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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 20

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

School Lunch: Mini corn dog, baked beans, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, stewed tomatoes, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: David Nilsson, Todd Anderson.

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Quilting

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

4:00pm: JH Wrestling at Aberdeen Central

6:30pm: BBB hosts Ipswich

Wednesday, January 21

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburger on bun, baked chips, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Ella Johnson, Landon Larson, Rachel Zoellner, Steve Young, Valerie Kavanaugh

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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

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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.



Team Awards

Back row from left - 4th place Groton Gold: Tylan Glover, Kayla Jensen, Alexis Simon, Isaac Smith

Front row from left - 3rd Place Groton Black: Jennie Doeden, Micah Poor, Anne Marie Smith, Cassandra Townsend

Two Groton teams place at Simmons Invite

The Simmons Invitational MathCounts Competition was held on Wednesday, January 14. 80 students from ten Aberdeen area schools (Britton-Hecla, Eureka, Frederick, Holgate, Milbank, Northwestern, Roncalli, Simmons, Warner, and Groton) participated in the event, which was sponsored by 3M of Aberdeen.

Both Groton teams were awarded trophies in the competition. The third place team members were Jennie Doeden, Micah Poor, AnneMarie Smith, and Cassandra Townsend. The fourth place team members were Tylan Glover, Kayla Jensen, Alexis Simon, and Isaac Smith. Milbank placed first and Simmons placed second in the event.

Three Groton individuals earned recognition in the countdown portion of the competition. AnneMarie, Micah, and Jennie earned second, eighth, and ninth place medals, respectively.

MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics. Ten Groton Area Middle School students will be attending the North-eastern South Dakota Chapter Competition at the Main Building on the campus of Presentation College on Wednesday, February 4. The top teams and individuals from the chapter competition advance to the state competition in Pierre on Saturday, March 14.

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It's the last straw for the Stearns mobile home

Jim Stearns appeared before the council to discuss his trailer house at the corner of West Third Avenue and North Washington Street. Stearns said that he has been trying to get ahold of companies to move the house. "The mobile home companies have laid off their employees for the winter and won't rehire until spring," Stearns said. "There is no way I can get it moved in a week."

City Attorney Drew Johnson said, "We've been hearing about these delays since last fall and it just doesn't float with the city council. You either have to tell us you're going to move the trailer house off in the lot or we'll take it off for you."

Councilman Eddy Opp said, "We've been going back and forth on this for a long time and it's time we either do it or don't. Whatever the lawyer said is what's going to get done. I'm sorry, but that's the way it is,"

Stearns emphasized that he's trying to get someone to move it, but one mover is a month behind. Attorney Johnson then said, "We want to help you save your trailer, but it has got to get moved. If you could get a contract that states it will be moved in a month or so, bring it to the next meeting. But just so you know, this is the final straw." Stearns will have to bring a signed contract with a mover by the February 2, 2015 council meeting.

City doesn't want Sixth Street for a detour

The state has proposed a detour of Railroad Avenue, then north on Sixth Street to US Highway 12 during the 2016 reconstruction of SD Highway 37 through Groton. The council had concerns that there is a lot of walking traffic on Sixth Street plus it is a narrow street with families living the street. The council will reply to the state turning down the proposed detour in hoping they will consider Railroad Avenue all the way to US 12.

FFA Community Service Project

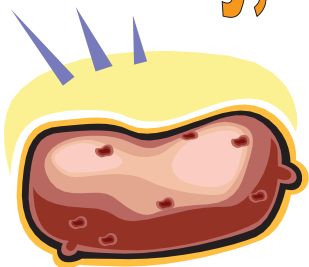
The Groton FFA organization is looking for a community service project. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary reported that she suggested they put up a picnic shelter like we used to have at the old pool. "They would donate the labor and all we have to provide is the materials," she said. The proposed picnic shelter would be north of the slide on the east side of the pool. There was also discussion about putting up a picnic shelter on the west side of the pool at a later date.

Kiwanis Potato Bar Feed

Groton Tigers vs. Webster Bearcats

Friday, January 23rd

\$6.00 per person



Serving 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Groton High School Arena

Annual Kiwanis Pancake Brunch

Sunday, Jan. 27

Groton Community Center
Serving 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Adults \$6.00 • Children \$3.00

City to get out of concession stand business

Councilman Michelle Muilenburg brought up the baseball concession stand. She reported that according to an audit, the city had a net profit of \$900 last year. The labor cost is about \$3,500 a year. "If there are groups that are willing to run it and donate their labor, they could benefit at least \$3,000 a year," she said. "I think we should get out of the concession stand business and give the baseball association the first chance to run it."

Dog fines about to double and a summons will be issued

There are 12 people in Groton who have not licensed their dogs yet and the fines are now \$25 per dog. In addition, if their dogs are not licensed by Monday, Jan. 26th, the fine will be up to \$50 per dog and there will be a summons issued as well. There are currently 212 dogs licensed in Groton.

Council meetings are moving

Starting with the February 2, 2015 city council meeting, the meetings will be moved from city hall to the Groton Community Center. Councilman David McGannon said he would like to try it out for a couple of meetings. "We need more room. We're so cramped down here, especially with people here," he said. Also, the February 16 meeting will be moved to February 17 due to President's Day. And the first day that petitions for city council can be taken out is January 30th and they have to be turned in by February 27 at 5 p.m. The following two-year terms will be expiring: Mary Flihs, Eddy Opp and Michelle Muilenburg.

CARD OF THANKS

A heartfelt THANK YOU for all the beautiful cards, flowers, acts of kindness, memorials, phone calls, visits and food bestowed upon us at the loss of our loved one, ROBERT BALL. May God bless each of you.

Merry Jo
Carol and Rod
Alan and Nina
Carleen, Henry
Carson and Elijah

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.



SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 7, DAKOTA EVENT CENTER

Find your **CREATIVE SIDE.**

at Sanford Health **WOMEN'S EXPO**

Health screens start at 8 a.m. with the vendor marketplace and seminars from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Women's Expo is designed to connect, empower, educate and inspire women of all ages in their health and wellness journey. Come to shop, win prizes and learn about YOU.

SANFORD HEALTH

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Cop vehicles to get new tires

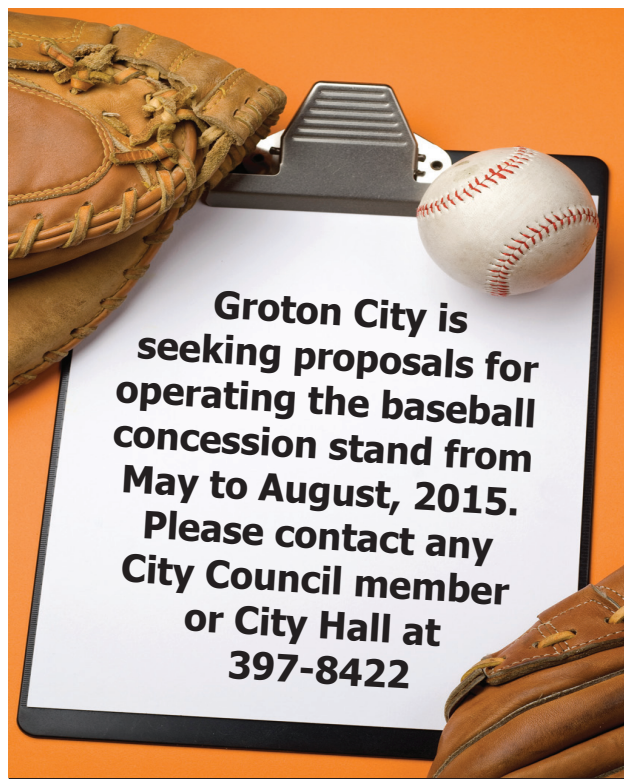
One of the city's police vehicle is in dire need of new tires. The council reviewed a list of quotes for tires from the three places in the Groton area that sell tires. Darrel's submitted three different brands of tires with Goodyear Adventure at \$719.68, Goodyear Wrangler at \$795.32 and Hankook RF 10 at \$771.60. M & J's submitted quotes of \$651.80 for Firestone Destination and \$702.72 for Bridgestone Dueler AT. Groton Ford submitted a quote of \$992.40 for Hankook DynaPro AT. After discussion, the council opted with the low quote for Firestone Destination from M & J's Sinclair. The tires on the one Tahoe will be replaced immediately and the other Tahoe will be replaced in the near future.

Sales Tax pays for six projects

Over the years, the city has obligated the city's sales tax revenue for six different projects. The council approved the transfer of sales tax funds to the 4th Street reconstruction project for \$14,500, to the Northeast Sewer project for \$8,840, to the Main Street Water Project for \$30,690, to the EPA Water Project for \$21,160, to the Railroad Avenue Crossing Sewer Project for \$17,390 and to the West Side Sewer Project for \$27,910 for a total of \$120,490.

EMPLOYMENT

The Groton Area School District has an immediate opening for a full time custodian. Starting salary \$11.00/hour plus benefits. Interested parties should contact Joe Schwan, Superintendent, at 605-397-2351. (0120.0127)



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It has definitely not been ice making weather this week as the weekend grows closer for the Carnival of Silver Skates. The Groton Skating Pond was closed yesterday as it started to turn into a pool of water as the temperature rose to 45 degrees. The forecasters had predicted a low of 28, but as of this morning, it was still above freezing at 34 degrees. City officials have decided not to put the scenery up this year due to the fact that there is not enough cold weather to adequately freeze down the braces.

Service Notice: Delbert Leonhardt

Services for Delbert Leonhardt, 83, of Groton will be 10 a.m. Friday, January 23 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams will officiate. Burial will follow in the spring in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Delbert died Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Today in Weather History

January 20, 1944: A late January warm up occurred on this date in weather history in 1944. Temperatures rose into the upper 50s to the mid-60s across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Overnight lows in the 20s and lower 30s were above the normal highs for the year. Record highs were set at Aberdeen, Kennebec, Sisseton, and Watertown. Watertown rose to 56 degrees, Sisseton rose to 58 degrees, Aberdeen rose to 60 degrees, and Kennebec rose to 65 degrees. Also, Mobridge rose to 57 degrees, and Pierre rose to 61 degrees.

1883 – Yuma, Arizona sets their all- time record low of 22 degrees. This record is tied in 1911 and again in 1937.

1933 – Phoenix, Arizona receives 1 inch of snow. This sets the record for the most ever recorded in Phoenix.

1937 - The wettest Inaugural Day of record with 1.77 inches of rain in 24 hours. Temperatures were only in the 30s as Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn in for his second term. (David Ludlum)

1943 - Strange vertical antics took place in the Black Hills of South Dakota. While the temperature at Deadwood was a frigid 16 degrees below zero, the town of Lead, just a mile and a half away, but 600 feet higher in elevation, reported a balmy 52 degree reading. (David Ludlum)

1954 - The temperature at Rogers Pass, MT, plunged to 70 degrees below zero to establish a new record for the continental U.S. (David Ludlum)

1978 - A paralyzing "Nor'easter" produced a record 21 inches of snow at Boston, 15 to 20 inches in Rhode Island, and one to two feet of snow in Pennsylvania. Winds along the coast of Connecticut gusted to 70 mph. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Gale force winds lingered along the northern Atlantic coast in the wake of a holiday weekend storm. High winds along the eastern slopes of the Northern Rockies gusted to 67 mph at Livingston MT, and high winds in southern California gusted to 70 mph near San Bernardino. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




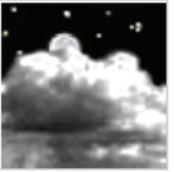

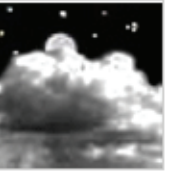

1988 - A storm in the Upper Midwest produced heavy snow and gale force winds. Up to 27.5 inches of snow was reported along the Lake Superior shoreline of Michigan, with 22 inches at Marquette. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - The temperature in the Washington D.C. area warmed into the lower 50s for the Presidential Inauguration during the late morning hours, before gusty northwest winds ushered in colder air that afternoon. (National Weather Summary)

1990 - While heavy thunderstorm rains drenched the Central Gulf Coast States, with 4.23 inches reported at Centreville AL in 24 hours, unseasonably warm weather continued across Florida. Five cities in Florida reported record high temperatures for the date. Tampa FL equalled their record high for January of 85 degrees. (National Weather Summary)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY
						
80%	40%	40%				
Snow	Chance Snow	Chance Snow	Decreasing Clouds	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 33 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 29 °F	Low: 13 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 24 °F	High: 40 °F



Expected Snowfall Amounts Through Wednesday

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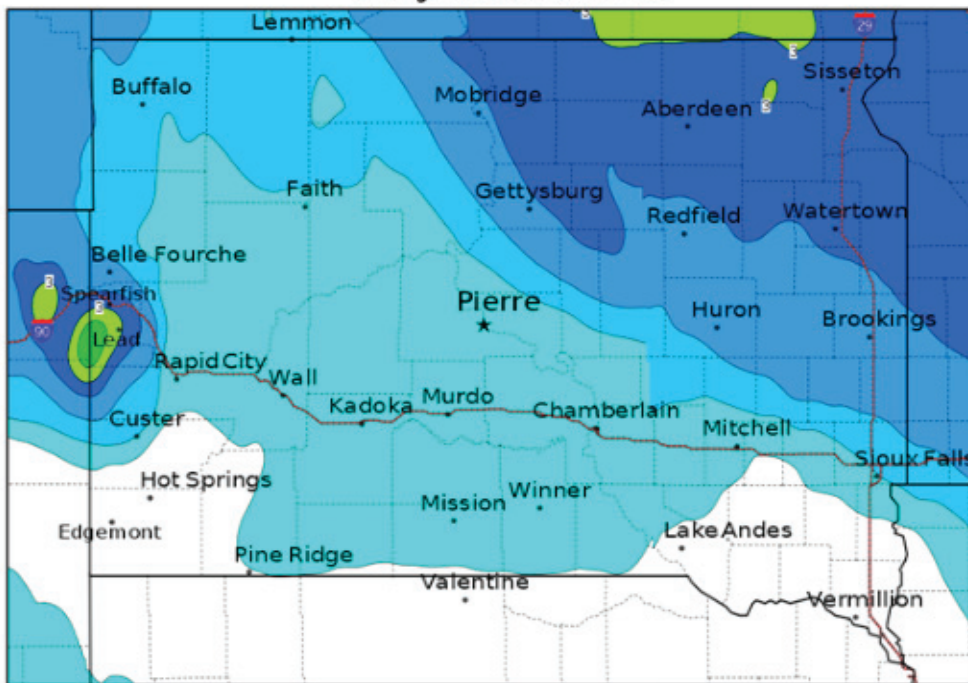
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Next 3-day Fcst. Snow (in)

Ending: 1/23/2015 6:00am CST



National Weather Service
Aberdeen/Rapid City/Sioux Falls, SD
1/20/2015 4:35am CST

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Today

1 – 2"

**North Central
Northeastern
South Dakota**

**Wednesday
Half Inch to 1"
For Most Areas**

A storm system moving across the region today will bring accumulating snowfall to north central and northeastern South Dakota, as well as western Minnesota. Snowfall amounts of 1 to 2 inches will be possible. Another storm system will quickly cross the region late tonight through Wednesday. This system will bring light snowfall to most areas. Snowfall amounts under an inch will be possible.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 45.0 at 12:23 PM

Low: 25.9 at 8:17 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 20 at 1:06 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 60° in 1944

Record Low: -29° in 1936

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.31

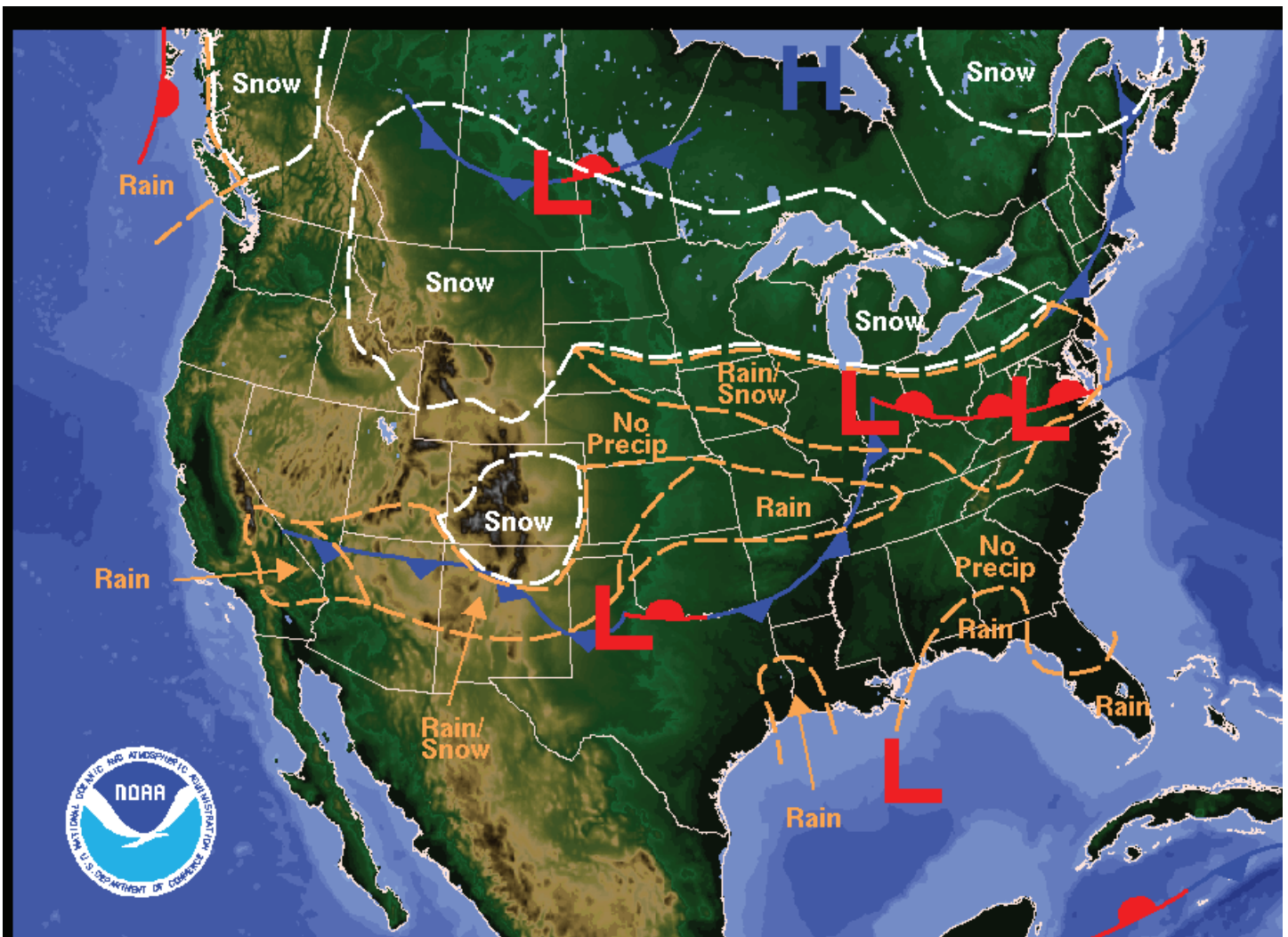
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40

Average Precip to date: 0.31

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:23 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:06 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jan 20, 2015, issued 2:50 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE STRENGTH IN TIMIDITY

Entertaining young children often provides moments of enduring joy and memories that last a life time. I often think of those days when I played "Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?" with my sons. We made noises and faces and even built homes out of blankets and chairs. The "big bad wolf" tried to create problems for the three little pigs but was never able to harm those inside the home. They were prepared to face the threats of the big bad wolf.

We often do the same – making preparation to face the threats and uncertainties of life. We feel strong in our own strength and believe without a doubt that we can, no matter what, withstand any temptation in life.

Solomon, however, presents another way of responding to the threat of evil: timidity! When temptation comes after us – whether or not we feel capable of rejecting it by ourselves – we are to "shun evil." Looking deeper into these two little words we find that those who "fear evil" or are timid because they feel weak and are unable to reject evil, have a "built in alarm," it is the fear of the Lord! When they recognize what could destroy them, they respond in fear and flee what they see as being evil.

I often marvel at the countless alarm systems that are available to protect our homes and identities from fraud and theft, danger and destruction. Some provide constant surveillance through an electronic monitoring system. Others can be self-installed and are battery operated. Both are designed to

warn of "impending danger." We have something stronger: God's wisdom.

Prayer: Lord, help us to be so fearful of evil that we flee it in timidity rather than standing, fighting and failing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 14:16 The wise fear the Lord and shun evil, but a fool is hotheaded and yet feels secure.

An advertisement for 'Fried Chicken Day' at Andover Bar & Grill. The ad features a large fried chicken drumstick in the center. Text includes 'FRIDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DAY', 'Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy', 'Serving 5-9 p.m.', 'WE'VE GOT WINGS!', and 'Every Wednesday!'. The restaurant's name 'ANDOVER BAR & GRILL' is also present, along with the address '120 S Main St.' and phone number '298-5252'. The background is white with a black border.

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News from the  Associated Press

Diocese expects 4,000 Catholic school students this week

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls says it expects nearly 4,000 students to attend its first-ever all Catholic schools mass this week.

The Diocese is celebrating its 125-year anniversary as a diocese this year. The students will come to Sioux Falls on Wednesday from across eastern South Dakota.

The Diocese says it began celebrating its quasiquicentennial in September of 2014 in Yankton, the birthplace of the Diocese in South Dakota. It will hold several more events throughout the year, which will culminate in a three-day gathering at the Sioux Falls Convention Center in August.

Organizers seeking volunteers for Special Olympics tourney

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Organizers of South Dakota's adaptive state basketball tournament are searching for volunteers.

The State Basketball Tournament for Special Olympics will be held in Pierre in March.

Organizer Chuck Quinn says there could be as many as 1,300 attendees to the two-day tournament this year.

Quinn says while the annual tournament is still a few months away, organizers are already starting to look for volunteers to help with various aspects.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

Boys Basketball

Ethan 56, Menno 32

Hanson 83, Howard 19

Langford 63, Rosholt 47

Parkston 81, Andes Central 30

Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 64, Eureka/Bowdle 46

Timber Lake 74, Bison 52

Todd County 73, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 71

West Central 58, Lennox 45

Girls Basketball

Canistota 49, Alcester-Hudson 41

Corsica/Stickney 44, Mitchell Christian 41

Ethan 59, Menno 19

Freeman 57, Viborg-Hurley 50

Great Plains Lutheran 51, Aberdeen Christian 8

Hanson 71, Howard 44

Herreid/Selby Area 46, South Border, N.D. 34

Little Wound 71, Kadoka Area 27

McCook Central/Montrose 66, Chester 51

Miller 53, Faulkton 48

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Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 65, Kimball/White Lake 41
Northwestern 57, Potter County 44
Rosholt 39, Langford 32
Summit 51, Waverly-South Shore 31
Todd County 72, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 42
Wall 52, Philip 44
281 Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
James Valley Christian 52, Wolsey-Wessington 23
Sunshine Bible Academy 55, Iroquois 8
Semifinal
Highmore-Harrold 68, Hitchcock-Tulare 44
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 55, Wessington Springs 36
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
First Round
Deubrook 61, Arlington 41
Elkton-Lake Benton 46, Colman-Egan 36
Lake Preston 55, Estelline 44
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 39, Dell Rapids St. Mary 35

State lawmaker married a day before heading to Legislature

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Rep. Michele Harrison was sworn into office last Saturday, got married on Sunday and arrived in Pierre on Monday evening for the start of her first legislative session. This, she jokes with other lawmakers, is her honeymoon.

Harrison won her first term to the state House in November as a Republican representing District 23, which includes her hometown of Mobridge. She had plans to get married to her longtime boyfriend, Darrell Schlepp, since the spring. But their summers are so busy it kept getting put off.

"I really did want to be married before I came to the Legislature, so (the wedding) was the last day possible," Harrison said in a recent interview, glancing down at her wedding ring. "We plan on doing a honeymoon after the session, but it's kind of the joke around here that he's having his honeymoon in Mobridge and I'm having mine here in Pierre."

Harrison said she and Schlepp eventually decided in the final days of December to get married on Jan. 11. When they both traveled to Pierre last Saturday for Harrison to take her oath of office in the state House chamber, her mother stayed back to handle the flowers, the cake and other final wedding arrangements.

Harrison enlisted the help of Scott Myren, a Fifth Judicial Circuit judge, to perform the roughly 30-person ceremony at her parents' house in Mobridge. Myren said he's used to last-minute weddings at the courthouse and was pleased to "do something special for a lifelong family friend."

Harrison moved back to South Dakota in 2006 and has been working as executive director of the Mobridge Economic Development Corp. She met Schlepp, market president for Dacotah Bank in Mobridge, when she joined the local rodeo association board shortly after moving back.

Still getting used to the Capitol and the political process, Harrison said she's carrying some state agency bills this session. But Harrison's favorite part so far is seeing her name on her desk in the House chamber.

"We got a picture taken of my husband and I behind the desk," Harrison said. "That was pretty exciting, I have to say. That made it real."

South Dakota leading sunflower state for 2nd straight year

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — While Kansas is nicknamed the Sunflower State, South Dakota keeps making the case for itself, having nabbed the top sunflower-producing spot in three of the last four years.

For the second-straight year — and third since 2011 — South Dakota has produced more pounds of sunflowers than any other state, according to recently released estimates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The climate that you have in South Dakota, the soil conditions; it's a great area for sunflower," said John Sandbakken, the executive director of the National Sunflower Association. "It works very well in people's crop rotations and it's been a very profitable crop over the years for the state."

North Dakota traditionally had been the nation's leader in sunflower production, Sandbakken said, but several years of poor weather conditions has caused late planting and lower yields, allowing its southern sibling to take the top spot.

South Dakota produced an estimated 877 million pounds of sunflowers in 2014, according to the USDA. Of those 877 million, 668 million were oil sunflowers and the rest were non-oil varieties.

North Dakota was the next-closest state, producing about 849 million pounds. Kansas, which got its nickname because of the wild sunflowers found throughout the state, put out about 92 million pounds in 2014 — making it 4th in the nation.

Nationwide, production of oil-type sunflower varieties was up 2 percent from 2013; non-oil production was up 43 percent.

Oil sunflowers are used for cooking oil and bird food while the non-oil varieties are used for snack foods. Sandbakken said nationwide, about 75 percent of sunflowers produced are oil sunflowers.

Sandbakken said the high yields of sunflowers over the past years could encourage some producers to open up more acreage for sunflower production.

"I hope the trend of increased sunflower acres in South Dakota as well as in other sunflower-producing states continues," said Lance Hourigan, a sunflower producer in Lemmon and a member of the National Sunflower Association board.

"Sunflowers have proven to be a profitable crop for our state, and we hope this news will encourage even more producers to plant sunflowers this spring," he said in a news release from the association.

President of Mitchell Technical Institute plans to retire

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The president of the Mitchell Technical Institute says he plans to retire at the end of the school year.

President Greg Von Wald announced his retirement Monday in a letter to staff members and members of the advisory council.

Von Wald took the job in 2008. He didn't give a specific reason for stepping down in his press release.

The technical school says during Von Wald's tenure the institute saw enrollment up nearly 60 percent. It also says that the Spruce Street campus was completed and 11 programs were added to the school's curriculum.

Von Wald says he is looking forward to spending more time with his son and grandson in the Black Hills region.

His retirement is effective June 30.

Blackhawk man dies in early morning crash on Interstate 90

ALEXANDRIA, S.D. (AP) — A Blackhawk man has died after authorities say his pickup truck collided with a semi-truck near Alexandria on Monday morning.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 54-year-old Derek Miller was driving eastbound on Interstate 90 when he lost control of his truck, crossed the median and entered westbound traffic.

Miller's truck collided with a semi-truck being driven by 53-year-old Ray Wells, of Fayette, Missouri.

Miller was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from his truck. He sustained fatal injuries.

Wells received minor injuries.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating the crash.

Man charged in North Dakota crash that killed South Dakotan

WILLISTON, N.D. (AP) — Authorities have filed a negligent homicide charge against a man involved in a fatal crash in northwestern North Dakota.

Court documents show that 35-year-old Brock Burnham, of Granville, is due in court March 12, and could enter a plea at that time to the felony charge that carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

KXMC-TV reports that Burnham is accused of recklessly causing a crash on U.S. Highway 85 near Alexander in 2013 that killed Casey Finn, of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Burnham's attorney did not immediately respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

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. ISLAMIC STATE ISSUES VIDEO ULTIMATUM TO JAPAN

The terrorist group threatens to kill two Japanese hostages if Tokyo doesn't pay \$200 million in ransom within 72 hours; Prime Minister Abe vows to save them.

2. OBAMA SPEECH SEEKS TO INFLUENCE 2016 DEBATE

The president's State of the Union address will highlight income inequality and middle-class economic issues to put them on the agenda for the next election.

3. OHIO HIGHWAY OVERPASS COLLAPSE KILLS ONE PERSON

The stretch of interstate 75 was undergoing demolition when it collapsed over traffic below.

4. COLORADO SHOOTING CASE GOES TO COURT

The trial of James Holmes who admitted to killing 12 people in a movie theater will provide a rare glimpse into the mind of a mass shooter.

5. U.S. DELEGATION HEADED TO CUBA

The Obama administration says it has clear yet modest objectives for the first high-level normalization talks between the two nations.

6. WHY THE IMF IS LOWERING ITS GLOBAL GROWTH FORECAST

The international organization says weakness in major economies, including China's, will trump gains from low oil prices.

7. WHERE CROSS-DRESSERS DANCE DESPITE THE FEAR

In conservative Pakistan, transgendered and cross-dressing men entertain at weddings and parties to

make a living in spite of harassment and abuse.

8. POPE REAFFIRMS CHURCH'S CONTRACEPTION BAN

At the same time, he says it's not true that to be a good Catholic "you have to be like rabbits."

9. WHO'S UNDER NFL SCRUTINY

The league is looking into whether the Patriots deflated footballs that were used during their win over Indianapolis in the AFC title game.

10. NATIONALS GET MAX SCHERZER FOR SEVEN YEARS, \$210 MILLION

The deal makes the 30-year-old the richest right-handed pitcher in the major leagues.

Quotations in the News

The Associated Press

"I don't really care who he is. It doesn't make him any exception. If you're a racist, you're always going to be a racist. And for him to want to erase it — I just think it's wrong." — Kristyn Atwood, who was among a group of mostly black elementary school students at whom Mark Wahlberg threw rocks and shouted racial epithets in 1986. Wahlberg is now seeking a pardon for his crimes.

"Every people deserves to conserve its identity without being ideologically colonized." — Pope Francis, saying that outside institutions should not impose views on family planning or gay rights onto developing countries.

"We need to create hope and justice, even if just a drop of it, and this is an example that shows we can go to the justice system and work with it." — Nobel peace laureate Rigoberta Menchu, commenting about the sentencing of an ex-police official in the killings of her father and 36 others when Guatemala's Spanish Embassy was burned down during the country's civil war.

AP News in Brief

Islamic State group threatens to kill 2 Japanese hostages; Japan's premier vows to save them

CAIRO (AP) — The Islamic State group threatened to kill two Japanese hostages Tuesday unless they receive \$200 million in 72 hours, directly demanding the ransom from Japan's premier during his visit to the Middle East. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed to save the men, saying: "Their lives are the top priority."

However, Abe and other Japanese officials declined to say whether they'd make the payment to save the men, identified in an extremist video released Tuesday as Kenji Goto Jogo and Haruna Yukawa.

The video, identified as being made by the Islamic State group's al-Furqan media arm and posted on militant websites associated with the extremist group, mirrored other hostage threats it has made. Japanese officials said they would analyze the tape to verify its authenticity, though Abe offered no hesitation as he pledged to free the men while speaking to journalists in Jerusalem.

"It is unforgivable," said Abe, now on a six-day visit to the Middle East with more than 100 government officials and presidents of Japanese companies. He added: "Extremism and Islam are completely different things."

In the video, the two men appear in orange jumpsuits like other hostages previously killed by the Islamic State group, which controls a third of Iraq and Syria.

With State of the Union economic proposals, Obama aims to influence 2016 debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key elements of the economic proposals President Barack Obama will outline in his State of the Union address Tuesday appear to be aimed at driving the debate in the 2016 election on income inequality and middle-class economic issues, rather than setting a realistic agenda for Congress.

Obama's calls for increasing taxes on the wealthy, making community college free for many students and expanding paid leave for workers stand little chance of winning approval from the new Republican majority on Capitol Hill. But the debate over middle-class economics is looking critical for the coming campaign.

"Inequality and especially the growing opportunity gap have become the top litmus test of seriousness for 2016," said Robert Putnam, a Harvard political scientist who has discussed inequality issues with the president and his advisers. "The entry ticket for the presidential sweepstakes is that you have a policy — some policy — for dealing with this issue."

Indeed, potential Republican candidates Jeb Bush and Mitt Romney have been talking openly about income inequality and the need to give lower-earning Americans more opportunities. On the Democratic side, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren appears intent on keeping the party focused on a populist economic agenda, even if she doesn't plan to run for president herself.

As the nation's attention increasingly turns to the 2016 election, the Obama White House is making clear that it still wants to set the terms of the economic conversation.

HealthCare.gov connections to online marketing firms raise concerns over consumer profiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — A little-known side to the government's health insurance website is prompting renewed concerns about privacy, just as the White House is calling for stronger cybersecurity protections for consumers.

It works like this: When you apply for coverage on HealthCare.gov, dozens of data companies may be able to tell that you are on the site. Some can even glean details such as your age, income, ZIP code, whether you smoke or if you are pregnant.

The data firms have embedded connections on the government site. Ever-evolving technology allows for individual Internet users to be tracked, building profiles that are a vital tool for advertisers.

Connections to multiple third-party tech firms were documented by technology experts who analyzed HealthCare.gov, and confirmed by The Associated Press. There is no evidence that personal information from HealthCare.gov has been misused, but the number of outside connections is raising questions.

"As I look at vendors on a website...they could be another potential point of failure," said corporate cybersecurity consultant Theresa Payton. "Vendor management can often be the weakest link in your privacy and security chain."

Pope on contraception: Good Catholics don't have to breed 'like bunnies'

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE (AP) — Pope Francis is firmly upholding church teaching banning contra-

ception, but said Monday that Catholics don't have to breed "like rabbits" and should instead practice "responsible parenting."

Speaking to reporters en route home from the Philippines, Francis said there are plenty of church-approved ways to regulate births. But he said most importantly, no outside institution should impose its views on regulating family size, blasting what he called the "ideological colonization" of the developing world.

African bishops, in particular, have long complained about how progressive, Western ideas about birth control and gay rights are increasingly being imposed on the developing world by groups, institutions or individual nations, often as a condition for development aid.

"Every people deserves to conserve its identity without being ideologically colonized," Francis said.

The pope's comments, taken together with his defense of the Catholic Church's ban on artificial contraception during the trip, signal that he is increasingly showing his more conservative bent, which has largely been ignored by public opinion or obscured by a media narrative that has tended to highlight his populist persona.

Officials: 1 dead, 1 injured when Interstate 75 overpass collapses in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — A construction worker was killed and a tractor-trailer driver injured when an interstate overpass undergoing demolition collapsed in Cincinnati, fire and emergency medical officials said.

The Cincinnati Fire Department said the collapse onto southbound interstate 75 happened near Hopple Street north of downtown at about 10:30 p.m. Monday.

Police Chief Jeff Blackwell called it a workplace accident, saying crews were taking down the old bridge when something went "terribly wrong."

"The big-rig driver is very lucky; in a matter of seconds his fate would have probably been different," Blackwell said.

The driver was taken to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center with minor injuries.

For Etan Patz's parents, man's murder trial is a complex case; they had eyed earlier suspect

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, Etan Patz' parents were sure they knew who had kidnapped the first-grader on his way to school in 1979, and they devoted themselves to trying to hold him accountable.

Testimony will soon start in the murder trial they so long awaited — with a different man at the defense table, a man never suspected until he gave a 2012 confession he now disavows.

The trial partly reflects Stan and Julie Patz' efforts to keep the investigation going and make missing children a national priority. But it stands to be both searing and complex for the parents, who had pressed authorities to prosecute the earlier suspect — a convicted Pennsylvania child molester — and even brought their own wrongful-death suit against him.

"Sometimes I think the worst thing that could happen," Julie Patz once said, "would be never knowing what happened to Etan."

Jury selection is underway for Pedro Hernandez' trial in one of the first missing-child cases ever featured on milk cartons. Hernandez, a former shop worker in the Patzes' neighborhood, denies the charges. His lawyers say his confessions were fiction spurred by mental illness.

California boy, 13, builds Braille printer with Lego kit, starts company with Intel funding

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — In Silicon Valley, it's never too early to become an entrepreneur. Just ask 13-year-old Shubham Banerjee.

The California eighth-grader has launched a company to develop low-cost machines to print Braille, the tactile writing system for the visually impaired. Tech giant Intel Corp. recently invested in his startup, Braigo Labs.

Shubham built a Braille printer with a Lego robotics kit as a school science fair project last year after he asked his parents a simple question: How do blind people read? "Google it," they told him.

Shubham then did some online research and was shocked to learn that Braille printers, also called embossers, cost at least \$2,000 — too expensive for most blind readers, especially in developing countries.

"I just thought that price should not be there. I know that there is a simpler way to do this," said Shubham, who demonstrated how his printer works at the kitchen table where he spent many late nights building it with a Lego Mindstorms EV3 kit.

Japan to sell talking robots that won't try to understand human speech or make much sense

TOKYO (AP) — The scientist behind a new talking robot in Japan says people should stop expecting robots to understand them, and instead try to chime in with robotic conversations.

Hiroshi Ishiguro's 28-centimeter (11-inch) tall button-eyed Sota, which stands for "social talker," is programmed to mainly talk with a fellow robot, and won't be trying too hard to understand human speech — the major, and often frustrating, drawback of companion robots.

Sota, shown to reporters at a Tokyo museum Tuesday, goes on sale in July at under 100,000 yen (\$850) each. To fully enjoy its features, one would have to buy at least two of them, although people can buy just one.

"Don't stop at just two. Please buy three or four," said Ishiguro, a professor at Osaka University, who has previously shown a variety of robots that look eerily human, including one that's his double.

Ishiguro also demonstrated a more elaborate robot CommU, which stands for communication unity. It will cost five times as much as Sota.

Wahlberg's victims divided over pardon request in racist attacks committed as Boston teen

BOSTON (AP) — Victims of one of Mark Wahlberg's racially motivated attacks as a teenage delinquent in segregated Boston in the 1980s are divided over whether he should be granted a pardon for his crimes.

Kristyn Atwood was among a group of mostly black fourth-grade students on a field trip to the beach in 1986 when Wahlberg and his white friends began hurling rocks and shouting racial epithets as they chased them down the street.

"I don't think he should get a pardon," Atwood, now 38 and living in Decatur, Georgia, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I don't really care who he is. It doesn't make him any exception. If you're a racist, you're always going to be a racist. And for him to want to erase it I just think it's wrong," she said.

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Mary Belmonte, the white teacher who brought the students to the neighborhood beach that day, sees things differently. "I believe in forgiveness," she said. "He was just a young kid — a punk — in the mean streets of Boston. He didn't do it specifically because he was a bad kid. He was just a follower doing what the other kids were doing."

In Pakistan, cross-dressing men and those transgendered dance on in spite of fear

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — By day, 27-year-old Waseem Akram sells mobile phone accessories from an alleyway shop in an old neighborhood of this Pakistani city. But by night, Akram stands before a mirror, shaving away his beard and picking through mascara and rouge to become Rani, a female wedding party dancer

"Life is so hard, one job is not enough to help me and my family," Akram says, the bachelor's voice taking on Rani's higher register. "Being a dancer at weddings, parties and private events ... helps me to earn much more money than working in a shop."

Across conservative Pakistan, where Islamic extremists launch near-daily attacks and many follow a strict interpretation of their Muslim faith, male cross-dressers and the transgendered face a challenge of balancing two identities. Some left their villages for the anonymity of a big city, fearing the reactions of their families while still concealing their identity from neighbors and co-workers.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2015. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time; the gathering at Westminster was composed of bishops, abbots, peers, Knights of the Shire and town burgesses.

On this date:

In 1649, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason (he was found guilty and executed by month's end).

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died; he was succeeded by Edward VIII.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

In 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny," opened on Broadway.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson was inaugurated for a term of office in his own right. Rock-and-roll promoter Alan Freed, 43, died in Palm Springs, California. The Byrds recorded the Bob Dylan song "Mr. Tambourine Man" at Columbia Records in Hollywood.

In 1975, several former William Morris talent agents, including Michael Ovitz, founded Creative Artists Agency (CAA).

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

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In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George H.W. Bush were sworn in for second terms of office in a brief White House ceremony (it being a Sunday, the public swearing-in was held the following day).

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1990, actress Barbara Stanwyck died in Santa Monica, California, at age 82.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush was inaugurated for a second term as Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, ill with thyroid cancer, delivered the oath of office; anti-Bush demonstrators jeered the president's motorcade during the inaugural parade.

Five years ago: National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair conceded missteps in the government's handling of the Christmas Day 2009 airline bombing attempt in testimony before the Senate Homeland Security Committee.

One year ago: Iran unplugged banks of centrifuges involved in its most sensitive nuclear enrichment program, prompting the U.S. and the European Union to partially lift economic sanctions as a landmark deal aimed at easing concerns over Iran's nuclear program went into effect. American missionary Kenneth Bae, jailed in North Korea for more than a year, appeared before reporters in Pyongyang and appealed to the U.S. government to do its best to secure his release. (Bae and fellow American Matthew Miller were freed in Nov. 2014.) Italian conductor Claudio Abbado, 80, died in Bologna after a long illness.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Arte Johnson is 86. Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 85. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 75. Singer Eric Stewart is 70. Movie director David Lynch is 69. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 68. Israeli activist Natan Sharansky is 67. Actor Daniel Benzali is 65. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 63. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 63. Comedian Bill Maher (MAR) is 59. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 57. Actor James Denton is 52. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 50. Country singer John Michael Montgomery is 50. Sophie, Countess of Wessex, is 50. Actor Rainn Wilson is 49. Actress Stacey Dash is 48. TV personality Melissa Rivers is 47. Singer Xavier is 47. Actor Reno Wilson is 46. Singer Edwin McCain is 45. Actor Skeet Ulrich is 45. Rap musician Questlove (questlove) (The Roots) is 44. Rock musician Rob Bourdon (Linkin Park) is 36. Singer/songwriter Bonnie McKee is 31. Country singer Brantley Gilbert is 30. Rock singer Kevin Parker (Tame Impala) is 29. Actor Evan Peters is 28.

Thought for Today: "To enjoy life one should give up the lure of life." - Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian religious leader (1869-1948).

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 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:

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◆ 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 acceptable 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

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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 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.