

Man Hospitalized Following Stabbing

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A stabbing in Sioux Falls has left a young man hospitalized.
Fifty-year-old Dennis Ghost Bear is facing an aggravated assault charge for allegedly stabbing a 26-year-old man near a shelter house.
Witnesses told police they saw Ghost Bear stab the younger man near the 800 block of East 10th Street. Police say they found Ghost Bear with a small knife.
The victim was transported to Avera McKennan hospital. Authorities say his injuries are not life threatening.

AG Jackley Elected President

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has been elected president of the National Association of Attorneys General.
The group held its annual meeting this week in California. Jackley issued a statement Friday saying he's honored to serve, and that the leadership position will help him address important issues impacting South Dakota and the nation.
The association is made up of attorneys general from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Springs Recovers From Tornado

WESSINGTON SPRINGS (AP) — Residents of Wessington Springs have celebrated their triumph over a tornado that struck the community a year ago.
A Thursday night celebration included a variety of entertainment, along with a moment of silence and a balloon release, KOKK radio reported.
"We wanted the community to come together, how we have ever since Night One," Mayor Melissa Mebius said. "Just to come together and join together for a different reason this time; not one of cleanup, not one of recovery, but one of enjoyment, and just to be a community."
The June 18, 2014, tornado damaged or destroyed dozens of homes and displaced nearly 80 people. The National Weather Service rated the twister an EF-2 with peak winds of 127 mph.
A similar tornado struck the town of Delmont about a month ago, destroying dozens of structures and injuring nine people. Mayor Mae Gunnare led a delegation from the community to Wessington Springs' recovery celebration, which included fundraising to help Delmont.
"I'm hoping that Delmont can look this well next year," Gunnare said.

Man Accused In Armed Robberies

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities have charged an 18-year-old Rapid City man in a pair of armed robberies in the city.
Sage Hardheart is accused of pointing a gun at clerks at two convenience stores and fleeing with cash this week. He faces two counts of first-degree robbery, a charge that carries a maximum punishment of 25 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.
It wasn't immediately clear if Hardheart had an attorney.

Police Seek Driver Of Hit And Run

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Police are looking for a driver who hit a bicyclist at a southeast Omaha intersection, then fled the scene of the accident.
Omaha television station WOWT reports that the man on the bicycle was sent to a hospital after the Friday crash.
Investigators say the car and bicyclist were both moving through the intersection in the same direction with a green light. The car apparently caught the back end of the bike and sent the rider flying. The car did not stop.
Police say the bicyclist suffered minor injuries.

Reports: STDs Rising In SD

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PIERRE — Sexually transmitted diseases continued their fast spread in South Dakota during the first five months of this year, according to a report released Friday by the state Health Department.
Through May gonorrhea cases reached 404, a pace that would exceed the 2014 total of 891. The gonorrhea numbers increased every year of late. The disease was nearly half as prevalent in 2010 at 468.
Chlamydia remained a widespread threat, with 1,598 cases through May. There were 4,170 in 2014. Chlamydia

increased annually since 2010 when cases totaled 3,191.
Syphilis barely registered in South Dakota with four cases in 2010 and zero in 2011. Since then it's a broader threat, with 21 cases in 2012, 49 in 2013 and 76 in 2014.
So far this year there have been 20 cases of syphilis. They aren't concentrated in one age group. There have been six among 15 to 24 year-olds; nine among 25 to 39 year-olds; and five in the 40 to 64 age group.
Gonorrhea cases numbered 189 among the 15 to 24 age group; 180 among 25 to 39 year-olds; 29 among 40 to 64 year-olds; and three among the 65-and-over age group.

Chlamydia this year is much more of a younger person's disease. There were 13 cases among the five to 14 year-olds; 1,026 among 15 to 24 year-olds; 510 among 25 to 39 year-olds; 47 among 40 to 64 year-olds; and one among the 65-and-older group.
Counties with 50 or more cases of chlamydia this year are Minnehaha 412, Pennington 235, Oglala Lakota 140, Todd 75, Brown 56 and Dewey 56.
Counties with more than 10 cases of gonorrhea this year are Minnehaha 110, Pennington 78, Oglala Lakota 51, Dewey 40, Todd 37 and Yankton 11.
The counties with syphilis cases are Minnehaha, Corson, Dewey, Grant, Meade, Oglala Lakota, Tripp and Union.

SDSU Creates Vendor Guide

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SIoux FALLS — The agriculture outreach division of South Dakota State University has released a manual that aims at helping interested and existing farmers markets' vendors navigate regulations and become successful merchants as the number of markets in the state increases.
Farmers markets have grown in popularity in the U.S. over the past two decades, and with triple the number of these local marketplaces between 2008 and 2015, South Dakota has not been an exception. Now, SDSU Extension hopes its manual addressing state regulations, food safety practices, product pricing and several other guidelines will become a one-stop shop for vendors on what can sometimes be an overwhelming task of working a booth at markets.
"Producers are learning from each other, so they are seeing this as an opportunity," SDSU Extension community development field specialist Chris Zdorovtsov cited as a reason why producers are increasingly choosing to participate

in farmers markets. "People are getting creative in the way they can remain — and have an income — in their smaller communities. So, they may retire from a current job, or maybe they are a younger farmer who wants to start a business, but they're finding producing local foods as a way they can still live where they want to live and make some money."
SDSU Extension data shows the state has gone from having about 20 markets in 2008 to 45 in 2012 and around 60 this year. Nationwide, the number of markets has steadily increased from 1,755 in 1994 to 8,268 last year, according to data collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The federal agency offers an online directory of farmers markets searchable by ZIP code and encourages vendors to accept food stamps to give more people a chance to buy locally grown, farm fresh food.
Producer Paul Warner, who began selling vegetables at a farmers market in 1998 in Madison, said not much information was available about regulations and best practices during his first years as a vendor.
"Something like that when we started

would've been helpful," Warner said of SDSU's manual. He now sells about 60 percent of the produce from his farm at two farmers markets in Sioux Falls. "Previously, you were pretty much on your own. You had to do research and Internet searches to universities."
From the consumer standpoint, Zdorovtsov said more markets are being established because people "are more willing" to purchase products from local vendors as "they want to know the person they are buying the food from." She added that at least two South Dakota farmers markets accept SNAP benefits and the state Department of Social Services provides free card-reader machines to the vendors to specifically accept SNAP cards.
"You know the people are excited to buy from you at the market and to talk directly to you are the person who grew that crop from a feed or a transplant all the way through and you can answer any questions that they may have and you develop a lot of repeat customers," Warner said. "It's really satisfying to have that relationship with those customers."

Fort Pierre Addresses Vacant Sioux Nation Site

FORT PIERRE — Fort Pierre and tribal officials are trying to find ways to maintain an unfinished Sioux Nation complex in the city that is drawing complaints because of overgrown lawns and dilapidated structures.
The Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place was to be a Sioux cultural, educational and legal resource site, but federal funding dried up almost a decade ago and it's been vacant since.

Neighbors have begun to complain about tall grass, fallen lodge poles and piles of unused construction materials attracting nuisance animals such as skunks, the *Capital Journal* reported.
"It's kind of an eyesore to see those things not being taken care of," City Councilman Todd Bernhard said.
Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association Executive Director Gay Kingman said

the group discussed the issue earlier this month and formed a committee to work out how to finish the facility and maintain the grounds in the meantime.
"The chairmen did address it and it will be taken care of," she said.
Congress designated the 12-acre site as tribal trust land in the early 2000s, and the city is worried about being sued should something

go wrong if it helps the tribal group with maintenance and repairs.
"If those poles fall down on someone, they could come after us," City Councilman Randy Seiler said.
The City Council decided this week to wait to help until it can find a way to protect the city from any liability.



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