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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

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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

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

Thursday, January 22

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

School Lunch: Taco salad, tater tots, fruit, bread stick.

Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O

Birthdays: Mickie Locke Claeys, Trevor Larson.

6:00pm: Wrestling at Britton (Britton, Groton, Clark-WL)

Mark Malmberg, DDS
19 North 6th St.

Oakes, N.D.
701-742-3401



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.

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

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

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connect, empower, educate and inspire
women of all ages in their health and
wellness journey. Come to shop, win
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IPSWICH NO PLAYER	TOT-FG 3-PT							REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
10 Burgod, Tracy	*	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	4	2	0	3	0	1	0:00	
12 Geditz, Mathew	*	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	8:00	
32 Steger, Trenton	*	1	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	3	3	0	2	0	0	8:00	
34 Northop, Dustin	*	1	6	1	3	3	4	1	5	6	0	6	3	5	0	3	16:00	
42 Baer, Jacob	*	2	5	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	6	0	6	0	0	8:00	
14 Leonhardt, Lance		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	8:00	
20 Burgod, Josh		0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	24:00	
22 Northop, Dylan		1	4	1	3	0	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	8:00	
24 McQuarie, Dylan		0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16:00	
30 Pond, Ben		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
40 Gilborne, Danzan		2	5	0	1	1	2	2	4	6	3	5	1	2	0	0	24:00	
44 Gilbert, Riley		1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	8:00	
50 Fuhrmann, Andrew		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	16:00	
54 Crabtree, Josh		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
Team Totals		9	39	5	17	5	10	6	17	23	19	28	5	30	0	6	160	
Total FG% - 1st:	4/22	0.182	2nd:	5/17	0.294	Game:	0.231											Deadball
3-PT FG% - 1st:	3/8	0.375	2nd:	2/9	0.222	Game:	0.294											Rebounds
Total FT% - 1st:	2/6	0.333	2nd:	3/4	0.750	Game:	0.500											(3,0)

GROTON AREA NO PLAYER	TOT-FG 3-PT							REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
4 Sternhagen, Lucas	*	2	3	0	1	3	3	0	3	3	2	7	1	1	0	3	8:00	
10 Knecht, Spencer	*	1	4	0	0	4	4	2	1	3	0	6	5	1	0	1	0:00	
12 Ell, Kyler	*	5	9	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	12	2	0	0	5	0:00		
32 Dohman, Gabe	*	4	5	0	0	1	2	1	5	6	0	9	0	1	0	0	0:00	
40 Lerew, Hunter	*	5	8	0	0	2	2	3	3	6	0	12	0	1	1	1	0:00	
3 Schuring, Sean		2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	6	1	2	0	2	8:00	
5 Shabazz, Seric		1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	24:00	
14 Herman, Adam		2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	1	0	1	24:00	
22 Shabazz, Bennett		4	6	1	3	1	2	3	0	3	4	10	4	2	0	3	32:00	
24 Strom, Chance		2	7	0	1	0	0	1	4	5	0	4	1	0	1	2	8:00	
30 Larson, Landon		1	1	0	0	1	3	0	2	2	1	3	0	3	0	0	24:00	
34 Keith, Brady		0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	8:00	
42 Larson, Wyatt		2	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	4	0	1	0	0	24:00	
Team Totals		31	58	5	14	13	20	14	21	35	12	80	16	14	3	19	160	
Total FG% - 1st:	14/26	0.538	2nd:	17/32	0.531	Game:	0.534											Deadball
3-PT FG% - 1st:	2/5	0.400	2nd:	3/9	0.333	Game:	0.357											Rebounds
Total FT% - 1st:	11/17	0.647	2nd:	2/3	0.667	Game:	0.650											(3,5)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Ipswich	3	10	5	10	28
Groton	24	17	22	17	80

Last FG: Ipswich 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00

Largest lead: Ipswich NONE, Groton by 55 4th-08:00

Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 0 times

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	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
NO PLAYER																		
14 L, Lane	*	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	24:00	
20 B, Josh	*	0	5	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	24:00	
22 N, Dylan	*	5	8	3	4	4	4	0	1	1	1	17	1	6	0	2	16:00	
40 G, Danzen	*	1	5	0	0	2	5	3	4	7	4	4	1	2	0	2	16:00	
50 F, Andrew	*	1	4	0	0	3	6	2	7	9	1	5	0	1	0	0	16:00	
24 M, Dylan		0	6	0	2	2	4	3	0	3	5	2	0	6	0	3	16:00	
30 P, Ben		0	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	16:00	
44 G, Riley		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	16:00	
52 C, Kevin		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
54 C, Josh		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	8:00	
Team Totals		7	30	3	7	14	25	11	17	28	15	31	2	23	1	10	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 1/11 0.091 2nd: 6/19 0.316 Game: 0.233 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/2 0.500 2nd: 2/5 0.400 Game: 0.429 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 5/6 0.833 2nd: 9/19 0.474 Game: 0.560 (6,3)

GROTON AREA	TOT-FG							3-PT			REBOUNDS							MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
NO PLAYER																		
3 Schuring, Sean	*	3	10	2	7	0	0	0	1	1	4	8	1	1	1	2	8:00	
5 Shabazz, Seric	*	2	10	0	4	0	0	5	3	8	1	4	2	6	1	4	32:00	
14 Herman, Adam	*	5	14	0	3	4	7	5	2	7	4	14	0	2	0	4	24:00	
22 Shabazz, Bennett	*	2	6	1	4	2	4	5	3	8	1	7	4	2	1	2	24:00	
34 Keith, Brady	*	0	7	0	0	0	2	6	4	10	4	0	0	2	0	0	0:00	
4 Sippel, Anthony		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00	
10 Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00	
12 Wuestewald, Frankie		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:00	
20 Keith, Brandon		0	5	0	3	2	3	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	8:00	
30 Oliver, Jackson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00	
40 Rogers, Truitt		0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0:00	
42 Thorson, Luke		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	16:00	
44 Fey, Stevie		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
50 Dobbins, Doug		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
52 Severson, Aaron		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	1	0:00	
Team Totals		13	54	3	22	10	18	23	15	38	20	39	8	18	3	13	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 8/25 0.320 2nd: 5/29 0.172 Game: 0.241 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/11 0.182 2nd: 1/11 0.091 Game: 0.136 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/6 0.333 2nd: 8/12 0.667 Game: 0.556 (6,2)

Technical Fouls: IPS (0)

: GRO (1) 4th 08:00 34 Brady 1.Keith

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Ipswich JV	5	3	11	12	31
Groton JV	18	2	8	11	39

Largest lead: Ipswich JV NONE, Groton JV by 15 2nd-08:00

Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 0 times

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Classifieds

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

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.

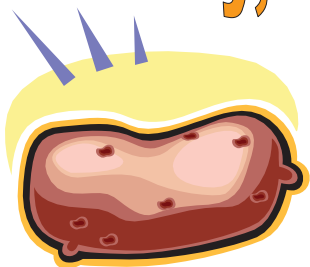
EMPLOYMENT

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)

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. 25
Groton Community Center
Serving 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Adults \$6.00 • Children \$3.00

The Life of Delbert Leonhardt



A Celebration of Life for Delbert Leonhardt, 83, of Groton, will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 23rd at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Craig Grams will officiate. Burial will follow in the spring in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Delbert went to his heavenly home on January 17th, 2015 surrounded by his loving family at the Groton Golden Living Center.

Delbert was born on February 3, 1931 to Hans & Ella (Bahr) Leonhardt at Verdon, SD. As a young boy his family moved to Henry Township near Groton, where they lived on various farms until purchasing their own farm in 1951. He went to school in Henry Township for all his schooling. It was during this time he met his long time friend, Jerry

Erdmann.

He was baptized as a child and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at St. John's Lutheran church in Groton. He was a lifetime member and a faithful church attendee of the church.

In 1953, he was drafted into the US Army. He was stationed in France and Germany for the duration with 45th transportation Company. He served as a helicopter mechanic. He returned home in 1955 and was a member of the Groton Legion.

He started farming with his father when he finished school. In 1956 he started farming with his brother Floyd until the 1970's when they split into their own farming operations.

Delbert enjoyed helping his children start their own farms.

Delbert enjoyed traveling and making new friends. Family was his pride and joy. He cherished each time he was with family and all the family get-togethers.

Delbert is survived by his special friend, Arletta Peterson, Groton, SD, his sister Lorene Blocker, Ashley ND, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Delbert was blessed with 4 children, Suzi (Torrie) Oswald, Chaska, MN, Thomas (Jean) Leonhardt, Mansfield, SD, Terry (Cindy) Leonhardt, Groton, SD, Betsy (Tony) Oleson, Watertown, SD.



Groton Area boys beat Ipswich

Groton Area jumped out to an 18-0 lead as the boys defeated Ipswich in basketball action Tuesday night in Groton, 80-28.

Three players hit double figures for the Tigers with Kyler Ell and Hunter Lerew eaching having 12 points, Bennett Shabazz had 10, Gabe Dohman nine, Lucas Sternhagen seven, SPencer Knecht and Sean Schuring each had six, Adam Herman had five, Chance Strom and Wyatt Larson each had four, Landon Larson three and Seric Shabazz added two points.

Ipswich was led by Dustin Northop and Jacob Baer with six each followed by Danzan Gilborne with five, Trenton Steger and Riley Gilbert each had three and Tracy Burgod added two points.

Groton made 53 percent of its field goals while Ipswich made 23 percent. Groton was 13 of 20 from the line for 65 percent off of Ipswich's 19 team fouls. Ipswich was five of 10 from the line off of Groton's 12 team fouls. Knecht had five of Groton's 16 assists, Ell had five of Groton's 19 steals, Dohman and Lerew each had six of Groton's 35 rebounds and the Tigers three blocks and 14 turnovers.

Ipswich had 23 rebounds, five assists, 30 turnovers and six steals.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 39-31. Adam Herman led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Sean Schuring with eight, Bennett Shabazz had seven, Seric Shabazz four and Brandon Keith, Truitt Rogers and Aaron Severson each had two.

Bennett Shabazz had four of the team's eight assists, Groton made 24 percent of its field goals while Ipswich made 23 percent, and Groton was 10 of 18 from the line while Ipswich was 14 of 25. Groton had more rebounds, 38-28.

Today in Weather History

1999: Widespread dense fog and freezing drizzle created treacherous driving conditions across part of northeast South Dakota from the evening of the 21st to around noon on the 22nd. The freezing drizzle ended in the early morning hours of the 22nd. As a result, slippery conditions developed, especially across Hamlin, Deuel, and Codington counties. Many vehicles slid into the ditch. There were a few accidents resulting in minor injuries. Numerous activities were canceled the evening of the 21st and many schools had delayed starts on the 22nd.

1985 – Jacksonville, Florida recorded its all-time record low of 7 degrees. Macon, Georgia had its coldest day ever with a temperature of 6 degrees. It was the coldest Inauguration day in history as President Reagan is sworn in for a second term during cold and winds that resulted in wind chill readings of 30 degrees below zero. Many counties in New York were declared disaster areas, because of heavy snow.

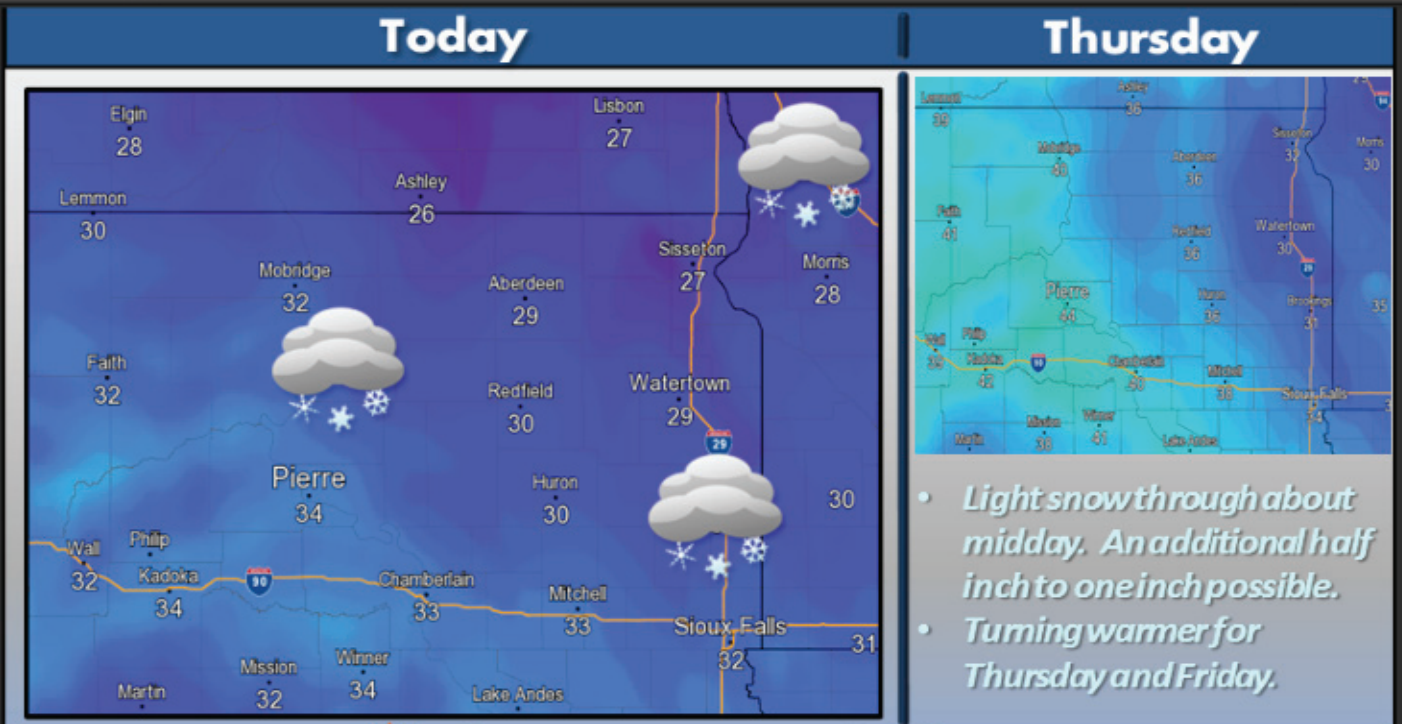
1999 – A major tornado outbreak occurred from southwest into central and northeast Arkansas during the afternoon and evening. In the Little Rock Area, 30 tornadoes tracked across 15 counties. Homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed in areas like Little Rock, Beebe, McRae, and in areas farther north and east. Eight deaths resulted from the tornadoes with 140 to 150 injuries also reported.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY
Snow Likely High: 28 °F	Decreasing Clouds Low: 11 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 35 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 22 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 42 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 25 °F	Slight Chc Rain/Snow High: 39 °F

Light Snow Today – Warmer on Thursday



Friday Highs: 35 to 45 	Saturday Highs: 35 to 45 	Sunday Highs: 35 to 45
Lows: 20 to 30		Lows: 30 to 35

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

Light snow will continue across the area through the late morning hours before gradually ending. An additional half inch to one inch of snow will be possible. Warmer temperatures will return to the area for Thursday and Friday. Highs will warm into the 30s and 40s on both days. Another storm system moving across the region this weekend will bring a mix of rain and snow to most locations.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 36.2 at 1:35 AM

Low: 26.9 at 11:22 PM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 17 at 12:42 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 57° in 1942, 1900

Record Low: -31° in 1949

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.32

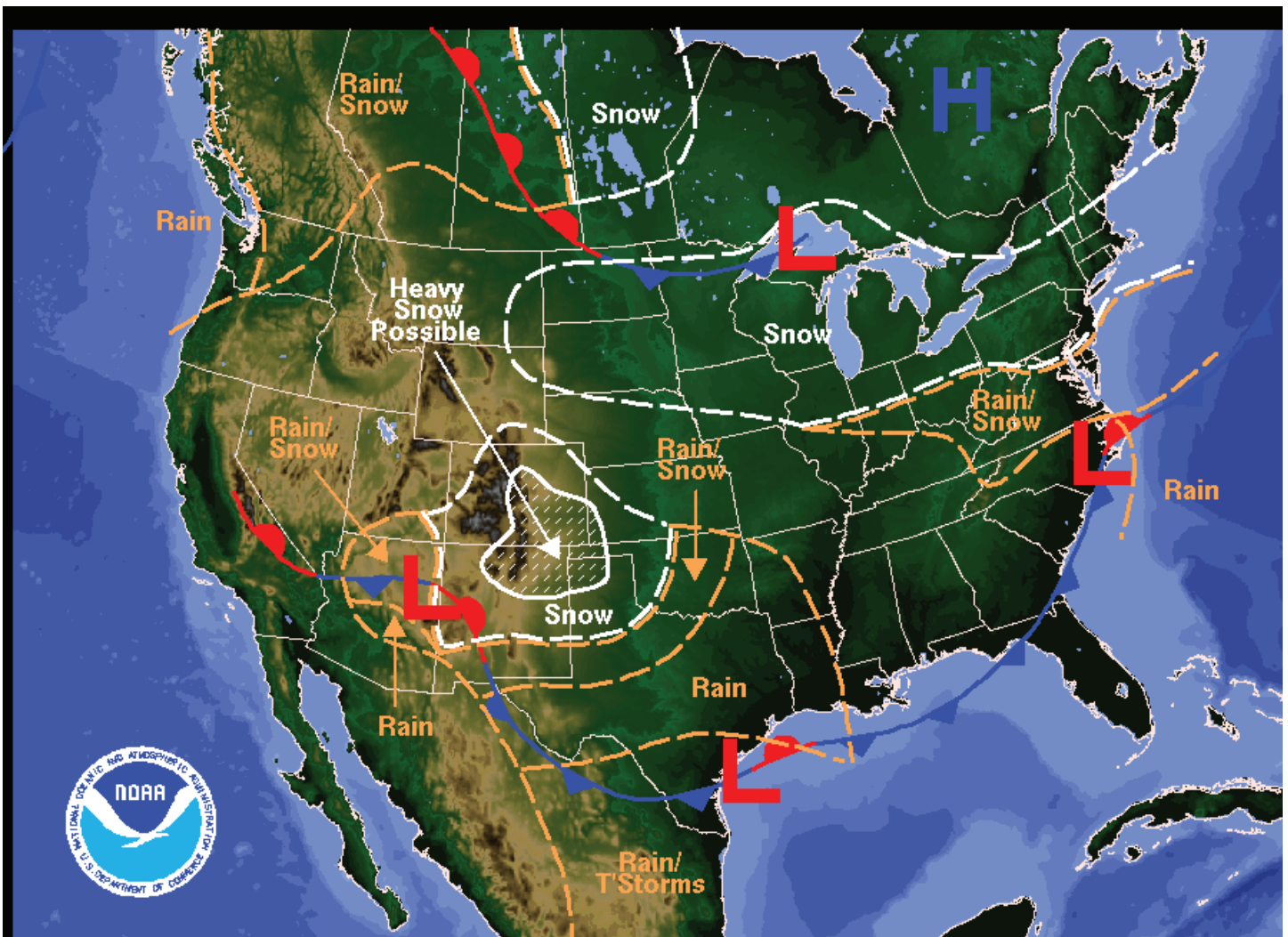
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40

Average Precip to date: 0.32

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:25 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:05 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jan 21, 2015, issued 3:15 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



FINDING SECURITY

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning..."

Eight words, strung together by God, that give man the building blocks of life.

Eight words that provide the foundation for wisdom.

Eight words that are essential to understand the meaning of life.

Eight words that guarantee a joyous life.

Eight words that lead to fulfillment in life.

Eight words that point the direction for what we must do if we want to please God.

Eight words that prove the faithfulness of God.

Eight words that are the beginning of our obedience to the Lord.

Eight words that eliminate the folly of talk and teach us how to walk before God.

And once we completely and unreservedly "fear the Lord," we will have confidence and courage to face any obstacle in life because God is bigger than anything and everything else in the universe.

But those words do not end when our lives end. They are generational and, if the believer is faithful, will be passed on from generation to generation.

Parents who want to provide safety and security and well-being for their children will do so because of their "fear of the Lord." Scripture provides all the evidence any parent needs to realize the benefits

that will come to their children if they – the parents – "fear the Lord" and are obedient to Him – no matter the cost!

Prayer: Lord, may we take to heart the significance and importance of those eight words, "the fear of the Lord..." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 14:26 Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

A promotional advertisement for "Friday is 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 in a stylized font with a flame effect. The address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is at the bottom right.

FRIDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Serving 5-9 p.m.
WE'VE GOT WINGS!
Every Wednesday!
ANDOVER BAR & GRILL
120 S Main St. • 298-5252

Kasich to push balanced budget amendment in 6-state tour

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Ohio Gov. John Kasich has kicked off a six-state tour pushing a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution with a meeting in South Dakota in which he called on state lawmakers to get behind the proposal.

A speech and wide-ranging political discussion with legislators at an American Legion post in Pierre Tuesday night was the possible 2016 presidential candidate's first stop on his tour.

"Who the heck thinks we should keep spending without any regard to the consequences?" Kasich, a Republican, asked the South Dakota gathering. "I don't care ... if you're a Republican, a Democrat or a Martian. This is not what we should be doing as a nation. It's irresponsible."

Kasich last month met with state lawmakers in Phoenix to map out how to secure support for the budget amendment in Arizona. Shortly after the visit, he said, invitations from nine other states came in. This week, Kasich's travels will take him to the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho.

Right now, 24 states — 10 short of the 34 necessary for a constitutional convention — have passed resolutions supporting a balanced budget amendment, according to the Kasich-backed nonprofit advocacy group, Balanced Budget Forever. Thirty-eight states would then have to approve the change for the amendment to become effective.

Sen. Ernie Otten, who plans to introduce a balanced budget resolution in the South Dakota Senate, said the nation's mounting debt motivates him.

Kasich was noncommittal on whether the budget amendment campaign could be part of an unorthodox springboard into a White House run, but said he didn't start the push as a step toward the presidency.

"It's a privilege to be governor of Ohio ... and that's my focus," he said after the meeting, sitting in a small Legion hall office with South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard. "But if I think something else makes sense, if I think the field is lacking or there's an opportunity, I'll look at it. All my options are open."

Some of the state lawmakers who invited Kasich to speak said it was too early to make any judgments about a potential presidential bid. Daugaard said he doesn't dislike Kasich, but that he is better acquainted with other potential candidates, such as Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Kasich made his mark in the U.S. House as a fiscal hawk while serving as chairman of the House Budget Committee and claims credit for crafting a balanced federal budget before leaving Congress in 2000. He took on a huge deficit during his narrowly won first term as Ohio's governor and then sailed to re-election in 2014.

"Who could be in a better position? The only thing I haven't been is a movie actor and a Supreme Court justice, and Arnold says he's going to put me in a movie," Kasich said with a laugh.

SD congressional delegation reacts to Obama's speech

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Members of South Dakota's all-Republican congressional delegation say ideas presented by Democratic President Barack Obama in his State of the Union speech will increase government bureaucracy and hurt the middle class.

Obama called for higher taxes on wealthy Americans and new initiatives to boost the middle class, but

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Sen. Mike Rounds says he thinks the taxes would impact small business owners, entrepreneurs, and farmers and ranchers.

Sen. John Thune says it's time for new ideas "after six years of the same stale policies," and he says the Republican-controlled Congress is focused on reform.

Rep. Kristi Noem says she thinks most of Obama's speech "was about politics." She says South Dakotans deserve to hear about opportunities instead.

Free pest guides available for numerous South Dakota crops

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakotans who grow a variety of crops can now access this year's free pest management guides produced by SDSU Extension and South Dakota State University in Brookings.

The updated 2015 guides cover soybeans, corn, wheat, oats, sunflowers, alfalfa, barley, triticale, durum, millet, rye, safflower, canola and flax.

SDSU Extension Weed Science Coordinator Paul O. Johnson says they include several new product names for chemicals and some changes made to label rates for chemicals, rotation restrictions, additive rates and products.

He says prices are about the same as last year.

The free guides are sponsored by South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council, the SDSU Extension IPM Program, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and the SDSU Extension WEED Project.

Man pleads guilty to entering high school to assault officer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A man accused of breaking into a high school on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation with the intent of assaulting a federal officer has pleaded guilty.

Lyman Black Cloud, of Fort Yates, is charged with burglary. Authorities say Black Cloud entered the Solen High School in June, when the school was closed.

No further details have been released.

Black Cloud faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison. A sentencing date has not been set.

Elementary school teacher in Onida pens children's book

ONIDA, S.D. (AP) An elementary school teacher in Onida is releasing her first children's book.

Author Joan Hofer has penned "Sherbert," the tale of a young kitten desperate to grow up who makes some unlikely friends. The book is being distributed by Tate Publishing and Enterprising, a Christian-based publisher headquartered in Oklahoma.

Hofer served as an elementary school teacher in Onida for 10 years before retiring to raise her three children. She now works as a substitute teacher in the local district.

"Sherbert" is available through bookstores nationwide.

Tuesday's Scores

The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 73, Redfield/Doland 47

Akron-Westfield, Iowa 60, Alcester-Hudson 50

Bon Homme 77, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 41

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Brandon Valley 43, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 41
Brookings 77, Mitchell 66
Burke/South Central 55, Kimball/White Lake 45
Canistota 57, Freeman Academy 23
Centerville 69, Freeman 54
Chamberlain 58, Gregory 48
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 79, McLaughlin 59
Clark/Willow Lake 38, Langford 33
Colome 75, Andes Central 24
Corsica/Stickney 45, Dakota Christian 32
Dell Rapids 44, Garretson 42
Dupree 51, Tiospaye Topa 49
Elk Point-Jefferson 60, Vermillion 20
Ellendale, N.D. 62, Leola/Frederick 41
Faith JV 43, Lemmon 41
Flandreau 58, Deuel 47
Great Plains Lutheran 40, Waubay 33
Groton Area 80, Ipswich 26
Harding County 57, McIntosh 37
Irene-Wakonda 54, Scotland 48
Lyman 69, Stanley County 48
Miller 69, Crow Creek 42
Mitchell Christian 51, Avon 44
Parker 54, Gayville-Volin 45
Potter County 70, Herreid/Selby Area 40
Rapid City Christian 70, Oelrichs 50
Rapid City Stevens 65, Douglas 51
Rosholt 54, Florence/Henry 29
Sioux Falls Washington 60, Watertown 52
Sioux Valley 53, Chester 40
Sisseton 53, Flandreau Indian 42
Spearfish 62, Hill City 43
St. Francis Indian 60, Pine Ridge 57
St. Thomas More 54, Lead-Deadwood 33
Standing Rock, N.D. 77, Mobridge-Pollock 68
Summit 59, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, Minn. 47
Tiospa Zina Tribal 51, Milbank Area 41
Warner 83, Northwestern 30
Waverly-South Shore 54, Wilmot 42
White River 87, Philip 61
Yankton 48, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 46
281 Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Highmore-Harold 71, Iroquois 22
Sunshine Bible Academy 65, Wessington Springs 62

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Semifinal

James Valley Christian 53, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 52

Wolsey-Wessington 62, Hitchcock-Tulare 39

Dakota Valley Conference Tournament

First Round

Arlington 80, Lake Preston 37

Deubrook 73, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 39

Elkton-Lake Benton 83, Dell Rapids St. Mary 52

Estelline 54, Colman-Egan 48

Panhandle Conference Tournament

First Round

Crawford, Neb. 61, Edgemont 41

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 43, Redfield/Doland 39

Akron-Westfield, Iowa 45, Alcester-Hudson 40

Avon 28, Mitchell Christian 27

Beresford 55, Tea Area 41

Bridgewater-Emery 35, Kimball/White Lake 32

Brookings 61, Mitchell 36

Burke/South Central 44, Platte-Geddes 42, OT

Chamberlain 61, Gregory 40

Custer 56, Hot Springs 34

Dakota Valley 53, Sioux City, North, Iowa 48

Dell Rapids 59, West Central 56

DeSmet 45, Hamlin 36

Elk Point-Jefferson 59, Vermillion 34

Flandreau 44, Deuel 23

Gayville-Volin 53, Parker 41

Great Plains Lutheran 53, Waubay 28

Hendricks, Minn. 60, Grant-Deuel 50

Irene-Wakonda 38, Scotland 37

McCook Central/Montrose 56, Baltic 28

Miller 51, Crow Creek 41

Rapid City Christian 53, Oelrichs 51

Sioux Falls Christian 52, Garretson 24

Sioux Falls Lincoln 70, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 49

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 61, Yankton 20

Sioux Falls Washington 60, Watertown 52

Sioux Valley 75, Chester 45

Spearfish 59, Hill City 34

St. Thomas More 89, Lead-Deadwood 26

Sully Buttes 73, Eureka/Bowdle 14

Todd County 76, Little Wound 37

Wagner 63, O'Neill, Neb. 31

Winner 84, Bennett County 45

Officials planning for record Sturgis rally attendance

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Public safety and tourism officials across South Dakota are hustling behind the scenes to prepare for what could be a record-setting 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in August.

Officials at the Governor's Tourism Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday said estimates for the rally's draw range from 750,000 to 1 million people. That's a dramatic jump from an estimated 442,000 attendees for the 2014 event, and it means officials have to work harder to make sure the gathering runs smoothly.

"Planning is never sexy," Department of Public Safety Secretary Trevor Jones said. "But it's very important. ... We try to be as best prepared as possible."

Jones said planning started early, in September, and his agency is working with local public safety officials to coordinate resources effectively in case of serious emergencies. For example, Jones said if there's a motorcycle ride planned between Belle Fourche and Custer, he wants to ensure authorities from both areas are aware so officials at the end of the ride don't get blindsided.

He also called on local planners to ask for resources early rather than waiting until shortly before the rally begins.

"If you need four Blackhawk helicopters, you can't ask me in July," Jones said. "You have to ask me today."

Rapid City-area Department of Transportation engineer Todd Seaman said the agency is expanding road sweeping to county roads, working to alleviate traffic delays and attempting to reduce potential accidents during the August rally. He said portable trailers that show travel speeds have already reduced crashes at dangerous curves.

The agency is also mulling whether it should add real-time delay displays on the roads toward Sturgis. Department of Tourism Secretary Jim Hagen says the rally is South Dakota's "one true global event." "It could be a barn burner, but we'll be prepared," he said.

Health department pushing to update laws on serious diseases

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A state legislative committee has approved a bill that would modernize how the Department of Health responds to communicable disease outbreaks in the state.

Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health Tom Martinec says under the new proposal, anyone with a Category 1 disease who fails to or refuses to take medical action would be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A Category 1 disease includes the most serious communicable diseases, like Ebola and SARS.

The House Health and Human Services approved the proposed changes 8 to 5 on Tuesday.

The changes would also give the health department a way to seek a judicial order quarantining any diseased person who fails or refuses to seek help.

Martinec says the department is pushing to update the laws following the Ebola scare last fall.

US Sen. Thune to head first Senate committee hearing

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Thune's first hearing as a committee chairman in the new Republican-controlled chamber will tackle the open Internet, or so-called "net neutrality."

Wednesday's scheduled meeting of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will

feature testimony from South Dakota resident Tom Simmons, who is the senior vice president of public policy for Midcontinent Communications.

At stake are efforts to keep Internet providers from being able to speed up or slow down online traffic. President Barack Obama's administration has pushed the Federal Communications Commission to regulate providers more heavily like telephone companies.

The agency is scheduled to vote on new Internet regulations in February.

Republicans want to restrict such a "very heavy-handed approach," Thune said, calling such a move "antiquated" and said it would be "a basic government takeover ... approach to the Internet."

It's critical to rely on congressional authority to make changes to the law, Thune said, rather than using agency regulations that could spawn court challenges and apply an outdated regulatory scheme based on old technology. The GOP plan also aims to stop traffic throttling by service providers.

In a statement last week, Massachusetts Democratic Sen. Edward Markey called the Republican proposal "a legislative wolf in sheep's clothing," because it doesn't actually safeguard consumers or allow the FCC to impose strong rules.

Updating laws regarding the Internet is important because, "it's one of the few areas in our economy where we actually have a surplus," Thune said.

The committee aims to address a variety of issues important to South Dakota this year, such as rail and road infrastructure and the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization.

Discovery of larval Missouri River pallid sturgeon heralded

JIM SUHR, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The discovery of two lab-confirmed tiny pallid sturgeons in the Missouri River near St. Louis offers fresh proof the endangered species descending from the dinosaur era is reproducing, the Army Corps of Engineers said Tuesday.

The two larval sturgeons, found by the Missouri Department of Conservation last June, mark the first time the species at such early stages have turned up during samplings of a 811-mile stretch of the Missouri, from the Gavins Point Dam between Nebraska and South Dakota to St. Louis. Genetic testing by Southern Illinois University in Carbondale confirmed the larval fish as pallid sturgeons, meaning "there's some natural reproduction occurring," said Joe Bonneau, the Corps' South Dakota-based chief of threatened and endangered species.

The pallid sturgeon is a cousin of the more-common shovelnose sturgeon and is native to the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. It's a bottom-feeding fish that's been listed as a federal endangered species since 1990, spurring conservation and habitat restoration effort. Many of the pallid sturgeons found in the Missouri originated in hatcheries and were transplanted into the river, and offspring in the wild generally have difficulty surviving beyond a year or so.

During sampling efforts, "we catch lots of larval sturgeon and send all those fish to geneticists, and until now they've all come back as shovelnose sturgeon," said Bonneau. "This doesn't mean we've turned a corner and everything will be rosy," but the two larval fish — one 48 millimeters long, the other half that — give biologists something to study.

"It's a big deal as far as telling us about the fight of the pallid sturgeon," he said. "It remains to be seen what it means. But the main point is that just getting those answers becomes a lot more plausible when you just start finding fish."

With looks only a mother could love, today's pallid sturgeons — toothless and with flattened, shovel-shaped snouts that suck up small fish and other food from river bottoms — are descendants of ones

that were dominant 70 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says. The pallid sturgeon can reach lengths of 6 feet, weigh up to 100 pounds and in some cases live at least 40 years.

Once commercially fished, overharvesting, dam construction and habitat loss have contributed to winnowing their numbers, according to the Missouri Department of Conservation, which has stocked the Missouri River with 25,000 pallid sturgeon fingerlings since 1992.

"The good news here is this is the first indication that to some degree, the pallid sturgeons are reproducing on their own in this section of the Missouri River," department spokesman Joe Jerek said. "It's just added hope — that first indication that it's possible."

Senate rejects effort to ban Keystone XL-pipeline exports

DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled Senate on Tuesday rejected Democrats' bids to ban exports from the Keystone XL oil pipeline and to require building the project with American-made steel.

In largely party-line votes, the Senate sidetracked the first two additions to a bill seeking to approve construction of the 1,179 pipeline. Sen. Edward Markey of Massachusetts and Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota argued that their additions would ensure that the pipeline, which will carry an estimated 800,000 barrels of oil from the Canadian tar sands to Gulf Coast refineries, will benefit Americans with fuel and jobs.

"Proponents of the Keystone XL pipeline have made promises that it would increase our energy security, but when they are given the chance to support keeping that oil in the United States, they actively oppose my amendment to do so," Markey said.

But Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said such restrictions on a privately-funded energy project amounted to a "slippery slope."

The Senate overwhelmingly endorsed a bipartisan measure to boost energy efficiency.

The Keystone XL oil pipeline is the top priority on the Republican agenda this Congress. Democrats hope to use the legislation to score political points on key issues associated with the project, including its contribution to global warming. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island outlined Tuesday an eight-word measure that says: "Climate change is real and not a hoax."

But none of the measures are likely to sway more Democrats to vote for the bill. At a press conference Tuesday, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he also does not expect the amendments to inspire President Barack Obama to withdraw his veto threat and sign the pipeline bill into law.

As the Senate was debating, the pipeline's developer, TransCanada Corp. moved Tuesday to seize access to the Nebraska land it needs to finish the \$8 billion project — the first steps it's taken since the state's high court removed a major legal barrier.

Murkowski said that as of last week, 50 amendments had been filed.

TransCanada takes steps to acquire Keystone pipeline land

GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The developer of the Keystone XL oil pipeline made good on its promise Tuesday to try to seize access to the Nebraska land it needs to finish the project — the first steps it's taken since the state's high court removed a major legal barrier.

TransCanada employees said the company filed legal papers in nine Nebraska counties to invoke eminent domain for the land that's needed to construct, operate and maintain the pipeline. The filings

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come just before the company's two-year window closes Thursday.

The pipeline still faces legal challenges in Nebraska, even though the state's Supreme Court allowed the route to stand by default. Opponents have sued to try to prevent the Calgary, Alberta-based company from using eminent domain and to overturn the state pipeline-siting law that allowed ex-Gov. Dave Heineman to approve the route in 2013.

The pipeline would carry an estimated 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines headed for Gulf Coast refineries.

By law, TransCanada can use the courts to force Nebraska landowners to sell access to their land. Company officials say they still need to acquire 12 percent of the total land easements from owners who have not yet reached a deal. Some holdouts have said they won't negotiate no matter how much TransCanada offers.

The company has acquired 100 percent of the private landowner easements in Montana and South Dakota, according to TransCanada's Keystone projects land manager Andrew Craig.

"This is all we have left," Craig told The Associated Press. "... We think 88 percent voluntarily agreements in the last two years is a substantial success."

Pipeline opponents argue that many of the landowners in Montana and South Dakota were "bullied" early in the process and told they had no other option.

Craig said the company has secured voluntary agreements with as many as 96 percent of the landowners in some of the remaining Nebraska counties. And he expects the company will sign agreements with at least half of the remaining landowners without having to use eminent domain.

Those still willing to negotiate mostly have concerns about compensation and restoration of native grasslands that could take three to five years to regrow, Craig said.

Jim Tarnick has received at least six offers — ranging from \$30,000 to \$58,000 — for his land on the route just south of Fullerton. TransCanada also sent the 39-year-old a letter and tried to call him last week after the court's ruling.

He opposes the pipeline and plans to continue fighting it, though he isn't part of the new lawsuits.

"If we can't stop the project, we at least have to do what's best for us and future generations," said Tarnick, who is concerned about the pipeline's possible effects on groundwater and soil. "When they're done with it, we're going to be left with a pipe in the ground."

Environmentalists and other pipeline opponents argue that any leaks could contaminate water sources and the project would increase air pollution around refineries and harm wildlife. Supporters, including state and national Republicans and oil industry members, say those fears are exaggerated and argue that the pipeline would create jobs and ease the country's dependence on foreign oil.

President Barack Obama has downplayed the project's benefits, and the White House has publicly threatened to veto legislation in Congress that would fast-track the project.

Nebraska lawmakers may debate the issue again this session. State Sen. Ernie Chambers introduced a bill Tuesday that would repeal the pipeline-siting law and bring the project "to a virtual standstill."

"The pipeline is like King Kong, and the people and farms are like ants and grasshoppers," Chambers said. "If they get in the way, they will be crushed with no redress."

It's not clear how it'll be received in the Legislature.

In the two lawsuits filed last week — which could delay the entire 1,179-mile Canada-to-Nebraska project — seven landowners in Holt and York counties said they've received written warning that TransCanada intends to initiate eminent domain proceedings.

Senate panel OKs military spouse weapon permit measure

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A proposal to allow active military members' spouses to hold a South Dakota concealed weapon permit is making headway in the state Legislature.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved Attorney General Marty Jackley's measure on Tuesday and sent it to the Senate.

Under the plan, spouses of military personnel who have permanent residency in South Dakota but are posted elsewhere could apply for a South Dakota permit that would give them permission to carry a concealed weapon in the roughly 25 states that have reciprocity. The permit would be necessary if they visited South Dakota and wanted to carry a firearm.

Current state law only extends those benefits to serving military personnel, and not their spouses.

Jackley's measure also authorizes military spouses who move to South Dakota from a different state to waive the 30-day wait period requirement for residency before they can get a permit.

Jackley used the example of a man who moved to Germany with his wife, who is in the military. The man wanted to renew his permit and potentially carry a weapon in South Dakota if he returned on vacation, but couldn't fulfill the 30-day state residency requirement because he was overseas.

"The bill makes it family-friendly," said Republican Sen. Jeff Monroe, who will present the bill to his chamber's floor. "It makes it the way it should have been before."

Pennington County Sheriff Kevin Thom said his department gets 8 to 10 requests per year from families inquiring about the permitting process, but he noted the number is probably conservative since most military spouses already know the rules governing the permitting process.

Thom said the measure makes sense, given the rights already afforded to active duty military personnel.

"Since (the spouses are) here with them, why not give them the same opportunity?" he said.

Thom said he hadn't heard of any opposition.

"We should do everything we can to legally support our military, not put up roadblocks because of their circumstance," Jackley said after the hearing. "I look at this as one way to take down one of those unnecessary roadblocks for our military and their families."

Legislator forms group to gather early support for Jeb Bush

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota state representative has formed a group backing potential presidential candidate Jeb Bush.

Rep. Steve Westra, R-Sioux Falls, says he formed South Dakotans for Jeb Bush to show a "signal of support" for the potential candidate. Bush announced in December of 2014 that he was creating a presidential exploratory committee.

Westra says Bush, the son and brother of two former presidents, has views that align with majority of South Dakota voters.

The second-term representative has also started a Facebook page that will gather names and information of those wishing to be counted as early Bush backers. The names of those who enter their name of Westra's petition will be sent to Bush at the end February.

Sioux Falls man convicted of counterfeiting gets 2 ½ years

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man convicted of making counterfeit money in order to buy drugs has been sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 29-year-old Joshua Lajoie made counterfeit \$20 bills and used them to purchase drugs. The drug dealers in turn spent the counterfeit money at Sioux Falls businesses, who reported the fake bills to police.

Johnson says his office believes 116 counterfeit \$20 bills were passed in the Sioux Falls area.

Lajoie has been ordered to make restitution of \$560 to various businesses. Following his 30 months in custody, he will have two years of supervised release.

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. PRESIDENT CAPITALIZES ON RECOVERY

Obama's State of the Union address used economic successes to leverage his position over the GOP which now fully controls Congress.

2. OBAMA OVERSELLS "RISE" FROM THE RECESSION

AP'S Fact Check finds that seven years after the downturn, household income hasn't yet recovered and the job market is adding low-paying jobs.

3. JAPAN RACING AGAINST TIME TO SAVE HOSTAGES

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says his country will never give in to Islamic State terrorists who threatened to kill two Japanese captives within 72 hours if not paid \$200 million ransom.

4. PALESTINIAN STABS NINE PEOPLE ON TEL AVIV BUS

Israeli police are calling the assault a "terror attack" that comes after several others in which Palestinians used knives, acid and vehicles as weapons.

5. FOUR CHARGED IN PROBE OF PARIS RAMPAGE

The men are accused of providing logistical support to one of the slain terrorists, Amedy Coulibaly.

6. WHERE'S BEST PLACE TO INVEST

The U.S. has leapfrogged China as the world's most important growth market, according to a survey of CEOs.

7. CUBA LOWERS EXPECTATIONS ON EVE OF US TALKS

While Obama hailed restoring relations with the Cold War foe in his State of the Union address, Havana is cautioning that a full relationship won't come so quickly.

8. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SETTLES CASE OVER FAKE FACEBOOK PAGE

The government will pay a New York woman \$134,000 after setting up the bogus page as part of an undercover drug investigation.

9. HOW SAUDI TRADITIONS ARE BEING CHALLENGED

Single women in their late 20s and 30s are seeking careers and independent choices that put them at odds with tribal mentalities in the conservative kingdom.

10. WHO'S BOOSTING 'AMERICAN SNIPER' AT THE BOX OFFICE

Conservatives — a seldom catered-to demographic — have been a key to the film's strong ticket sales.

Quotes, reaction to Obama's State of the Union speech The Associated Press

Quotes from and reaction to President Obama's State of the Union address, delivered Tuesday night before Congress:

"I have no more campaigns to run. My only agenda for the next two years is the same as the one I've had since the day I swore an oath on the steps of this Capitol — to do what I believe is best for America. If you share the broad vision I outlined tonight, join me in the work at hand. If you disagree with parts of it, I hope you'll at least work with me where you do agree. And I commit to every Republican here tonight that I will not only seek out your ideas, I will seek to work with you to make this country stronger." — President Barack Obama.

"Finding common ground is what the American people sent us here to do, but you wouldn't know it from the president's speech tonight. While veto threats and unserious proposals may make for good political theater, they will not distract this new American Congress from our focus on the people's priorities." — House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

"Americans have been hurting, but when we demanded solutions, too often Washington responded with the same stale mindset that led to failed policies like Obamacare. It's a mindset that gave us political talking points, not serious solutions." — Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, delivering the official GOP response to Obama's speech.

"#SOTU pointed way to an economy that works for all. Now we need to step up & deliver for the middle class." — Hillary Rodham Clinton, possible 2016 presidential candidate, on Twitter.

"It's unfortunate President Obama wants to use the tax code to divide us — instead of proposing reforms to create economic opportunity for every American. We can do better." — former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, on Facebook.

"Obama claims his budget is practical, not partisan — what about it being balanced?" — Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., on Twitter.

"The president had an opportunity to be magnanimous, to be gracious. ... Instead, the president didn't do that. He didn't listen to the voters who are hurting right now. Instead, he doubled down on the failed policies of the last six years." — Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas.

"Instead of rewarding repressive, anti-American regimes like Cuba and Iran with undeserved concessions that legitimize and enrich them, (Obama) should condition normalized relations on real, irreversible results that protect U.S. national security interests, safeguard human rights and ensure greater political freedoms." — Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

"It's time to put middle-class, paycheck-earning Americans first, not last. Let's work with President Obama to build on our nation's economic growth and get back to rewarding all hard-working Ameri-

cans.” — Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

AP News in Brief

Analysis: Obama seizes on recovery, makes a bet on its staying power

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama’s State of the Union address marked a sweet spot in his presidency when economic signs and his own personal approval are on the rise. He made sure to capitalize, taking credit for policies he said raised the country out of its recession.

But sweet spots are by definition fleeting — moments in time that can just as quickly sour.

Tuesday’s speech capped a remarkably activist 11 weeks since Obama suffered the humiliation of Democratic losses that gave Republicans control of both chambers of Congress. But this was not a lessons-learned address. Instead, Obama drew lines in the sand that cautioned against Republican overreach. And while he offered a nod to bipartisanship on issues such as trade, he pushed a traditional Democratic economic agenda of tax increases for the rich, expanded paid leave for workers and increased aid for education.

For a president two months removed from a devastating political loss, this was not a speech uttered in retreat. Instead, he brashly wagged his finger at his critics.

“At every step, we were told our goals were misguided or too ambitious; that we would crush jobs and explode deficits,” he said. “Instead, we’ve seen the fastest economic growth in over a decade, our deficits cut by two-thirds, a stock market that has doubled, and health care inflation at its lowest rate in 50 years.”

FACT CHECK: Obama claims credit for a recovery that isn’t complete, oversells free tuition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. may not have “risen from recession” quite as rousingly as President Barack Obama suggested in his State of the Union speech Tuesday night. Seven years after that severe downturn began, household income hasn’t recovered and healthy job growth is complicated by the poor quality, and pay, of many of those jobs.

It’s always problematic when a president takes credit for an improving economy, just as it is when he’s blamed for things going bad. A leader can only do so much, for better or worse, and there are two sides to every economy. But after an election in which Obama largely held off on chest-beating, he claimed credit in bold terms for what is going right.

Also in his speech, Obama skimmed over the cost to taxpayers of free community college tuition and invited closer scrutiny with his claims about U.S. support for Syrian moderates and about his record of public-lands preservation.

A look at some of his claims, and the facts and the political climate behind them, as well as a glance at the Republican response:

Japan's Abe 'fighting against time' to seek release of hostages held by Islamic State

TOKYO (AP) — Japan is doing all it can to free two hostages the Islamic State group is threatening to kill within 72 hours, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Wednesday, vowing never to give in to terrorism.

Abe returned to Tokyo from a six-day Middle East tour slightly ahead of schedule and convened a Cabinet meeting soon after.

"We are fighting against time, and we'll make an all-out effort and use every diplomatic route that we have developed to win the release of the two," he said.

Abe said he was consulting with leaders in the region. A convoy carrying a Japanese envoy, Vice-Foreign Minister Yasuhide Nakayama, left the Japanese embassy in Jordan's capital Amman on Wednesday for an unknown location in the city. He was dispatched from Abe's Middle East entourage to handle the situation.

Abe and other Japanese officials have declined to discuss whether Japan will pay the ransom for the captives, 47-year-old freelance journalist Kenji Goto and 42-year-old Haruna Yukawa, the founder of a private security company.

Palestinian stabs 9 people on Tel Aviv bus before being shot and arrested, Israeli police say

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian man stabbed nine people on a bus in central Tel Aviv on Wednesday, wounding four of them seriously before he was chased down, shot and arrested by Israeli police in an attack praised by the Islamic militant Hamas group.

The assault, described by police as a "terror attack," was the latest in a spate of attacks in which Palestinians have used knives, acid and vehicles as weapons in recent months, leaving dead and injured. Police identified the assailant as a Palestinian from the West Bank and said he had entered Israel illegally.

The man, who was on the bus himself, travelling with the other passengers, began stabbing people, including the driver, then managed to get out of the bus and started fleeing the scene.

Officers from a prison service who happened to be nearby and saw the bus swerving out of control and a man running away, gave chase, shot the man in the leg, wounding him lightly and subsequently arrested him.

"We believe it was a terror attack," said police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld. He said four people were seriously hurt and another nine sustained lighter wounds. The stabber was in custody and the police are questioning him now, he said.

French security forces to get better weapons to fight terror; 4 men charged with terror ties

PARIS (AP) — French security forces will get better weapons and protection to fight terror and the country will hire 2,600 new counter-terrorism officers, the prime minister announced Wednesday.

The news came as the Paris prosecutor said four men suspected of providing logistical support to one of the Paris terror attackers have been charged with associating with terrorism — the first charges handed out for the mayhem that left 20 people dead, including three gunmen.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls said the government will spend 425 million euros (\$490 million) on coun-

ter-terrorism over three years in response to the Paris attacks. Three police were among those killed by the gunmen.

France will also bolster its intelligence apparatus, introducing a measure to make it easier to tap phones, he said. In addition, 3,000 people with ties to France — some at home, others abroad, will be monitored by anti-terror surveillance agents.

Outlining a web of phone calls, shared keys and prison friendships, Paris Prosecutor Francois Molins said the four suspects — all in their 20s, all arrested in the Paris region — were handed preliminary charges overnight and will be jailed until a further investigation.

AP Interview: Iraqi premier appeals to US-led coalition for more aid in battling Islamic State

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister on Wednesday appealed to the U.S.-led coalition and the international community to do more to help his country win the war against the Islamic State group, saying the assistance pledged so far falls short of the nation's urgent needs.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, Haider al-Abadi said the coalition has stalled on key issues, particularly commitments on training Iraqi forces and weapons deliveries.

"We are in this almost on our own," he said. "There is a lot being said and spoken, but very little on the ground."

His comments came as he was leaving for London to take part in a one-day meeting Thursday on the anti-Islamic State war effort with foreign ministers from about 20 countries, including Arab states. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is also expected to attend.

The fall of the western city of Fallujah a year ago this month kicked off the Islamic State group's dramatic blitz across Iraq. In June, the extremists captured Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, then swept south toward Baghdad in a march that put almost all the Sunni-majority regions of northern and western Iraq into its hands. The Iraqi military crumbled, with troops abandoning the battle and leaving heavy weapons, which were later seized by the militant group.

Deadly attacks on journalists in Afghanistan rise, threatening free press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — When Afghan journalist Hussain Sirat's car disappeared in late December, he assumed it was simply theft, until a man called to say that he had the vehicle, and a gun with which he planned to kill him.

In the weeks since then, Sirat, an editor at Afghanistan's biggest daily newspaper SAM who also works for Deutsche Welle, has been attacked in the street and received death threats in text messages that accuse him of being an "infidel" — which he assumes is related to his work for the German broadcaster.

"I don't feel safe," he said. The 33-year-old has moved to a safe house away from his wife and five children, who are afraid to go outside. Neither the police nor security services have been able to find the people who threatened him. "They can't make me feel any safer," he said.

Eight journalists were killed in Afghanistan in 2014, making it the deadliest year for the media since 2001, when the U.S.-led invasion toppled the Taliban, rights groups say.

While reporting on last year's presidential election, Associated Press photographer Anja Niedringhaus, 48, was shot dead and reporter Kathy Gannon, 60, was seriously wounded in an attack by an Afghan policeman in the town of Khost, near the border with Pakistan. Their attacker is appealing a death

sentence for the assault.

Brazen ships accused of poaching lucrative fish near Antarctica ignore navy patrol's orders

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Staying hidden behind sea ice and large waves, sailors aboard a navy patrol boat from New Zealand sneaked up on three suspected poaching ships, then took photos and video of the fishermen hauling in prized fish in banned nets from the ocean near Antarctica. Seemingly caught red-handed, the crews of the rusting vessels just kept on fishing.

Authorities say this month's high-seas confrontations, and the detailed evidence collected, mark a first in Antarctic waters, where regulators have long suspected poaching activities but have found them difficult to police in an area that's roughly the size of the continental United States.

It is a huge illegal business: Each of the ships could hold more than \$1 million worth of Antarctic toothfish, marketed in North America as Chilean sea bass.

The three ships were encountered between Jan. 6 and 13, near Commonwealth Bay and about 110 kilometers (70 miles) from the Antarctic coast. Each quickly hoisted a flag proclaiming it to be a fishing vessel from Equatorial Guinea, said Lt. Cmdr. Graham MacLean, the patrol boat's commanding officer. When the navy demanded to board to check documentation, each of the three captains flatly refused, he said.

MacLean said he decided the 5-meter (16-foot) swells made it too dangerous to board the ships using force, so the fishermen slipped away, carrying with them hundreds of Antarctic toothfish. The fish can grow to over two meters (6-foot-6) in length, weigh up to 120 kilograms (265 pounds) and sell for thousands of dollars apiece.

Republicans accuse Obama of ignoring election results in State of the Union speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says it's time to turn the page after years of economic hardship at home and wars overseas. But Republicans in charge of Congress say the voters already took care of that last November — and they're the proof.

"Much of what he did tonight ... new taxes, new spending is sort of the same old thing that we've heard over the last six years," said newly installed Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, not long after the president wrapped up a State of the Union speech studded with veto threats and challenges to newly empowered congressional Republicans.

"What I had hoped was the president was going to focus on areas of possible agreement. There are a few: trade, tax reform, infrastructure," added McConnell, who was on the receiving end of a presidential barb about climate change.

House Speaker John Boehner, McConnell's partner atop the leadership of the new, Republican-controlled Congress, agreed. "Finding common ground is what the American people sent us here to do, but you wouldn't know it from the president's speech tonight," he said.

The two Republican leaders spoke after Obama declared the "shadow of crisis has passed," with the economy growing and joblessness falling. He unfurled an agenda on taxes, spending, social programs, energy and foreign policy notably at odds with Republican priorities, although he ended with a plea for the two parties to "debate without demonizing one another" and find compromise where possible.

Growing number of single Saudi women challenge conservative society on love, marriage and work

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Amna Fatani knows she wants a brilliant career and a life different from that of Saudi women of her mother's generation who married early, usually to a husband not of their own choosing.

The 27-year-old, studying for her master's degree at Georgetown University in Washington and hoping to someday become Saudi Arabia's first female labor minister, is part of a growing number of Saudi women choosing to remain single through their 20s and into their 30s as they pursue other ambitions.

The trend has ruffled ultraconservatives who see it as an affront to the very foundations of the kingdom, where strict interpretations of Islam and rigid tribal codes have long dictated the terms of marriage.

"My friends and I have reached a point (where) we're very specific about what we want," she said. "I need someone who trusts that if I need to do something, I can make the decision to ask for help or choose to do it alone."

Saudi women stand at the center of a societal pivot between the kingdom's push for greater women's education and rights to work, and laws that give men final say over their lives.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2015. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 1915, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners whose states had seceded from the Union resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public establishments (the measure was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr., but not before one woman, Katie Mulcahey, was jailed overnight for refusing to pay a fine).

In 1910, the Great Paris Flood began as the rain-swollen Seine River burst its banks, sending water into the French capital.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1937, Count Basie and his band recorded "One O'Clock Jump" for Decca Records (on this date in 1942, they re-recorded the song for Okeh Records).

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton (GRAH'-tuhn), Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1968, the Battle of Khe Sanh began during the Vietnam War. An American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material.

In 1975, female reporters entered a National Hockey League locker room for post-game interviews for the first time. Robin Herman of The New York Times and Canadian radio reporter Marcel St. Cyr were allowed to talk to players following the NHL All-Star Game in Montreal in which the Wales Conference defeated the Campbell Conference 7-1.

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In 1977, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1982, convict-turned-author Jack Henry Abbott was found guilty in New York of first-degree manslaughter in the stabbing death of waiter Richard Adan in 1981. (Abbott was later sentenced to 15 years to life in prison; he committed suicide in 2002.)

In 1994, a jury in Manassas, Virginia, found Lorena Bobbitt not guilty by reason of temporary insanity of maliciously wounding her husband John, whom she'd accused of sexually assaulting her.

Ten years ago: A car bomb outside a Shiite mosque in Baghdad killed at least 14 people; a suicide bombing at a Shiite wedding south of the capital killed at least seven people. The body of Megan LeAnn Holden, a college student whose abduction was captured on a surveillance videotape as she was leaving her clerk's job at a Wal-Mart, was found in western Texas. (Johnny Lee Williams Jr. later pleaded guilty to capital murder and was sentenced to life in prison.)

Five years ago: A bitterly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, vastly increased the power of big business and labor unions to influence government decisions by freeing them to spend their millions directly to sway elections for president and Congress. Former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards finally admitted fathering a daughter during an affair before his second White House bid. Toyota recalled 2.3 million U.S. vehicles to fix accelerator pedals.

One year ago: Former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, once viewed as a rising star in the GOP, and his wife, Maureen, were indicted on federal corruption charges; the couple denied wrongdoing. (A jury in Sept. 2014 convicted the McDonnells of doing favors for former Star Scientific CEO Jonnie Williams in exchange for more than \$165,000 in low-interest loans and gifts.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Wedgeworth is 81. World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 75. Opera singer-conductor Placido Domingo is 74. Singer Mac Davis is 73. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 68. Country musician Jim Ibbotson (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 68. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 65. Former U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke is 65. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is 64. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen is 62. Actor-director Robby Benson is 59. Actress Geena Davis is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 52. Actress Charlotte Ross is 47. Actor John Ducey is 46. Actress Karina Lombard is 46. Rapper Levirt (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 45. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 45. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 43. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 42. Actor Vincent Laresca is 41. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 39. Actor Jerry Trainor is 38. Country singer Phil Stacey is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nokio (Dru Hill) is 36. Actress Izabella Miko (MEE'-koh) is 34.

Thought for Today: "The road to ruin is always in good repair, and the travellers pay the expense of it." - Josh Billings (Henry Wheeler Shaw), American humorist (1818-1885).

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.

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♦ 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 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.