Loren and Julie Fliehs
- 84- Jake Unzen and Coleen Unzen



Kent and Darcy Muller placed third in the second flight.



Rod and Arlys Kluess were the first flight winners.

Second Flight

- 80- Walt and Helen Plummage
- 83- Rich and Tami Zimney
- 86- Kent and Darcy Muller
- 87- Dave and Mary Blackmun
- 89- Bob and Judy Sundling
- 90- Tate and Olivia Walter
- 90- Travis and JJ Johnson
- 95- Brett and Hayley Merkel
- 97- Scott Ellingson and Becky Gillette

Closest to Pin #4 Women - Darcy Dunker-Muller

Cloest to Pin #8 Men - Rod Kluess

Longest Putt #9 - Doug Jorgenson

Brad Larson won the putting contest

Opening Of The Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

This week I had the opportunity to attend the dedication of the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center in Lead. The visitor center will be something for South Dakotans and travelers from all over the world to see. Here people will learn about the history of Homestake and the Sanford Lab projects.

The Sanford Underground Research Facility is in the process of partnering with the Fermilab in Batavia, Illinois, to prepare for the Long Baseline Neutrino Facility and the associated Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (LBNF/DUNE). This future experiment is a result of groundbreaking research that occurred in the lab while it was still the Homestake Mine.

This research, conducted by Ray Davis from the mid-1960s through the 1990s, sought small, neutral particles called neutrinos which generally pass right through the earth undetected and unimpeded. Because of their lack of interaction, their existence was only theoretical. Ray Davis, through an unprecedented combination of chemistry and physics, developed a way to use the low background radiation environment in the mine to prove the existence of neutrinos.

Initially, other scientists wrote off Davis' project as a failure because he was detecting just one-third of the neutrinos he had expected to find. Eventually he was proven right when other scientists at SnoLab in Canada discovered that neutrinos spontaneously change, or oscillate as they travel, changing between three types. Davis' research changed physics forever, and in 2002 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his neutrino experiment.

Now a new generation of physicists is building on Davis' research to make their own discoveries deep underground at Sanford Lab. Scientists will use a high-intensity neutrino beam to send neutrinos from Batavia, Illinois, to Lead, South Dakota. Continuing the work Ray Davis started years ago, this experiment will attempt to explain properties of neutrinos, why they change and the nature of their changing states. While for most of us particle physics has many blind spots, the light this experiment can shed on at least one of them could be key to understanding the universe.

Sometimes in South Dakota, because we are small in population, and because we are largely rural, we have a bit of an inferiority complex. We sometimes fall into thinking that we can't be the best or lead the way.

But that's not true. And the things happening at the Sanford Underground Research Facility prove that we are a state that explores uncharted territory.

Since 1967, a panel of prominent scientists and academics, the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel, has advised the federal government about experimental and theoretical high energy physics. Recently this panel identified three physics projects around the world as high priority: one in Japan, one in Switzerland and the Long Baseline Neutrino experiment right here in Lead, South Dakota. In its P5 report, the panel called that experiment the physics project in America. It's not hard to imagine that through this project another physicist working here in Lead, South Dakota, could win a Nobel Prize.

This Visitor Center will not only keep the Homestake story alive, but make it so the physics project in America doesn't just stay below the surface. Updates about the Long Baseline Neutrino, Majorana and the LUX dark matter experiments will be available right here at this visitor center, so that people of all ages can learn about the cutting-edge research being conducted below. This new visitor center will play a role in passing a love of science on to future generations. It has the potential to spark in our young people a hunger for knowledge and a passion for possibilities.

Today in Weather History

July 5, 1936: Three record high temperatures were set on this day. Near Gann Valley, the temperature reached 120 degrees, setting the state record. The state record was tied on July 15, 2006 at 17 miles WSW of Fort Pierre. Other record highs on this date include 119 degrees in Kennebec and 116 degrees in Murdo. The record highs near Gann Valley, Kennebec, and Murdo are all-time highs for each location.

July 5, 1996: A powerful thunderstorm packing over 100 mph winds and grapefruit-sized hail tracked from Belle Fourche Reservoir to Wall. The storm caused an estimated \$4.5 million in crop damage, killed numerous livestock, and stripped vegetation bare.

1925: An immense hailstone weighing a half pound fell at Plumstead, just outside of London, England. This was the heaviest hailstone ever recorded in the United Kingdom.

1980: The "More Trees Down" started in western Iowa and tracked eastward affecting several states along its path before dissipating in eastern Virginia.

1891 - Sixteen horses were killed by hail, and many more have to be put to death due to injuries from a hailstorm at Rapid City, SD. (The Weather Channel)

1900 - A spectacular three day fire began when a bolt of lightning struck a refinery in Bayonne NJ. (David Ludlum)

1916 - A hurricane produced 82 mph winds, an 11.6 foot tide, and a barometric pressure of 28.92 inches at Mobile, AL. (David Ludlum)

1937 - The temperature at Medicine Lake, MT, soared to 117 degrees to establish a state record. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1937 - Midale and Yellow Grass in Saskatchewan hit 113 degrees to establish an all-time record high for Canada that same day. (The Weather Channel)

1970 - The morning low at Death Valley CA was 103 degrees, and the high that afternoon was 120 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms raked south central Kansas for the second morning in a row. Thunderstorm winds again gusted to 80 mph at Clearwater, and in the Wichita area reached 100 mph. Twenty-five persons were injured at a trailer park at El Dorado Lake. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



Treeline Tree Service

**Over 30 Years
of Combined
Experience!**








**TJ Sperry:
380-7915**

**Tyler Sperry:
216-8431**

Sperry Stump Removal

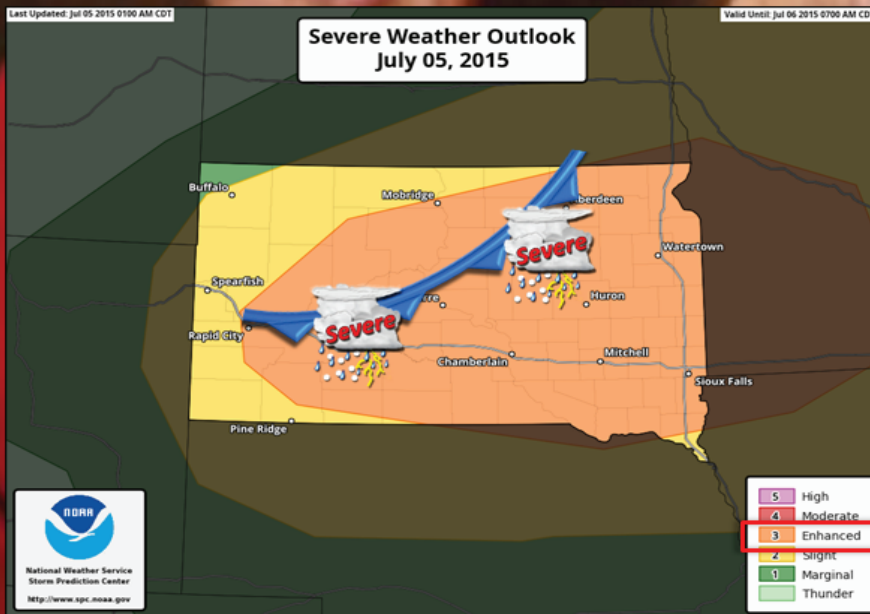
Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 6 of 18

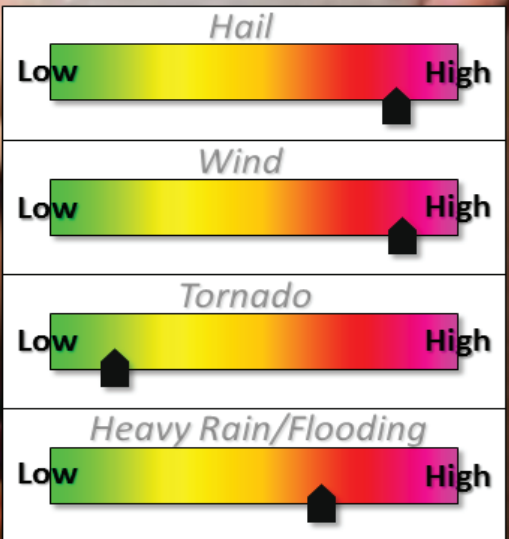
Late Afternoon	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
60%	90%	20%				20%
Severe Thunderstorms	Severe Thunderstorms	Slight Chc Thunderstorms	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chc Thunderstorms
High: 88 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 76 °F



Severe Thunderstorms Possible This Afternoon & Evening!

Timeframe of Most Intense Storms:
6PM – Midnight



Threat Forecast



weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 7/5/2015 4:47 AM Central

Published on: 07/05/2015 at 4:50AM

Thunderstorms will continue east of the James valley through the early morning, with more storms possible this evening, some of which are likely to be severe. Strong winds, hail and heavy rain are all a threat. Cooler, dry conditions are expected for the start of the work week.

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 7 of 18

Yesterday's Weather

High: 87.7 at 3:55 PM

Low: 63.4 at 3:18 AM

High Gust: 24 at 2:47 PM

Precip: 1.50

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1936

Record Low: 35° in 1915

Average High: 82°F

Average Low: 58°F

Average Precip in July: 0.53

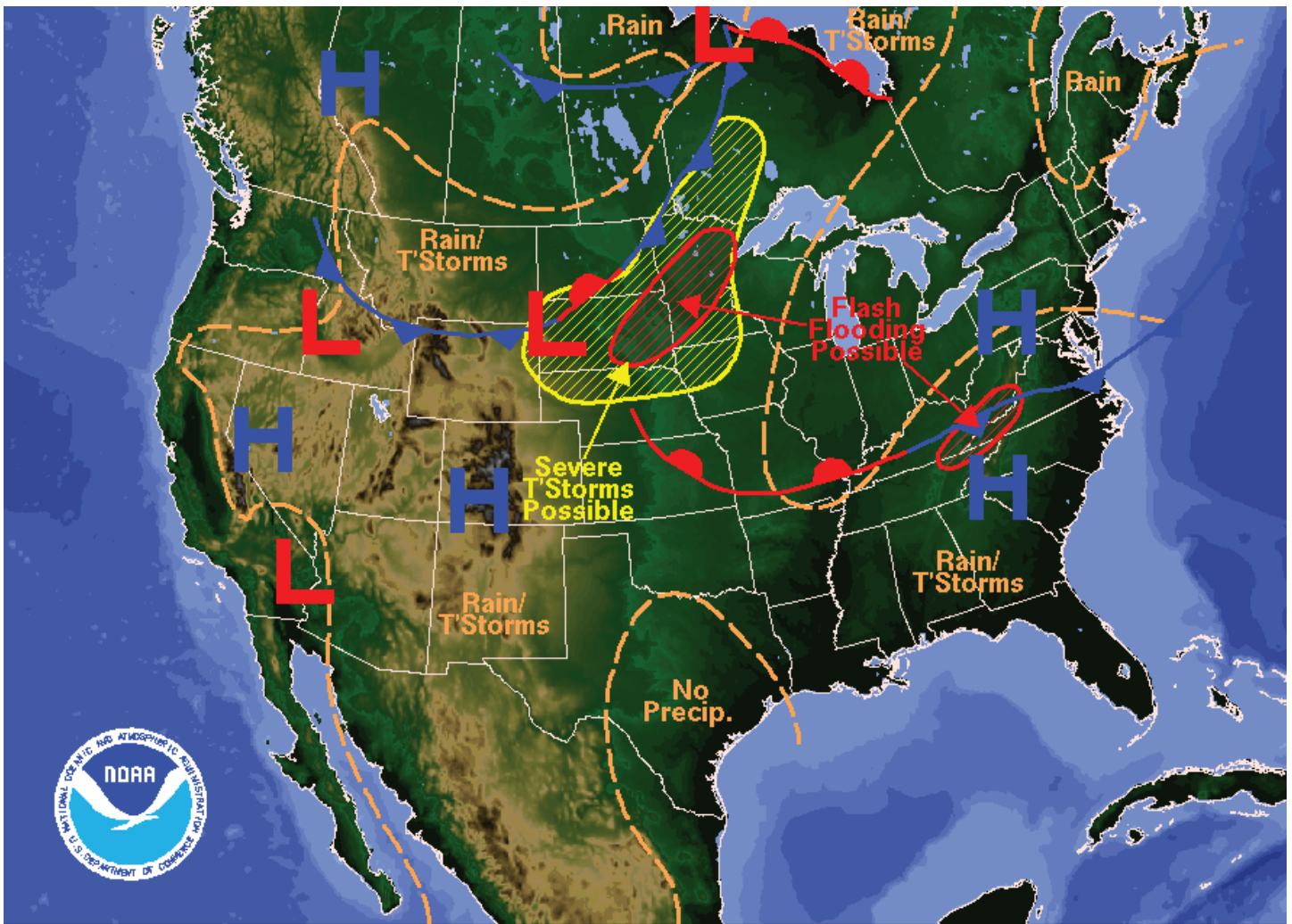
Precip to date in July: 1.65

Average Precip to date: 11.37

Precip Year to Date: 8.95

Sunset Tonight: 9:24 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jul 05, 2015, issued 4:12 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 8 of 18



CARING MEANS SHARING

A delivery boy was in a hurry to make his last stop before going home. In his haste he stumbled and fell, breaking the two dozen eggs he had been carefully carrying. He sat on the curb near the customer's home, crying.

A crowd gathered around him wanting to know if he had injured himself. Each of them was happy to learn that he was ok, but saddened that he had broken the eggs. One gentleman reached into his pocket and gave him two quarters. Turning to the others he said, "I care fifty cents worth. How much do the rest of you care?"

John clearly confronted Christians when he said, "If you have enough money to live well and see someone in need and refuse to help – how can God's love be in you?"

And Paul also warned us that what we give and how we give is what we will one day receive ourselves in heaven. No matter what we say, it is always what we do. If we care, we will share. Works, not words, are the true proof of our love. We must walk our talk.

Prayer: Lord, may we realize that when we give to others in Your name we will never go without. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

News from the Associated Press

Now playing: Harpsichord of Columbus' era sounds again

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A harpsichord that entertained the elites of Italy in the mid-1500s has been restored by a South Dakota museum and will soon bring its sound to 21st-century ears.

The National Music Museum in Vermilion, which acquired the instrument in 2009, worked with Chilean-born musician Catalina Vicens, who specializes historical keyboards and percussion instruments, to produce the harpsichord's first full-length recording.

The crowd-funded project resulted in a 20-track disc of compositions that Vicens said would have been performed in Naples when the instrument was in its youth.

"It's kind of magical because it is an extraordinarily old instrument, and the restoration that was needed was not extreme, so we can see the instrument's stage is very close to the stage it was 500 years ago," said Vicens, who lives in Switzerland and spearheaded the effort.

Harpsichords were popular for centuries until they were overtaken by the piano, which they resemble. Museum officials believe the Neapolitan harpsichord that Vicens played was built in 1530, or just 38 years after Columbus sailed the ocean blue on his first voyage to the New World.

The museum purchased it from its previous owner in Argentina six years ago for an undisclosed amount. An in-house conservator minimally restored it, including cleaning it and installing a new set of jacks — the pieces that pluck the strings — to make it what the museum believes is the oldest known playable harpsichord

Vicens raised more than \$13,000 to cover the cost of the recording project, including travel to and from South Dakota, professional engineering, as well as the booklet design and printing of the CD, which will be released in January on the label Carpe Diem Records distributed by Naxos.

All tracks will also be available on iTunes that same month, and the CD will be on sale at the museum. People who contributed to the campaign will have early access to the music.

"It's a long process, lots of revisions," said the 31-year-old Vicens. "It's not music that everyone listens to every day, so it's important to put the work in front of everyone. We want it to go into a wider market so the booklet is going to be in English, in German and in French."

Museum director Cleveland Johnson said the recording is the equivalent of a "sound document" that will allow the facility to share a piece of its vast collections with the public, which often wants to know what the instruments on display sound like.

"The instrument is something that you could only look at until now, but very soon we'll have 60 or 70 minutes of glorious Italian music from the period that the instrument was created," Johnson said.

"So, this CD will basically be a time machine that takes you to 16th century Naples, and that's something that not even Hollywood can do."

Dakotas dairy farmers can enroll in federal price program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dairy farmers in the Dakotas can now enroll in a federal price protection program for coverage in 2016.

The Margin Protection Program is a voluntary insurance program that enables dairy farmers to protect themselves from low prices. The enrollment period runs through Sept. 30.

The program protects farmers when the difference between milk prices and feed costs fall below an

amount selected by the farmer. Minimum coverage costs farmers a \$100 flat fee.

U.S. Agriculture Department deputy secretary Krysta Harde says half dairy producers nationwide signed up for coverage during the previous enrollment period.

Participating farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay the \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers also have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year.

Badlands National Park in SD hosting astronomy festival

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — Get your telescopes ready.

The Badlands National Park is again hosting its Astronomy Festival in which novices and experts alike can participate.

The event scheduled for July 17 through 19 will include public stargazing activities, solar observing opportunities, planetarium shows, several workshops, as well as equipment demonstrations.

Organizers have also scheduled a model rocket building and launching workshop.

Most events will be in the area around the Ben Reifel Visitor Center.

SD Historical Society publishes biography on Red Cloud

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society has a new book out and it focuses on the only Native American leader who defeated the U.S. Army in a war.

The biography of Red Cloud examines the Oglala leader's rise to prominence, his struggle against cultural domination and the victory that closed the Bozeman Trail in 1868.

Jay Vogt is the director of the Historical Society. He says author John McDermott used little-known sources to explain Red Cloud's early childhood and worldview.

In "Red Cloud: Oglala Legend," McDermott chronicles Red Cloud's diplomatic trips to the U.S. Capitol and examines his vision for maintaining Oglala life and culture.

McDermott is a Rapid City resident, who served as a National Park Service historian.

The book is available at bookstores and online.

Highway Patrol: Arlington woman dies in one-car crash

ARLINGTON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 71-year-old woman from eastern South Dakota who crashed her car Friday night died because of a medical issue and not the crash itself.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Arlington resident Barbara Hudy was driving a 2000 Dodge Stratus near the intersection of U.S. Highway 81 and Main Street in Arlington.

Authorities say her car drifted to the right and left the road. Her car entered a yard, passed through several pine trees and struck an electrical box.

Hudy was pronounced dead at the scene. A coroner's investigation concluded she did not die from the crash.

Smoke from Canadian fires blows as far south as Tennessee

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — After almost of a week, smoke from Canadian wildfires continued to blanket parts of North Dakota on Saturday and some residents said they're growing tired of the hazy skies.

Smoke from wildfires in northern Saskatchewan has been blowing as far south as Tennessee, with a thick haze extending through much of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, eastern Nebraska,

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 11 of 18

Iowa, Illinois and Missouri..

"I think it is really harmful for people with conditions like asthma and lung conditions," Amos Glem, a Minot resident, told the Minot Daily News. "You don't want to deal with any of that and even for people with no conditions, it is really annoying."

An air quality map produced by the federal Environmental Protection Agency showed Saturday morning that western North Dakota and the region surrounding Fargo had some of most unhealthy air in the country. By Saturday afternoon, the air quality in western North Dakota and around Fargo had been upgraded to being unhealthy mostly for sensitive groups, such as older people and people with respiratory problems.

The smoke is from dozens of fires burning in Saskatchewan, fed by drought and high temperatures. Because of the size of the fires, large amounts of smoke travel high into the atmosphere, where the upper layers have strong winds that can carry the smoke great distances.

A forecast map from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Saturday showed smoky conditions are likely to return to north-central North Dakota by Sunday afternoon as upper-level winds shift back to the pattern they've been in over the past several days, according to KXMC-TV.

Court agrees with sentence, conviction of Sioux Falls broker

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal appeals court this week agreed with conviction and prison sentence of a Sioux Falls broker accused of scamming more than 100 investors for over \$20 million.

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed all 26 felony fraud convictions and the nine-year prison sentence of 67-year-old Randal Hansen, according to a statement released by acting U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler.

Hansen was the public face of RAHFCO Management Group as well as a handful of other agencies with similar names. Prosecutors and regulators said Hansen would promise huge returns to new investors and then use their deposits to pay off older investors.

In total, he was convicted on one count each of of conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud, four counts of wire fraud and 21 counts of mail fraud. In addition to prison time, Hansen must also pay over \$17.5 million in restitution to his victims.

Hansen appealed his convictions, arguing there was insufficient evidence presented of his knowledge that the funds were a fraud, according to Seiler. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed, citing Hansen's role as a founder and general partner of one of the fraudulent funds.

"The appellate court's decision, affirming more than two dozen felony convictions, brings to a close our successful prosecution of this complex, multi-million dollar fraud scheme," Seiler said in a statement. "Hansen's scheme left many victims without their life's savings. His prison sentence and hefty restitution judgment should send a clear message about the high price of greed and deception."

Attorney asks appeals court to affirm gay marriage ruling

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The attorney representing six same-sex couples in South Dakota has formally asked an appeals court to affirm a judge's ruling that declared the state's ban on gay marriages is unconstitutional.

Minneapolis attorney Josh Newville filed his motion Friday suggesting to the judges of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals to affirm the ruling issued by U.S. District Court Judge Karen Schreier in January.

Newville is asking the court to affirm Schreier's decision in light of the ruling made by the U.S. Supreme Court. He's also asking the judges to lift the stay that prevented Schreier's ruling from taking

effect.

If the court affirms Schreier's ruling, Newville could then pursue legal fees from the state. He has represented his clients for over a year and says he has not charged them.

Man gets probation for taking Native American artifacts

MOBRIDGE, S.D. (AP) — A Mobridge man has been sentenced to one year of probation for illegally taking Native American artifacts from public lands.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says 40-year-old Carl Overbey pleaded guilty to one count of excavation of archaeological resources.

In September of 2014, the Walworth County Sheriff's Office told a U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent that the sheriff had seized a collection of Native American artifacts from Overbey.

Archeologists from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers recognized the collection contained several artifacts typically found on public land along the Missouri River. They also noticed that it contained two eagle bone whistles.

Seiler says Overbey admitted he took the artifacts from the Revheim Recreation area and the Point of View area, which are both public areas near Mobridge.

Brookings man, 60, dies in 2-vehicle crash on Interstate 29

BALTIC, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a Brookings man died Friday afternoon after he was rear-ended on Interstate 29 near Baltic.

The Department of Public Safety says the 60-year-old man was driving a 1990 Geo Prism and was rear-ended by a 2013 Chevy K15 Suburban. The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the man driving the Prism was traveling a slower speed.

There were five people in the Suburban. Four of them were injured and three of those had serious, non-life threatening injuries.

The names of those involved will be released after families are notified.

The Department of Public Safety says an investigation is ongoing.

Concerns over US winter wheat may boost low crop prices

ROXANA HEGEMAN, Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Market concerns about the quantity and quality of the U.S. winter wheat crop being harvested and the dry conditions in other wheat-producing nations have sparked an unexpected run up in recent weeks to wheat prices.

Normally, the flood of new grain coming in at harvest time drives down crop prices, and with prices already low when the harvest began, farmers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas were worried.

That hasn't happened this year, though, and wheat prices have actually risen since mid-June, said Dan O'Brien, an extension specialist in grain markets at Kansas State University. This is welcome news for those farmers still bringing in their crops.

Wheat grower Vance Ehmke said cash prices at his local elevator in the western Kansas community of Dighton dipped as low as \$4.50 a bushel last month but have risen to about \$5.50 a bushel.

"And that, in my opinion, was a gift from God — it will certainly help a lot more people get into the break-even range," he said. "That will help a lot."

The reasons behind this year's low wheat prices and the more recent price bump, however, probably have less to do with divine intervention than with global grain markets.

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 13 of 18

A weak market for U.S. wheat exports has driven down prices this year. On July 1 of last year, central Kansas elevator terminals around Hutchinson were paying cash prices of between \$6.80 and \$7.04 a bushel for wheat, O'Brien said. As of Wednesday, they were paying \$5.68 to \$5.82 per bushel.

The recent price hike — generally 60 to 80 cents since mid-June — reflects market concerns about U.S. wheat production and dry conditions in other wheat-producing countries caused by an El Nino weather pattern, O'Brien said. Global wheat production is moderately lower than was expected two or three months ago, causing prices to rise.

What is far more difficult to predict is how all these forces will affect domestic wheat prices in the future. That is due in part because the outlook for U.S. wheat is intertwined with the strength of the U.S. dollar, O'Brien said. A high U.S. dollar in comparison to other currencies makes U.S. wheat more expensive for other countries to buy — which in turn drives down domestic wheat prices.

Given the global economic uncertainties caused by Greece's debt crisis, and its potential impact on the strength of the U.S. dollar, farmers have difficult decisions to make: Should they sell now while they can still make a modest profit, or hold on to their crop in anticipation prices will go up further?

O'Brien thinks farmers should sell some wheat now for cash flow at a price that covers their costs, while holding on to some in case prices rise sharply.

Or, as Ehmke put it: "When you come to a fork in the road, take it. Do some of this, some of that. And, whatever happens, you did something right."

AP News in Brief

Greeks contemplate impact of crucial bailout referendum as opinion polls show dead heat

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — With the crucial austerity referendum a day away, Greeks contemplated Saturday how their vote will shape their future and the impact a "yes" or "no" will have on the country's youth.

Opinion polls showed Greeks evenly split on whether to accept creditors' proposals for more austerity in exchange for rescue loans, or defiantly reject the deal and send the message that they're simply fed up with years of harsh economic austerity.

With no campaigning allowed the day before the vote, the natural rhythm of daily life in the capital briefly replaced the sense of urgency that was palpable all week when Greeks struggled to decipher a convoluted referendum question whilst being bombarded with frenzied messages of impending doom or defiance.

Aris Spiliotopoulos, a 22-year-old who is launching his own tourism start-up, said he believes the vote is about whether Greece chooses to stay among the club of nations that uses the euro as their currency and ultimately whether the country opts to stay in the European Union itself.

"I am voting 'yes' because I believe that my future and even my kids' future, in twenty or thirty years from now, is in the eurozone and the European Union," said Spiliotopoulos.

Overspending, austerity, euro flaws have pushed Greece to brink despite bailouts

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — After two bailouts totaling 240 billion euros (\$266 billion) and six years of depression, spending cuts and lost jobs, Greece teeters on the edge of collapse.

How did it come to this? Why couldn't all that money and all that sacrifice turn around a country that

makes up less than two percent of the 19-country eurozone economy?

On Sunday the country will hold a referendum on whether or not to accept the tough creditor conditions attached to loans needed to avoid default and a banking collapse.

A “no” may lead to a chaotic departure from the shared euro currency. Even “yes” is no guarantee the creditors will agree to lend.

Ahead of the vote, here are seven short explanations of how Greece got into today’s mess:

Analysts say Greek government’s hold on power uncertain, regardless of referendum outcome

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Whether Greeks decide in Sunday’s referendum to accept their lenders’ bailout deal or reject it, the government’s hold on power may be shakier than its brash prime minister has calculated, analysts say.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras is banking on fellow Greeks to deliver a resounding “no” in the popular vote that he believes will give him strong leverage in his negotiations with creditors to swing a softer bailout deal for a country ravaged by years of harsh austerity, deep recession and crushing poverty.

A win for the No campaign, the reasoning goes, could also furnish Tsipras with an endorsement for his five-month rule and allow his government to consolidate — and extend — its grip on power.

That may not be the case, analysts say, since a “no” vote could still plunge Tsipras’ position into uncertainty if negotiations drag on with lenders who see such the outcome as a Greek snub of the euro. Without a quick deal, banks could stay shuttered to keep their reserves from running dry.

“A deteriorating import-dependent economy will provoke a rapid decline in public support for the government and fresh elections may become inevitable, but this will take time,” said Dimitri Sotiropoulos, political science professor at the University of Athens.

Draft of sanctions relief at Iran nuclear talks in hand, awaiting senior officials’ sign-off

VIENNA (AP) — World powers and Iran have drawn up a draft document on the pace and timing of sanctions relief for the Islamic republic in exchange for curbs on Iran’s nuclear program, advancing on one of the most contentious issues at their negotiations, diplomats told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Written by technical experts, the document still must be approved by senior officials of the seven nations at the table, including U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and the foreign ministers of the five other countries expected to join Kerry and Zarif in Vienna this weekend for a push to meet a July 7 deadline.

The development indicated the sides were moving closer to a comprehensive accord that would set a decade of restrictions on Tehran’s nuclear program in exchange for tens of billions of dollars in economic benefits for the Iranians.

Officials had described sanctions relief as one of the thorniest disagreements between Iran and the United States, which has led the campaign of international pressure against Iran’s economy. The U.S. and much of the world fears Iran’s enrichment of uranium and other activity could be designed to make nuclear weapons; Iran says its program is meant only to generate power and for other peaceful purposes.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to speak publicly on this past week’s confidential negotiations, said the sanctions annex was completed this week

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 15 of 18

by experts from Iran and the six world powers in the negotiations: the United States, Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia. They did not provide details of the agreement.

National WWII Museum opening new exhibit about racism at home and at war

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — About to be overrun by Germans, a young black lieutenant called in an artillery barrage on his own position, knowing he'd be killed. It was the only way to hold off the enemy.

The sacrifice by 1st Lt. John Fox is one of many endured by the 100,000 African-American service members during World War II and is now the focus of an exhibit at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

Titled "Fighting for the Right to Fight: The African American Experience in WWII," the exhibit runs from July 4 through May 30, 2016. It describes discrimination before and after the war as well as in the military during World War II.

The exhibit also includes an original 8 1/2 -minute video about the famed Tuskegee Airmen and video interviews with 10 veterans, including Rothacker (ROTH-uh-ker) Smith of Huntsville, Alabama who served in the 366th Infantry Regiment.

A Seventh-Day Adventist and conscientious objector to combat, Smith — serving in the same segregated 92nd Infantry Division to which Fox also belonged — was drafted and became a medic. Often Smith was the only African-American on the bus back from town to Camp Stewart, Georgia, on Saturday nights. He remembers being made to sit in the baggage compartment behind the back seats.

Parades, naturalization ceremonies, hot dogs, beer: A look at July 4th festivities around US

The United States marks 239 years as an independent nation on Saturday as it celebrates the Fourth of July with parades, fireworks, naturalization ceremonies, eating contests and music. Here are some highlights and lowlights of Independence Day celebrations across the country:

PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS CAMPAIGN IN PARADES

Parades across Iowa and New Hampshire were clear reminders of the race for the White House: Red balloons promoting "Jeb! 2016," a tractor draped in a Rick Perry banner and dutiful volunteers holding signs and chanting for their chosen candidates.

Former Govs. Jeb Bush of Florida, Rick Perry of Texas and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island as well as South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham worked the crowd in Amherst, while Hillary Rodham Clinton marched in a parade in New Hampshire's North Country. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio spent the holiday in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, as Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley met voters in Iowa.

Matt Stonie beats Joey Chestnut in July Fourth hot dog eating contest, breaking Chestnut's run

NEW YORK (AP) — Matt Stonie shocked the competitive eating world Saturday by upsetting Joey "Jaws" Chestnut at the Fourth of July hot dog eating contest at Nathan's Famous in Coney Island, thwarting Chestnut's bid for a ninth straight victory.

Stonie, 23, who finished second last year, downed 62 hot dogs and buns, beating Chestnut by two.

Both are from San Jose, California.

As thousands of spectators observed the eaters on an elevated stage, the next closest competitor ate 35 hot dogs.

"I trained hard for this. This is actually amazing," Stonie told ESPN, which broadcast the competition live like the major sporting event its biggest fans say it has become.

Afterward, Stonie, holding his fist in the air in victory, said he came into the competition confident and prepared in his quest for the \$10,000 prize and the coveted mustard yellow winner's championship belt.

Authorities say all 66 riders safely evacuated after 400-foot Ferris wheel in Florida stops

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The largest Ferris wheel on the East Coast reopened Saturday, one day after 66 riders were stranded on The Orlando Eye and had to be evacuated from the towering 400-foot attraction.

"The team of technicians has successfully completed the necessary work to resolve the technical default that occurred yesterday within the system that monitors the wheel's position," spokeswoman Dipika Joshi told the Orlando Sentinel (<http://bit.ly/1f9nChM>).

No one was hurt in the Friday afternoon stoppage and all were taken off in an operation lasting about three hours with help from firefighters. Orange County Fire Rescue spokeswoman Kathleen Kennedy said the attraction, which is billed by operators as the largest observation wheel on the East Coast, had initially stopped for more than 45 minutes on Friday.

One rider identified as Makayla Bell by the newspaper tweeted "yes we finally started moving!" once the evacuation operation began. Later she added, according to the paper, "Man does it feel good to be on the ground."

Power was restored via a backup generator and a technical team at the attraction, backed by firefighters, carried out the task of removing riders from the enclosed capsules after each was brought down to the platform, officials said.

Forgiveness of Charleston shooter prompts discussion about whether that's best for community

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Under an outdoor tent a few blocks from Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sharon Simmons paused while cleaning up from the previous night's revival to ponder the idea of forgiving the white man accused of killing nine of the historic black church's members, including the pastor.

A churchgoer herself, Simmons admits feeling torn between her anger and her Christian inclination to forgive. She also adds that she's a firm believer in capital punishment. "Too many lives are gone," the 57-year-old former New Yorker says.

Many African-Americans are struggling with those same feelings as the nation begins to move past the tragedy in Charleston. Although many say their religious faith requires them to forgive, there is a question of whether a public narrative of quick forgiveness actually provides cover for whites to avoid facing racism.

"It's almost like white America is telling us, 'Help us to forget the past by telling us that you forgive us,'" said Raymond Winbush, director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Just one day after the June 17 massacre at Emanuel, Chris Singleton, the college student son of victim

Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, said he forgave his mother's killer. The following day, family members of the dead joined the first court hearing for the suspected killer, 21-year-old Dylann Roof, and told him via video conference that they, too, forgave him — even as some acknowledged also feeling angry and hurt.

Egypt mourns soldiers, top prosecutor on 2nd anniversary of Islamist president's overthrow

CAIRO (AP) — Two years to the day after the army overthrew Egypt's Islamist president, the sounds coming from the mosque at Cairo's Tahrir Square were sadly telling. At the focal point of Egypt's upheavals, where authorities had hoped to stage celebrations, there was instead a prayer for the week's dead, including soldiers cut down by militants in Sinai and the country's chief prosecutor, assassinated by car bomb in the capital.

A sense of foreboding fills the air, with officials and media speaking of a state of war and urging national unity. President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has promised swift justice, which critics fear will mean a further step away from democracy. The Muslim Brotherhood, banned but unbowed, has upped the ante by calling for revolt against his rule. There is fear of even worse attacks of the kind that have become sadly familiar around the region.

It all presents a major challenge for el-Sissi, who as army chief led the takeover against Morsi two years ago, when millions filled the streets outraged over what they saw as Brotherhood misrule. He was later elected president, and the deal he has offered Egyptians — a curtailing of freedoms in exchange for stability and security — was one many seemed eagerly willing to embrace after several years of upheaval, in which the wider region has gone up in flames.

The first part of that equation has been carried out: the once-ruling Muslim Brotherhood has been largely crushed, thousands of its members and scores of leaders in jail and hundreds — including Morsi — handed the death penalty. Public protests are restricted, as is political activity. The media has been cowed amid an atmosphere that seems to equate criticism with disloyalty, and even many liberal activists are in jail. The result has been quieter streets, without protests that often turned to riots the past three years, and violence against Christian and Shiite minorities has lessened, though not stopped.

But stability, which for a time seemed attainable, seems to be in danger of unraveling. Militants affiliated with the regional Islamic State group have turned the northern part of the Sinai peninsula into a war zone, this week staging a brazen multi-pronged attack on army positions. Last month a key tourist site at Luxor was attacked, and on Tuesday chief prosecutor Hisham Barakat was assassinated while leaving his Cairo home for work.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, July 5, the 186th day of 2015. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 5, 1865, the Secret Service Division of the U.S. Treasury Department was founded in Washington D.C. with the mission of suppressing counterfeit currency.

On this date:

In 1687, Isaac Newton first published his Principia Mathematica, a three-volume work setting out his mathematical principles of natural philosophy.

Groton Daily Independent

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ Vol. 18 - No. 337 ♦ 18 of 18

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke off diplomatic relations.

In 1946, the bikini, created by Louis Reard (ray-AHRD'), was modeled by Micheline Bernardini during a poolside fashion show in Paris.

In 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

In 1948, Britain's National Health Service Act went into effect, providing publicly-financed medical and dental care.

In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee; the song he recorded was "That's All Right."

In 1962, independence took effect in Algeria; the same day, civilians of European descent, mostly French, came under attack by extremists in the port city of Oran.

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors, 6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. The Cape Verde (VUHR'-dee) Islands officially became independent after five centuries of Portuguese rule.

In 1984, the Supreme Court weakened the 70-year-old "exclusionary rule," deciding that evidence seized in good faith with defective court warrants could be used against defendants in criminal trials.

In 1991, a worldwide financial scandal erupted as regulators in eight countries shut down the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush thanked Iraq war ally Denmark during a stopover in Copenhagen while en route to an international economic summit in Scotland. Hurricane Cindy moved ashore, pelting the Louisiana coast with sideways rain and intermittent squalls. Retired Vice Adm. and war hero James Stockdale, Ross Perot's 1992 presidential running mate, died in Coronado, California, at age 81.

Five years ago: Israel eased its blockade of Hamas-ruled Gaza to allow virtually all consumer goods; the move was welcomed by the White House, but Gaza business leaders and rights activists said the measures were far short of what Gaza needed. Opera singer Cesare Siepi, 87, died in Atlanta. David Fanshawe, a widely traveled British musical explorer best known as the composer of "African Sanctus," died in Wiltshire, England, at age 68.

One year ago: Ukrainian troops forced pro-Russian insurgents out of Slovyansk, a key stronghold in Ukraine's embattled east. Petra Kvitova overwhelmed Eugenie Bouchard 6-3, 6-0 in less than an hour to win Wimbledon for the second time.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 86. Actress Shirley Knight is 79. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 72. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 67. Rock star Huey Lewis is 65. Baseball Hall-of-Fame pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage is 64. Country musician Charles Ventre is 63. Singer-songwriter Marc Cohn is 56. Actor John Marshall Jones is 53. Actor Dorien Wilson is 53. Actress Edie Falco is 52. Actress Jillian Armenante is 51. Actress Kathryn Erbe (er-BEE') is 50. Actor Michael Stuhlbarg (STOOL'-bahrg) is 47. Country musician Brent Flynn (Flynnville Train) is 46. Rapper RZA (RIH'-zuh) is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Joe is 42. Rock musician Bengt Lagerberg (The Cardigans) is 42. Actor Dale Godboldo is 40. Rapper Bizarre is 39. Rapper Royce da 5'9" is 38. Rock singer Jason Wade (Lifehouse) is 35. Actor Ryan Hansen is 34. Country musician Dave Haywood (Lady Antebellum) is 33. Rock musician Nick O'Malley (Arctic Monkeys) is 30. Actor Jason Dolley is 24.

Thought for Today: "Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right." - Isaac Asimov, American author (1920-1992).