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Harry Implement
"Family Owned & Operated Since 1935!"



(605) 395-6421

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

**Two bedroom apartment in the
Rix Apartments (former city
apartments) at 407 N Garfield**

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

Tuesday, January 13

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, Au Gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Adam Franken, Ben Schaller, Chuck Johnson, Elizabeth Abernathy, Ellen Leonhardt, Lance Hawkins, Monte McNickle.

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

4:00pm to 9:00pm: Ice Skating Rink Open

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council (Potluck meal followed by meeting)

6:30pm: GBB hosts Webster Area

Wednesday, January 14

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarines, baked chips, broccoli and cauliflower with dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

Anniv: Jay & Linda Johnson

Birthdays: Austin Anderson, Jesse Howard, Margaret Padfield, Jennifer Thompson.

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

8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Simmons

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with youth and parents

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

School financials look good

Business Manager Mike Weber reviewed the financial report with the board members. The Capital Outlay fund is expected to have a gain of \$60,000, up from the projected \$40,000 gain. The general fund is currently down by \$50,000, which is anticipated to be down by \$70,000 by the end of the year. Overall, Weber said that the financials look good for the district.

A new software program will be implemented next year in the lunch program. It will provide all the necessary information required by the regulations such as sodium count, calories, whole grain, etc. Right now Chuck Padfield has to calculate all of that manually. Superintendent Joe Schwan said, "It will save Chuck a lot of time."

Groton Area will try to remain Class A in golf, despite the Average Daily Membership dropping below the 140 mark to 138.849. It will be that way for two more years. Schwan said that if Groton were to drop down to Class B, that would move the fall boys soccer team from fall to spring. Schwan said that he anticipates there should be no problem in keeping Groton in the Class A division.

The 2015 Legislative Cracker Barrels will be held January 24, February 7, February 21 and March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Northern State University Student Center.

There are 56 students in the Groton Area School District in the Special Education program.

Middle/High School Principal Anna Schwan reported that Jacob Milbrandt has been named the January 18-24 KSFY Scholar of the Week. His interview can be seen Thursday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. on KSFY TV.

The three-year terms of Kelly Kjelden and Marty Weismantel are up for re-election this year. The earliest that petitions can be taken out is January 30 and the petitions need to be turned in by February 27. If there is an election, it is set for April 14, 2015.

The proposed 2015-16 school calendar would have school starting August 26, 2015, with the final proposed day set for May 19, 2016. The later start date is helpful because of the later Memorial Day in 2016. Superintendent Schwan said a problem he sees is that the first semester would end after Christmas on January 8, 2016. The staff will be presented with the calendar next.

Board Member Marty Weismantel brought up that he heard some comments about why Groton was playing a conference game with Roncalli when there was no school - due to Christmas vacation.

There are plans to refurbish the school track surface with a fresh coat of 1/2" rubber on top of the existing track. The existing track has been in place for 11 years. If there are any issues, this will be the time that the base would be repaired. The recommended opening bid date is February 9, 2015, at 2 p.m.

Linda McInerney's work agreement for special education transportation was amended up 1/2 hour each week at \$9.25 an hour, effective December 19, 2014.

Brian Gravatt's special education transportation agreement was changed to three days a week, Monday-Thursday, at \$9.25 an hour, effective January 12, 2015.

Brittany Kjelden was hired as a part-time custodian for not more than 20 hours a week at \$8.50 an hour.

The board approved the amendment for the Safe Route to School grant to be extended to January 11, 2017. Superintendent Joe Schwan said that he would at least like to see sidewalk on the south end of the football field.

The board approved the resignation of Joey Padfield with the final date of employment of January 23, 2015. Joey has gotten a job in Aberdeen at \$2 an hour more and will not have to commute back and forth. He has been a custodian.

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

Dakota State Fall Honors List Released

A total of 397 full-time and 143 part-time students qualified for the President's Academic Honors list for the 2014 Fall Semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison, S.D. Shannon Wright of Columbia achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honors list.

GT Robotics Competition is Jan. 24

The Groton Area Robotics Competition will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, with the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. and the closing and awards ceremony around 4:30 p.m. The event will be held at the GHS Gym. You can stop in any time to watch the competition.

There will be a skills challenge competition of individuals at 1 p.m. The remainder of the day will involve team competition, including Groton's four teams.

Groton boys lose

According to the Associated Press, the Groton Area boys basketball team lost to Tiospa Zina last night, 44-31. Stats were not available this morning.

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This is only a proposed Draft Copy that is being reviewed by the school board and faculty

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2015-2016
SCHOOL CALENDAR
Revised 1/8/2015

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AUGUST

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August 24 - Faculty Inservice
24 - Welcome Back Picnic (5:00 PM)
24 - PK-6 Open House (6:30 PM)
25 - Faculty Inservice
26 - 1st Day of School

JANUARY

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September 7 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
TBD - Homecoming Coronation
TBD - Homecoming

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October 12 - Native American Day - NO SCHOOL
19 - MS/HS Fall Family Night (6:00 PM)
23 - End of 1st Quarter (40)
23 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

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November 11 - Veterans Day
12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:30)
13 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
25-27 - Thanksgiving Break

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December 21 - January 1 - Christmas Break

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January 4 - School Resumes
8 - End of 1st Semester (41/81)
22 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL

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February 11 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:30)
12 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
15 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL

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March 10-11 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
16 - End of 3rd Quarter (44)
25 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
28 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

MAY

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April 10 - Pops Concert (2:00 & 7:00)
22 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
23 - Prom
28 - FCCLA Style Show

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| August | 4 | 2 | 6 |
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| October | 20 | 1 | 21 |
| November | 17 | 2 | 19 |
| December | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| January | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| February | 19 | 2 | 21 |
| March | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| April | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| May | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| Totals | 169 | 8 | 177 |

May 2 - Kiwanis Athletic Banquet
3 - Elementary Spring Concert (7:00)
9 - MS/HS Spring Concert (7:00)
15 - SENIOR GRADUATION (2:00)
19 - End of 2nd Semester (44/88)
20 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
30 - Memorial Day

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|  | Faculty In-Service |
|  | No School |
|  | Important Dates |
|  | P/T Conferences |
|  | End of Quarter |

****All make-up days will be added on to the end of the school year.**

Today in Weather History

1913: The temperature at Rapid City, South Dakota, rose sixty-four degrees in just fourteen hours.

1916: Extreme cold affected central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota on January 13th, 1916. Record low temperatures were set at Kennebec, Timber Lake, Wheaton, and Watertown. Timber lake recorded a low temperature of 37 degrees below zero, Wheaton fell to 38 degrees below zero, Kennebec recorded a low of 39 degrees below zero, with 40 degrees below zero recorded at Watertown on this day in 1916. Aberdeen and Mobridge recorded 38 degrees below zero and 36 degrees below zero, respectively.

2009: After a clipper system dropped from 1 to 4 inches of snow on the 13th, Arctic air and blustery north winds pushed into the area. The coldest air and the lowest wind chills of the season spread across much of central and northeast South Dakota. Wind chills fell to 35 to 50 degrees below zero late in the evening of the 13th and remained through the 14th and into the mid-morning hours of the 15th. Across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota, wind chills were as low as 60 degrees below zero by the morning of the 15th. Many vehicles did not start because of the extreme cold and several schools had delayed starts. The Arctic high pressure area settled in on the morning of the 15th bringing the coldest temperatures to the region in many years. The combination of a fresh and deep snow pack, clear skies, and light winds allowed temperatures to fall to record levels at many locations on the 15th. Daytime highs remained well below zero across the area. This was one of the coldest days that most areas experienced since the early 1970s. The records were broken by 1 to as much as 7 degrees. Some of the record lows included, -30 degrees at Kennebec; -31 degrees at Sisseton; -32 degrees at Milbank; -33 degrees at Mobridge; -35 degrees at Andover and near Summit; -38 degrees at Eureka; -39 degrees 8 miles north of Columbia and Castlewood; -42 degrees at Aberdeen; and -47 degrees at Pollock. Some near record low temperatures included, -24 degrees at Pierre; -29 degrees at Redfield and Victor; -32 degrees at Roscoe; and -34 degrees at Watertown. In Aberdeen, the low temperature of -42 degrees tied the third coldest temperature ever recorded.

1979 – A strong winter storm moved across Illinois. Peoria, Illinois reported a total of 12.2 inches of snow from this 3-day storm. The heaviest snow from this storm fell in the Chicago metropolitan area, where up to 2 feet of snow paralyzed the city. The southern half of Illinois did report some snow, with up to 6 inches near Charleston and north of I-72, as well as some freezing rain.

1886 - A great blizzard struck the state of Kansas without warning. The storm claimed 50 to 100 lives, and eighty percent of the cattle in the state. (David Ludlum)

1888 - The mercury plunged to 65 degrees below zero at Fort Keough, located near Miles City MT. The reading stood as a record for the continental U.S. for sixty-six years. (David Ludlum)

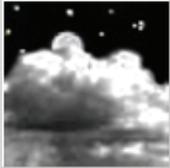
1912 - The temperature at Oakland, MD, plunged to 40 degrees below zero to establish a state record. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Dry and mild weather prevailed across the country. Nineteen cities in the Upper Midwest reported record high temperatures for the date, including Grand Island NE with a reading of 67 degrees. (National Weather Summary)

1988 - A fast moving cold front ushered arctic cold into the north central and northeastern U.S. Mason City IA reported a wind chill reading of 51 degrees below zero, and Greenville ME reported a wind chill of 63 degrees below zero. Winds along the cold front gusted to 63 mph at Rochester NY, and a thunderstorm along the cold front produced wind gusts to 62 mph at Buffalo NY, along with snow and sleet. (National Weather Summary)

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| TODAY | TONIGHT | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY NIGHT | THURSDAY | THURSDAY NIGHT | FRIDAY |
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| Increasing Clouds High: 14 °F | Mostly Cloudy Low: 4 °F | Partly Sunny High: 26 °F | Partly Cloudy Low: 15 °F | Mostly Sunny High: 32 °F | Partly Cloudy Low: 17 °F | Mostly Sunny High: 35 °F |



Let the warming begin!



Today



Light snow, possibly mixing with light Freezing Drizzle, is possible across the I-29 corridor late this afternoon and evening.

Wednesday



Highs: Mid 20s

Thursday



Highs: Lower 30s

Friday



Highs: Mid 30s

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

 weather.gov/Aberdeen
 National Weather Service Aberdeen
  @NWSAberdeen
 Updated: 1/13/2015 4:40 AM Central

A quick moving upper level disturbance will bring a chance of light snow, possibly mixing with light freezing drizzle, to far sections of eastern South Dakota later this afternoon. Once this feature moves east, warmer air is once again forecast to return to the upper Midwest beginning Wednesday and continuing for the remainder of the week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 0.3 at 3:08 PM

Low: -13.0 at 11:11 PM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 14 at 3:20 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 56° in 1987

Record Low: -40° in 1912

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.21

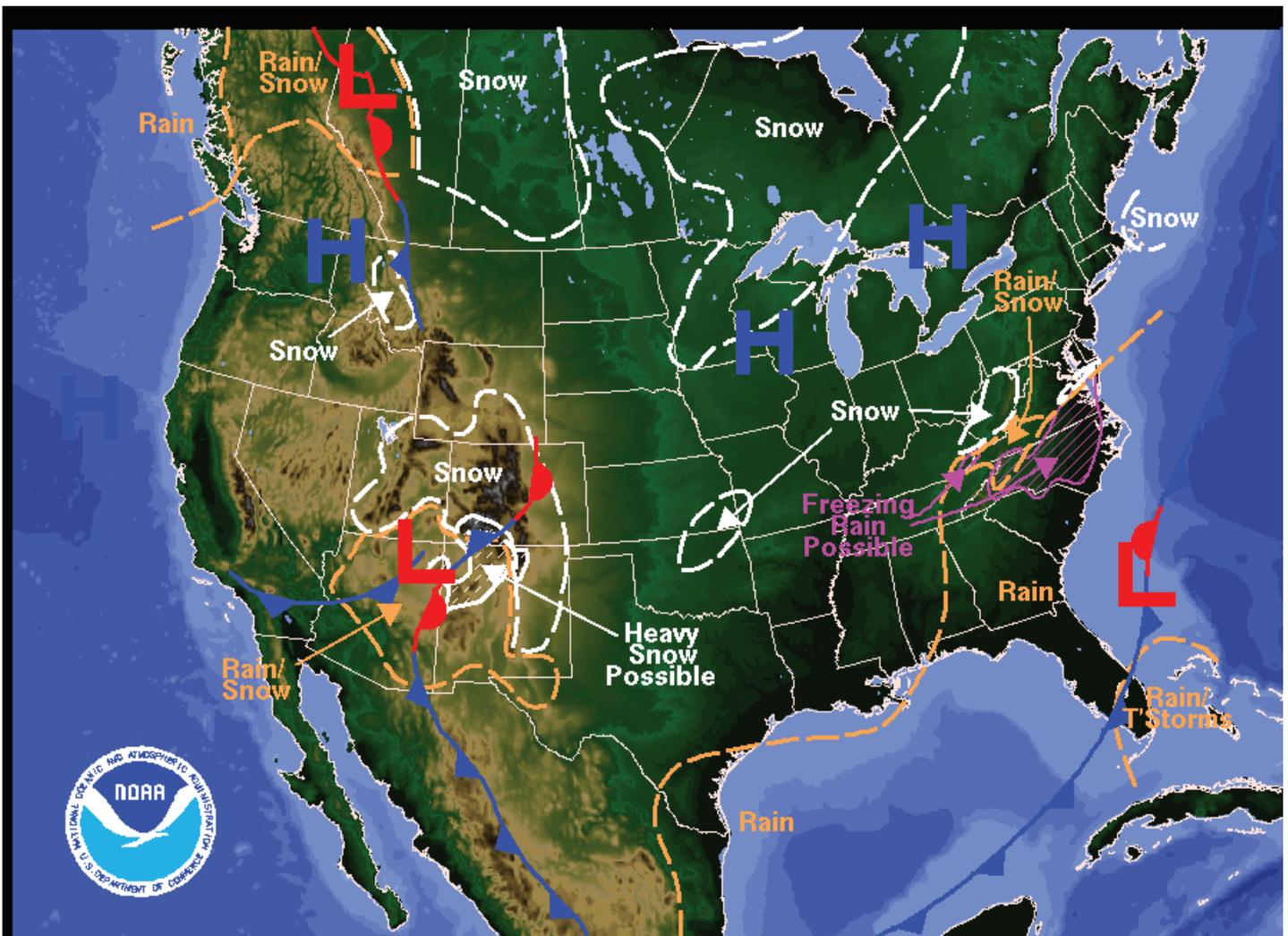
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40

Average Precip to date: 0.21

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:10 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jan 13, 2015, issued 3:30 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WISE WORDS PREVENT PROBLEMS

"Loose Lips Sink Ships" was a widely quoted slogan during World War II. It was part of the US Office of Information's attempt to limit the possibility of people inadvertently giving useful information to enemy spies. It was one of the several slogans that came under the campaign's basic message "Careless Talk Costs Lives."

While our talk may not "cost lives" careless speak is costly and can cause serious problems.

Years ago Solomon realized this and said, "Those who guard their lips guard their lives." It is like placing a boundary around what we want people to know or think about us. Being careful is wise because we will not have to try to explain what we mean if we express an unclear thought or idea. We will not have to apologize or make amends or be fearful for things we might have said that could stain someone's reputation if we speak unkindly. In fact, later on in Proverbs, Solomon said that our "tongues have the power of life and death."

There is also the person who "speaks rashly." This person speaks without taking time to think or makes statements that are untrue, intending to hurt, harm or destroy and take advantage of others. Many of us have endured – even struggled to survive – false stories or outright lies about us as others intended to disturb our image. We have been left fearful and untrusting because of their unfair words.

But we are to take heart. Our God is a fair and just God and He will, in His own time, make things right. Those who "speak rashly will come to ruin."

Prayer: Father, we are grateful that You know "who we are" and protect us from harm and make things right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 13:3 Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.

An advertisement for "Fried Chicken Day" at Andover Bar & Grill. The text "FRIDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DAY" is written in large, bold, brown letters. A fried chicken drumstick is positioned over the word "FRIED". Below this, it says "Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy". A red starburst graphic contains the text "Serving 5-9 p.m.". At the bottom left, there is a graphic of wings with the text "WE'VE GOT WINGS! Every Wednesday!". On the right, there is a logo for "ANDOVER BAR & GRILL" featuring a grill, a beer, and flames. At the bottom right, the address and phone number "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" are listed.

Winter wheat acres for harvest differ in the Dakotas

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — This year's winter wheat crop is bigger in South Dakota but smaller in North Dakota.

The Agriculture Department estimates winter wheat acres for harvest in South Dakota this year at 1.48 million, up 22 percent from 1.21 million acres last year.

In North Dakota, the acres for harvest are estimated at 400,000, down more than half from last year's record of 870,000. Winter wheat is not a staple crop in North Dakota, and acres can fluctuate greatly from year to year.

Winter wheat acres also are down nationally, about 5 percent to 40.5 million acres.

Bond set for Rapid City woman facing murder charge

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A judge has set bond at \$250,000 for a Rapid City woman accused of stabbing to death her boyfriend.

Forty-three-year-old Corinne Vermillion is charged with second-degree murder in the death of 37-year-old Donny Ladeaux at a public housing complex in Pennington County last Thursday.

Preliminary autopsy results concluded Ladeaux died from a single stab wound to the chest at the apartment he shared with Vermillion.

Vermillion says she stabbed Ladeaux in self-defense during an argument.

Flu-related death of 2-year-old marks 13th confirmed case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — State health officials say a 2-year-old Sioux Falls girl is the 13th person to die from the flu in South Dakota.

An epidemiologist for the state Department of Health says it was the first pediatric death to occur this flu season.

The department says the number of influenza deaths increased to 12 confirmed cases last week. It says there were only three flu-related deaths in the state the week before.

The Department of Health says the number of flu-related hospitalizations also has doubled. It reported 245 total hospitalizations on Jan. 9, up from 121 hospitalizations listed on a Jan. 2 report.

The department says the number of confirmed flu cases jumped from 281 to 480 within that one-week period.

As Legislature returns, Daugaard to deliver State of State

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is expected to discuss his proposal for a transportation funding package as well as other legislative priorities in the annual State of the State address.

Lawmakers are returning Tuesday for the start of the 2015 legislative session and will gather for the governor's speech in the state House chamber. They will craft a spending plan for the next budget year this session and are expected to tackle a host of other issues, including transportation funding and a juvenile justice system overhaul.

Daugaard told The Associated Press on Monday that he is "convinced that we have a need to address

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highway funding this year, and I will have a proposal.”

He declined to give specifics of his plan until he’s shared it with the full Legislature.

It’s possible that the Republican-controlled Legislature could resort to hiking taxes to secure that financing.

A bill put forward this year after interim deliberations would raise more than \$100 million annually in new revenue through a variety of fuel tax increases, vehicle fees and other assessments. The biggest sticking point is a tax hike on dyed diesel fuel often used by farm equipment. Agricultural groups have pushed back against that plan.

Daugaard also said he will discuss his plan to overhaul the state’s juvenile justice system and will touch on railroad infrastructure, workforce development initiatives and attempts to create more efficient government by cutting red tape and repealing or simplifying unnecessary statutes.

Daugaard is expected to tout the \$50 million Build Dakota Scholarship program in which the state matches a \$25 million gift from philanthropist T. Denny Sanford. Officials have said the program announced last month will help fill empty jobs and address a worker shortage that is hindering South Dakota’s growth.

Democrats are expected this session to continue their call for hiking South Dakota’s teacher pay — the state ranks last in the nation for teacher compensation, according to the National Education Association. They also will keep pushing to expand South Dakota’s Medicaid program to cover more low-income people in the state.

Daugaard said Monday that he still opposes the expansion envisioned in the Affordable Care Act, and in the past he has unsuccessfully asked the federal government to approve a state-specific plan.

Supporters of a straightforward expansion will likely face similar opposition in the Legislature. Republicans hold 58 of the 70 state House seats and 27 of the 35 Senate seats.

SD School of Mines sponsoring its first day at Capitol

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A dose of technology will greet South Dakota lawmakers gathering in Pierre for the first day of the legislative session.

The School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City will host its first Mines Day at the Capitol rotunda on Tuesday.

The day-long event will feature a variety of interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities and informational booths. Exhibits will feature 3D printing technology, a chemistry magic show, unmanned aerial vehicles, a physics light display and other attractions.

A look at what’s next after SD gay marriage ban struck down

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge in South Dakota has ruled the state’s ban on same-sex marriages unconstitutional, but the decision doesn’t mean gay couples can immediately wed.

Some questions and answers about the decision Monday:

Q: WHAT’S THE GIST OF THE LAWSUIT?

A: Six same-sex couples filed the federal complaint in May in Sioux Falls challenging a 1996 law passed by the Legislature and a voter-approved 2006 constitutional amendment banning gay marriages in South Dakota.

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Q: DOES THE FEDERAL JUDGE'S RULING MEAN THAT SAME-SEX COUPLES CAN NOW OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

A: No. Although U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier asserted in her decision Monday that the plaintiffs "have a fundamental right to marry," she put on hold her ruling pending a potential appeal from the state.

Q: SO WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

A: Attorney General Marty Jackley said the state will appeal the case to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a conservative-leaning federal appeals court that in 2006 affirmed Nebraska's right to ban same-sex marriages.

"It remains the state's position that the institution of marriage should be defined by the voters of South Dakota and not the federal courts," Jackley said.

Q: WHAT'S THIS 8TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS?

A: It hears federal appeals cases from seven states, including South Dakota. Eight of the 11 active judges in the court are Republican appointees, while three were appointed by Democratic presidents. It is generally considered more conservative than other circuit courts, said Adam Romero, senior counsel in the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law.

Q: HOW HAVE THESE APPELLATE COURTS PREVIOUSLY RULED ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE CASES?

A: In November, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals based in Cincinnati became the first appellate court to rule in favor of state bans since a Supreme Court decision in 2013 struck part of the federal anti-gay marriage law. Plaintiffs from Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee are now asking the court to reverse that decision. Four other appeals courts — based in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and Richmond, Virginia — have ruled in favor of gay and lesbian couples. Arguments over bans in three Southern states were held last week before a New Orleans-based appellate court.

Q: WHAT DO THE PLAINTIFFS THINK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL APPEAL?

A: The South Dakota couples' attorney, Josh Newville, said Monday's developments were the last chance for the state's "elected officials to be on the right side of history" by not appealing Schreier's decision.

Q: WHAT'S THE STATUS OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ACROSS THE U.S.?

A: The District of Columbia and 36 states — including neighboring Minnesota, Iowa, Wyoming and Montana — presently allow gay couples to marry. That's twice as many as just three months ago.

Q: WILL THE SUPREME COURT CONSIDER A CASE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE SOON?

A: The U.S. Supreme Court again is considering whether to hear a gay marriage case, and more appeals court rulings — especially if they conflict — could increase the likelihood the justices will do so.

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Monday's Scores The Associated Press

Boys Basketball

Aberdeen Christian 77, Northwestern 53
Canistota 74, Gayville-Volin 62
Ethan 66, Bridgewater-Emery 50
Flandreau Indian 64, Great Plains Lutheran 38
Garretson 52, Dell Rapids St. Mary 34
Gregory 80, Andes Central 30
Hanson 75, Parkston 71, 2OT
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Judge rules SD same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge on Monday declared South Dakota's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional, but marriage licenses won't be immediately issued because the ruling was put on hold pending a potential appeal.

U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier sided in favor of the six couples who filed the lawsuit in May in Sioux Falls. The lawsuit challenges a 1996 state law and a voter-approved 2006 constitutional amendment that ban gay marriage.

"Plaintiffs have a fundamental right to marry," Schreier wrote. "South Dakota law deprives them of that right solely because they are same-sex couples and without sufficient justification."

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Attorney General Marty Jackley on Monday said the state will appeal the case to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a conservative-leaning federal appeals court that in 2006 affirmed Nebraska's right to ban same-sex marriages.

"It remains the state's position that the institution of marriage should be defined by the voters of South Dakota and not the federal courts," Jackley said.

He said he's obligated by law to defend both the state constitution and state statutes.

Two other states — Arkansas and Missouri — already have appealed similar federal district court rulings to the 8th Circuit. This court is generally considered more conservative than others, said Adam Romero, senior counsel in the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law. However, Romero warned, judges "from all ideological perspectives" have tended to agree that state marriage bans are unconstitutional since the U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act in 2013.

"While it is impossible to predict what the court will ultimately do, given the large number of judges who have struck down same-sex marriage bans, we can assume that the 8th Circuit will give the marriage bans in this circuit a very, very close scrutiny," Romero said.

The U.S. Supreme Court again is considering whether to hear a gay marriage case, and more appeals court rulings — especially if they conflict — could increase the likelihood the justices will do so.

In November, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals based in Cincinnati became the first appellate court to recently uphold state bans on same-sex marriage. Plaintiffs from Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee are asking the Supreme Court to reverse that decision. Four other appeals courts — based in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and Richmond, Virginia — have ruled in favor of gay and lesbian couples. Arguments over bans in three Southern states were held last week before a New Orleans-based appellate court.

Romero said that the more cases that are pending at the 8th Circuit will only increase the pressure on that court to issue its ruling. But the court could put the cases on hold if the Supreme Court decides to take on the issue.

Presently, 36 states and the District of Columbia allow same-sex couples to marry, nearly twice as many as just three months ago.

The South Dakota couples' attorney, Josh Newville, said Monday's developments represent the last opportunity for the state's "elected officials to be on the right side of history" by not appealing Schreier's decision.

"I would say that Attorney General Jackley needs to consider very seriously the amount of money that he's pouring into this lawsuit on behalf of the state to keep a discriminatory law in place," Newville said.

Five of the couples have already married in either Iowa, Connecticut or Minnesota. Nancy Rosenbrahn, of Rapid City, married her longtime partner in April in Minneapolis.

"On one hand, this is like the best present ever," Rosenbrahn said of the decision Monday. "On the other hand, you go back and you say 'Well, yeah, it should be a yes,' because we are no different than anybody else. There is no reason to say we can't get married. There is no valid reason to do that anymore."

Governor to talk transportation funding in State of State

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard will kick off South Dakota's 2015 legislative session on Tuesday with a State of the State address that will highlight issues ranging from road and bridge funding to workforce development initiatives.

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Lawmakers will gather at the state Capitol in Pierre to craft a spending plan for the next budget year and tackle a host of other issues over the course of the session. Perhaps the most significant debate facing legislators is transportation funding, and there could be tax increases in Republican-dominated South Dakota to secure that financing.

A bill put forward this year after interim deliberations would raise more than \$100 million annually in new revenue through a variety of fuel tax increases, vehicle fees and other assessments. The specifics of Dugaard's plan weren't available.

"I'm convinced that we have a need to address highway funding this year, and I will have a proposal," Dugaard told The Associated Press on Monday. He declined to make more details available until sharing the plan with the full Legislature.

Dugaard said he will discuss in his speech to lawmakers his plan to overhaul the state's juvenile justice system. He also will speak about railroad infrastructure, workforce development initiatives and making a more efficient government by cutting red tape and repealing or simplifying unnecessary statutes. The governor said he plans to highlight the success of a program that allows students to take college courses while in high school and earn credits for both.

Dugaard also will promote the \$50 million Build Dakota Scholarship program in which the state matches a \$25 million gift from philanthropist T. Denny Sanford. Officials have said the program announced last month will help fill empty jobs and address a worker shortage that is hindering South Dakota's growth.

"I'm excited about it," Dugaard said of the address, which will be in the state House chamber. "We've got some good proposals, and we've got some good history and success to celebrate, too."

Democrats will continue their call for hiking South Dakota's teacher pay — the state ranks last in the nation for teacher compensation, according to the National Education Association. They also will keep pushing to expand South Dakota's Medicaid program to cover more low-income people in the state.

Dugaard said Monday that he still opposes the expansion envisioned in the Affordable Care Act, and in the past he has unsuccessfully asked the federal government to approve a state-specific plan.

Supporters of a straightforward expansion will likely face a similar wall in the Legislature. Republicans hold 58 of the 70 state House seats and 27 of the 35 Senate seats.

Report: Lower Brule tribal leaders mishandled millions

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Leaders on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation misdirected millions of dollars in federal funding intended to help impoverished tribal members, a nonprofit group alleges in a report released Monday.

Human Rights Watch outlined numerous allegations against longtime Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Chairman Michael Jandreau and others, accusing them of diverting money and concealing financial activity by withholding government documents from the public.

Jandreau did not respond to phone messages seeking comment but later Monday released a statement condemning the report as baseless, inaccurate and merely a rehash of previous misstatements by political dissenters.

"The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe condemns the biased, error-ridden, defamatory attack on the Lower Brule Sioux leadership, Lower Brule Sioux sovereignty, and the Lower Brule Sioux people," it states.

"It's full of factual errors, misrepresentations, and outright falsehoods. We're exploring our legal options," Jandreau wrote.

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Human Rights Watch started its two-year probe after learning of allegations of wrongdoing while doing other work on the reservation, said Arvind Ganesan, the group's director of business and human rights.

Ganesan wrote that the Bureau of Indian Affairs told him in September that the U.S. Commerce Department's Office of Inspector General was looking into some of the allegations but that it declined to go into detail. Neither the BIA nor the Office of Inspector General responded to phone messages Monday seeking comment, and the U.S. attorney's office said it could not comment on the matter.

According to the report, an estimated \$25 million in federal money that the tribe received between 2007 and 2013 for specific projects was redirected into its general fund and went toward "unexplained expenditures."

"We found millions of dollars in federal funds for education, for assistance to the poor, for water that had been diverted and spent without explanation," Ganesan said.

For example, an outside audit found that \$2.6 million in federal funding intended for schools was diverted to the tribe's general budget, the report said. The result was the tribe didn't invest that money in schools, which have shown a sharp decline in quality since 2007-2008 when allegations of wrongdoing first surfaced, prompting some parents to send their children to other districts, the report found.

Also, annual audits found that since at least 2006, the tribal council has bought more than \$1 million in land from anonymous sellers without listing the purpose or reason for the purchases, the report found.

Human Rights Watch said the "most blatant example" of wrongdoing stems from the tribe's purchase of a New York-based brokerage firm, Westrock Advisors.

The report accuses tribal leaders and their business partners of setting up several shell companies and then securing a \$22.5 million federal loan guarantee from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Rather than putting the money toward its stated purpose of economic development, the money was used to buy Westrock, which went bankrupt two years later, the report said. The guarantee was ultimately sold for about \$20 million to another company, though the tribe hasn't disclosed the status of the loan, the report found.

Besides tribal members, the report said people who invested in Westrock were also taken advantage of because it "sold questionable notes in the company in an attempt to raise cash."

Human Rights Watch said Westrock creditors who lost their life savings and the son of an investor who lost more than \$100,000 "were asked to reinvest for a greater return by tribal or Westrock representatives, but refused," the report states.

In his statement, Jandreau did not address the Westrock allegations, or any others in specifics.

Ganesan said he hopes the report helps ensure that all tribal governments fulfill their responsibility to care for their people by being open and accountable, that the federal and Lower Brule governments will disclose what happened to the missing money, and that there's an investigation.

Kevin Wright, one of three newly elected council members who want to overhaul the council, said a tribal court hearing scheduled for Monday over a restraining order against the three council members was delayed because the judge was sick.

"What they're trying to do is remove us to stop us from removing them, so they can stay in there and keep mishandling funds," Wright said.

Number of measles cases reported in South Dakota reaches 13

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Department of Health officials say the number of measles cases in the state is up to 13.

State epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger said nine of the cases involve people who live in the Mitchell area and four are people from out of state.

Measles is a highly contagious airborne viral disease transmitted from one person to another by direct contact or droplet spread. It can cause permanent brain damage or even death.

The state's last reported case of the measles before the recent outbreak was 1997.

Kightlinger says the best protection against the disease is the measles vaccine.

Trooper wounded in Kimball shooting released from hospital

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper wounded during a standoff near Kimball has been released from the hospital.

Sgt. John Koenig was shot by a rifle last week in the arm and the side when he responded to a report of a person threatening law enforcement officers.

The 28-year veteran of the patrol is stationed in Chamberlain.

Forty-two-year-old Donald London, of Kimball, and his father, 66-year-old Michael London, of Chamberlain, are charged with multiple felonies in connection with the standoff.

Attorney: Landowners still have options in pipeline dispute

GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska opponents of the Keystone XL oil pipeline will continue to fight the project, even though the state's highest court allowed its planned route to stand, an attorney for the group said Monday.

Omaha attorney Dave Domina said landowners on the route can challenge the project again once pipeline developer TransCanada uses eminent domain to get access to their property. Once the company begins that process, Domina said individual landowners can fight the company in court battles that could take two to three years with appeals.

In addition, Domina said the landowners could file a new legal challenge against the law itself, using landowners who live directly on the route. Or they could lobby Nebraska lawmakers to try to change the law. It's too early to know which approach they'll choose, Domina said.

"This decision has simply been punted down the road, to be answered another day," Domina said in an interview. "It's up to TransCanada to make the next move."

The Nebraska Supreme Court on Friday ruled against three landowners who sought to overturn Nebraska's 2012 pipeline-siting law, which they say violates the state constitution. Not all of the plaintiffs owned property along the route, but the group sought legal standing as Nebraska taxpayers challenging an illegal use of state money to review the project. TransCanada later reimbursed the state.

The Nebraska attorney general's office argued that, among other things, that the landowners didn't have legal standing to bring the case.

The high court ruled 4-3 that the plaintiffs had standing, and four judges also deemed the law unconstitutional. The remaining three declined to review the constitutional arguments, arguing that the landowners lacked the legal standing. A five-judge supermajority was needed to overturn the law because it raised a constitutional question.

Pipelines are generally reviewed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission, but the siting law al-

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lowed then-Gov. Dave Heineman to approve it after a review by the state's environmental department. Heineman, a Republican, supported the pipeline, and the environmental department is a part of the governor's administration. Public Service Commission members are elected.

TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard said offers to landowners are set to expire on Friday, at which point the company can begin eminent domain proceedings. Howard said the company will continue to discuss deals with landowners who are still negotiating in good faith. When warning letters were sent in December, the company said it had voluntary agreements from 84 percent of landowners along the route.

The \$8 billion pipeline would carry oil from Canada through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Environmentalists and other opponents argue that any leaks could contaminate water supplies, and that the project would increase air pollution around refineries and harm wildlife. But many Republicans, oil industry members and other backers say that those fears are exaggerated and that the pipeline would create jobs and ease American dependence on oil from the Middle East. They note a U.S. State Department report raised no major environmental objections.

Four-time FCS champions NDSU finish atop both national polls

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State finished atop both national polls after winning its fourth straight Football Championship Subdivision title over the weekend by defeating Illinois State.

The Bison received all 152 first-place votes in the Sports Network poll and all 25 first-place votes in the poll of FCS coaches. NDSU finished with a 15-1 record.

The Bison rallied to defeat Illinois State 29-27 Saturday in the FCS title game in Frisco, Texas. The Redbirds finished second in both polls.

South Dakota State wound up 12th and 13th in the two polls.

Six Missouri Valley Football Conference teams were rated in the final polls.

Senate advances Keystone bill despite Obama veto threat

DAVID ESPO, Associated Press

DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation approving construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline cleared an initial Senate hurdle Monday, a victory for newly empowered Republicans angling for a quick veto showdown with President Barack Obama.

The bipartisan 63-32 vote was three more than the 60 required, and well above the level the highly controversial measure ever gained in recent years when Democrats controlled the Senate.

The measure has sparked intense debate over the Canada-to-Texas pipeline's potential impact on employment and the environment. While the project was proposed six years ago, the White House opposes the legislation as long as the administration is still conducting its formal review.

But with more than enough votes at their command, Republican and Democratic supporters said they hoped the legislation could win final approval and be sent to the White House by the end of next week.

"President Obama has every reason to sign the jobs and infrastructure bill that we will pass," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. He noted that the Nebraska Supreme Court had recently rejected a legal challenge brought by opponents, an obstacle the White House had cited.

Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, made the case for the opposition. He said that if constructed, the pipe-

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line would carry "some of the dirtiest, most dangerous and most polluting oil in the world." He called the project "anti-clear water, anti-clear air, anti-public health."

The proposed 1,179-mile pipeline would begin in Canada, enter the United States at Morgan, Montana, cut across South Dakota and connect with an existing pipeline in Steele City, Nebraska, that in turn reaches refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast. It would carry an estimated 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

The White House has repeatedly threatened a veto. If Obama follows through, it will become the first of what are expected to be numerous clashes with the Republican majorities now in control of both houses of Congress.

Since Congress convened on Jan. 6, the White House has issued a total of five veto threats, including two Monday.

By bringing the legislation to a vote swiftly after taking over the Senate majority, Republicans hope to achieve two goals at once.

Passing the measure is the first. Ushering in a new era of open Senate debate, with the opportunity for lawmakers to seek votes on proposed changes, is the second.

"It's the latest example of Congress getting back to work under a new Republican majority," said McConnell, in a jab at Democrats who have generally blocked votes on amendments over the past few years.

Democrats said they welcomed that, and some readied proposed changes that would try to put Republicans on record concerning climate change.

The Republican-controlled House passed pipeline legislation last week, as it often has in recent years. This time, for the first time since the project was proposed six years ago, the Senate is in Republican hands and the legislation commands enough bipartisan support to assure its approval — if not enough to override a veto.

The most recent Senate vote, held in November, was on passage of a bill identical to the one voted on Monday. That gained 59 votes.

This time, 52 Republicans, 10 Democrats and one independent voted to allow it to advance. All the votes in opposition were cast by Democrats.

The pipeline project has unanimous support from Republicans in Congress, but it divides Democrats. Environmentalists generally oppose the legislation, while several unions support it for the jobs it would create.

In fact, there was significant debate over both the proposed project's impact on the environment and on the economy.

An environmental impact statement prepared by the State Department estimated that construction spending "would support a combined total of approximately 42,100 jobs throughout the United States for the up to 2-year construction period."

It added that not all the employment would be newly created, though. It said some of the jobs would be "continuity of existing jobs in current or new locations," a distinction often overlooked by the bill's supporters.

Once the proposed project opens, it will require "approximately 50 total employees in the United States: 35 permanent employees and 15 temporary contractors," the State Department estimated.

The project would have a bewildering range of possible impacts on the environment. They range from the effect on the Great Plains Aquifer under southern Nebraska to the fate of the American Burying Beetle, one of 14 species that could be affected that are proposed or currently receiving protection.

The review also said other options for extracting the oil and moving it toward refineries by rail or

tanker ship would have a worse impact on climate change, in some cases far worse.

Ex-South Dakota football player gets 5 years in scheme

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former University of South Dakota football player who recruited student-athletes, his girlfriend and others to defraud the IRS was sentenced Monday to more than five years in prison.

Alphonso "Rico" Valdez received the 61-month punishment from U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier along with an order to help some of the other defendants pay \$421,000 in restitution. Valdez pleaded guilty in October to federal charges of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and aggravated identity theft.

"The bad decision I made has haunted me for about three years now," Valdez said. "I was raised with better morals."

He has until February to turn himself in and start serving his sentence.

The 11 people involved in the scheme to defraud the IRS of \$1.1 million by filing bogus tax returns have pleaded guilty to charges now. Prosecutors have singled out Valdez, 23, of Tampa, Florida, as the leader of the group since the indictments against the fraud ring came more than two years ago.

In court Monday, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Haak drew parallels between the CEO of a company and Valdez's duties in the ring. Haak said Valdez was an "organizer, recruiter" in the scheme and the mastermind behind bringing the fraud to South Dakota in 2012, after meeting with two other men — who later became his co-defendants — in Tampa to discuss how to carry out the criminal activity.

"The thought was that he was going to get rich," Haak said.

But Valdez's attorney, Jason Tupman, said it's unfair to portray his client as the leader. He said Valdez "profited substantially less" than others involved in the scheme and did not recruit everyone involved.

Tupman said to treat Valdez different from those "who claimed a greater share of the funds" is inaccurate.

IRS special agent Corey Vickery testified Monday that Valdez took in about \$6,000 while others received between \$15,000 and \$50,000. The larger amounts went to the men who physically filled out and submitted the tax returns.

Most of the other defendants, like Valdez, are from the Tampa area.

Valdez and five others involved were USD football players while the scheme was going on. USD athletic director David Herbster told The Associated Press last week that the student-athletes "didn't exhibit anything that you would be overly suspicious of as far as somehow coming into an excess amount of money."

Judge Schreier said 117 people were affected by the ring, including a person who ended up being evicted and losing a vehicle.

Man accused of shooting trooper is a former police officer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of shooting a Highway Patrol trooper during a standoff near Kimball is a former law officer himself.

Forty-two-year-old Donald London was a police officer in Wheatland, Wyoming, in 1998-99. His career there ended when he was imprisoned for passing counterfeit money.

Wheatland Police Chief Randy Chesser says London was accused of passing a phony \$20 bill at a restaurant, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five months in federal prison.

London is charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault in last week's standoff, which au-

thorities say began when London and his father allegedly threatened officers. The trooper who was shot will recover.

London's father, Michael, also is a former officer, with the Chamberlain Police Department and Brule County Sheriff's Department in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

For Coke and Pepsi, smaller sodas could pay more

CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After watching Americans suck down Big Gulps for decades, Coke and Pepsi are realizing less could be more.

As people cut back on soda, the two beverage giants are pushing smaller cans and bottles they say contain fewer calories and induce less guilt. The goal is to offset falling consumption with packages that cost more per ounce and are appealing for their novelty and portion control.

That means 7.5-ounce "mini-cans" and 8-ounce and 8.5-ounce glass and aluminum bottles are taking up more space on supermarket shelves. The cans and bottles have been around for a few years, but Coke and Pepsi are making them more widely available and marketing them more aggressively. As part of its "Share-a-Coke" campaign that printed popular names on cans and bottles last year, for instance, Coke says it distributed a million mini-cans.

The focus on pushing an array of smaller packages signals a shift from the past couple decades, when beverage makers measured success by the sheer volume of soda they sold. Yet soda consumption has declined persistently in recent years, with public health officials blaming it for making people fat and calling for special taxes and even warning labels on cans.

Soda hit its peak in 1998, when Americans on average drank the equivalent of 576 cans of it a year, according to data from the industry tracker Beverage Digest. That figure was down to about 450 cans a year in 2013.

Instead of fighting what seems to be a losing battle, Coke and Pepsi are pushing smaller cans and bottles that make their products seem new as they compete with a proliferation of beverage options. The companies also say the newer sizes cater to people's desire for more modest servings.

"Coca-Cola is so delicious, but it's like sun tanning or cigarettes — they're these wonderful things that we now know are horrible for us," said Lauren Utvich, a 31-year-old food stylist in New York, who bought the Coke mini-cans when she first spotted them.

Utvich doesn't normally drink soda, but she likes that the mini-cans turn Coke into a relatively guiltless treat. But that's not the only reason she bought them. "Let's be honest. I like them because they're freaking adorable," said Utvich, who didn't pay attention to how much they cost.

During a presentation in November, Coke's North American president Sandy Douglas said the health and wellness trend has set up "a tremendous opportunity for the Coca-Cola brand with our smaller packages."

He noted a regular 12-ounce can of Coke on average sell for 31 cents. By comparison, a 7.5-ounce mini-can sells for 40 cents. That translates to 2.6 cents-per-ounce for a regular can, versus 5.3 cents-per ounce for the mini version.

Coca-Cola said that while it may be selling less soda, smaller packs are pushing up revenue. Sales of Coke's smaller sizes — which include a 1.25-liter bottle as an alternative to the 2-liter bottle — were up 9 percent last year through October, according to the presentation by Douglas. By comparison, sales of its 12-ounce cans and 2-liter bottles edged up 0.1 percent.

That doesn't mean Coke and Pepsi are abandoning their more generous servings, which still dominate

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the industry. And it's not clear how big the appetite for the newer cans and bottles can grow over time. In 2013, mini-cans accounted for 1.1 percent of sales volume in supermarkets, according to Beverage Digest. But they accounted for 2.4 percent of sales dollars, more than double their volume share.

Bonnie Herzog, a Wells Fargo beverage industry analyst, said the smaller options are part of how Coke is repositioning itself amid changing habits around soda. She noted the company is also pushing Coke Life, a reduced-calorie drink sweetened with a mix of sugar and stevia.

"It's responsible and it's realistic," Herzog said, noting the smaller sizes are marketed as "moments of pleasure" people don't have to give up.

Soda's bad reputation, after all, is in part the result of mushrooming sizes. For decades, Coke was sold primarily in 6.5-ounce glass bottles. In 1955, the company started introducing larger servings after Pepsi-Cola marketed a bigger glass bottle, according to Dan Deane, president of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club.

Eventually, he noted Coke sold a 3-liter plastic bottle in some regions.

Fountain sodas got bigger, too. In 1976, 7-Eleven introduced its 32-ounce Big Gulp, followed by a Double Gulp that holds 64 ounces, or a half gallon of liquid. A small drink at McDonald's today is 16 ounces, while a large is 30 ounces. But the bigger sizes that helped enrich Coke and Pepsi also backfired, with many now seeing it as a culprit for the nation's obesity rates.

In November, voters in Berkeley, California approved a special, per-ounce tax on sugary drinks.

Even as Coke and Pepsi fight such measures through their industry lobbying group, they're embracing the mantra of moderation.

This fall, Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper pledged at the Clinton Global Initiative to slash calorie consumption from beverages in the U.S. by 20 percent over the next decade. It sounds dramatic, but calories from drinks were falling anyway as people move away from soda on their own in favor of options like bottled water.

One of the ways the companies promised to achieve their goal: Smaller sizes.

Paul Ryan is out, Mitt Romney moves closer to '16 campaign

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The GOP's crowded 2016 presidential field has shifted sharply, with Paul Ryan, the party's last vice presidential nominee, bowing out, two-time presidential hopeful Mitt Romney marching toward his third campaign and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie stepping closer to his first.

The developments came as Republican officials from across the nation prepare to gather in San Diego this week to finalize an election calendar that will include the first debates of the campaign this summer. Romney is among four potential White House contenders expected to attend that meeting.

Ryan, a Wisconsin congressman and close Romney ally, thanked those who encouraged him to seek the presidency, but said he wanted to focus all of his attention on his new role as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"I'm ready to get on with my job, and I'm excited about what's ahead," Ryan told The Associated Press in an interview at the Capitol.

Ryan was among those Romney personally telephoned over the weekend to gauge their support for a third campaign, which was barely on the horizon at this time last week and would be the first return engagement of a losing major party nominee in decades.

Asked Monday if he would back another Romney run, Ryan demurred, saying, "It's premature for any of that."

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The former Massachusetts governor shocked former staff, supporters and donors on Friday when he told a private gathering in New York that he is again seriously exploring a campaign, a change for Romney after several months of insisting his career in politics had come to its end.

The next day, he and his wife, Ann, began reaching out to others as members of their inner circle started to revive a political operation that had begun to move on.

"The chances of him running are better than 50-50," said former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who spoke with Romney over the weekend.

Calls from Romney went to several other boldface names in Republican politics, including Ryan; former House Speaker Newt Gingrich; New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte and the state's former governor, John Sununu; Meg Whitman, chief executive at Hewlett-Packard Co.; Utah Rep. Jason Chaffetz; two former senators, Scott Brown of Massachusetts and Jim Talent of Missouri; and David Kochel, Romney's senior Iowa strategist in both of his previous campaigns.

"We had a great conversation. He made it clear to me he is seriously considering the race," said Jim Merrill, a top Romney staffer in New Hampshire during the 2008 and 2012 campaigns. "When you get a phone call like that at close to 9 on a Saturday night, it means something."

Former aides suggested Monday that Romney could easily become a force in the coming contest, pointing to the more than \$1 billion he raised and 60 million votes he garnered in the last election. Yet he would face far greater challenges in the next presidential contest than he did in the last, particularly in the early primaries against a field expected to feature more than a dozen Republicans with legitimate White House resumes, including several sitting governors and U.S. senators.

None threatens Romney's prospects more than former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, an early establishment favorite who has already begun to draw from the same pool of Republican donors who fueled Romney's last campaign.

Bush has yet to formally launch a campaign, but has been among the most aggressive would-be candidates in recent weeks, having launched a fundraising operation and attended a series of private meetings with donors across the country.

Romney could also face another establishment favorite, Christie, who is sending new signals that an announcement about his presidential plans could be imminent.

The Republican National Committee's top fundraiser, Texas-based Ray Washburne, is preparing to join Christie's team. He told the AP on Monday, "I won't be the national finance chairman at the end of the week." He declined to comment further because Christie has yet to announce his 2016 intentions.

Washburne was a leading fundraiser for Bush's brother, former President George W. Bush.

Christie's team is expected to start making moves to raise money for a prospective presidential campaign by the end of the month, according to a person who has been in touch with Christie's team, but who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the plans publicly.

That could include the potential formation of a political action committee to begin raising cash that can be used to support a prospective campaign, the person said.

Christie's chief political adviser, Mike DuHaime, declined to comment.

Meanwhile, a handful of presidential contenders were preparing Monday to appear later this week at the Republican National Committee's winter meeting in San Diego. The agenda is expected to include Romney, former neurosurgeon and conservative favorite Ben Carson, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and outgoing Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

The gathering will take place close to Romney's southern California home.

In New Hampshire on Monday, former New York Gov. George Pataki capped a two-day trip to the

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early voting state sounding very much like a politician ready to jump into the race. He told the AP in an interview he's again considering a White House campaign because the nation can't risk electing another Democratic president.

"That's one of the reasons I think the outcome of this election is so important, and I'm so much more inclined to get involved," Pataki said.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. POPE CALLS FOR RECONCILIATION IN VIOLENCE-SCARRED SRI LANKA

The pontiff's message to the nation where Catholics make only 7% of the population is to pursue the truth about civil war atrocities.

2. CHARLIE HEBDO PLANS 3 MILLION PRINT RUN OF NEW ISSUE

The satirical weekly's first edition after the terrorist attack will feature a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammed on its front page.

3. BODIES OF JEWISH VICTIMS OF PARIS ATTACK ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

The four who were killed while being held hostage in a kosher supermarket were flown from France for a solemn funeral ceremony which leading political figures will attend.

4. DIVERS RETRIEVE SECOND BLACK BOX FROM AIR ASIA CRASH

The cockpit voice recorder may shed light on why the Airbus A320 crashed less than halfway through its flight to Singapore.

5. BUCKEYES CLINCH FIRST PLAYOFF TITLE

Ohio State upsets Oregon 42-20 to win the College Football Playoff national championship.

6. WHAT ROMNEY COULD FACE IF HE RUNS AGAIN

Presidential candidates in 2016 are expected to include more than a dozen Republicans with legitimate White House resumes.

7. WHY THE NTSB IS PROBING DC METRO INCIDENT

Heavy smoke from an unknown source led to one death and forced hundreds to evacuate the L'Enfant Plaza station during rush hour.

8. ALBUQUERQUE OFFICERS FACE MURDER CHARGES

Police say a SWAT team member and a former police detective fatally shot a mentally ill homeless man who had frequent run-ins with the law.

9. HOW FIDEL CASTRO IS REBUTTING RUMORS OF HIS DEATH

Castro, who hasn't been seen in public for more than a year, reportedly writes a letter to soccer legend Diego Maradona with references to current events.

10. KEYSTONE PIPELINE CLEARS HURDLE IN SENATE

The legislation could win final approval and be sent to the White House by the end of next week.

AP News in Brief

Bulgarian officials report arrest of Frenchman linked to one of the Kouachi brothers.

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Bulgarian authorities say they have arrested a French citizen believed to have links to one of the Kouachi brothers suspected of the terror attack against Charlie Hebdo, the French

satirical magazine.

Darina Slavova, regional prosecutor of the southern province of Haskovo, said that Fritz-Joly Joachin, 29, had two European arrest warrants issued against him, including one for participating in a criminal organization with a terrorist aim.

Speaking on the private Nova TV channel, Slavova said the warrant cited his possible association with one of the attackers, Cherif Kouachi.

In Paris, President Francois Hollande led a ceremony honoring the three slain police officers.

Pope arrives in Sri Lanka on 1st leg of Asian tour, backs search for wartime truth, justice

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Pope Francis brought calls for reconciliation as well as justice as he arrived Tuesday in Sri Lanka at the start of a weeklong Asian tour, saying the island nation can't fully heal from a quarter-century of ethnic civil war without pursuing the truth about abuses that were committed.

In a show of ethnic coexistence, the pope's welcoming ceremony at Colombo's airport featured traditional dancers and drummers from both majority Sinhalese and minority Tamil ethnic groups, as well as a children's choir serenading him in both of Sri Lanka's languages — as well as Italian and English.

With 40 elephants dressed in colorful costumes lining the airport road behind him, Francis said that finding true peace after so much bloodshed "can only be done by overcoming evil with good, and by cultivating those virtues which foster reconciliation, solidarity and peace."

He didn't specifically mention Sri Lanka's refusal to cooperate with a U.N. investigation into alleged war crimes committed in the final months of the war. But he said: "The process of healing also needs to include the pursuit of truth, not for the sake of opening old wounds, but rather as a necessary means of promoting justice, healing and unity."

Tamil rebels fought a 25-year civil war to demand an independent Tamil nation after decades of perceived discrimination by governments dominated by the Sinhalese majority. U.N. estimates say 80,000 to 100,000 people were killed during the course of the war, which ended in 2009; other reports suggest the toll could be much higher.

POPE WATCH: Pope Francis, taking time to greet crowds in Sri Lanka, is already running late

Pope Francis arrived in Sri Lanka on Tuesday to start a highly anticipated six-day visit to Asia that will also take him to the Philippines.

Some in the crowds may have grumbled that Pope Francis' convoy had passed too quickly Tuesday morning, or that he hadn't stopped to greet them, but the pope took a long time to drive the 30 kilometers (20 miles) from Colombo's airport into the city.

Even with traffic blocked off, the lengthy airport arrival ceremony, combined with his frequent stops in the heat to greet and bless people in the crowds lining the convoy's route, had him running more than an hour behind schedule.

Senate Democrats ready additions to Keystone XL oil pipeline bill on climate, oil exports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats plan to use Senate consideration of the Keystone XL oil pipeline to get Republicans on the record about climate change and to resurrect parts of a bipartisan energy efficiency bill doomed by pipeline politics last year.

But Republicans readied additions of their own, such as lifting a ban on crude oil exports.

Other possible tweaks could attempt to ban exports of oil sent through the pipeline or force the pipeline's builders to use American-made steel.

Full-blown debate on the bill was expected to continue Tuesday after the Senate agreed 63-32 Monday to begin deliberating the measure.

Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, the lead Republican sponsor of the measure, said before the vote that the additions will "help us build the right kind of energy plan for our country."

Buckeye Bash: Ohio State overcomes setbacks to win first playoff title, beating Oregon 42-20

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ohio State was done when Braxton Miller got hurt in August.

Ohio State was done when it lost at home to Virginia Tech in September.

Ohio State was done when J.T. Barrett got hurt in November.

A funny thing happened: Every time the Buckeyes looked done, they kept getting better. And in the new era of college football, that was enough to earn a chance to win a championship.

They took advantage of an opportunity they never would have had in the BCS, shrugging off questions about if they belonged among the college football's final four. Cardale Jones, Ezekiel Elliott and the Buckeyes won the first College Football Playoff national championship, upsetting Marcus Mariota and Oregon 42-20 on Monday night.

Egyptian judicial official: No legal grounds to detain Mubarak after court ordered retrial

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian judicial official says there are no legal grounds to keep deposed President Hosni Mubarak in detention after an appeals court ordered his retrial in a corruption case.

The official at the chief prosecutor's office says Mubarak has the right to walk free after the country's top Appeals Court ordered a retrial in a corruption case against him and his two sons earlier Tuesday.

It was the only case still keeping Mubarak behind bars. Mubarak has already been cleared over the killings of protesters during Egypt's 2011 uprising that toppled him.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to media.

He says "paperwork is being processed" for Mubarak's release but declined to speculate if and when that could happen.

Palestinian leader Abbas, after 10 cautious years in office, dramatically challenges Israel

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — After a decade in power, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has little to show.

He is no closer to a deal on Palestinian statehood, has failed to reclaim the Gaza Strip from political rival Hamas and is being disparaged by some as a pliant guardian of Israeli security needs in the West Bank.

But the typically cautious 79-year-old dramatically changed course in the days before this week's tenth anniversary in office by signing up to the International Criminal Court. That could allow for war crimes complaints against Israel in what many believe is his strategy of last resort.

The court bid is part of a wider strategy Palestinians hope will bring international pressure to bear on Israel and improve their leverage in future statehood talks. They say the approach stems from frustration with two decades of failed talks overseen by staunch Israeli ally America. Israel accuses Abbas of trying to replace negotiations with a campaign to delegitimize the Jewish state.

The move carries unprecedented risks, but Palestinian officials say Abbas had to act.

AP-GfK Poll: Majority of Americans have an appetite for labeling genetically modified foods

WASHINGTON (AP) — A large majority of Americans support labeling of genetically modified foods, whether they care about eating them or not.

According to a December Associated Press-GfK poll, 66 percent of Americans favor requiring food manufacturers to put labels on products that contain genetically modified organisms, or foods grown from seeds engineered in labs. Only 7 percent are opposed to the idea, and 24 percent are neutral.

Fewer Americans say genetically modified ingredients are important to them when judging whether a food is healthy. About 4 in 10 said the presence of such ingredients was very or extremely important to them.

That's higher than the share who say it's important to know whether a food is organic, and about on par with the share saying they consider the amount of protein in a food an important factor.

For some, the debate over GMOs is about the food system overall. Andrew Chan of Seattle said he strongly favors labeling genetically modified ingredients, but those ingredients themselves aren't most important to him. As a parent, he said his top concern is the abundance of processed foods.

Israel buries 4 Jewish victims of Paris terror attack at supermarket

JERUSALEM (AP) — The funeral procession of the four Jewish victims of a Paris terror attack on a kosher supermarket has begun.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other public figures were gathering Tuesday in Jerusalem for the burial of Yohan Cohen, Yoav Hattab, Francois-Michel Saada and Phillipe Braham.

All died Friday during a tense hostage standoff at the market on the eastern edge of Paris. The bodies were brought by plane to Israel early Tuesday morning.

The four were among 17 people killed in a wave of terror attacks carried out over three days last week by militants claiming allegiance to al-Qaida and the Islamic State extremist groups.

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The attack deepened fears among European Jewish communities shaken by rising anti-Semitism.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2015. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1915, a magnitude-7 earthquake centered in Avezzano, Italy, claimed some 30,000 lives.

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in poverty in a New York hospital at age 37.

In 1883, the Henrik Ibsen play "An Enemy of the People" was first performed in Christiania (Oslo), Norway.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," (zhah-KOOZ') was published in Paris.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1964, Roman Catholic Bishop Karol Wojtyla (voy-TEE'-wah) (the future Pope John Paul II) was appointed Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, by Pope Paul VI.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minnesota, at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River after taking off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 2000, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive and promoted company president Steve Ballmer to the position.

Ten years ago: Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that would suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

Five years ago: Haitians piled bodies along the devastated streets of their capital a day after a powerful earthquake, while in Washington, President Barack Obama pledged an all-out rescue and relief effort. During the first hearing of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, top Wall Street bankers apologized for risky behavior that led to the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, but still declared it seemed appropriate at the time. Rhythm-and-blues singer Teddy Pendergrass died in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, at age 59.

One year ago: A shooting at a Wesley Chapel, Florida, movie theater left Chad Oulson, 43, dead; retired Tampa police captain Curtis Reeves, 71, is accused of killing Oulson during what authorities said was an argument over Oulson's texting just before a showing of the movie "Lone Survivor." Two Ful-

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lerton, California, police officers who were videotaped in a violent struggle with a homeless man, Kelly Thomas, during an arrest were acquitted by a jury in Santa Ana of killing him.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Frances Sternhagen is 85. TV personality Nick Clooney is 81. Actor-comedian Charlie Brill is 77. Actor Billy Gray is 77. Actor Richard Moll is 72. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 61. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 60. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 56. Actor Kevin Anderson is 55. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 54. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 54. Country singer Trace Adkins is 53. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 51. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 49. Actress Traci Bingham is 47. Actor Keith Coogan is 45. TV producer-writer Shonda Rhimes is 45. Actress Nicole Eggert is 43. Actor Michael Pena is 39. Actor Orlando Bloom is 38. Meteorologist Ginger Zee (TV: "Good Morning America") is 34. Actor Julian Morris is 32. Actor Liam Hemsworth (Film: "The Hunger Games") is 25.

Thought for Today: "I am tomorrow, or some future day, what I establish today. I am today what I established yesterday or some previous day." - James Joyce (1882-1941).

Driver's Exam Stations

Important: Application must be submitted at least 1 hour in advance of scheduled closing time. No drive tests will be given from 11:30 to 1:30. For more information see our website at www.dps.sd.gov call 1-800-952-3696.

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

Open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Webster: Courthouse Basement (711 W 1st St. - Ste. 107

Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD (photo copies cannot be accepted)

Federal requirements have changed the documents required to obtain or renew your South Dakota driver license or identification card. We want to make the process as quick and easy as possible for you.

Look over the documents on the list below, and if you have any questions at all, anything you don't understand or any documents you aren't sure you can find, please contact the Driver Licensing Program. You may email DPSLicensingInfo@state.sd.us (please include your first and last name) or call toll-free at 1-800-952-3696 or directly at 605-773-6883.

If you think you will have difficulty obtaining any of the documents please contact us. We may be able to arrange for an extension or a temporary permit while you gather the documents needed to obtain your federally compliant South Dakota driver license or identification card. If you find that you simply can't produce one of the required documents, we can work with you in those situations. Again, please use the contact information for the Driver Licensing Program if you have any questions or concerns.

The need to show the additional documents is a one-time requirement. That means once you have your federally compliant driver license or identification card in hand, you will only need that card and

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two documents to show your current address the next time you renew your driver license or identification card. If your driver license or identification card has a gold star in the upper right corner, then it is federally compliant.

Our staff is committed to providing the best service possible, so don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or email. We will help you in any way we can.

Federal regulations require anyone applying for a new, renewal, or duplicate driver license or identification card to provide the documents listed below and on page 2 (photo copies are not acceptable):

I. You will need one Identity Document. NOTE: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name. Acceptable documents for proof of a legal name change are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adoption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree). If you have had multiple marriages, you will need to bring similar documents providing legal proof of each name change (presenting a valid passport with your current name eliminates this requirement).

An Identity Document to prove identity, date of birth, and lawful status is considered to be one of the following:

- ◆ Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by state or county (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable)

- ◆ Valid unexpired U.S. passport
- ◆ Certificate of Naturalization
- ◆ Certificate of Citizenship

Non-Citizens may bring:

- ◆ Valid unexpired permanent resident card
- ◆ Valid unexpired employment authorization document
- ◆ Foreign passport with valid unexpired U.S. Visa with I-94

South Dakota birth and marriage certificate information is available on the state of South Dakota web site at <http://www.doh.sd.gov/vitalrecords/order.aspx> and through your local County Register of Deeds office. Marriage certificates before 1950 may not be available for same day issuance. For telephone numbers and addresses to write for out-of-state vital records, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>.

II. You will need one document to prove Social Security number. Only the documents listed below can serve as proof of Social Security number (the document must include your name and full social security number):

- ◆ Social Security card
- ◆ W-2 Form
- ◆ SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Non-SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Pay stub

(For information on how to apply for a social security number or replacement card, please visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>.)

III. You will need two documents to prove your residential address. A parent's proof of address is ac-

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ceptable for a minor child. Proof of address documents may **not be more than one year old**. Please bring two of the documents listed below (each must contain your current physical address):

- ◆ Utility bill
- ◆ Pay stub or earnings statement
- ◆ Rent receipt
- ◆ Phone bill
- ◆ Transcript or report card from an accredited school
- ◆ Bank statement
- ◆ Mortgage document
- ◆ Tax document
- ◆ Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- ◆ Other items with your address can be reviewed by Driver Licensing personnel
- ◆ If you are unable to provide proof of residency, please call 1-800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 for exceptions.
- ◆ Post Office Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned a street or 911 address

Address Exceptions:

Minors - If a minor does not have two documents proving residency, the parent may provide two forms for them.

Living with someone else - An individual residing with another person may have the other person sign a "Consent for Use of South Dakota Address" form and present two residency documents belonging to the person with whom they reside. The Consent for Use of Address form may be obtained at the exam station or printed off our website.

Living within an organization or at a facility - Applicants may provide a letter from the organization or facility (on their letterhead) stating the individual resides there.

People who travel full-time - If you are using a mail forwarding address, you must complete the Residency Affidavit. You will also need to provide one document no more than one year old proving your temporary South Dakota address (campground or RV park receipt) and one document no more than one year old proving your personal mailbox (PMB) service address (receipt from the PMB business or a piece of mail with your PMB address on it). If you have friends or family in South Dakota and plan to use their address, you can complete and follow the instructions on the Consent for Use of Address form.

Military and Military Dependents - Applicants can use an out-of-state address on their license and provide two documents proving residency showing the out-of-state address.

Before your license or ID card is issued, our examiners will review your documents to make sure they comply with the federal requirements. We will work with you to resolve any problems with your documents and to identify any additional documents or other information that may be necessary to complete the process. The additional requirements are designed to establish a more secure driver license, which will address our shared concern about national security, identity theft and highway safety.

Veterans

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military have the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license or identification card. In addition to the

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documents listed above, they will need to present:

- ◆ DD-214 form which shows their honorable discharge status from active duty or
- ◆ Present a certificate signed by a county or tribal veteran's service officer verifying their status.
- ◆ DD Form 2 (Retired)
- ◆ DD Form 2A (Reserve Retired)

Note to CDL holders: If you are required to carry a medical examiners certificate (aka DOT medical card) you must show a valid card at the driver exam station.