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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**

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## Punxsutawney Phil says 6 more weeks of winter

**Birthdays: Alan Ball, Richard Kapp**

**Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, noodles Romanoff, lemon buttered broccoli, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.**

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

**School Lunch: Chicken wings, mashed potato, corn, fruit, carrots and dip.**

**6 p.m.: Girls C team hosts Warner**

**7 p.m.: Boys C team hosts Warner**

## Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.  
1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

## 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.

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- A home without a security system is **3 times more likely to be burglarized**.<sup>3</sup>
- **85% of Police Officials surveyed** believe home alarms deter burglary attempts.<sup>4</sup>

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2008 National Crime Report [http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr\\_stats060109](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109) 2. <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/prs/vdhbr.cfm>  
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## Johnson/Lutz Thank You

Words cannot express my gratitude and deep appreciation for all those who hosted and attended my bridal shower on February 10th, 2015 and all the gifts that were received. I would also like to extend a special gratitude to those of you who contributed to the gifts from Lori's Pharmacy. The gifts will all be a great addition to our new home together. Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts, we greatly appreciate your love and support.

Jerry Ray Johnson and Becky Lutz

Getting Married February 11th, 2015 on Sanibel Island, Florida

## 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.

### Concessions

#### Manager Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified applicants for a concessions manager for the 2015-2016 school year. Salary is \$50/event plus commission. Information and applications are available at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com).

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**106 Thomas Cranford Record: 3-11**

**Result, Opponent, School, How**

**Lost, Trey Fortin, Warner-Northwestern, Fall 0:40**

**Won, Tel Aspelin, Sully Buttes, Fall 0:49**

**Lost, Sterling Rausch, Webster Area, Dec 11-10**

**113 Trevor Pray Record: 23- 3 1st Place**

**Result, Opponent, School, How**

**Won, Johnny Schwartz, Huron JV, Fall 1:10**

**Won, Tate Haider, Wolsey/Wessington, Fall 0:55**

**Won, Cade Schoemaker, Webster Area, Dec 9-1**

**126 Wyatt Locke Record: 7- 8 2nd Place**

**Result, Opponent, School, How**

**Won, Ethan Ellingson, Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm, Fall 2:58**

**Won, Nick O'Connor, Watertown JV, M-Dec 18-5**

**Lost, Nathan Sowle, Huron JV, Fall 0:14**

**132 Kelby Hawkins Record: 23- 1 1st Place**

**Result, Opponent, School, How**

**Won, Jayden Hartford \*, Watertown JV. Fall 0:59**

**Won, Colton Rall, Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm, Fall 0:59**

**Won, Dan Kliegel, Watertown JV, Fall 1:27**

**160 Tyler Scott Record: 17- 5 1st Place**

**Result, Opponent, School, How**

**Won, Jayden Harley \*, Watertown JV, Fall 2:23**

**Won, Payton Smith, Canton, Dec 7-2**

**Won, Wyatt Nitschke, Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm, Fall 1:36**

**220 Brandyn Anderson Record: 15-10 2nd Place**

**Result, Opponent, School, How**

**Won, Austin Waite, Canton, Dec 7-3**

**Lost, Dylan Hines, Wolsey/Wessington, Dec 15-6**

## Five Grapplers propel Groton to third place at Groton Invite

Five Groton wrestlers made it to the finals at the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday. The five wrestlers got enough points to put Groton in third place in a field of 13 teams and 134 wrestlers.

Trevor Pray, Kelby Hawkins and Tyler Scott all placed first while Wyatt Locke and Brandyn Anderson each placed second.

Scott Peterson, an eighth grader from Canton JV, won the Glenn Sperry Pinner's Award. He had four pins for a total time of 4:03.

1. Watertown JV 175.00
2. Canton 127.00
3. Groton Area 106.00
4. Wolsey/Wessington 105.50
5. Huron JV 97.00
6. Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm 84.00
7. Britton-Hecla 74.50
8. Webster Area 74.00
9. Sully Buttes 65.00
10. Tiospa Zina 51.50
11. SF O'Gorman JV 33.00
12. Warner-Northwestern 26.00

## Wanner inducted into football coaches Hall of Fame



Shaun Wanner, Groton Area, Doug Skeie, former Her-reid-Pollock, and Tom Culver, Avon, were inducted into the South Dakota Football Coaches Hall of Fame this past weekend.

### Shaun Wanner

Shaun Wanner has enjoyed a very successful career coaching high school football for nearly three decades at three schools in northeastern South Dakota — Langford, Ipswich and Groton.

Wanner guided Langford from 1987 through 1991 and Ipswich from 1992 through 2001 before moving to Groton, where he completed his 28th season in 2014.

"I've truly enjoyed all my years of coaching football, teaching and coaching young players and meeting good people in the profession," he said. "The coaching profession has been truly a great experience for me."

During this time, Wanner's teams have compiled a record of 194-86 and won five conference titles — Langford (1988 and 1989), Ipswich (1992 and 1994) and Groton (2011).

Wanner guided back-to-back teams to state Class 11B runner-up finishes — Groton in 2007 and Groton Area in 2008. He earned regional Coach of the Year honors from the South Dakota Football Coaches Association in 1989 and 2011.

Wanner has also enjoyed coaching success in other sports — leading Ipswich to the 1994 state Class B boys track championship and also leading Ipswich to a third-place finish in the state Class A boys basketball tourney in 2000.

Inducted on Jan. 31, 2015

### Doug Skeie

Once Doug Skeie figured out he didn't need to blow his whistle while coaching in games, he was able to piece together a notable 26-year high school football coaching career in South Dakota.

"In 1977 during my first game of coaching, I was nervous and I had my whistle in my mouth," Skeie recalled. "I blew it at the end of the first two plays. The refs came over and told me not to do that. They would ref and I should coach."

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That's what Skeie did, coaching Pollock for five seasons (1977-1981), Herreid-Pollock for 18 seasons (1984-2002) and Sturgis for three (2002-2005).

He compiled a 175-67 career coaching record in both nine-man and 11-man football, winning nine conference titles and guided teams to six state semifinal appearances.

Two of his Herreid-Pollock teams advanced to state championship games — finishing second in Class 9A in 1988 and in Class 9B in 1991.

During his nine-man football coaching days, Skeie also served as a head track and field coach. His teams won a number of conference and region championships, highlighted by Herreid's girls winning the state Class B track championship in 1997.

Skeie received a number of coaching awards and honors during his career.

Inducted on Jan. 31, 2015

## **Tom Culver**

If there's a list of the most successful nine-man football coaches in the history of South Dakota nine-man football — at least during the playoff era — Tom Culver of Avon would certainly be near the top.

Culver's coaching career is pushing the 30-year mark and has included 19 seasons as a head coach at Wakonda/Gayville-Volin and Avon. He also had stops as an assistant at Hanson, Grant-Deuel and Viborg.

Culver did guide Wakonda-Gayville-Volin to a state Class 9A runner-up finish in 1996 before turning Avon into a state nine-man power. He not only guided the Pirates to 11 Great Plains Conference titles in 13 years from 2001-2013, but also led those teams to eight state championship games — winning Class 9A titles in 2002, 2004, and 2008 and Class 9B titles in 2005 and 2013. Avon also finished second in Class 9A in both 2003 and 2009 and second in Class 9B in 2011.

His 2008 championship was especially memorable. After being deployed with his South Dakota National Guard unit to Iraq after the team's first playoff game in 2007, he returned home during the day of the team's final regular-season game in 2008 and the Pirates went on to win the state title.

Culver served as president of the South Dakota Football Coaches Association (2006-08) and has received numerous honors including SDFBCA Region Coach of the Year in 2001, 2006 and 2007. He was a 2010 AFCA Power of Influence nominee in 2010 and a finalist for the NHSACA Football Coach of the Year award in 2013.

Inducted on January 31, 2015

## Lana Greenfield Legislative Report

Greetings to all. Our work and research loads are starting to increase as the wheels in the People's House begin to turn faster. This week proved to be somewhat of a winding road. HB 1059, the bill that mandates immunization records be placed online, passed in the House. I spoke against it as it is just more over-regulation by the government. Thanks to all of you who wrote and asked for its defeat. I do feel parents have the responsibility to get the records to correct places such as schools and daycares without forced mandates and fear of confidence breaches. The Health and Human Services Committee debated and passed SB1080 in which patients with terminal diseases are given experimental drugs in a "right to try" attempt to regain health. It was a very emotional hour of testimony in which some of our members, who have family or personal health problems, think it is worth a try to have South Dakota join the ranks of 4 or 5 other states, including Colorado, in doing this. I voted against it for 2 reasons: first, I think we need to envision what this could open our state up to. I do not want illegal practitioners with sugar pills coming into our state and monetarily taking advantage of our citizens, and I do not want it to be a destination state for people who have transmittable, deadly diseases. I think a "no" vote will make for healthy discussion on the House floor and would provoke some good amendments to maybe cause passage eventually. If everyone on the committee votes "yes" the bills can easily be placed on the consent calendar with no debate at all. HB 1069, a controversial bill calling for an Article 5 Convention to be called for the purpose of Balancing the Federal Budget, was debated and passed by the House 39-30. Even though I highly support having a balanced budget, I cast a dissenting vote. No one seemed to know when this convention would take place as a majority of the states need to approve it (there currently is no majority), and one does not know who would be the delegate. It was stated that the process could take years. Once the articles are opened, anything could become fair game for change. When we send a delegate to an event, they are to act in our interests. Not knowing who that may be or when it will take place, definitely "red flags" the idea to me. We will now see how the Senate interprets the idea.

In Local Government we passed all bills put before our committee. The proponents did a good job of answering our questions about letting the counties set the mileage rate on their vehicles rather than abiding by state rates. Local control is very important, and I do believe this is the sentiment of many on our committee.

Thursday we were guests of our local newspaper association. Bill Krickac met us at the Ramkota for lunch and was a very gracious host. I respect our small town newspapers for their willingness to write about the important events and issues of our communities. People, especially in small towns, use papers as a link to the world around them. If you question their importance, deliver papers and be an hour late with them some time!!

Brock, Burt, and I attended the SDARL (South Dakota Ag Rural Leadership) banquet on Thursday. Each year a 30 member class is selected to participate. We were proud to have some very worthy area people accepted into this elite leadership program: Sandy Osterman, Conde; Jared Knock, Willow Lake; Jamie Johnson, Frankfort; Randy Nelson, Carpenter; and Trudy Wastweet formerly of Bryant. These people have intensive leadership training classes for 18 months, travel to Washington, D.C., and travel internationally. All are involved in one or more of the following areas: farming, agri-business, and/or rural leadership. It is a very worthwhile organization, and it can be searched online for more information.

Some of the upcoming issues you can be apprised of are bills about daylight savings time, tanning beds, newspaper legals, and potential fireworks mandates. I really want to thank you for your e-mail questions. It is great that so many of you young people are taking an interest in our government. We have a Cracker Barrel this weekend at NSU at 10 A.M. I can be contacted at [lanagreenfield@gmail.com](mailto:lanagreenfield@gmail.com) or [rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us](mailto:rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us). The number to best reach me on weekends is 635-6932. Have a great week!

## Groton City Council Meeting

Monday, Feb. 2, 2015

7 p.m. at the Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Department Reports
- 5) 4th St Sewer Project
- 6) 2015 Chip/Seal Project
- 7) Tree Trimming
- 8) Determination of Summer Help Needs
- 9) Meeting reports
- 10) Pool Slide Update
- 11) Jim Stearns Building Update
- 12) Election reminder
- 13) Exe. Session – Personnel & Legal

**AND any other business that may come before the Council**

## Lazy Farmers 4-H Meeting Minutes

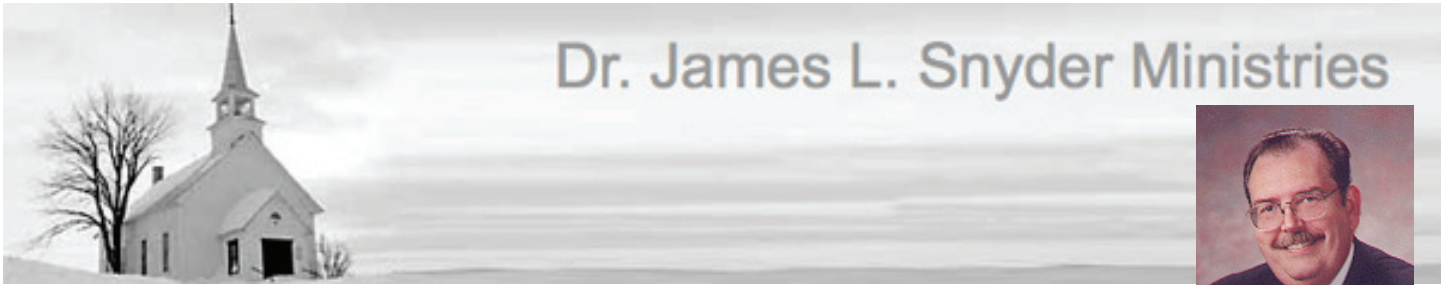
The December meeting of the Lazy farmers was held on December 7, 2014, at the Jungle Lanes in Groton. The club was the host for this meeting. The U.S. pledge was lead by Ashlyn Sperry and the 4-H was lead by Tessa Erdmann. There were no talks or demonstrations. Before the meeting we bowled as a club. Our next meeting will be held on January 4, 2015, at the Stange farm.

Proudly submitted by Cassandra Townsend.

The January meeting of the Lazy Farmers was held on January 4, 2015 at the Stange farm. There were no hosts at this because we had a potluck. The U.S. pledge was lead by Lexi Osterman and the 4-H pledge was lead by Alex Stange. There were 3 talks and demonstrations given, Lexi Osterman did a talk on Milking Shorthorns, Faith Fliehs did a demonstration on how to show a cat, and Alex Stange did a demonstration on how to make easy bake horse treats. Before the meeting our club welded wreath hangers and painted towels. Our next meeting will be on February 1, 2015 at Rosewood Court in Groton for club talks and demonstrations. January 15, 2015 the club plans to ski and snow tube at Andes Tower Hills in Alexandria, MN.

Proudly submitted by Cassandra Townsend





## Don't Mess with My Peanut Butter



Normally, I am a rather calm, cool and collected person. Actually, creditors trying to collect things from me, mostly money, are responsible for this and I have been officially collected. If I could only just collect my thoughts, but the pieces are too small and too few.

Anybody who knows me knows I am not easily rattled by anything, except a rattlesnake. I let the chips fall where they lay because I know from whence they came. I am not susceptible to the various rumors that make their way around on a regular basis.

All the debate about global warming, for example, has not in the least disturbed my personal serenity. Some say the earth is getting warmer while others insist it is getting cooler. Who in the world are you to believe? One scientist frantically reported that if we do not do something quickly in 1500 years the earth is going to get 10° warmer than it is right now. One can only hope he was not a Rhodes Scholar.

Then there was the hullabaloo about how harmful chocolate was to a person only to discover later that it has marvelous health benefits. Pass me another bonbon.

Others took potshots at coffee. Again, it was found that a morning cup of Joe is just the thing to get a person on the go.

I took all of these things good-naturedly. I try not to let anything get my dander up. In fact, I am quite proud of the humble way in which I respond to all of these negativities. Usually, with a cup of coffee in one hand and a bonbon in the other.

All was going well until one morning the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage rattled my cage. She takes great pleasure in doing this.

"Have you seen the trouble they are having with peanut butter?" she said.

This actually caught me by surprise because I had not heard any such thing. My wife went on to explain that in some cases they were recalling certain peanut products. Personally, I know a few nuts that need to be recalled.

I do not mind if they fool around with global warming, and recall every car on the planet. I care not what they say about chocolate and coffee, but I go by one simple rule; do not mess with my peanut butter!

My basic philosophy is, man shall not live by bread alone, he needs a little bit of peanut butter to hold it all together.

I am not sure who invented peanut butter... it might have been God himself... all I know it is the food of the gods. According to Wikipedia, there has never been a time in history when there was not some form of peanut butter.

It is one of the few essential items in this world that nobody can get along without. I can hardly imagine a world without this marvelous concoction, either creamy or crunchy.

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Many things I can manage to get along without, but I cannot get along without my daily ration of peanut butter.

Some people have chocolate as a comfort food. Some people's comfort food of choice is a bag of salty potato chips. Others pamper their comfort with ice cream. And I say, to each one his own. My comfort food is simply peanut butter, preferably crunchy.

The thing about peanut butter that is so amazing is it can be used in a variety of ways. I would guess the list is as close to limitless that a man can get. Hardly a month goes by that I do not discover a new way to enjoy peanut butter.

There, of course, is the traditional peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Every thoughtful and loving mother starts her young brood off on a nutritious and delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwich. If your mother was quite like my mother, she affectionately trimmed the edges, which made the peanut butter all the more delightful.

Need I mention Peanut Butter Cookies, Peanut Butter Fudge, Southern Peanut Butter Soup with Pepper Jelly, Peanut Butter Cheesecake, Peanut Butter Candy and a Peanut Butter and Chocolate Sundae?

I am not alone in this appreciation. "To me, peanut butter is the breakfast of champions!" opined Greg Louganis, Olympic Diver. If anybody should know what a champion eats for breakfast, he should.

Peanut butter can be used for breakfast, lunch and supper, not to mention all those snacks in between.

Those who know the history of our country will remember that two Presidents of the United States were peanut farmers [Jefferson and Carter]. I am not sure of this, but I think it helped them deal with the nuts in Washington.

Of all the ways to enjoy peanut butter there is one I prefer above all else. That is simply a nice tablespoon of peanut butter right out of the jar. If a tablespoon is not handy, several fingers will do the trick admirably.

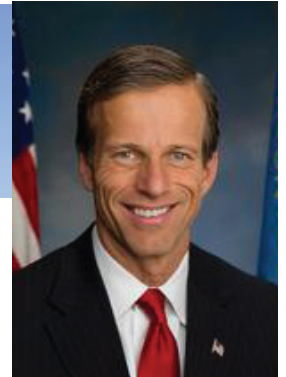
Really, there is no bad way to enjoy the marvelous taste of peanut butter.

Speaking of comfort, the Bible has the perfect recipe. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psalms 23:4).

God has a marvelous way of taking our attention away from the trials of this world and feast our thoughts on Him.

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**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## The ObamaCare Taxman Cometh

The Beatles aptly sang in their song "Taxman": "If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat / If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet." Had ObamaCare been the law of the land at the time, they perhaps would have added, "If you need a pill, I'll tax the bill; if you need a doc, my tax will shock," to represent the pain of the tax penalties that will be hitting South Dakotans and millions of Americans across the country this tax season.

ObamaCare was supposed to solve our nation's health care problems. It was supposed to drive down premiums and make health care more affordable. Instead, it's generally done the opposite. Since ObamaCare became law in 2010, health care premiums have risen. Millions of Americans have lost their health insurance plans. Others have lost access to their doctors. Still others are stuck in new insurance plans paying more for less coverage.

The American Action Forum recently ran the numbers and estimated that 6,000 South Dakotans will have to pay the ObamaCare tax penalty for not having government-approved health insurance. According to a calculator on the Wall Street Journal's website, the average individual who must pay the ObamaCare tax for not having government-approved insurance in South Dakota will pay a \$394 penalty this year, while the average family of four in South Dakota will pay a \$650 penalty. That's a lot of money for a South Dakota family. And it's only going to go up, because the tax penalty will rise in 2016.

South Dakotans could be spending that tax money on a number of essential items if they didn't have to pay the penalty. An individual could purchase 201 gallons of gas or six weeks of groceries with the money he will use to pay the tax penalty. A family of four could buy three weeks of groceries, or cover almost two months' worth of car payments, or purchase 332 gallons of gas at South Dakota prices. That would cover a lot of trips to school and football practice and dance practice.

The last few years have involved government creating many burdens on American workers and the American economy to fund big-government programs and the president's pet projects. Take the ObamaCare tax on lifesaving medical devices like pacemakers and insulin pumps. This tax was put in place to help pay for the president's health care law, but it has ended up negatively affecting jobs in this industry.

ObamaCare has demonstrated big government is not the answer. Instead of pushing big-government solutions, we need to rebuild our economy from the bottom up. I will continue working with my colleagues in the Senate to repeal and replace the most onerous parts of ObamaCare with policies that lower health care costs for South Dakota families.

## North Dakota Officially Becomes 2nd State to Pass the Civics Education Initiative

**Joe Foss Institute President & CEO Frank Riggs extends special thanks to First Lady Dalrymple**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Following landslide votes in both branches of the Assembly, Governor Jack Dalrymple signed legislation today making North Dakota officially the second state to pass the Civics Education Initiative. The Civics Education Initiative, sponsored by the Joe Foss Institute of Scottsdale, Arizona, requires high school students, as a condition of graduation, to take and pass the USCIS Citizenship Civics Test – the test all new immigrants must pass before becoming citizens.

The leadership of the Joe Foss Institute extends special thanks to our state Co-Chairs: First Lady Betsy Dalrymple and State Superintendent Kristen Baesler; the members of our North Dakota Advisory Board: Rep. Mike Nathe, who was also the bill's prime author, Sen. Tim Flakoll, Sen. Joan Heckaman, Rep. Bob Hunskor, and Major General David Sprynczynatyk; and bill co-authors: Senate Majority Leader Rich Wardner, House Majority Leader Al Carlson, Rep. Diane Larson and Rep. Mike Schatz.

"I think it's a really strong statement that North Dakota cares about civics," said First Lady Dalrymple adding that the flexibility of the legislation which allows school districts to decide how to administer the test and students to take it as many times as necessary to pass was critical to her support.

Joe Foss Institute President & CEO Frank Riggs concurred saying, "It is absolutely critical kids have an appreciation of our history, the service and sacrifices so many brave men and women have made for this great nation, and the struggles we have and will continue to face moving forward. The Joe Foss institute is dedicated to ensuring our students graduate high school ready, willing, and able to take on the serious responsibilities of citizenship."

"I and the other members of the Joe Foss team are thrilled to see our North Dakota partners join the movement to improve civics education, and want to extend special thanks to First Lady Dalrymple and all of our wonderful co-chairs and sponsors in North Dakota," Riggs concluded.

The legislation passed the North Dakota Senate this week by a vote of 43-4 after earlier passing the House by an astounding 85-1 margin.



## Caring For Those Who Have Borne The Battle

Last year at this time, the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs launched Operation Reaching All Veterans. Seeking new ways to assist those who have served, the Department began an unprecedented effort to reach out to veterans all across the state.

Historically, American veterans haven't always received the kind of support they deserve. During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress did not have the authority or the money to pay soldiers, so payment was left to the states. Though General Washington and many of the Founders stressed the importance of justly compensating those fighting for liberty, the states just weren't able to afford it. Only 3,000 out of the 200,000 who served in the war actually drew a pension.

By the time the Civil War began, a federal veteran pension system was in place, and by the end of the war – at the urging of Abraham Lincoln – veterans' hospitals were opened.

We've come a long way since then. But even with all of our progress, there's still more to do. As Lincoln put it in his second inaugural address, we must always strive to "care for him who shall have borne the battle."

Today we have a new generation to care for. Since 9/11, each of South Dakota's 22 National Guard communities has experienced a unit mobilization in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Noble Eagle. To date, the South Dakota National Guard has deployed more than 7,200 Soldiers and Airmen in support of the Global War on Terror. Thankfully, for the first time in more than a decade, none of our National Guard soldiers or airmen are currently deployed overseas.

With a new generation of veterans to serve, the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs launched Operation Reaching All Veterans last January with the goal of reaching out to every single veteran in South Dakota. This campaign was a first for the Department and a first in the nation. Their objectives were to educate veterans and their families about benefits, programs and services; to listen to concerns, provide key contacts to assist on a local level; and, most importantly, to say "thank you."

The Department anticipates that there are 75,000 veterans living in South Dakota. Over the last year, staff and veterans service officers estimate they have already made contact with about two-thirds of those veterans by making phone calls, staffing a booth at the Capitol and holding 153 open houses in 63 counties. One veterans' service officer, Tom Sparrow of Turner County, personally contacted over 11,000 veterans.

Larry Zimmerman, South Dakota Secretary of Veterans Affairs, says that this was just Phase I. Phase II will involve trying to reach those that they couldn't reach by phone.

I know there is no way to fully repay our veterans for all they have sacrificed to protect our freedom. They left the comfort of their homes and the embraces of their loved ones to put their lives on the line for us. Still, I believe Operation Reaching All Veterans is making a difference, and it's one step toward repaying just a small part of the debt we owe to those who have borne the battle.



## Foertsch named Volunteer of the Year

Joe Foertsch was awarded the Groton Area Chamber of Commerce annual Volunteer of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce Annual banquet on Friday January 9, 2014. Joe does many things for the community including donating his time to assemble the new playground equipment at the city park, helping with the swimming pool, assisting in moving the waterslide from Huron to Groton, donating cocoa to the ice rink and much more. Thank you Joe for all of your hardwork for our community! Mandy Boe is pictured presenting Foertsch with his award.

## Home Improvement Grants Available for North Dakota and South Dakota Homeowners

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines has awarded a \$487,500 grant to GROW South Dakota, a nonprofit housing organization, in partnership with the Peoples State Bank, Summit, South Dakota, "Member FDIC" an Equal Housing Lender.

The purpose of the Affordable Housing Program is to provide one major improvement to a homeowner's primary residence which may include, but is not limited to: Roof repair/shingles; siding; plumbing; minor foundation repair; handicapped accessibility; or wiring. The grant funds will rehabilitate 75 homes in the following counties:

Five Southeastern North Dakota counties: Cass, Dickey, Ransom, Richland and Sargent

Eastern & Central South Dakota counties: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Gregory, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Jones, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Lyman, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Mellette, Miner, Minnehaha (in the non-MSA area), Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Stanley, Sully, Todd, Tripp, Turner, Union, Walworth, Yankton.

Homes served under this project will be required to be single family owner-occupied residences. The home must be the eligible applicant's primary residence. Rental properties, contract for deed and mobile homes will not be eligible for the program.

The Affordable Housing Program encourages essential partnerships among financial institutions, community development organizations and the Federal Home Loan Bank to promote affordable housing for income eligible families. For more information about the Affordable Housing Program's income guidelines, eligibility, or to request an application, please contact GROW South Dakota, 104 Ash St. East, Sisseton SD 57262. 605-698-7654 Ext 130. Applications are also available on our website at [www.growsd.org](http://www.growsd.org).

For more information about any of GROW South Dakota's housing and business development programs and services, please visit our website at [www.growsd.org](http://www.growsd.org) or call (605) 698-7654.



## Balancing our Budgets

In my time spent working as State Senate Majority Leader and Governor of South Dakota, balancing the state budget was part of my job. Our state laws require us to balance our books each year, so we found ways to do more with less and grow our economy without overspending – just as has always been done in South Dakota. Despite sometimes having to make tough decisions, in the end we are better off for it. I'm proud of our record of balancing the books in South Dakota for 125 years.

At the federal level, the idea of balancing a budget is seemingly a foreign concept. Our current national debt is more than \$18 trillion, and shows no signs of slowing down. A recent report by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated our annual federal deficit will be half-a-trillion dollars in 2015, and again in 2016. That comes off the heels of several years of \$1 trillion annual deficits under President Obama's watch, which CBO projects will return within a decade. This is unsustainable and poses a threat to our entire economic system.

One action we can take to combat our debt problem is to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment that would force the federal government to balance its books. It simply means that Washington cannot spend more than they've taken in. I've already agreed to cosponsor balanced budget legislation in the Senate and hopefully it will receive widespread, bipartisan support among my colleagues.

Taking significant steps to rein in spending, as the Balanced Budget Amendment would do, would send a strong signal to job creators that we are serious about growing our economy for the long haul. It would give them the confidence to invest and hire again.

The South Dakota State House just passed legislation calling for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget. If it is approved by the Senate and signed by the Governor, South Dakota would join 24 other states calling for such an amendment. Thirty eight states are required by law to approve an amendment to the Constitution. It is unfortunate that Washington's irresponsibility is forcing these actions.

When I talk to South Dakotans, they always ask me why Washington is so broken, and the fact is that the culture of spending in this country has gotten out of hand. It is extremely frustrating to me, and I will support every effort to responsibly rein in spending. Continuing to kick the can down the road only exacerbates the problem for future generations. Congress must begin its work on a long-term solution to balancing our books. Passing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution is a good place to start.





## Beating Heart Disease

A few weeks ago, a friend of mine suffered a heart attack. Thankfully, he received the medical attention he needed in time and is now recovering at home, but the whole experience was extremely sobering and made me hug my family a bit closer that night.

Each year, 720,000 Americans have a heart attack. While many think about heart disease as something that primarily impacts older men, about half of heart attacks are suffered by women and 35,000 a year impact individuals who are under 55. But while anyone can develop heart disease, those who smoke, have diabetes, are overweight, eat poorly, or don't get enough exercise are at a greater risk.

Regardless of age or gender, the most common symptom of heart disease is chest pain or discomfort. Sometimes this pain is sudden and intense, but in most cases, it starts slowly. Women may also experience a shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting, and back or jaw pain – although men can display these symptoms as well.

Acting quickly if any of these symptoms occur is critical. The American Heart Association recommends waiting no longer than five minutes before calling 911.

The best treatment, however, is prevention. Monitor your cholesterol and blood pressure. Have your glucose levels checked regularly. Kick the smoking habit. Get up and get active. Experts say improving your health could take as little as a ten-minute walk, three times a day.

We've learned a lot about heart disease – especially as it relates to the disease's impact on women – over the last decade or so. That knowledge is saving lives. Between 2000 and 2010, the rates of death for heart disease fell by an average of 3.8 percent annually. While advances have been made, far too many lives are lost every year to the disease.

February is American Heart Month. I encourage you to do something today to reduce your risk. Take a walk. Dish up some extra vegetables. Schedule a doctor's appointment. Quit smoking. Take control and make just one change.

## Brock Greenfield Legislative Update

The third week of Session got off to a more session-esque start. On Monday, we saw the beginning of more robust debate, as we killed SB 11 on the floor. I was actually the only person to speak against the bill, so I was pleasantly surprised when 20 people voted against it. Afterwards, a host of Senators told me they were planning on voting for the bill until I made my points. The bill, itself, appear innocuous, but it was the overriding philosophy that piqued my interest and opposition. In short, the bill stated that if the Attorney General hired somebody to replace either the head of the Department of Criminal Investigation or the Deputy of the DCI without cause, that person would be returned to his or her former job within the department. This would most likely happen in the case of a newly elected AG replacing one of those people with his/her person(s) of choice. I made the point that in the private sector in SD, employees can be fired for any reason or no reason at all. Hence, putting this protection in place for two particular people would be a direct contradiction other laws. I stated that elections have consequences, and one of those realities is that a new office-holder may very well wish to put his/her people at the helm of the DCI. If he/she did not deem the former chief or deputy chief of the DCI adequate for another job within the department, I did not feel this bill would be appropriate. I concluded my remarks by suggesting that, in my mind, this would be akin to passing a law that if a deputy sheriff ran unsuccessfully against a sheriff, the deputy could return to his/her job. In the final analysis, the bill failed 20-13.

Other bills began to see more conjecture on the floor. My seatmate, Doctor Blake Curd--the only medical doctor in the Senate--spoke out against SB 63. This bill calls for SD to adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. This bill has been heavily lobbied by many of the large medical providers, but Dr. Curd pointed to over a dozen areas of the bill that are potentially detrimental to South Dakota. For this to pass, we cannot amend one word contained within the bill. It is a template that any state must accept in its entirety if they wish to be in compliance. Toward the end of the bill, it says that states may withdraw from the compact, if they wish, but they may still be subject to dues, obligations, and liabilities going forward. Although the bill has some potential upside, there are elements in it that appear to bind us to further federal control of our medical field. The bill passed the Senate 24-10. I was one of the dissenters. Because of the concerted lobbying efforts of the major players, I look for the bill to meet with enough support to pass on the House side, as well. This is a bill to keep your eye on as rules and regulations are put in place by the interstate and federal interests involved.

In Senate Commerce and Energy Committee, I took the lead in opposing SB 62. This bill would have increased the inspection fees on restaurants, motels, beds and breakfasts, and campgrounds. Fees were increased dramatically in 2009, and although this bill would not have resulted in such large percentage increases as back then, there were several points that were brought up by the opponents and by committee members. One of the most glaring was an item on a handout that was listed as "transfer to Sioux Falls". That line item increased over \$100,000 with the last increase in fees. When asked what that was all about, the proponents said they contract with a group out of Sioux Falls to conduct inspections in that area. When fees increase, that group automatically receives a windfall, in spite of the fact that their workload requirements do not change. It is obviously an area that needs to be addressed. The department claims that they are falling about \$400,000 short in what they expend versus what they bring in from the businesses they inspect. If they were merely to renegotiate the SF contract, they could conceivably reduce that to \$300,000. When we consider that the cost of travel is likely to plummet due to the rapidly falling gas price, other cost savings should be realized. Further, the SD Retailers Assn testified that this is a poorly-timed bill, considering that many of the people who would be hit by

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the proposed increase are the ones who were affected by the recent ballot measure that increased the minimum wage. We killed the bill 4-2, and asked that the department revisit several elements if/when they bring the bill back later this year or next year.

Most of the other bills we have heard in both Commerce and Taxation Committees have been "clean-up" in nature. Since those have been non-controversial, they have passed unanimously and many have been put on the "consent calendar" when they moved to the floor.

In Senate Education, we passed SB 33, which makes clear that veterans, their spouses and their unemancipated children are eligible for resident tuition rates. We recognize that some of the people who serve in our military are not native South Dakotans. When those people became stationed here, they may not have met the technical definition of "South Dakota residents"; nonetheless, I think we all recognize that they are residents by virtue of their commitment to our country. Passage of this bill is consistent with the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act. Failure to pass this bill would result in some veterans losing their Montgomery GI Bill or Post 9/11 GI Bill. That would be a travesty, especially in a day-and-age when some states are providing in-state tuition rates to illegal aliens within their borders. In South Dakota, we appreciate all that our veterans, active-duty military, and National Guard do and have done for us. This bill passed committee and the floor unanimously, and heads to the House.

At the beginning of last week, I had not dropped any Senate bills on which I was the prime sponsor. However, by the time you read this, I will have eight of my own bills, as well as two others brought on behalf of the SD Municipal League and SD Rural Electric Association, that I am the prime sponsor on. Additionally, I will be carrying a number of House Bills on the Senate side if they meet with approval of the full House. Things are truly about to be in full-swing!

Finally, last week, we had a large number of people in Pierre from back home. It was great to see so many people at the Capitol and at other functions. I hope to see many more of you in the weeks to come. Next week, I will have an update on a six-year-old who is coming to town to testify on a bill that she requested me to introduce. I am not aware of where the various interests will fall on this bill, but there will be fireworks! (That's a little tease. Stay tuned for more!)

Until next time, may God grant you health and wellness and innumerable blessings!

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## Groton Area Second Quarter Honor Roll

### Seniors

4.0 GPA: Natalia Dohman, Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Luke Smith, Maryn Howard, Gabriel Dohman, Taylor Gustafson, Jacob Milbrandt, Haley Unzen, Kasey Waage, Rachel Blackmun, Lucas Sternhagen, Kaitlin O'Neill, Sydney Thorson, Kennedy Clark, Courtney Kurtz, Nicole Lewandowski

3.99-3.50: Ashley Gibbs, Maddison Colestock, Wyatt Larson, Matthew Knecht, Katherine LaMee, Jackson Doeden, Brittany Kjelden, Breanna Marzahn, Jocelyn Peterson, Danielle Schinkel, Alyssa Sippel, Kyler Ell, Christine Herr, Amanda Koens, Spencer Knecht, Tori Bjerke, Ethan Braun, Michaela Cutler, Sheldon Herr, Austin Merkel

3.49-3.00: Stormy Bahr, Landon Larson, Nicholas Dalchow, Logan Lane, Dylan Vogel, Zachary Crosby, Kiana Kokales, Alec Voss

### Juniors

4.0 GPA: Maggie Simon, Marlee Jones, Martin Rygg, Megan Unzen, Lily Cutler, Hailey Hanson, Carly Wheeting, Emily Raap, Jasmine Schaller

3.99-3.50: James Thompson, Kelsey Iverson, Jaden Oliver, Kiernan McCranie, Dustin Denson, Mikaela Blumhardt, Adam Herman, Allison Weber

3.49-3.00: Aubray Harry, Laura Garcia, Jayleen Lier, Angela Locke, Kaili Aberle, Katie Miller Kyle Miller, Brody Sombke, Christopher Zarycki, Brady Graf, Kari Hanson

### Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Kelby Hawkins, Landon Marzahn, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith

3.99-3.50: Patrick Gengerke, Macy Knecht, Nathan Fjelstad, Paityn Bonn, Kate Helmer, Trey Wright, Nicholas Achen

3.49-3.00: Jessica Adler, Braiden Craig, McClain Lone, Gabrielle Kramer, Sean Schuring, Bennett Shabazz, Tevin Abeln, Shane Simon, Tage Taylor, Katelyn Koehler, Whitney Voss, Emily Locke, Alexis Harder, Katlyn Idt, Turner Webb

### Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Jenifer Fjelstad, Alexis Gustafson

3.99-3.50: Madison Sippel, Madilyn Wright, Alexandra Stange, Marshall Lane

3.49-3.00: Anthony Sippel, Emma Donley, Brandon Keith, Hannah Lewandowski, Gia Gengerke, Emilie Crosby, Erika Herr, Mitchel Thurston, Hayden Pigors, Brenna Johnson, Jackson Oliver, Jessica Bjerke

### Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: AnneMarie Smith

3.99-3.50: Ashley Garduno, Alexis Simon, Cassandra Townsend, Tylan Glover, John Achen, Taylor Holm, Wesley Jacobs, Emily Thompson, Kaitlyn Anderson

3.49-3.00: Jennie Doeden, Paige Snyder, Samantha Menzia, Maggie Crosby, Kaitlyn Kassube, Kylie Kassube, Shyla Larson, Micah Poor, Lucas Hinman

### Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Kayla Jensen

3.99-3.50: Nicole Marzahn, Payton Colestock, Kaycie Hawkins, KaSandra Pappas

3.49-3.00: Ashley Flihs, Kya Jandel, Rylee Rosenau, Katlyn Kyar, Tadyn Glover, Peyton Johnson, Kaylin Kucker, Grady O'Neill, Austin Jones, Madeline Schuelke, Gabriel Taylor, Cade Guthmiller

### Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Tanae Lipp

3.99-3.50: Erin Unzen, Isaac Smith, Sage Mortenson, Samantha Pappas, Trey Gengerke, Alexis Hanten, Kale Pharis, Alexa Herr, Grace Wambach

3.49-3.00: Tessa Erdmann, Jasmine Gengerke, Brooklyn Gilbert, Lucas Simon, Jack Achen, Tiara DeHoet, Chandler Larson, Alyssa Fordham, Hailey Monson, Connor Lehman, Kaden Carda, Gabriella Merkel, Braden Freeman

## Dennis Feickert's Legislative Update

The third week of the 90th Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature has finished and the committees are now busy hearing bills.

I serve District 1 which includes parts of northern Brown County, Marshall, Roberts, and Day County. This is my fourth term in the House of Representatives. As I serve on the House Agriculture and House Transportation committees, I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about some of the issues before our committee.

The Department of Public Safety presented to the Transportation Committee on which I serve. Trevor Jones, the Secretary for the Department, did a good job of explaining just how big this department is in our state. There are actually 12 different agencies, 409 employees, and a total budget of \$63 million with the majority of the funds coming from the federal government.

Death rates on our highways have been relatively stable in recent years: 136 deaths in 2014; 135 in 2013, and 133 in 2012. We have a lot of drivers in our state with 606,430 licensed drivers. Some good news was reflected in the report in that DUI arrests were down 14.3% even though patrolling stayed the same.

The safety of our roads is under the Dept. of Public Safety. The Department of Transportation is responsible for building and maintaining our infrastructure. South Dakota's roads are in a good position right now because of the stimulus dollars we received in 2009. However, our roads will need repair to maintain them at their current state. Especially when it comes to our roads, we take in more funds from the federal government than we pay in taxes. According to Secretary Darin Bergquist, for every \$1 in fuel tax we send to the federal government, we receive \$2 in federal funding. However, it's important to note that the federal funding is decreasing. In the upcoming years, South Dakota will be required to spend more due to declining federal grants. One estimate shows that the feds are running \$15 billion short in the Highway Trust Fund.

State funding sources include the motor fuel tax, vehicle excise tax, and miscellaneous sources such as permit fees, or DOT property sales. County funding sources include license plate fees, local property tax and wheel tax. Diesel fuel tax hasn't been changed since 1999 and federal fuel tax hasn't been changed since 1993. We now tax ethanol fuel components separately – ethyl alcohol is 8 cents per gallon and 22 cents for ethanol blend gasoline. The Motor fuel tax actually makes up 60% of the State Highway Fund. Snow removal is often one of the biggest expenses with 450 plows on hand to get us through SD winters.

The Governor's proposal to raise revenues would put another \$50 million into infrastructure. There's still much discussion through our committee on that topic. It is certainly easy to see the need. Thirty percent of bridges are structurally deficient – replacement would be the best strategy for most of those; however, it would cost \$240 million to replace bridges.

Remember that only a small portion of roads under county jurisdiction can receive federal dollars. Most counties are cash strapped and many would argue that those county roads are the ones most desperately in need. I have been an advocate on this issue for several years and written on this exact topic in the past. While it sometimes feels like no one is listening, I'm glad that the Governor is now on board with this issue and it looks like some improvements will actually be forthcoming.

Three weeks have been completed. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you, the residents of District 1. Please feel free to contact me at [rep.feickert@state.sd.us](mailto:rep.feickert@state.sd.us) or call me at 605-216-3451 with any questions, concerns or comments. If you plan to travel to Pierre during the legislative session, please let me know as I would be honored to meet with everyone from back home in District 1.

## Today in Weather History

1960: Heavy icing from freezing rain accumulations from the afternoon of the 2nd to the afternoon of the 3rd occurred mainly across the eastern half of the state. Severe damage to power lines and telephone service occurred in the Watertown and Wessington Springs area. Ice coatings of up to 3 inches thick and having an estimated weight of nine pounds per foot of wire formed around telephone and some power lines over a wide area of the eastern counties. A 300 foot tower high collapsed at Wessington Springs and in some areas utility wires were completely down for stretches of 2 to 3 miles. Some 170 long distance telephone circuits were knocked out in larger cities and 19 towns from Bonesteel on south to Watertown on north were completely without telephone service for two to three days after the storm. Many highways were treacherous and numerous vehicles collided or slid off the road into the ditch. Many schools were also closed.

2003: Widespread freezing rain developed across parts of central and into northeast South Dakota through the late night hours producing significant icing of a quarter to a half inch by the late morning hours. No significant tree damage or power outages occurred. Although, travel was greatly disrupted with many accidents and vehicles sliding off the road. The freezing rain changed over to snow during the mid-morning hours and became heavy with 6 to 9 inches of snow accumulating before it ended in the late evening. Some snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Ree Heights, Miller, and Faulkton, 7 inches at Clear Lake, 8 inches at Bryant, and 9 inches at Milbank.

2011: Blizzard conditions developed along and east of the Sisseton Hills late on February 2nd and continued into the mid-morning hours of February 3rd. Strong southwest winds of 30 to 40 mph gusting to around 55 mph picked up the existing snow cover causing blizzard conditions which wreaked havoc along Interstate-29. Whiteout conditions and heavy drifting brought traffic to a halt along a stretch of Interstate-29 from north of Wilmot to Sisseton. One-hundred fifty to two-hundred vehicles were stranded along this stretch. A full scale rescue operation ensued during the night and continued into the next day. Interstate-29 was closed from Watertown to the North Dakota border as it took most of the day to clean up all of the stalled vehicles. There were also many accidents along the stretch of the interstate with many people stranded for up to twelve hours. There were also many other people stranded on secondary roads who had to be rescued. No injuries occurred as a result of this incident. The Roberts County Emergency Manager was stranded and conducted emergency operations from his vehicle. Interstate-29 was reopened by the evening of February 3rd.

1952 - The only tropical storm of record to hit the U.S. in February moved out of the Gulf of Mexico and across southern Florida. It produced 60 mph winds, and two to four inches of rain. (2nd-3rd) (The Weather Channel)

1956 - A record snowstorm in New Mexico and west Texas began on Ground Hog's Day. The storm produced 15 inches of snow at Roswell NM, and up to 33 inches in the Texas Panhandle. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A fast moving arctic front brought snow and high winds to the north central U.S. Winds gusted to 69 mph at Brookings SD. Big Falls MN reported nine inches of snow. Record warmth was reported just ahead of the front. Burlington IA reported a record high of 59 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A dying low pressure system over southern California deluged the San Diego coastal mountains with more than four inches of rain causing half a million dollars damage. Arctic air invading the north central U.S. sent the mercury plunging to 38 degrees below zero at Park Rapids MN. Raleigh NC reported a record high of 75 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Bitter cold air covered much of the central U.S. Butte MT reported a wind chill reading of 91 degrees below zero, Salt Lake City UT was blanketed with 11.9 inches of snow in 24 hours, and winds around Reno NV gusted to 80 mph. Unseasonably warm weather continued in the southeastern U.S.

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Twenty-eight cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Wilmington NC with a reading of 80 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather in the Lower Mississippi Valley during the late afternoon and evening hours. One person was injured in a tornado near Reidheimer LA. Thunderstorms northeast of Brandon MS produced hail three inches in diameter along with high winds which downed or snapped off one hundred trees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








2006 - New Orleans is struck by two tornadoes, collapsing at least one previously damaged house and battering Louis Armstrong International Airport. The Weather Doctor

2008 - Hilo, HI, is deluged by 10.82 inches of rain in a period of 24 hours, breaking the previous record set in 1969 by 3.5 inches. The Weather Doctor

2011 - A high temperature of 44°F registered at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix, AZ, sets an all-time February record for the coldest high temperature for the city. The Weather Doctor

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TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY
						
Chance Flurries High: 18 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: -1 °F	Snow Likely High: 17 °F 60%	Decreasing Clouds Low: -1 °F	Cold High: 10 °F	Mostly Clear Low: -1 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 27 °F



## Relatively Warmer – Flurries Today

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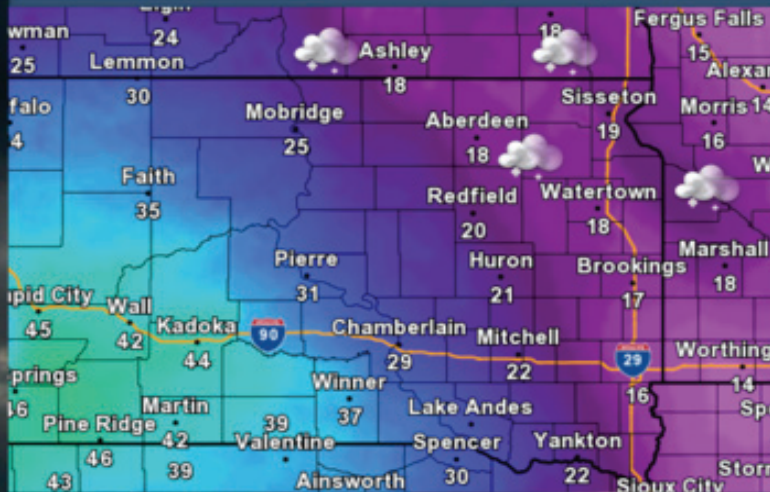


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### Flurries Possible Today



### Weather Headlines



**Tuesday:** Light snow from north central SD to east central SD, up to 1 inch



**Wednesday:** Chance of light snow across south central SD, light accumulations



**Through Mid-Week:** Temperatures below normal



**End of Workweek:** Temperatures near or slightly above normal

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Relatively speaking, temperatures will be warmer today. However, clouds will increase and flurries are possible this afternoon. On Tuesday, a band of snow is expected to develop from north central South Dakota through east central South Dakota. Around one inch of snow is possible. Yet another shot of snow is possible Wednesday, but this time for parts of south central South Dakota. Again, only light accumulations are expected.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 6.9 at 4:46 PM

**Low:** -6.2 at 11:25 PM

Wind Chill:

**High Gust:** 29 at 4:26 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 60° in 1991

**Record Low:** -39° in 1917

**Average High:** 24°F

**Average Low:** 3°F

**Average Precip in Feb.:** 0.01

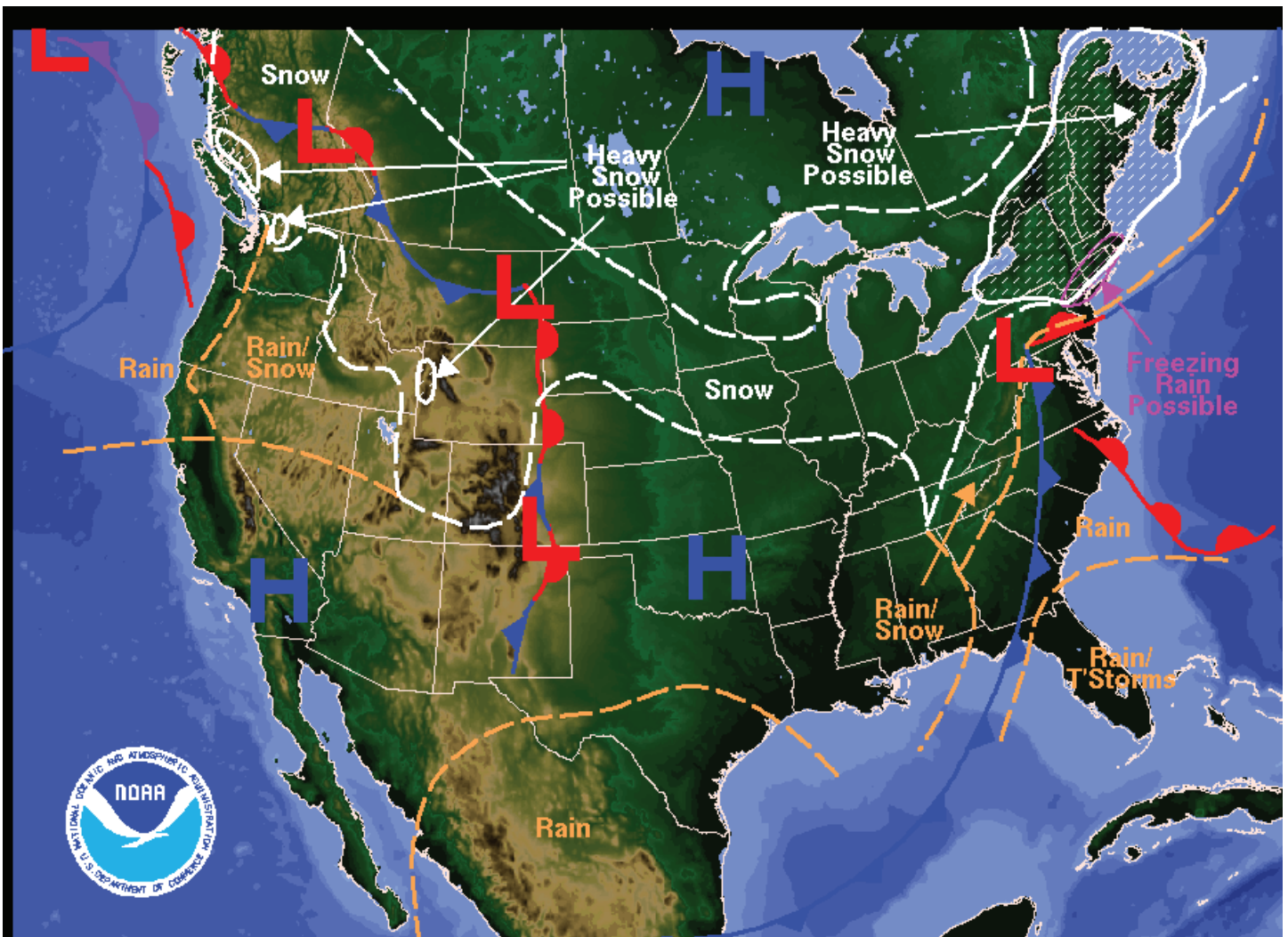
**Precip to date in Feb.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 0.01

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40

**Sunset Tonight:** 5:42 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:52 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Feb 02, 2015, issued 3:11 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## IT TAKES MORE THAN ONE

Somewhere on a shelf in my library is a small book with a big lesson. When I take its message to heart, I am more apt to succeed in whatever I have in mind. When I rush ahead and neglect its counsel, I am more apt to fail and have to deal with problems that could have been avoided.

It Takes Two to See One is the name of the book that “can make a distinct difference” in how we make our decisions, solve our problems or set our goals. The simple secret is that if we isolate ourselves from the wisdom and knowledge of others, and insulate ourselves from the insight and experiences of others, we are likely to end up with a picture that is out of focus or lacks detail and will lead to disaster!

“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.” Getting input and ideas, advice or information from others can lead to success. Although not clearly expressed in the way this verse is translated, the advice we are to seek is to come from those who we can trust and will keep our discussions confidential. As we talk and look for clarification “from many” a pattern will develop and what might have been overlooked will become visible.

There is also the important fact of humility in this verse. “Pride” does come before “destruction” and God does hate a person who is “arrogant.” Those two words, pride and arrogance, have brought the downfall of many. Being inclusive of others in our lives shows great wisdom. No one knows everything but others do know something.

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to realize the need we have for counsel – especially from You. May we recognize our limits. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

## Winter storm dumps heavy snow on southeastern South Dakota

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A winter storm that blanketed much of the Plains and Midwest dumped more than half a foot of snow on southeastern South Dakota.

National Weather Service reports show that Sioux Falls got nearly 6 ½ inches of snow on Sunday, and Yankton got about 8 inches.

The storm dumped up to a foot-and-a-half of snow on the Chicago area. It has now moved on to the Northeast.

Monday's forecast calls for a chance of snow in northern South Dakota and in the Black Hills.

## Report: Midwest economic index rose slightly in January

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A new report says a monthly economic survey index for nine Midwestern and Plains rose slightly in January.

The survey report issued Monday says the overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index climbed to 54.8 last month from 54.4 in December.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey, says growth for companies outside of energy and agriculture will more than offset expected declines in those sectors.

The survey results from supply managers are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline.

The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

## Researchers studying how animals affected by wetlands loss

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Some South Dakota researchers are using a federal grant to figure out what happens to the animals when a pond goes dry.

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The SDSU scientists will look at remote sensing data like satellite images and aerial photos to look at how changes have impacted wetlands over 35 years.

## Rules are coming on payday loans to shield borrowers

HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Troubled by consumer complaints and loopholes in state laws, federal regulators are putting together the first rules on payday loans aimed at helping cash-strapped borrowers avoid falling into a cycle of high-rate debt.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says state laws governing the \$46 billion payday lending

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industry often fall short, and that fuller disclosures of the interest and fees — often an annual percentage rate of 300 percent or more — may be needed.

Full details of the proposed rules, expected early this year, would mark the first time the agency has used the authority it was given under the 2010 Dodd-Frank law to regulate payday loans. In recent months, it has tried to step up enforcement, including a \$10 million settlement with ACE Cash Express after accusing the payday lender of harassing borrowers to collect debts and take out multiple loans.

A payday loan, or a cash advance, is generally \$500 or less. Borrowers provide a personal check dated on their next payday for the full balance or give the lender permission to debit their bank accounts. The total includes charges often ranging from \$15 to \$30 per \$100 borrowed. Interest-only payments, sometimes referred to as “rollovers,” are common.

Legislators in Ohio, Louisiana and South Dakota unsuccessfully tried to broadly restrict the high-cost loans in recent months. According to the Consumer Federation of America, 32 states now permit payday loans at triple-digit interest rates, or with no rate cap at all.

The CFPB isn't allowed under the law to cap interest rates, but it can deem industry practices unfair, deceptive or abusive to consumers.

“Our research has found that what is supposed to be a short-term emergency loan can turn into a long-term and expensive debt trap,” said David Silberman, the bureau's associate director for research, markets and regulation. The bureau found more than 80 percent of payday loans are rolled over or followed by another loan within 14 days; half of all payday loans are in a sequence at least 10 loans long.

The agency is considering options that include establishing tighter rules to ensure a consumer has the ability to repay. That could mean requiring credit checks, placing caps on the number of times a borrower can draw credit or finding ways to encourage states or lenders to lower rates.

Payday lenders say they fill a vital need for people who hit a rough financial patch. They want a more equal playing field of rules for both nonbanks and banks, including the way the annual percentage rate is figured.

“We offer a service that, if managed correctly, can be very helpful to a diminished middle class,” said Dennis Shaul, chief executive of the Community Financial Services Association of America, which represents payday lenders.

Maranda Brooks, 40, a records coordinator at a Cleveland college, says she took out a \$500 loan through her bank to help pay an electricity bill. With “no threat of loan sharks coming to my house, breaking kneecaps,” she joked, Brooks agreed to the \$50 fee.

Two weeks later, Brooks says she was surprised to see the full \$550 deducted from her usual \$800 paycheck. To cover expenses for herself and four children, she took out another loan, in a debt cycle that lasted nearly a year.

“It was a nightmare of going around and around,” said Brooks, who believes that lenders could do more to help borrowers understand the fees or offer lower-cost installment payments.

Last June, the Ohio Supreme Court upheld a legal maneuver used by payday lenders to skirt a 2008 law that capped the payday loan interest rate at 28 percent annually. By comparison, annual percentage rates on credit cards can range from about 12 percent to 30 percent.

Members of Congress also are looking at payday loans.

Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, the top Democrat on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, plans legislation that would allow Americans to receive an early refund of a portion of their earned income tax credit as an alternative to a payday loan.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., wants the U.S. Postal Service to offer check-cashing and low-cost small loans. The idea is opposed by many banks and seems unlikely to advance in a Republican-con-

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## Athletes taking a stand against domestic violence

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — A group of athletes from Dakota Wesleyan University is challenging all the other male athletes in the Great Plains Athletic Conference to take a public stand against domestic violence.

The Sioux City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1zqIHv0> ) the pledge idea began with a small group of students and a social justice class Luke Bamberg took.

Bamberg and four classmates decided to ask Dakota Wesleyan athletes to take the pledge. But the idea took off once Great Plains Athletic Conference Commissioner Corey Westra heard about it.

So now the group is challenging the more than 2,500 male athletes at the conference's 11 universities in South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa.

Bamberg acknowledges that signing a pledge may not make a huge difference, but he says it's better than doing nothing.

## End of bighorn sheep herd could help others throughout West

**KEITH RIDLER, Associated Press**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The Sheep Mountain herd of bighorns on the Idaho-Oregon border once contained nearly 90 members until the arrival of bacterial pneumonia. Now, biologists plan to use a helicopter this week to capture the three known survivors in Idaho and search for others that might be on the Oregon side of the Snake River in the upper end of Hells Canyon.

"Nobody has seen a sheep on the Oregon side in a long time," said Brian Ratliff, a wildlife biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The captured bighorns will be sent to a research facility at South Dakota State University as part of a three-year study involving about 40 wild sheep from the Northwest as well as some from South Dakota.

Scientists hope to find a way to stop the spread of disease that continues to limit the success of bighorn herds throughout the West.

Jonathan Jenks, distinguished professor of Natural Resource Management at South Dakota State University, said the three sheep are a significant addition to the study because they carry a unique strain of mycoplasma, an infective pathogen. "We're hopeful we're going to have some really interesting results that are going to improve bighorn sheep management throughout western North America," he said.

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The 40 sheep all come from wild Rocky Mountain bighorn herds experiencing die-offs, Jenks said. Scientists say herds start having problems when adults become infected. Many die, but some survive only to pass the disease to lambs, which nearly always die.

The goal among researchers is to try to find an easy way to identify "super shedders" that keep the pathogen present in a herd and prevent any lambs from surviving, eventually causing the herd to die off.

But Jenks said the issue is complicated because some bighorns are only intermittent shedders and others test negative. Experiments so far, he said, have shown that lambs born to super shedders don't survive.

The goal at the end of the study is to return healthy sheep to the wild, he said.

The Sheep Mountain herd is emblematic of the problems faced by bighorn sheep managers in the West. Bighorns were native in Hells Canyon before being extirpated in the 1940s because of what experts say was unregulated hunting and the introduction of diseases from domestic sheep.

Wildlife managers have been working in many states to reintroduce bighorns into native habitat. Oregon officials started the Sheep Mountain herd with transplants of 30 bighorns from Colorado in 1990. The herd was bolstered with 10 more in 1995 from Alberta, Canada, and another two from an Oregon herd. The herd grew to nearly 90 by 1999.

But a nearby bighorn herd called the Leap Creek herd became infected with bacterial pneumonia and spread the disease to the Sheep Mountain herd, Ratliff said. The Leap Creek herd died out about a decade ago, Ratliff said, and now the Sheep Mountain herd is nearing the end.

"It's a rough thing," said Regan Berkley, a wildlife manager with Idaho Fish and Game who has watched the herd decline. "Bighorns are one of the iconic animals of the West."

Oregon officials are also concerned about the nearby Lookout Mountain herd that has remained disease free and is separated from the Sheep Mountain herd by the Powder River arm of Brownlee Reservoir. "All it would take to wipe out that Lookout Mountain herd is for a ram to swim across," he said.

For that reason, Berkley said, officials there have offered hunters more opportunities to bag a bighorn ram to reduce the chance of one wandering away. Still, it's tough to get a tag, Ratliff noting that 783 hunters applied for one bighorn tag for the Lookout Mountain herd.

Another option is to outbid everybody for an auction tag. The Oregon bighorn auction tag sold for \$160,000 earlier this month. In Idaho, a similar auction tag went for \$100,000.

Bighorns are also popular, Ratliff said, among wildlife viewers, photographers, and some people who just like knowing there are places wild enough for bighorns.

The Oregon agency doesn't have any current plans to transplant bighorns to replace the Sheep Mountain herd because of a private landowner in Idaho who has domestic sheep that can transmit deadly diseases to bighorns, he said.

## Mines student receives US Energy Department science award

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A graduate student from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has received the 2015 Science Graduate Research Award from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Anne-Marie Suriano is pursuing a doctorate degree at the school in Rapid City. Her current work includes helping create the purest copper in the world.

Suriano will work for one year at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory located in Richland, Washington, as part of the award from the federal agency.

The goal of the program is to provide graduate thesis research opportunities at Department of Energy

laboratories in order to prepare students for critically important careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

Suriano says the award will give her access to the necessary equipment and lab space to complete her dissertation.

## Self-styled 'seer' faces murder trial for death he foretold

**ROXANA HEGEMAN, Associated Press**

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The leader of a Kansas commune that prosecutors say lived off of insurance payouts following the deaths of group members is set to stand trial for murder in the 2003 drowning of one of them — a young mother whose death he allegedly foretold weeks before it happened.

Daniel U. Perez, a 55-year-old self-proclaimed seer, is charged with first-degree premeditated murder in the death of 26-year-old Patricia Hughes at the group's compound in the Wichita suburb of Valley Center. Jury selection begins Monday in Sedgwick County District Court.

Authorities have investigated several deaths linked to the group, but the Wichita trial will deal only with Hughes's death and other crimes that allegedly occurred while its fewer than a dozen members lived communally in Sedgwick County. The bizarre case led investigators through a web of false identities and money that stretched through Texas, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee.

Its members lived together in one large home or in houses in close proximity, and moved from state to state. They have apparently dispersed since Perez, who had assumed the false identity of Lou Castro, was first arrested in 2010 on identity theft charges and sent to federal prison for two years. Kansas authorities unsealed the state charges in 2012 as soon as he finished that sentence and he has been jailed awaiting trial ever since.

Investigators initially believed Hughes drowned while trying to rescue her 2-year-old daughter from a swimming pool. But they reclassified it a homicide after a woman came forward and said it had been staged to look like an accident.

The woman, who was 12 years old at the time, testified during a pretrial hearing that right before she died, Hughes kissed her 2-year-old daughter goodbye and reassured another child that she would return from the dead.

The woman, whom The Associated Press isn't identifying because she is allegedly a victim of sexual assault, said Hughes helped unfurl the pool vacuum to make her death look accidental, and that Perez and Hughes then told her to wait in a nearby shop office with Hughes' daughter. She said she heard a splash and a scream, and that she trembled while she was holding the toddler.

The woman said Perez's forearms were wet and he was out of breath when he came into the office, and that he told her to wait 20 minutes before going to the pool and getting into it with the toddler. She said he told her to then call the police and to tell investigators that Hughes fell and hit her head while trying to rescue her daughter.

In addition to the murder charge, Perez faces charges of sexually exploiting a child, rape, sodomy, making criminal threats and lying on life insurance and auto credit forms. If convicted of the murder charge, Perez could be sentenced to life in prison. His attorney, Alice Osburn, did not respond to a phone message left Wednesday seeking comment.

Witnesses have portrayed Perez as a domineering leader who kept a tight rein on his young, mostly female followers. Although he claimed to be able tell the future and possess other mystical powers, none of the preliminary testimony in the case has pointed to any religion or other social agenda uniting

them. Several of the women testified about alleged sexual violence and their fear of him. Prosecutors say Perez and his followers lived lavishly off of life insurance payouts following the deaths of other commune members.

Nobody has been accused of wrongdoing in those other deaths. Among them were a 2001 plane crash in South Dakota that killed a group member, her boyfriend and her 12-year-old daughter. Hughes' husband was killed in 2006 when a car jack failed and he was crushed in South Dakota. And a 2008 traffic accident killed another group member who had legal custody of Hughes' orphaned daughter.

## Lawmakers to mull roads and bridges, new games for Deadwood

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers are expected to debate raising revenue to fund roads and bridges, legislative pay hikes and expanding the kinds of games Deadwood can offer this week in Pierre.

Here's a look at some of the proposals they'll take up:

### TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The debate over raising revenue to fund roads and bridges will heat up when the House Transportation Committee takes up Gov. Dennis Daugaard's approximately \$50 million plan on Tuesday for the first time. The measure includes about \$40 million in state revenue from increasing the vehicle excise tax and raising the gas tax and nearly \$11 million in local revenues through vehicle registration fee increases.

Sen. Mike Vehle is sponsoring a proposal to raise more than \$100 million in the first year for roads and bridges through a variety of fuel taxes, vehicle fees and other assessments. Vehle chaired a task force that met before the session and recommended the plan, which hasn't had a hearing yet.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave said he's hearing more support for Daugaard's proposal because it doesn't include a tax on fuel used by farm equipment, among other issues.

### LEGISLATOR PAY

At least three measures to hike legislator compensation are expected to be reviewed in the House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday. Rep. Jim Bolin's measures would remove a \$6,000 cap on legislator pay and allow lawmakers to be eligible for the same pay increases that state workers get when the Legislature passes across-the-board raises for public employees as part of the appropriations process.

Bolin said the measures would help attract candidates to run for office.

"Part of it is a desire to attract a few more people to run for the Legislature," he said. "The pay is very low."

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch is sponsoring a proposal scheduled to be heard Wednesday to allow lawmakers to collect salary or per diem for attending the inauguration of constitutional officers and the governor's budget address.

### DEADWOOD GAMBLING

A proposal to authorize three new voter-approved games — keno, craps and roulette — in Deadwood is expected to be taken up by the Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday. Boosters of the historic mining town have pushed the measure as a way to keep Deadwood competitive with other gambling hotspots, and 57 percent of voters supported the proposal on Nov. 4 as part of Amendment Q.

Opponents argue gambling expansions provoke addictions and cause social and financial problems for families in the state.

The South Dakota Commission on Gaming says gamblers wagered about \$10 million more last year in Deadwood casino games than in 2013.

### ELDER ABUSE



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Sen. David Novstrup has put forward a proposal to study elder abuse in South Dakota, which is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Retirement Laws Committee on Wednesday. South Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson urged action against elder abuse in his State of the Judiciary speech in mid-January.

"I think it's looking to the future and making sure that we're protecting people at all ages, especially the elderly, since we're going to have more and more people in that age group," Novstrup said.

## State parks to begin taking summer camping reservations

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota state parks will soon begin taking camping and cabin reservations for the summer.

Reservations will open Feb. 14 for the weekend of May 15, which is the traditional kick-off to the state's summer camping season.

Arrangements for campsites and cabins can be made as many as 90 days before arrival, except at Custer State Park, which accepts reservations one year out. More than 40 parks offer camping reservations on the 90-day schedule.

State Parks Director Doug Hofer is encouraging interested campers to make reservations as soon as possible. Last year, more people camped at South Dakota state parks than ever before.

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day online and by phone.

## Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

### Boys Basketball

Bison 64, Wakpala 57  
Britton-Hecla 67, Ipswich 46  
Castlewood 61, Deubrook 57, OT  
Chadron, Neb. 65, Douglas 47  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 68, Stanley County 31  
Ethan 64, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 52  
Hanson 63, Bridgewater-Emery 48  
Harding County 61, New Underwood 34  
Hemingford, Neb. 76, Edgemont 18  
Hot Springs 74, Alliance, Neb. 48  
Jones County 69, Dupree 37  
Leola/Frederick 54, South Border, N.D. 53  
Little Wound 78, Bennett County 36  
Lyman 75, Wall 58  
Marshall, Minn. 69, Sioux Falls Washington 66  
Pierre 66, Brookings 57  
Richland, N.D. 57, Waverly-South Shore 55  
Scottsbluff, Neb. 66, Rapid City Stevens 44  
St. Francis Indian 71, Freeman 55  
Summit 60, Webster 48  
Warner 57, Sully Buttes 41  
Watertown 48, Brandon Valley 41

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Winner 53, Parkston 46

## **Dakota Oyate Challenge**

Seventh Place: Marty Indian 84, Takini 39

Fifth Place: Crazy Horse 51, Lower Brule 47

Third Place: Omaha Nation, Neb. 57, Flandreau Indian 49

## **Yellowstone Trail Conference Tournament**

Eureka/Bowdle 72, Edmunds Central 42

Potter County 58, Herreid/Selby Area 45

## **Girls Basketball**

Bison 74, Wakpala 45

Chadron, Neb. 42, Douglas 31

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 63, Stanley County 32

Freeman 62, St. Francis Indian 52

Hemingford, Neb. 70, Edgemont 29

Ipswich 52, Britton-Hecla 28

Jones County 59, Bennett County 35

New Underwood 53, Harding County 48

Philip 40, Newell 26

Pierre 56, Brookings 44

Rapid City Stevens 75, Scottsbluff, Neb. 46

Sioux Valley 43, McCook Central/Montrose 38

South Border, N.D. 61, Leola/Frederick 41

Sully Buttes 50, Warner 48, OT

Wall 46, Lyman 32

Watertown 50, Brandon Valley 43

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## **Dakota Classic**

Beresford 45, Sioux Falls Christian 42

Dakota Valley 44, Lennox 36

Elk Point-Jefferson 37, Dell Rapids 33

Madison 40, Vermillion 28

Tea Area 51, Canton 37

West Central 43, Tri-Valley 37

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## **Tri-Valley Classic**

Centerville 79, Bon Homme 57

Dakota Christian 35, Alcester-Hudson 30

Gayville-Volin 55, Canistota 35

Scotland 49, Freeman Academy 21

Viborg-Hurley 72, Dell Rapids St. Mary 37

Wagner 69, Irene-Wakonda 51

## **Yellowstone Trail Conference Tournament**

Third Place: Eureka/Bowdle 50, Edmunds Central 30

Championship: Herreid/Selby Area 58, Potter County 38

## **Oral Roberts makes up 11 points to beat South Dakota 73-72**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Denell Henderson made a pair of free throws and blocked two shots in the final 23 seconds as Oral Roberts made up 11 points in the final 9:22 to beat South Dakota 73-72 on Saturday.

Henderson finished with three blocked shots and 14 points — including a perfect 8 of 8 at the line — as Oral Roberts (12-10, 5-3 Summit League) continues to lurk just behind the two league leaders, South Dakota State and North Dakota State.

Obi Emegano led the Golden Eagles with 24 points on 8-of-12 shooting. Korey Billbury scored four of his eight points in the last 6:26 and hauled down 10 rebounds. Albert Owens added 11 points.

Brandon Bos and Casey Kasperbauer led South Dakota (10-13, 4-5) with 16 points apiece. Tre Burnette and Eric Robertson both scored 10.

The Coyotes jumped to an early lead and were up 57-46 with 9:22 left.

## **South Dakota State routs Denver 69-39**

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — George Marshall scored 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting to lead South Dakota State in a 69-39 rout of Denver on Saturday.

Deondre Parks finished with 13 points and Cody Larson chipped in 12 for the Jackrabbits (17-7, 8-2 Summit), who shot 59.5 percent from the floor.

The score was tied at 13 midway through the first half but South Dakota State pulled away by the break, leading by nine. Parks made back-to-back layups, a free throw, and another layup to give the Jackrabbits a 14-point lead with 17:48 to play.

Daniel Amigo made a layup and two free throws with 7:06 remaining for the Pioneers, who trailed by 15 points. Denver (9-13, 3-6) didn't score again, missing its next nine shots and turning the ball over twice in the final minutes.

Amigo scored 14 points, the only Denver player to finish in double figures.

## **Hearing for Sioux Falls man who burned vacant home postponed**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The sentencing hearing for a Sioux Falls man who admitted setting a vacant house on fire has been delayed.

Twenty-three-year-old Jeremy Larsen pleaded guilty to setting fire to the uninhabited Sioux Falls home last year. The plea was withdrawn Friday pending a mental evaluation ordered by Judge Bradley Zell.

The Argus Leader reports (<http://argusne.ws/1vlbMI>) that Larsen told police the fire was set accidentally during a night of drinking. He said he poured gasoline as a joke on the living room floor of the vacant house and flicked a cigarette near it. He thought he extinguished the fire before he left.

Larsen was accused two weeks ago of threatening to burn down his ex-girlfriend's house. An officer found containers of gasoline, matches, a methamphetamine pipe and a fixed-blade knife in his car.

## Counties want to weigh in on pipeline permitting process

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota counties that would be affected by a proposed pipeline to carry oil from western North Dakota to refineries in eastern states want to weigh in on the state's decision to approve the project.

Lincoln County became the second county this week to ask the Public Utilities Commission to be granted "party status" during the permit hearings for the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Argus Leader reported (<http://argusne.ws/1DqC4ba>). Party status allows an area city, county, governmental agency, nonprofit organization or individual to cross-examine witnesses and take part in the discovery process.

"We've got a lot of serious issues to work out, and we haven't gotten a lot of good answers," said Lincoln County Commissioner Jim Schmidt, who was among the 400 people to question company representatives at a public meeting in Sioux Falls last week.

The proposed 1,134-mile pipeline would stretch from the Bakken oil formation in North Dakota to Patoka, Illinois, with about one-fourth — or 274 miles — of the pipeline in eastern South Dakota. North Dakota's Pipeline Authority has said it would be the largest-capacity pipeline for the state's crude to date. Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners wants it operating by the end of 2016.

Supporters tout the temporary construction jobs, tax money and an easing of pressure on the rail cars now carrying Bakken oil as reasons for approval, but opponents say the Texas-based company has ducked or dodged some difficult questions.

Some elected officials and landowners worry that the proposed \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline might harm land values and the environment. A pipeline oil spill in Montana that contaminated a river and a city's drinking water supply has added to fears about the proposed pipeline. Some residents fear a similar incident could occur with the Dakota Access Pipeline.

South Dakota regulators aren't expected to make a decision on a construction permit for the pipeline until later this year. When they do, South Dakota counties, lawyers representing Sioux Falls-area landowners and a water development association hope to have a say in the matter. The PUC has to approve all parties who apply for "party status."

## Police arrest Sioux Falls shooting suspects in Minnesota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Minnesota have arrested two teens suspected of shooting an 18-year-old man in the head while he was driving in Sioux Falls.

Seventeen-year-old Bryon Hanson and 19-year-old Robert Montes were arrested in Marshall, Minnesota, on Friday. They were both wanted on charges of first-degree attempted murder and aggravated assault.

One of the men allegedly shot the victim in the head while he was driving in a car with his 20-year-old girlfriend and her 5-month old baby.

Sioux Falls police spokesman Sam Clemens said two groups of people met near 6th street and Cliff Avenue around 10 p.m. He said an argument broke out and two cars chased each other around the city.

The department learned the suspects had traveled to Marshall. Detectives then worked with Marshall police to make the arrests.

## Bill aims to save small-town school on SD/Minn. border

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Jody Biever and other members of her family have been attending the Big Stone City school for decades, so the possible loss of state funding has rallied them and other members of the community.

“We all kind of band together when something goes wrong,” she said.

That’s not unusual, but the possible solution is a bit unique.

The K-8 school is located in the heart of Big Stone City, a town of fewer than 500 people nestled in the northeastern part of the state that straddles the Minnesota border.

While it’s been around for decades, the official enrollment for the school district this year failed to meet the 100-student threshold the state requires for school districts to receive state aid.

Faced with the loss of that funding, Superintendent Jim Gagner approached Republican Reps. Fred Deutsch, of Florence, and John Wiik, of Big Stone City, to see what could be done. The solution was a bill introduced by Deutsch that’s so narrowly written it could apply only to the Big Stone City kindergarten to 8th grade school.

Specifically, it would allow the school to require only 70 students to receive state aid, instead of the 100 required by law, because the district doesn’t have its own high school and instead contracts with a Minnesota district. The measure would simply allow a pro-rated number of students each year based on how many grades it has.

“We wanted to cut out a little niche to address a unique situation in South Dakota,” Deutsch said.

The district actually has more than 100 students, if you count the 35 or so Minnesota students who attend elementary and middle school, but state law only counts South Dakota students when calculating state aid, Gagner said.

The measure had its first hearing in Pierre Friday and passed out of committee with no opposition.

People in Big Stone City are hopeful.

Biever, a life-long town resident who works as a clinic nurse just across the state line in Ortonville, Minnesota, said she, her brother and her sister all attended the K-8 school, as did her daughter and her son, who’s currently enrolled.

Julie French and her family live in Ortonville, but her son attends Big Stone City school. French said her son, who’s now a sixth-grader, bounced around to several schools before finally ending up — and thriving — at Big Stone City a few years ago.

“The one-on-one attention made all the difference in the world to him,” she said.

French said it would be “really, really difficult” to see the school close, adding that the school anchors the small town, whose population has declined in recent years.

While the school shutting down isn’t likely, making sure the district receives state funding is a major issue.

“We were never in any danger of closing, but it does save us some headaches,” Gagner said.

## Super finish: Patriots edge Seahawks 28-24 for NFL title

HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Pro Football Writer

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Yet Sunday night, when coach Bill Belichick was asked when he knew he had a special team, he pointed to halftime of that poor performance against the Chiefs.

"We weren't having a good day, but we kept fighting," Belichick said. "To me, if there was ever a time that we were not going to compete as hard, that would have been it. ... The fight and the competitiveness was there, and that gave me a lot of confidence going into the next week's game. That was a key point in our season."

And so perhaps these Patriots were prepared to weather the scrutiny that came with an NFL investigation into whether they deliberately deflated footballs in the AFC championship game two weeks ago. They compartmentalized that and focused on the Super Bowl.

Perhaps they were prepared to set aside Brady's two interceptions that helped dig a 24-14 hole in the fourth quarter. They moved into the lead after Brady connected with Danny Amendola from 4 yards out for one score with about 8 minutes left, then hit Julian Edelman from 3 yards for another TD with 2:02 remaining.

Perhaps they were prepared to not let the game get away when Seahawks receiver Jermaine Kearse made a falling, juggling, bouncing reception on his back for a 33-yard gain that set up first-and-goal from the 5 with 66 seconds to go. It was Butler who was in coverage on that play, although there was nothing more he really could have done.

Perhaps they were prepared for a shotgun pass by Wilson two plays later from the 1, rather than a run by the barrel-chested Lynch, who tied for the league lead in touchdown runs this season with 13.

Butler sure was ready, and his pick sealed the ultimate outcome, even if everyone had to wait while the officials cleared up a field-wide brawl.

"When they passed the ball, I was kind of surprised by it," Patriots nose tackle Vince Wilfork said. "But at the same time, we made the play."

Lynch gained 102 yards on 24 carries and scored an earlier TD, leaving many mystified as to why Seattle wouldn't have handed off to him in that vital situation.

Even some of the Seahawks were bewildered.

"I don't understand how you don't give it to the best back in the league," linebacker Bruce Irvin said. "We were on the half-yard-line and we throw a slant. I don't know what the offense had going on, what they saw."

With the retractable roof open on a cloudless evening, the Patriots (15-4) won the fourth Lombardi Trophy of the Brady-Belichick partnership, adding to those from the Super Bowls played in 2002, '04 and '05. They lost their last two trips to the big game, though, in 2008 and 2012, both times against the New York Giants.

This time, though, Brady and New England pulled it out — and in the process, prevented Seattle (14-

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5) from the ninth set of back-to-back Super Bowl championships.

At age 37, Brady went 37 for 50 for 328 yards and matched his childhood idol, Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe Montana, for most Super Bowl MVP awards. Brady also broke Montana's Super Bowl record for most career touchdown passes, getting to 13.

On the drive that resulted in the winning points, Brady went 8 for 8 for 65 yards.

"He's so calm and collected," Amendola said about his quarterback. "He's the best. He gets everybody to play at a higher level. He's our leader emotionally."

Didn't matter that the Seahawks came in with an eight-game winning streak. Or that their defense, led by Richard Sherman and the self-styled "Legion of Boom" secondary, was the first in more than 40 years to lead the NFL in fewest points allowed three seasons in a row.

This was going to be the Patriots' day. Belichick's day. Brady's day.

"I've been at it for 15 years, and we've had a couple of tough losses in this game," Brady said. "This one came down to the end, and this time, we made the plays."

## 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. PATRIOTS RALLY PAST SEAHAWKS TO WIN SUPER BOWL, 28-24

New England captures its fourth NFL title on a last-minute interception.

### 2. CELEBRITIES MAKE SUPER BOWL AD APPEARANCES

Snickers scores laughs with a commercial recreating a famous Brady Bunch scene, while a Carnival cruises uses audio of John F. Kennedy expressing his love of the sea and Toyota includes a voiceover of Muhammad Ali.

### 3. WHAT'S IN OBAMA'S \$4 TRILLION BUDGET PLAN

The president proposes higher taxes on wealthier Americans and corporations, and a \$478 billion public works program for highway, bridge and transit upgrades.

### 4. PAKISTAN ARMING TEACHERS TO FACE TABLIAN

In the wake of the Peshawar attack that killed 150, the government wants schools to be protected against terror threats.

### 5. SNOWSTORM HITS MIDWEST, CREEPS EAST

Blizzard conditions cause power outages in Chicago and promise trouble in Pennsylvania, New York and New England, with heavy accumulations forecast to the north and freezing rain south.

### 6. KURDS MAINTAIN TENUOUS HOLD ON GAINS

Kurdish fighters are struggling to protect territories they have won from the Islamic State group which is still far from beaten in northern Iraq.

### 7. SLAIN HOSTAGE'S WIFE: PROUD OF MY HUSBAND

The widow of Japanese journalist Kenji Goto says she is gratified by his work on the plight of people in conflict areas.

### 8. CDC: TODDLER FOOD OFTEN HAS TOO MUCH SALT, SUGAR

A new study says such meals for little ones could make them develop a taste for ingredients that lead to obesity later in life.

### 9. HOW 'STILL ALICE' IS RAISING AWARENESS OF ALZHEIMER'S SYMPTOMS

The movie, starring Julianne Moore, is pointing to signs of developing the memory-loss illness, includ-

ing social withdrawal and inability to complete familiar tasks.

## 10. WHY AVIATION OFFICIALS ARE HOLDING A SUMMIT

Flight industry and government leaders attend the Montreal meeting to find consensus on how to keep from losing airliners like the one that vanished without a trace in Asia and another shot down in Eastern Europe over the past year.

## AP News in Brief

### Obama sending \$4 trillion spending plan to Congress, pledging to address middle-class squeeze.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is sending Congress a \$4 trillion budget Monday that seeks to raise taxes on wealthier Americans and corporations and use the extra income to lift the fortunes of families who have felt squeezed during tough economic times.

He would also ease tight budget constraints imposed on the military and domestic programs back in 2011, and unveils new initiatives including an ambitious \$478 billion public works program for highway, bridge and transit upgrades.

Even before the massive budget books landed on lawmakers' desks, Republicans were on the attack, accusing the president of seeking to revert to tax-and-spend policies that will harm the economy while failing to do anything about the budget's biggest problem — soaring spending on government benefit programs.

Obama's fiscal blueprint, for the budget year that begins Oct. 1, proposes spending \$4 trillion — \$3.99 trillion before rounding — and projects revenues of \$3.53 trillion, according to budget documents obtained by The Associated Press.

That would leave a deficit of \$474 billion. Obama's budget plan never reaches balance over the next decade and projects that the deficit would rise to \$687 billion in 2025.

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## Slow-moving moves toward Northeast after it blankets the Midwest in heavy snow

BOSTON (AP) — A winter storm is bringing its fury to the Northeast on Monday, causing the cancellation of flights, classes and major court cases a day after it dumped up to a foot-and-a-half of snow on the Chicago area and blanketed much of the Plains and Midwest.

The weather system moved slowly eastward overnight through the Ohio Valley into Pennsylvania and western New York state. Then it went into New England, where residents had celebrated the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory days after digging out from a massive storm that brought from 1 to 3 feet of snow to some areas.

## Japan's leader defends handling of Islamic State group hostage crisis as nation mourns

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe defended his policy toward terrorism, as the flag at his official residence flew at half-staff Monday in a mark of mourning for two hostages killed by the Islamic State group.

During a long day of parliamentary debate, Abe parried numerous questions about his handling of the hostage crisis, which came to a grisly end with news early Sunday that journalist Kenji Goto had been beheaded by the extremists.

Abe said his announcement of \$200 million in non-military aid for the fight against the Islamic State group, made during a visit to the Middle East just days before the militants demanded a \$200 million ransom for the two hostages, was meant to convey Japan's strong commitment to battling terrorism and fostering peace and stability in the region.

Some have questioned that decision, saying Abe should have been more cautious and not mentioned the Islamic State group by name.

Responding to a question by an opposition lawmaker, Abe confirmed that he was aware of the hostage situation when he made the announcement.

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## Who's winning in Iraq: Kurds or Islamic State? In fog of war, neither side shows clear edge

SNUNY, Iraq (AP) — Only stray dogs and a dozen armed fighters walk the streets of Snuny, a ghost town at the base of Mount Sinjar where rapid military changes of fortune are written on the walls.

"Smoking is banned" has been scribbled in Arabic outside one cafe. A nearby building bears the warning: "Submit to the Islamic State, you infidels."

Those messages don't reflect the views of the new management. Today, flags representing various Kurdish political groups flap furiously in the wind over Snuny, claiming ownership of the town's barren streets.

But all along the Kurds' shifting front lines, it's a tenuous hold sustained only with timely air support from the U.S.-led coalition. Questions remain whether the coalition-backed Kurds can secure strategic crossroads like Snuny and renew an offensive versus the Islamic State group, which controls a broad swath of northern Iraq from its base in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul.

The Kurds retook Snuny from the Sunni militants last month, but a weeks-old battle has reached a point of stalemate on the other side of the mountain for militant-held Sinjar. To the southeast, the oil-rich city of Kirkuk remains at risk of Islamic State recapture.

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## **5 Ukrainian troops killed as fighting continues for key eastern railway hub**

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Officials say five Ukrainian soldiers have been killed and 29 wounded in the past day in eastern Ukraine as fighting rages around a strategic railway hub.

Defense Ministry Spokesman Vladislav Seleznyov told The Associated Press Monday that fighting remains most intense around Ukraine-held Debaltseve, which is now almost entirely encircled by Russia-backed rebels.

Municipal authorities in Donetsk, the main rebel stronghold in the region some 60 kilometers (37 miles) southwest of Debaltseve, said in a statement posted online that 15 civilians were killed by shelling over the weekend. Explosions could still be heard throughout the city on Monday morning.

The conflict in eastern Ukraine has claimed more than 5,100 lives since April. Despite a September cease-fire and a period of relative calm in December, fighting has intensified in recent weeks.

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## **Check the label: Many toddler foods contain too much salt and sugar, government research finds**

CHICAGO (AP) — Many packaged meals and snacks for toddlers contain worrisome amounts of salt and sugar, potentially creating an early taste for foods that may contribute to obesity and other health risks, according to a new government study.

About seven in 10 toddler dinners studied contained too much salt, and most cereal bars, breakfast pastries and snacks for infants and toddlers contained extra sugars, according to the study by researchers at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They advise parents to read food labels carefully and select healthier choices.

The researchers analyzed package information and labels for more than 1,000 foods marketed for infants and toddlers. Results appear in the journal *Pediatrics* on Monday.

The study notes that almost one in four U.S. children ages 2 to 5 are overweight or obese — and that almost 80 percent of kids ages 1 to 3 exceed the recommended maximum level of daily salt, which is 1,500 milligrams. Excess sugar and salt can contribute to obesity and elevated blood pressure even in childhood, but also later on.

"We also know that about one in nine children have blood pressure above the normal range for their age, and that sodium, excess sodium, is related to increased blood pressure," said the CDC's Mary Cogswell, the study's lead author. "Blood pressure tracks from when children are young up through adolescence into when they're adults. Eating foods which are high in sodium can set a child up for high blood pressure and later on for cardiovascular disease."

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## **HEALTHBEAT: 'Still Alice' raises awareness of Alzheimer's, albeit with younger than usual face**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Her performance as a vibrant woman fading into the darkness of Alzheimer's is doing more than earning awards for actress Julianne Moore. The movie "Still Alice" is raising aware-

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ness of a disease too often suffered in isolation, even if the Hollywood face is younger than the typical real-life patient.

Some things to know about Alzheimer's:

ALZHEIMER'S IS INCREASING BUT THE EARLY-ONSET FORM ISN'T COMMON

The movie is about a linguistics professor stricken at the unusually young age of 50 with a form of Alzheimer's that runs in her family. That type of Alzheimer's accounts for a small fraction of the brain-destroying disease.

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## 'We're at war': Pakistan teachers learn to carry, fire handguns after Peshawar school massacre

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — When Pakistani Taliban militants stormed a Peshawar school and massacred 150 children and teachers, nobody could fight back. Shabnam Tabinda and some of her fellow teachers want to change that — and are practicing how to shoot terrorists.

Government authorities in Pakistan's northwest frontier have given permission for teachers to carry concealed firearms in response to the Dec. 16 attack in Peshawar that became one of the deadliest terrorist strikes in Pakistani history. Many educators reject the idea of arming teachers as reckless and counterproductive, reflecting the kind of arguments in U.S. school systems overshadowed by their own occasional mass shootings.

But for teachers like 37-year-old Tabinda, going to work unarmed no longer feels like an option. She and 10 other female teachers at the Frontier College for Women are taking pride in their newfound marksmanship with handguns, and plan to carry them to help protect their students aged 16 to 21.

Asked whether she felt confident of killing a terrorist at her school, Tabinda was emphatic in reply: "Yes. Whoever kills innocents, God willing I will shoot them."

Mushtuq Ghani, the higher education minister in the Khyber Paktunkhwa provincial government based in Peshawar, says its Cabinet supports the arming of teachers as a logical measure given the reality that the region's 65,000 police are stretched too thin to provide a first line of defense to nearly 50,000 schools. Terrorists need to know that schools aren't defenseless, and armed teachers could potentially hold off gunmen and buy time for police reinforcements to arrive, he said. Teachers would need to provide their own legally licensed firearms, which many already possess to defend their homes.

## Super Bowl 49's advertising winners and losers

**MAE ANDERSON, AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're talking about Super Bowl ads with co-workers on Monday, you're not alone.

Advertisers tried to win over Americans during the game — some tried serious themes, while others went with humor. With 30-second ads costing \$4.5 million for the chance to market their brand to 110-plus million Americans, advertisers were making a big bet. And just like the game, there were winners and losers:

### **WINNERS:**

**BUDWEISER**

Sticking to its winning formula of puppies and Clydesdales, Brewer Anheuser-Busch's ad shows a Labrador puppy chasing after the iconic Budweiser Clydesdales that are being moved to a new stable. The tune, "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)," performed by Sleeping at Last, plays in the background.

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## CHEVROLET

The automaker was a surprise hit before the kickoff with a spot that appeared to be a live game feed that suddenly turned to static and then a blank screen. It turns out it was a gimmick to highlight the fact that the Chevrolet Colorado has 4G LTE Wi-Fi, so viewers could stream the game in the car if they needed to.

## ESURANCE

Two Esurance ads showed actress Lindsay Lohan being a "sorta" mom and Bryan Cranston as "Breaking Bad" character Walter White being a "sorta" pharmacist to show when it comes to car insurance "sorta" doesn't cut it.

## FIAT CHRYSLER

Chrysler scored with three spots. For an ad promoting Fiat's 2016 Fiat 500xcrossover vehicle, Chrysler used humor, showing an older Italian couple getting frisky in the bedroom. When the man's "blue pill" goes flying out the window, it lands in the gas tank of a Fiat, causing nearby women to give the car a second glance. A voiceover says the new Fiat is "bigger more powerful and ready for action."

## MCDONALD'S

McDonald's ad surrounds a promotion in which it will randomly select customers to pay for their orders with acts of love, like a high-five or a call to a relative. The promotion starts Monday and runs through Feb. 14.

## NATIONWIDE

"Mindy Project" star Mindy Kaling walks around New York believing she is invisible and doing scandalous acts, including sitting naked in Central Park and going through a car wash. Then she tries to kiss Matt Damon but he can see her. The idea is Nationwide doesn't treat you like you're invisible.

## SNICKERS

The 30-second ad recreates the famous Brady Bunch episode in which the oldest daughter, Marcia, gets hit in the nose with a football. Movie "Machete" star Danny Trejo plays "Marcia" in the ad and actor Steve Buscemi plays Jan, her sister.

## LOSERS

### NATIONWIDE

In one of the most serious ads of the night, Nationwide showed a boy riding a school bus and lamenting he'll never learn to fly, or travel the world with his best friend, or even grow up, because he died in an accident. The ad for Nationwide was aimed at stopping preventable childhood accidents.

"The intention of that ad was very good, but it's just playing with fire focusing on an adolescents' death in the context of the Super Bowl," said Charles Taylor, marketing professor at the Villanova School of Business in Pennsylvania.

### WEIGHT WATCHERS

The weight-loss services provider portrayed a big-brother like montage of, doughnuts, pizza and other gluttonous food with an ominous voiceover saying "You gotta eat, right?" providing one of the few creepy moments of the evening. The tagline is "It's time to take back control."

The goal was to promote its weight loss services, but some thought that the message was lost. It was one of the ads getting the most negative feedback from viewers on the viewing panel of Villanova's Taylor. "Some people are saying it made them want to eat more than anything," he said.

### VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS

The ad for a toe fungus treatment showed animated toes playing football, but it did not win over all viewers.

"If you're going to do an ad for toenail fungus it needed to be funny, and it wasn't," said Super Bowl

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viewer Naomi Zikmund-Fisher, a psychotherapist from Ann Arbor, Mich.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2015. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana.

#### On this date:

In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed.

In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co. The musical "Shameen Dhu," featuring the song "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Rai," opened on Broadway.

In 1915, Israeli statesman Abba Eban was born in Cape Town, South Africa.

In 1925, the silent film "The Lost World," based on the Arthur Conan Doyle novel about explorers who encounter living prehistoric animals in South America, had its world premiere.

In 1932, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra recorded "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" for Brunswick Records.

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1964, Ranger 6, a lunar probe launched by NASA, crashed onto the surface of the moon as planned, but failed to send back any TV images.

In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

**Ten years ago:** In his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush called for changes in Social Security that would combine reduced government benefits for younger workers with "a chance to build a nest egg" through personal accounts. German heavyweight boxer Max Schmeling died at age 99.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama, speaking in Nashua, New Hampshire, branded Republicans as electoral opportunists more concerned about their own interests than the people's. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences unveiled its 2009 Oscar nominees; in a first, 10 films were nominated for best picture instead of five, including eventual winner "The Hurt Locker."

**One year ago:** Academy Award-winning actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, 46, was found dead in his New York apartment from a combination of heroin, cocaine and other drugs. The Seattle Seahawks won their first Super Bowl title, crushing the favored Denver Broncos 43-8.

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**Today's Birthdays:** Gossip columnist Liz Smith is 92. Former French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing (val-eh-REE' ZHEES'-kahr deh-STANG') is 89. Actor Robert Mandan is 83. Comedian Tom Smothers is 78. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 73. Television executive Barry Diller is 73. Actor Bo Hopkins is 71. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 69. TV chef Ina (EE'-nuh) Garten is 67. Actor Jack McGee is 66. Actor Brent Spiner (SPY'-nur) is 66. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 66. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 63. The president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye (goon-hay), is 63. Model Christie Brinkley is 61. Actor Michael Talbott is 60. Actress Kim Zimmer is 60. Actor Michael T. Weiss is 53. Actor-comedian Adam Ferrara is 49. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 49. Actress Jennifer Westfeldt is 45. Rock musician Ben Mize is 44. Rapper T-Mo is 43. Actress Marissa Jaret Winokur is 42. Actress Lori Beth Denberg is 39. Singer Shakira is 38. Actor Rich Sommer (TV: "Mad Men") is 37. Country singer Blaine Larsen is 29. Actress Zosia Mamet (TV: "Girls") is 27.

**Thought for Today:** "History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives." — Abba Eban (1915-2002).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 identifica-

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tion card. If your driver license or identification card has a gold star in the upper right corner, then it is federally compliant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Non-Citizens may bring:

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

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

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

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

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

III. You will need two documents to prove your residential address. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Proof of address documents may **not be more than one year old**. Please

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bring two of the documents listed below (each must contain your current physical address):

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

## **Address Exceptions:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Veterans**

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military have the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license or identification card. In addition to the documents listed above, they will need to present:



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- ◆ 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.**