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Wednesday

Birthdays: Betty Sue Felkey, Craig Jondahl, James Lane, KayLynn Overacker, Nora Bunn

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato and sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread

School Breakfast: Cinamon roll, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dog, baked beans, veg cups, fruit.

10:15am: MathCounts at Presentation College (Northeastern South Dakota chapter)

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

7 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran League

The cardboard/paper

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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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Fries' 30 points leads Langford past Groton

Bo Fries powered in 30 points to help lead the Langford Area Lions to a 64-51 win over Groton Area in boys basketball action last night in Langford.

Groton jumped out to a 16-14 lead after the first quarter, but then were outscored, 21-11, in the second quarter as the Lions took a 35-27 lead at halftime. Langford opened up a 20-point lead at one point in the third quarter before taking a 57-40 lead into the fourth quarter.

Lucas Sternhagen led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Bennett Shabazz with eight, Hunter Lerew had seven, Kyler Ell and Gabe Dohman each had five, Chance Strom four, Sean Schuring three and Spencer Knecht and Landon Larson each had two points.

Others adding to the Langford tally were Chance Olsen with 11, Jordan Carson seven, CJ Steiner six, Brent Ogren and Mason Larson each had four and Ryan Punt added two points.

The Lions made 52 percent of its field goals while the Tigers made 37 percent.

Groton was seven of 11 from the line for 63 percent off of Langford's 11 team fouls. Langford was 11 of 15 from the line for 73 percent off of Groton's 16 team fouls.

Groton had 10 turnovers, five of which were steals. Langford had six turnovers, five of which were steals with Sternhagen having two.

Groton outrebounded Langford, 31-22, with Dohman having 10 for Groton and Fries having nine for Langford.

Groton had 11 assists with Knecht having five and Langford had seven with Fries having three. Fries also had two of Langford's three blocks while Lerew had three of Groton's six blocks.

Langford Area also won the junior varsity game, 42-33. Seric Shabazz led Groton with 14 points followed by Bennett Shabazz with nine and adding two points each were Sean Schuring, Adam Herman, Aaron Severson, Frankie Wuestewald and Brandon Keith.

The Lions were lead by Ryan Punt with 10 points followed by Josh Punt with nine, Zac Fries and James Erickson each had seven, Brady Wieker four, Dylan Frey three and Garrett Knebel added two points.

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

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| GROTON AREA | | TOT-FG | | | | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | MIN | |
|-------------|-------------------|--------|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| NO | PLAYER | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | MIN |
| 4 | Sternhagen, Lucas | * | 6 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 24:00 |
| 10 | Knecht, Spencer | * | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 24:00 |
| 12 | Ell, Kyler | * | 2 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 32 | Dohman, Gabe | * | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| 40 | Lerew, Hunter | * | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 3 | Schuring, Sean | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 5 | Shabazz, Seric | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 22 | Shabazz, Bennett | | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 32:00 |
| 24 | Strom, Chance | | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| 30 | Larson, Landon | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 42 | Larson, Wyatt | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| Team Totals | | | 19 | 52 | 6 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 31 | 16 | 51 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 10/27 0.370 2nd: 9/25 0.360 Game: 0.365 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/10 0.400 2nd: 2/8 0.250 Game: 0.333 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/4 0.750 2nd: 4/7 0.571 Game: 0.636 (4,1)

| LANGFORD AREA | | TOT-FG | | | | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | MIN | |
|---------------|----------------|--------|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-------|
| NO | PLAYER | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | MIN |
| 5 | Olsen, Chance | * | 4 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 32:00 |
| 10 | Steiner, CJ | * | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 20 | Fries, Bo | * | 13 | 20 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 30 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 32:00 |
| 30 | Orgren, Brent | * | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 32:00 |
| 40 | Carson, Jordan | * | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 16:00 |
| 3 | Frey, Dylan | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 23 | Larson, Mason | | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32:00 |
| 34 | Punt, Ryan | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| Team Totals | | | 25 | 48 | 3 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 3 | 19 | 22 | 11 | 64 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 14/28 0.500 2nd: 11/20 0.550 Game: 0.521 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/7 0.143 2nd: 2/5 0.400 Game: 0.250 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 6/8 0.750 2nd: 5/7 0.714 Game: 0.733 (3,3)

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Groton | 16 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 51 |
| Langford | 14 | 21 | 22 | 7 | 64 |

Last FG: Groton 4th-08:00, Langford 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Groton by 4 1st-08:00, Langford by 20 3rd-08:00
 Score tied: 3 times, Lead changed: 5 times

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| GROTON AREA JV | | TOT-FG | | | | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----|----|----|---|----|----|----|-------|
| NO | PLAYER | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | MIN |
| 3 | Schuring, Sean | * | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| 5 | Shabazz, Seric | * | 6 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 16:00 |
| 14 | Herman, Adam | * | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 32:00 |
| 22 | Shabazz, Bennett | * | 4 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 24:00 |
| 52 | Severson, Aaron | * | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 24:00 |
| 10 | Lane, Marshall | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 12 | Wuestewald, Frankie | | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 20 | Keith, Brandon | | 1 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24:00 |
| 34 | Keith, Brady | | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 42 | Thorson, Luke | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| Team Totals | | | 15 | 41 | 3 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 14 | 33 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 9/22 0.409 2nd: 6/19 0.316 Game: 0.366 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/8 0.125 2nd: 2/9 0.222 Game: 0.176 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.000 (2,3)

| LANGFORD AREA JV | | TOT-FG | | | | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----|----|----|---|----|----|---|-------|
| NO | PLAYER | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | MIN |
| 24 | Fries, Zac | * | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 32:00 |
| 32 | Erickson, James | * | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 32:00 |
| 33 | Punt, Josh | * | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 24:00 |
| 42 | Wieker, Brady | * | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 44 | Knebel, Garrett | * | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 24:00 |
| 20 | Frey, Dylan | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| 30 | Seiner, Alex | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 34 | Punt, Ryan | | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 32:00 |
| Team Totals | | | 16 | 34 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 14 | 24 | 2 | 42 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 9 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 9/15 0.600 2nd: 7/19 0.368 Game: 0.471 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/1 1.000 2nd: 1/2 0.500 Game: 0.667 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/6 0.333 2nd: 6/8 0.750 Game: 0.571 (4,2)

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Groton JV | 11 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 33 |
| Langford JV | 12 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 42 |

Last FG: Groton JV 4th-08:00, Langford JV 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Groton JV by 4 1st-08:00, Langford JV by 9 4th-08:00
 Score tied: 8 times, Lead changed: 7 times

Today in Weather History

1984: A fast moving blizzard pounded the northeast and east central with light snow and raging winds. Snow amounts were generally less than 2 inches region wide. As the storm progressed, temperatures dropped thirty degrees in three hours as winds gusted to 70 mph. Fierce winds struck quickly, plummeting visibilities to zero and making travel difficult in a matter of minutes. No travel was advised across much of the area. Hundreds of travelers became stranded in the white-out and the highway crews were pulled of the road to wait for decreasing winds. There were also some spotty power outages.

1924 – In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 20.3 inches of snow fell in a 24 hour period. This ranks as the most snowfall in a 24 hour period since 1884. This storm caused over \$1 million damage. Communication with the outside world was said at the time to be back to the days of the “Indian signal fire”. Street car and train service crippled. Snowdrifts of 8 to 10 feet high were common along with considerable ice on trees and wires. Car ferries remained in port. Schools were closed and several plate glass windows broken.

1961 - The third great snowstorm of the winter season struck the northeastern U.S. Cortland NY received 40 inches of snow. (David Ludlum)

1982 – 36 degrees in Barrow AK on this date is the warmest that it has ever been in February. In fact, this is the only time they got above freezing in the month of February. 1987 - Gales lashed the northern Pacific coast and the coast of northern New England. A storm in the central U.S. produced five inches of snow at Rapid City SD. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A winter storm produced heavy snow from the Upper Ohio Valley to New England, with up to 12 inches reported in Vermont and New Hampshire. Strong northerly winds in the Upper Midwest produced wind chill readings as cold as 60 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Two dozen cities in the south central and northwestern U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date. The low of 14 below zero at Boise ID was a February record. A winter storm continued in the southwestern U.S. Alta UT reported 49 inches of snow in four days, Wolf Creek CO reported 66 inches in six days, including 28 inches in 24 hours, and up to 84 inches buried the ski resorts of northern New Mexico in three days. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1990 - A winter storm produced heavy snow in the northeastern U.S. Snowfall totals in Maine ranged up to 13 inches at Gorham, with 11 inches reported at Portland. Totals in New Hampshire ranged up to 14 inches at Franconia, with 13 inches reported at Portsmouth. A mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain caused numerous traffic accidents in eastern New York State resulting in three deaths and fourteen injuries. Subzero cold also gripped parts of the northeastern U.S. Caribou ME and Houlton ME reported morning lows of 15 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004 - 7.15 inches of rain deluges Pinson, AL, setting an all-time record rainfall over 24 hours for the town. The Weather Doctor

2007 - Kahului reports a minimum temperature of 54°F, a daily low temperature record for the date. The Weather Doctor

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| TODAY | TONIGHT | THURSDAY | THURSDAY NIGHT | FRIDAY | FRIDAY NIGHT | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cold | Mostly Clear | Mostly Sunny | Mostly Cloudy | Partly Sunny | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy |
| High: 10 °F | Low: -4 °F | High: 26 °F | Low: 14 °F | High: 35 °F | Low: 16 °F | High: 31 °F |



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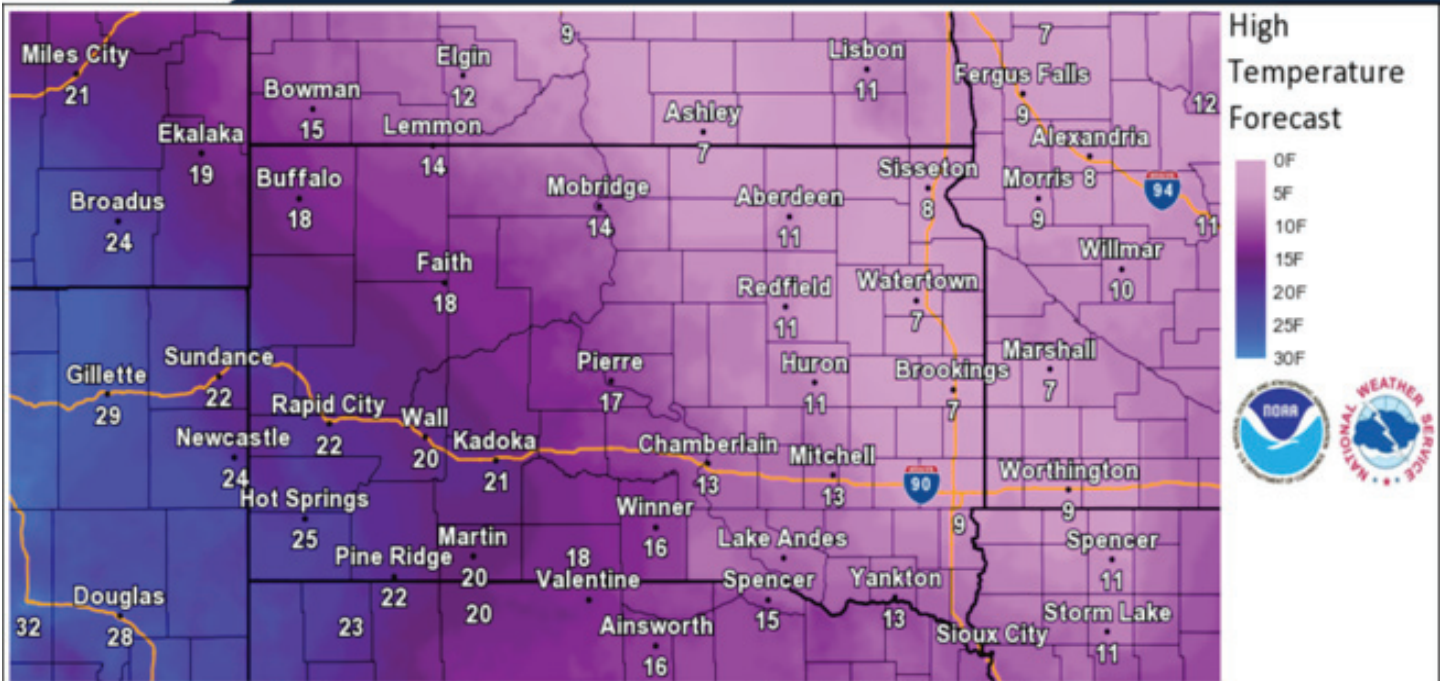
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Valid ending Wednesday February 4th, 2015 at 6 PM CST

Created Wednesday February 4th, 2015 at 5:11 AM CST

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Canadian high pressure will build south across the Dakotas today, bringing mostly sunny skies, but cold temperatures. Highs will only reach the single digits above zero across portions of eastern South Dakota into western Minnesota, while central South Dakota tops out in the teens. A slow warming trend is expected through the end of the week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 14.5 at 3:01 PM

Low: 3.1 at 1:19 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 12 at 5:55 PM

Snow: 1.5"

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 55° in 2005

Record Low: -30° in 1905

Average High: 25°F

Average Low: 3°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.04

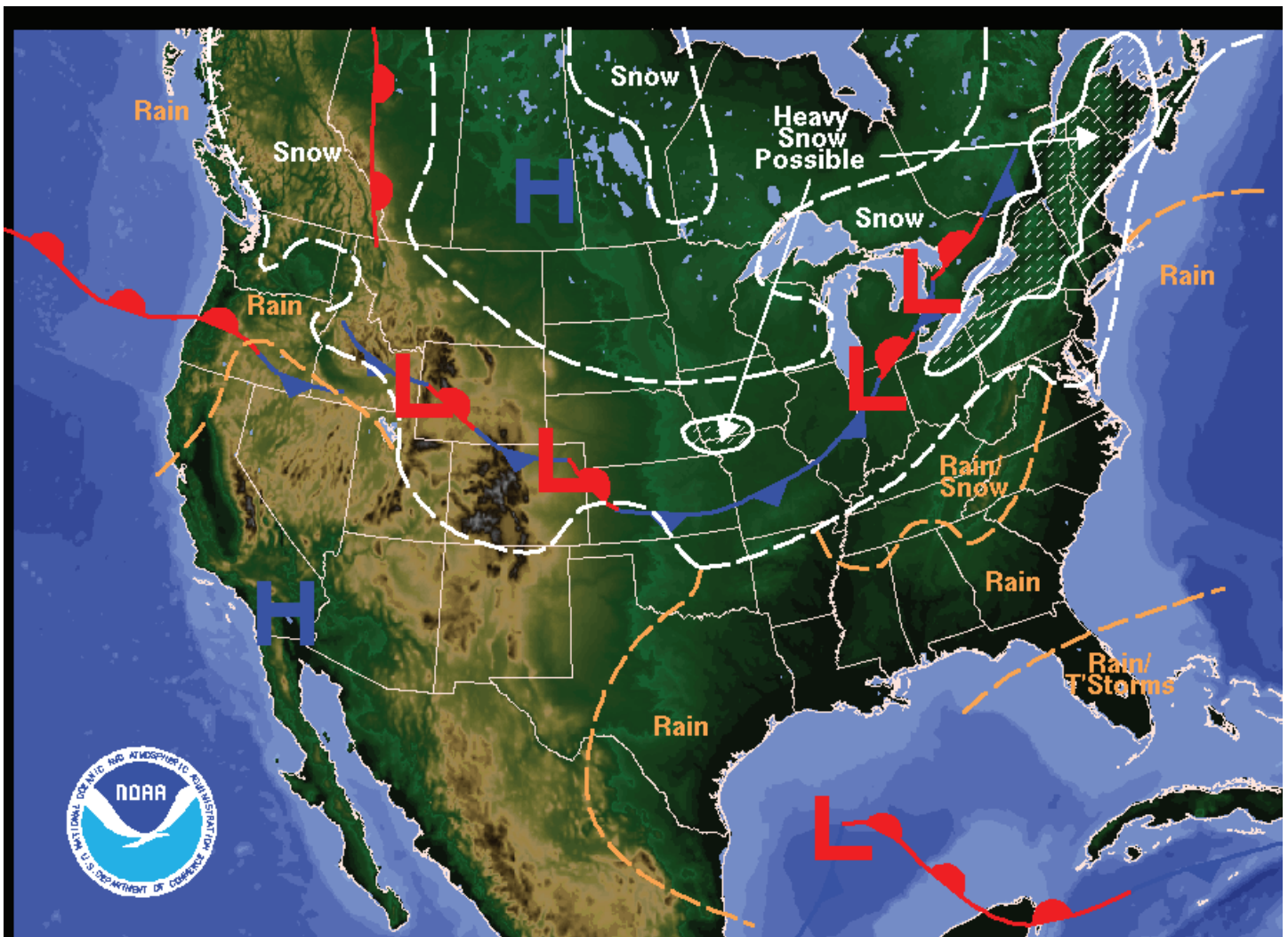
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.51

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:45 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:01 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Feb 04, 2015, issued 2:42 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



From Head To Heart

JoAnn was watching her grandfather mulch the soil around his smiling pansies. "PaPa," she asked, "may I please have the yellow one with a purple face?" "Of course, my dear," he said, handing her a flower with a stem that was once near the center of the plant.

After carefully examining its intricate details she said, "Here, now take it back and put it where it was."

"I can't do that, my dear," he replied. "It came from the heart of the plant and there is no way to put it back."

Words are like that pansy. They come from the heart. Whatever we say or whatever anyone else says comes from the heart and words once spoken can never be returned to their source. Our words either help or harm, do good or cause damage, build up or tear down, bring out the best in people or make them fearful to act.

How wise of David to want his words and thoughts to be pleasing to God. God wants us to love Him, worship Him, serve Him and please Him. But if we do not know Him we will never be able to honor Him. And we cannot know Him unless we study His Word and allow its message to penetrate our minds.

Then, as we think Godly thoughts we will speak Godly words and do Godly deeds that come from Godly hearts and our lives will be pleasing to Him. Whatever is in our heart will eventually come out in our lives!

Prayer: We ask, Father, for hearts that are filled with Your Word and lives that are pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Mother accused of leaving kids to die to get psych exam

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A judge has ordered a mental health examination for a woman accused of leaving her 2- and 4-year-old daughters to die in a remote area of northwestern North Dakota.

The defense for Michelle Wounded Face requested the exam, and federal prosecutors didn't object.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland says there's reasonable cause to believe Wounded Face is "suffering from a mental disease or deficit." She'll spend up to a month being examined in a federal facility, likely in Rochester, Minnesota.

The 24-year-old Wounded Face is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. She's been living on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. She's accused of abandoning her daughters in a car for more than three hours on Jan. 3, in bitter cold weather. They survived.

Episode of 'The Bachelor' to feature Deadwood hotel

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — An upcoming episode of the popular ABC dating show "The Bachelor" will feature a Deadwood hotel.

The episode featuring the Deadwood Mountain Grand hotel will air Monday. Parts of a concert by country music duo Big and Rich that was especially performed at the hotel for the reality series will also be shown.

"The Bachelor," which debuted in 2002, revolves around an eligible bachelor who goes on a series of dates to choose a potential bride from a pool of 25 women.

The hotel is located in the restored Homestake Mining Company ore processing plant and overlooks historic Deadwood.

Senate committee expected to take up new Deadwood games

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative panel is set to consider a measure that would authorize three new voter-approved games in Deadwood.

The Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday is expected to review the proposal to allow keno, craps and roulette in the historic mining town.

Boosters 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.

The amendment gives the Legislature the authority to allow the new games.

Advocates say craps and roulette especially would attract new gamblers to Deadwood.

Opponents argue gambling expansions provoke addictions and cause social and financial problems for families in South Dakota.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave says he expects "fairly spirited" debate about the proposal.

Lawmakers to consider plans to hike legislator compensation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative committee is expected to consider several proposals to hike lawmakers' compensation.

The House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday is expected to take up proposals to remove a \$6,000 cap on legislator pay and allow lawmakers to be eligible for the same pay increases that state

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workers get when the Legislature passes across-the-board raises for public employees.

Republican Rep. Jim Bolin of Canton has said the measures would help attract candidates to run for office. He says part of the difficulty now is that the pay is so low.

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

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 74, Mitchell 71
Aberdeen Christian 88, Waubay 52
Arlington 58, Hamlin 55
Beresford 40, Vermillion 35
Bridgewater-Emery 56, Gayville-Volin 41
Britton-Hecla 66, Wilmot 54
Canistota 62, Viborg-Hurley 57, OT
Centerville 67, Alcester-Hudson 65
Chester 60, Parker 57, OT
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 66, Mobridge-Pollock 55
Clark/Willow Lake 53, Sisseton 44
Dell Rapids 80, Canton 48
DeSmet 48, Florence/Henry 16
Deuel 52, Great Plains Lutheran 28
Elk Point-Jefferson 68, Akron-Westfield, Iowa 55
Elkton-Lake Benton 64, Flandreau Indian 41
Flandreau 59, Colman-Egan 46
Garretson 61, Baltic 33
Gregory 61, Lyman 43
Hanson 60, Dakota Christian 56
Highmore-Harrold 72, Sunshine Bible Academy 68, OT
Hitchcock-Tulare 53, James Valley Christian 36
Jones County 54, Sully Buttes 40
Kadoka Area 57, Bennett County 54
Kimball/White Lake 72, Colome 67
Langford 64, Groton Area 51
Little Wound 81, Hot Springs 63
Madison 61, Lennox 55, OT
Milbank Area 48, Castlewood 47
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 89, Mitchell Christian 39
Philip 47, New Underwood 40
Pine Ridge 79, St. Francis Indian 74
Potter County 48, Redfield/Doland 37
Rapid City Christian 73, Oelrichs 29

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Red Cloud 72, Hill City 30
Rosholt 61, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, Minn. 52
Sioux Falls Lincoln 56, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 39
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 75, Sioux City, North, Iowa 58
Sioux Valley 70, Deubrook 28
Spearfish 72, Lead-Deadwood 36
St. Thomas More 64, Belle Fourche 38
Timber Lake 65, Dupree 41
Warner 100, Faulkton 39
Watertown 47, Huron 41
Waverly-South Shore 64, Estelline 51
Wessington Springs 58, Iroquois 30
Wolsey-Wessington 81, Northwestern 25
Yankton 67, Brookings 66, OT

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 70, Mitchell 36
Avon 37, Menno 16
Beresford 59, Vermillion 57
Brookings 47, Yankton 28
Burke/South Central 52, Corsica/Stickney 43
Centerville 67, Alcester-Hudson 65
Chamberlain 41, Platte-Geddes 37
Chester 60, Parker 57, OT
Custer 59, Newcastle, Wyo. 55
Dell Rapids 52, Canton 36
Elk Point-Jefferson 49, Akron-Westfield, Iowa 28
Elkton-Lake Benton 76, Flandreau Indian 35
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Rapid City National Guard unit to be deployed to Kuwait

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The first South Dakota Army National Guard unit deployed after the Sept. 11 attacks is scheduled to be sent out again in August, ending a brief period that marked the first time in 12 years that no National Guard soldiers or airmen based in the state were deployed.

The 162 members of the Guard's 155th Engineer Company were notified recently about the scheduled deployment to Kuwait, the National Guard announced Tuesday.

In September, 160 members of the Flandreau- and Sioux Falls-based 1,742nd Transportation Company returned after a nine-month deployment in Afghanistan. Their return marked the first time since June 17, 2002, that no members of the state's national guard were deployed.

"We've had soldiers or airmen deployed continuously since 9/11," said First Lt. Chad Carlson, the deputy public affairs officer for the Guard in South Dakota.

Members of the 155th provide engineering support in building base camps and internment facilities overseas.

"We offer a skill set that the army needs and so they called upon us to come and build the infrastructure that they need maintained and built, so we're going to go and do the mission that we're trained to do," said Captain David Dodson, the company commander of the 155th unit.

Dodson, who was deployed in 2004 with a different unit, said many of his soldiers have experience working with or owning construction companies. Now that they're being deployed, Dodson said they'll receive more tactical training to prepare for any scenario.

"Whether it is a garrison-type environment or it does become a tactical, hostile environment, we're going to adjust our training so that we're prepared to function in all of it," he said.

About 70 members of the unit are based in Rapid City, where the 155th is headquartered, while about 90 report to a base in Wagner. The unit is scheduled to report to Fort Bliss in Texas to complete several weeks of training before they deploy.

Committee changes Daugaard's transportation funding package

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard's proposed \$50 million funding hike for roads and bridges grew by nearly \$2 million on Tuesday during its first committee hearing, where lawmakers began what is likely to be their most significant debate of the 2015 legislative session.

The House Transportation Committee on Tuesday approved changes to the governor's plan, which raises transportation funding through a variety of tax and fee hikes. The governor's director of policy

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and operations, Nathan Sanderson, said Daugaard's proposal would fix the "imbalance" between current infrastructure financing and future needs.

"We're underfunding these roads and bridges by tens of millions of dollars each year," Sanderson said shortly before telling lawmakers to "resist the urge" to seriously tinker with the bill.

Daugaard's original plan would raise about \$41 million in state revenue through fuel tax increases and a motor vehicle excise tax hike. He also proposed ongoing increases in the fuel taxes to help ensure the state didn't get backlogged again. The plan would raise nearly \$10 million for local projects through vehicle registration fee increases.

Raising taxes requires two-thirds legislative support to pass.

"My aim with the bill that I brought forth was to try to keep the price tag low enough that it could obtain enough votes and still make a sizeable contribution to our need," Daugaard said in an interview. "I thought that the number that I had identified was about the right sweet spot, but we'll see."

A separate committee is expected to review the proposal. Before adjourning, members voted to make the 2-cent annual fuel tax increases the governor proposed expire in 2030.

"I don't like the idea of a perpetual annual increase," said Republican Rep. Mary Duvall, who proposed the change.

They also added about \$1.4 million in revenue for local infrastructure through additional vehicle fee increases.

The panel borrowed two provisions from a competing Senate plan that would raise more than \$100 million in its first year. The House lawmakers added \$400,000 in local revenue to Daugaard's proposal by expanding the wheel tax and included a registration fee for electric and hybrid vehicles.

Sen. Mike Vehle chaired a committee that met before the session and recommended the roughly \$100 million plan, which is scheduled to have a Senate hearing on Friday.

"We know where our roads are going," Vehle told the House committee on Tuesday. "I urge you. We need to do something this year."

Federal appeals court to hear 3 more gay marriage cases

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal appeals court will consider the gay marriage bans of South Dakota, Arkansas and Missouri in a sped-up process that positions itself to weigh in before an expected U.S. Supreme Court ruling that could settle whether same-sex couples can marry nationwide.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a request Tuesday to consider cases from the states at an expedited pace, saying it would consolidate arguments from all three and would hear oral arguments the week of May 11 in Omaha, Nebraska.

That came as a surprise, given that the U.S. Supreme Court had already said in January it would hear arguments on gay marriage in April, with a ruling expected by late June.

The move makes the conservative-leaning 8th Circuit the final federal appellate court to take action on the issue of same-sex marriage. It likely decided to weigh in for several reasons, said South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley, who had filed a joint motion Monday with the attorney for the six same-sex couples in the state asking the appeals court to expedite the process.

Jackley said the court may want to signal to the U.S. Supreme Court how it thinks the high court should rule, and give it a better sense of where the appellate courts stand. The Republican attorney general also said the court needs to have a ruling on the record in the event that U.S. Supreme Court narrowly draws its decision and fails to address all the issues that could arise regarding same-sex marriages. He

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cited the court's narrow decision on the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8 in California in 2013.

"So to the extent that the Supreme Court doesn't fully answer of all the questions," Jackley said, "however the 8th Circuit rules in the Missouri, South Dakota and Arkansas cases will be the law of the land, so to speak (in the 8th Circuit)."

The Supreme Court plans to take up gay-rights cases that ask it to overturn bans in four states and declare for the entire nation that people can marry the partners of their choice, regardless of gender. The court chose not to decide this issue in 2013, even as it struck down part of the federal anti-gay marriage law — paving the way for a wave of lower court rulings across the country in favor of same-sex marriage rights.

It is unusual for a lower appeals court to consider a case that's already set for arguments before the highest court in the land, said Michael Gans, clerk of court for the 8th Circuit. Even before the arguments are heard in Omaha, he said, the Supreme Court could issue an order putting them on hold.

"It's just difficult to predict what's going to happen here — if the Supreme Court could do something that would make these cases moot or change the issues in them. And I really just don't know how this is all going to play out," Gans said.

In South Dakota, same-sex marriages are still illegal. U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier sided in favor of the six couples who sued in May in Sioux Falls, but stayed her decision pending appeals.

In Missouri, St. Louis and Jackson counties and the city of St. Louis began issuing same-sex marriage licenses last year because of various court rulings. The rest of the state's 112 counties have opted not to, pending resolution of the legal challenges.

And in Arkansas, U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker ruled in November that Arkansas' gay-marriage ban and a separate law restricting marriages to one man and one woman were unconstitutional, but she delayed enforcement of her order pending appeals.

Jackley, in South Dakota, also said the 8th Circuit needs to take up the issue to resolve conflicting rulings in the circuit. In 2006, the appeals court affirmed Nebraska's right to ban same-sex marriages.

"And so that needs to be resolved within the circuit, and the best place for that would be the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals," Jackley said.

Dakotas' first ladies ask hospitals to reduce early delivers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The first ladies of the Dakotas are urging birthing hospitals in both states to help cut the number of early deliveries done for non-medical reasons.

Linda Daugaard (DOO'-gard) of South Dakota and Betsy Dalrymple (DAHL'-rim-pahl) of North Dakota say many hospitals already have developed or are setting up policies to reduce what are known as early elective deliveries, or EEDs. They're done before 39 weeks of pregnancy for no specific medical reason.

The first ladies are challenging all birthing hospitals in the two states to sign a pledge to help reduce EEDs.

A June 2014 brief from the National Center for Health Statistics reported that the two Dakotas were among only five states to reduce induction rates at 38 weeks of pregnancy by 30 percent or more, leading the nation.

2 Sioux Falls teens jailed on \$1M bond for fatal shooting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two Sioux Falls teens charged with killing a man they were fighting with are in the Sioux Falls jail on \$1 million bond each.

Seventeen-year-old Connor Hanson and 19-year-old Robert Montes made their first court appearance

Tuesday on first- and second-degree murder and manslaughter charges.

They're accused of firing shots at a car driven by 18-year-old Anthony Lee Gabriel, of Sioux Falls, last Thursday. Gabriel was shot in the head and died Sunday. His 20-year-old girlfriend and her 5-month old baby were also in the car but weren't injured.

Witnesses say the two cars had been chasing each other and the shooting happened near the Empire Mall. Court papers say it all started with a fight over a girl.

Hanson and Montes were arrested Friday in Marshall, Minnesota.

EPA: Keystone XL's climate impacts need to be revisited

DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the recent dip in oil prices, the Environmental Protection Agency wants the State Department to "revisit" how much of a toll the Keystone XL oil pipeline would have on global warming.

The EPA suggests that lower oil prices could make the pipeline more important in the development of the oil sands, and thus a chief culprit in the "significant greenhouse gas emissions" they would produce. A January 2014 environmental analysis by the State Department found that the oil sands — which it said would significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions over conventional crude oil — would be developed regardless of whether the pipeline was built. But that conclusion was based on higher oil prices. Oil, the EPA points out, was trading at \$50 per barrel last week.

"Given the recent variability in oil prices, it is important to revisit these conclusions," wrote Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator of EPA's enforcement office.

The comments sent Monday to the State Department come as the House prepares to vote next week and send to President Barack Obama's desk a bill approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The Senate voted 62-36 last week to build the \$8 billion project that would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Texas Gulf coast. That vote was short of the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto the White House has promised.

Obama has said all along that he would wait for the review process to conclude, and that the pipeline could not exacerbate global warming.

The EPA's comments leave open the possibility that the State Department could do additional analysis, delaying the project's review again.

The American Petroleum Institute said the EPA was "inventing new excuses" to delay the project, which was first proposed in 2008, when oil prices were lower than they are now.

"Suggesting that the drop in oil prices requires a re-evaluation of the environmental impact of the project is just another attempt to prolong the KXL review," said Finkel. "Keystone XL was put forward when oil was less than \$40 a barrel so price has little impact on the project."

But environmentalists, who have fought vigorously to kill the pipeline, applauded the EPA's assessment Tuesday.

"The EPA's assessment is spot-on. There should be no more doubt that President Obama must reject the proposed pipeline once and for all," said Danielle Droitsch, a director for the Natural Resources Defense Council who specializes in Canada's tar sands.

A State Department spokeswoman said it would take into account the views of all agencies in the review process.

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Committee approves proposal to bar pre-payment for abortions

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative panel has approved a measure that would prohibit abortion providers in South Dakota from accepting payment until the day a procedure is scheduled to be performed.

The House Health and Human Services Committee on Tuesday passed the proposal sponsored by Republican Rep. Nancy Rasmussen.

Rasmussen says providers shouldn't allow pre-payment for abortions because that might "give the pregnant mother a sense of obligation."

South Dakota law requires that physicians wait at least 72 hours after an initial consultation and assessment before an abortion can be performed.

Rasmussen's proposal says that payment, just like signing a consent form for the procedure, must occur on the day the abortion is scheduled.

Republican Sen. Jenna Haggar says the proposal fits well into existing South Dakota law.

North Dakota to Maine dealing with sub-zero wind chill

PHILIP MARCELO, Associated Press

DENISE LAVOIE, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Frigid temperatures descended on the northern tier of the country Tuesday, and while it's not the coldest weather of the season, the biting chill followed a powerful storm that dumped snow from the upper Midwest to the Northeast.

According to the National Weather Service, people from North Dakota to New England are dealing with sub-zero wind chill temperatures.

Temperatures plunged to near minus 30 in upstate New York early Tuesday, a day after a storm dumped more than a foot of snow from Buffalo to the Hudson Valley. The National Weather Service said the coldest spot in the country was Glens Falls, 45 miles north of Albany, at minus 27. It also plunged to 21 below zero in Watertown, near Lake Ontario's eastern end.

The arctic blast is also bringing minus 20 degree wind chills to parts of Pennsylvania and New England.

The cold prompted warnings of "flash freezing" and black ice from Philadelphia to Portland, Maine.

Here's the latest on the storm and its aftermath:

SNOWFALL AND WARNINGS

A winter storm warning was lifted early Tuesday for Maine, where Machias was the hardest hit, with 17 inches of snow, before the sky cleared. Rockland, in Maine's Knox County, received 14 inches and there were widespread reports of at least 10 inches.

Earlier, the snowstorm, which dumped more than 19 inches of snow on Chicago and more than a foot on southeastern Wisconsin, deepened off the southern New England coast. It brought accumulations approaching 18 inches in the Boston area and around a foot of slushy wintry mix to Hartford, Connecticut, Providence, Rhode Island, southern New Hampshire and Vermont — places still reeling from the up to 3 feet they got last week.

Hardest hit in New Hampshire was Weare, in Hillsborough County, which was hit with more than 15 inches of snow.

New York City's snow totals ranged from around 3.6 inches in Central Park to 7 inches in the Bronx while Long Island got 3 inches to 10 inches.

The Philadelphia area received about an inch of snow before the precipitation changed to rain. Forecasters said portions of the Lehigh Valley got up 8 inches, and there was up to a foot in northern Penn-

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sylvania. Much of New Jersey got several inches of snow while parts of northern Ohio received at least a foot.

A PARTY POSTPONED

As Boston recovers from its second major winter storm in a week, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the victory parade for the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots would be postponed until Wednesday morning.

"We look forward to celebrating with Patriots fans during better weather on Wednesday," Walsh said in a statement.

School was canceled in Boston and some suburbs for Tuesday and Gov. Charlie Baker ordered a delayed start for nonessential state agency workers to allow more time for clearing roads.

A DEADLY TOLL

Fifty-seven-year-old Cynthia Levine was struck and killed by a snowplow just before 10 a.m. Monday in the parking lot of a condominium complex in Weymouth, south of Boston, the Norfolk district attorney's office said.

In New York, state police said they were investigating a two-vehicle crash on Interstate 95 when a third vehicle lost control on the highway and hit the two vehicles from the first crash. The cause was not immediately known, but the crash occurred as snow and freezing rain hindered travel throughout the region.

Doctors in Ohio said Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins was heavily sedated and in critical condition Monday, a day after he went into cardiac arrest and his SUV crashed into a pole on his way home not long after a news conference.

Illinois State Police say ice was responsible for crashes on Interstate 294 in the Chicago suburb of Hickory Hills that involved at least 45 vehicles, one of them a state police squad car. Eight people were taken to area hospitals

DISORDER IN THE COURT

The storm delayed two of the nation's biggest court cases — the murder trial of former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez and jury selection in the federal death penalty trial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

Testimony was to resume Tuesday in the Hernandez trial. But federal court officials in Boston, who follow the city's school closure schedule, said the Tsarnaev proceedings would be delayed a second day.

COMMUTING PROBLEMS

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority riders were warned to expect delays Tuesday because of the cold. On Monday, Boston's MBTA was running despite the heavy snowfall, with delays including one train that lost power south of Boston, temporarily stranding about 50 passengers.

Rush-hour commuters in New York City were stranded on a packed subway train that lost power for 2½ hours Monday before it could be towed to a station. Five other trains were stuck behind it.

In Henniker, New Hampshire, crews on Monday were cleaning up snow using plows loaned by the state and surrounding towns. A fire had destroyed the town's plow fleet three days earlier.

CAUTIOUS CALL

Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said he ruled out another highway travel ban in the most recent

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winter storm because the weather was not "extraordinary" as it was last week.

Malloy said snow accumulation last week was intense at times, leading to as much as 30 inches in parts of the state. He says circumstances were different during Monday's storm. The National Weather Service says snow totals ranged from 7.5 inches along the shoreline to 14.3 inches in Weston.

Malloy said credibility becomes an issue when travel bans are imposed too frequently. He said if state officials say circumstances are extraordinary, "they are, in fact, extraordinary."

DETROIT-AREA SNOW DAYS

Hundreds of schools canceled classes for a second consecutive day following a storm that dumped 1½ feet of snow across parts of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Cold temperatures settled in across the state Tuesday after two days of snow. The low Tuesday morning was 7 below zero in Ann Arbor. Temperatures were in the single digits in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing.

In the Detroit area, schools were shut in Macomb, Livingston and St. Clair counties. Many Wayne County districts shut, including Detroit Public Schools, and nearly all schools in Oakland County were closed.

In other parts of the state, most schools were open.

SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER?

The handlers of Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, said the furry rodent has forecast six more weeks of winter.

Members of the top hat-wearing Inner Circle announced the "prediction" Monday morning.

Legend has it that if Phil sees his shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If not, spring comes early.

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. PLANE CRASH KILLS AT LEAST 19 IN TAIWAN

A TransAsia flight turned on its side midair and then careened into a river after takeoff from a Taipei airport, the latest plane disaster to beset Asia.

2. TRAIN STRIKES SUV ON TRACKS NORTH OF NYC, KILLING 7

Just before the crash, the railroad gates came down on top of the stopped Jeep, which then tried to pull forward, authorities say.

3. JORDANIAN RETRIBUTION IS SWIFT AFTER PILOT'S DEATH

Executions of two al-Qaida prisoners came hours after a gruesome video was released by the Islamic State group purportedly showing militants burning the captive Jordanian alive.

4. PENTAGON NOMINEE TO DECRY WASTEFUL SPENDING

In his prepared remarks for the Senate confirmation hearings, Ashton Carter will criticize both automatic cuts to the defense budget and expenditure waste.

5. WHAT THE CRACKDOWN ON GANGS IS CAUSING IN COLOMBIA

A military offensive against militias means there are fewer murders and kidnappings in the Latin

American country. But it has given way to a rise in extortions and shakedowns.

6. BIGGEST CHANGE IN TV? HUGE RISE IN SUPPLY OF SHOWS

Cable, broadcast and streaming services offered 352 original scripted series last year, a 1,353% rise over 1999.

7. EMPLOYERS WALK THIN LINE ON MEASLES

An outbreak of the disease leaves bosses facing a quandary about what to do in case they suspect an employee isn't vaccinated.

8. HOW FUR TRAPPERS ARE CAUGHT IN GLOBAL ECONOMY WOES

Low demand from buyers in China and Russia, whose economies have slowed down, means catching fur-bearing animals isn't as lucrative anymore.

9. SUGE KNIGHT PLEADS NOT GUILTY

After entering the plea in his murder case, the former rap music mogul is rushed to a hospital, complaining of chest pain.

10. WHY DOW SURGED 305 POINTS

Investors are seeing signs that the long-running collapse in oil prices could be ending.

AP News in Brief

Taiwanese flight with 58 people aboard crashes into Taipei river; at least 19 killed

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A Taiwanese flight carrying 58 people turned on its side in midair, clipped an elevated roadway and careened into a shallow river Wednesday shortly after taking off from Taipei, killing at least 19 people and leaving 24 missing, officials and media reports said.

More than half of the passengers aboard TransAsia Airways Flight GE235 were from China and the death toll was expected to rise as rescue crews cleared the mostly submerged fuselage in the Keelung River. Teams in rubber rafts clustered around the wreckage, several dozen meters (yards) from the shore.

Dramatic video clips apparently taken from cars on Taiwan's National Freeway No. 1 were posted online and aired by broadcasters, showing the ATR 72 prop-jet as it pivoted onto its side while zooming toward the elevated highway. In one of them, the plane rapidly fills the screen as its now-vertical wing scrapes over the road, hitting a vehicle before heading into the river.

It was the airline's second French-Italian-built ATR 72 to crash in the past year. Wednesday's flight had taken off at 11:35 a.m. from Taipei's downtown Sungshan Airport en route to the outlying Taiwanese-controlled Kinmen islands. The pilot issued a mayday call shortly after takeoff, Taiwanese civil aviation authorities said.

TransAsia director Peter Chen said contact with the plane was lost four minutes after takeoff, but that weather conditions were suitable for flying and the cause of the accident was unknown.

Commuter train crashes into SUV on tracks at suburban New York crossing, killing 7 people

VALHALLA, N.Y. (AP) — A crowded commuter train slammed into a sport utility vehicle on the tracks at a suburban New York crossing and burst into flames, killing seven people and seriously injuring nearly a dozen in the railroad's deadliest crash, authorities said.

The collision involving a Metro-North Railroad train and a Jeep Cherokee Tuesday evening in Valhalla, about 20 miles north of New York City, sent hundreds of passengers scrambling to get to safety. Authorities said the impact was so forceful the electrified third rail came up and pierced the train.

Killed were the SUV's driver and six people aboard the train, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, making this crash the railroad's most deadly.

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino said the front part of the train was "completely charred and burned."

"I am amazed anyone got off that train alive. ... It must have been pure panic, with the flames, the third rail and the smoke," he said.

Jordan executes 2 al-Qaida prisoners after Islamic State group burns Jordanian pilot to death

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan executed two al-Qaida prisoners before dawn Wednesday, just hours after an online video purported to show Islamic State group militants burning a captured Jordanian pilot to death in a cage.

The gruesome death of 26-year-old Lt. Muath Al-Kaseasbeh, captured while participating in airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition targeting the militants, sparked outrage and anti-Islamic State group demonstrations in Jordan.

Newspaper headlines warned Jordan "will take revenge" for his slaying as King Abdullah II, a staunch Western ally, rushed back to his kingdom from Washington. In Raqqa, the Islamic State group's de facto capital, the militants gleefully played al-Kaseasbeh's slaying on big-screen televisions, Syrian activists there said.

In its first response, Jordan executed Sajida al-Rishawi and Ziad al-Karbouly, two Iraqis linked to al-Qaida, government spokesman Mohammed al-Momani said. Another official said they were executed by hanging.

The executions took place at Swaqa prison about 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of the Jordan's capital, Amman. At sunrise, two ambulances carrying the bodies of al-Rishawi and al-Karbouly drove away from the prison with security escorts. Authorities said they'd be buried later in Jordan.

From Australia to Wisconsin, Westerners join Kurds to battle Islamic State group in Iraq

SINJAR, Iraq (AP) — As Kurdish fighters gathered around a fire in this damp, frigid mountain town in northwestern Iraq, exhausted from battling the Islamic State group, a surprising recruit wearing a tactical vest with the words "Christ is Lord" scribbled on it joined them.

The fighter, with a sniper rifle slung over his shoulder and Rambo-styled bandanna around his head, is 28-year-old Jordan Matson from Sturtevant, Wisconsin, a former U.S. Army soldier who joined the Kurds to fight the extremist group now holding a third of Iraq and neighboring Syria.

"I'm not going back until the fight is finished and ISIS is crippled," Matson told The Associated Press, using an alternate acronym for the militant group. "I decided that if my government wasn't going to do anything to help this country, especially Kurdish people who stood by us for 10 years and helped us out while we were in this country, then I was going to do something."

Matson and dozens of other Westerners now fight with the Kurds, spurred on by Kurdish social media campaigners and a sense of duty many feel after Iraq, the target of a decade-long U.S.-led military

campaign, collapsed under an Islamic State group offensive within days last summer. And while U.S. and its coalition allies bomb the extremists from the air, Kurds say they hope more Westerners will join them on the ground to fight.

Foreigners joining other people's wars is nothing new, from the French Foreign Legion to the International Brigades of the Spanish Civil War. The Kurds, however, turned to the Internet to find its warriors, creating a Facebook page called "The Lions of Rojava" with the stated mission of sending "terrorists to hell and save humanity." The page also frequently features portraits of smiling, beautiful and heavily armed Kurdish female commanders and fighters.

Defense chief nominee calls for both Congress and Pentagon to mind their military dollars

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's pick to run the Pentagon says he will seek better use of taxpayer dollars but that Congress must bring stability back to the military's budget.

Ashton Carter, in prepared remarks for his Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday, acknowledges that the Defense Department must end wasteful practices that undermine public confidence even as he criticizes the automatic spending cuts known as sequestration.

"I cannot suggest support and stability for the defense budget without at the same time frankly noting that not every defense dollar is spent as well as it should be," Carter says in remarks prepared for his opening statement to the Armed Services Committee.

"The taxpayer cannot comprehend, let alone support, the defense budget when they read of cost overruns, lack of accounting and accountability, needless overhead and the like," he adds in prepared remarks obtained by The Associated Press.

Carter is expected to face politically charged questions about Iraq and other hot spots during his Senate appearance. Nominated by President Barack Obama to become the fourth Pentagon chief of his administration, he is experienced in a wide range of national security issues.

What to do? Some questions and answers about handling measles concerns in the workplace

NEW YORK (AP) — A boss who's worried about an outbreak of measles in the workplace needs to tread lightly.

Reports of a growing number of measles cases have employers wondering what they should be doing. But federal and state laws can limit their ability to require workers to be vaccinated. And it may be risky to even ask staffers whether they've gotten a measles or other type of vaccination.

News about a measles case in the New York City area has clients calling human resources provider Alcott HR Group seeking advice, says Bob Byrnes, director of risk management with the New York-based company.

"They're asking, what can they do? Can they go up and ask people if they're vaccinated, or if their children are," Byrnes says.

Some questions and answers about measles and the workplace:

US will back activists in new Cuba relationship, official says; poll shows US support for thaw

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's lead negotiator with Cuba is vowing to maintain U.S. support for democracy and human rights activists there as she pushes to restore embassies between the countries after a half-century interruption.

An Associated Press-GfK poll finds broad support in the United States for warmer ties with Cuba. Forty-five percent of those surveyed backed the re-establishment of full diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes, with only 15 percent opposing. Sixty percent backed the end of the U.S. economic embargo of Cuba, with 35 percent supporting its continuation.

Roberta Jacobson, the assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, is set to testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. On Tuesday she told a Senate panel that she planned more talks with her Cuban counterparts later this month. The administration had hoped to reach an agreement on new embassies by April's Summit of the Americas in Panama, though that looks unlikely.

Jacobson's trip to Havana last month made her the highest-level U.S. official to visit Cuba's capital in more than three decades. The talks encompassed the details of reconstituting embassies in each other's capitals, managing migration flows and the much larger process of normalizing ties between governments with unresolved issues such as fugitives and financial claims.

She said she raised several remaining barriers to full diplomatic relations during her Havana discussions, including U.S. resistance to any restrictions on American diplomats, shipments to the U.S. Interests Section and Cuban access to that building.

US set to begin destroying its largest remaining cache of chemical weapons at Colorado depot

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — The United States is about to begin destroying its largest remaining stockpile of chemical-laden artillery shells, marking a milestone in the global campaign to eradicate a debilitating weapon that still creeps into modern wars.

The Pueblo Chemical Depot in southern Colorado plans to start neutralizing 2,600 tons of aging mustard agent in March as the U.S. moves toward complying with a 1997 treaty banning all chemical weapons.

"The start of Pueblo is an enormous step forward to a world free of chemical weapons," said Paul Walker, who has tracked chemical warfare for more than 20 years, first as a U.S. House of Representatives staffer and currently with Green Cross International, which advocates on issues of security, poverty and the environment.

The work starts less than a year after chlorine gas killed 13 people in Syria in April 2014. International inspectors concluded last month that the gas had been used as a weapon.

Before the chlorine attack, 1,400 people were killed in a 2013 nerve gas attack in Syria, the U.S. said.

Breakup of Colombian gangs leads to extortion boom undermining security gains

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Their names he never knew, but their faces he could never forget. At the end of every month, men using aliases such as “Smelly Feet” and “Grandpa” casually slipped into the backseat of his unlicensed taxi, a rusting 1985 Chevette, to demand their payment.

For years, drivers of pirate cabs in the sprawling slum of Usme, on the southern outskirts of Bogota, had no choice but to pay up. Either that or risk watching extorters set ablaze their cars or hurt their loved ones.

“Whenever I left my house I looked behind my back,” said the driver, who spoke on the condition of anonymity due to fear for his safety. Eventually, he mustered the courage to denounce the racket to police who, months later, launched an armed sweep.

“They were so sure of themselves,” he said, recalling with fright the terror he lived with. “They never thought they’d be caught.”

For many Colombians, the threat of such shakedowns remains.

Chris Martin’s unusual journey: from pushing appliances to putting on Yankees’ pinstripes

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Martin was as far from the bright lights of the major leagues as could be five years ago, working in a warehouse off Interstate 20 in Arlington, Texas, pushing 650-pound Sub-Zero refrigerators onto dollies for deliveries.

Drafted twice but never signed, he hurt his arm while pitching for a community college, didn’t respond to surgery and finished school without a degree.

But at least he was down to one job.

He worked his own unique day-night doubleheader for a stretch, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lawn-and-garden section at Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse and from 5:30-11 p.m. loading 53-foot trailers for UPS at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Not anymore.

Staples buys Office Depot for \$6 billion

Staples said Wednesday that it would buy its competitor in the office-supplies market Office Depot in deal worth about \$6 billion.

The acquisition is a cash-and-stock deal that will see Office Depot’s shareholders receive \$7.25 in cash and 0.2188 of a share in Staples. The deal values Office Depot at \$11 per share. That’s 44% more than the firm’s share price closed at on Feb. 2.

The companies put the transaction’s value at \$6.3 billion. Together, the firms will have annual sales of approximately \$39 billion.

“This is a transformational acquisition which enables Staples to provide more value to customers, and more effectively compete in a rapidly evolving competitive environment,” said Ron Sargent, chairman and chief executive officer of Staples.

The deal, which was approved unanimously by both companies’ board of directors, is expected to close by year’s end.

Staples’ pre-market shares fell about 1% on Wednesday to \$18.80.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2015. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

On this date:

In 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1919, Congress established the U.S. Navy Distinguished Service Medal and the Navy Cross.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In 1962, a rare conjunction of the sun, the moon, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn occurred.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in Berkeley, California, by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1983, pop singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey, California, at age 32.

In 1987, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs, California, home at age 67.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, California, found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

In 2004, the Massachusetts high court declared that gay couples were entitled to nothing less than marriage, and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice. The social networking website Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched "Thefacebook."

Ten years ago: Gunmen kidnapped Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena in Baghdad. (Sgrena was freed a month later; however, an Italian agent who'd secured her release was killed by U.S. gunfire at a checkpoint.) Actor and civil rights activist Ossie Davis died in Miami Beach, Florida, at age 87.

Five years ago: Republican Scott Brown took over the seat of the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy as he was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden at a Capitol Hill ceremony. The first National Tea Party Convention opened in Nashville.

One year ago: The Congressional Budget Office said several million American workers would reduce their hours on the job or leave the workforce entirely because of incentives built into President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Today's Birthdays: Actor William Phipps is 93. Former Argentinian President Isabel Peron is 84. Actor Gary Conway is 79. Movie director George A. Romero is 75. Actor John Schuck is 75. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 74. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 73. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 68. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 67. Actor Michael Beck is 66. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 63. Football Hall-of-Famer Lawrence Taylor is 56. Actress Pamelyn Ferdin is 56. Rock singer Tim Booth is 55. Rock musician Henry Bogdan is 54. Country singer Clint Black is 53. Rock musician Noodles (The Offspring) is 52. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 49. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 45. Actor Rob Corddry is 44. Singer David (dah-VEED') Garza is 44. Actor Michael Goorjian is 44. TV personality Nicolle Wallace (TV: "The View") is 43. Olympic gold medal boxer Oscar De La Hoya is 42.

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Rock musician Rick Burch (Jimmy Eat World) is 40. Singer Natalie Imbruglia (em-BROO'-lee-ah) is 40. Rapper Cam'ron is 39. Rock singer Gavin DeGraw is 38. Olympic gold medal gymnast-turned-singer Carly Patterson is 27.

Thought for Today: "Habit is necessary; it is the habit of having habits, of turning a trail into a rut, that must be incessantly fought against if one is to remain alive." — Edith Wharton, American author (1862-1937).

Driver's Exam Stations

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

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

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

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The need to show the additional documents is a one-time requirement. That means once you have your federally compliant driver license or identification card in hand, you will only need that card and two documents to show your current address the next time you renew your driver license or identification card. If your driver license or identification card has a gold star in the upper right corner, then it is federally compliant.

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

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

I. You will need one Identity Document. NOTE: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name. Acceptable documents

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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 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

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- ◆ 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:

- ◆ 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.