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## Friday, February 13

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

**Birthdays:** Arlene Gibbs, Bradley Sheridan, Michelle Patton

**Senior Menu:** Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Debate at Harrisburg

6:30pm: Girls Basketball at Britton-Hecla

## Saturday, February 14

### Valentine's Day

**Birthdays:** Brooklyn Clara Imrie, Derek Pfitzer, Diane Nilssen, John Neff, Joyce Krueger, Zach Kern

10:00am: Wrestling at Howard

2:00pm: Basketball Doubleheader at Mobridge-Pollock (JV girls at 2 p.m., JV boys at 3 p.m., Varsity girls at 4:30 p.m., Varsity boys at 6 p.m.)

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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## Feickert's Legislative Report

We've completed the fifth week of the 90th Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature. The committees on which I serve, House Agriculture and House Transportation, are busy getting through all of the House bills. These must be completed and move through the House side in the next week as we rapidly approach what's known as "Cross-over day." That's the day, which this year hits on Feb. 25, when all the bills must move through their house of origin and be sent over to the other body to consider. Time moves quickly during that final week before the cross-over deadline.

I was the prime sponsor for HB 1216, which cleared the House Taxation Committee 10-4, but unfortunately died on the House floor. The goal of this legislation may be described in two words: local control. It would repeal the 3% cap for counties and gives county commissioners an additional option to finance their infrastructure. Many legislators argue that the Governor's infrastructure bill will solve all of the problems. However, as it is currently written, it puts the highest percentage of funds towards state highways and bridges and doesn't do enough in my opinion to help the counties and townships. That's also where most of the real problems with roads and bridges exist. The Governor's bill was highly amended in the Senate and we'll soon hear it on the House side.

There are still a lot of ideas brewing around this infrastructure issue. Certainly what needs to be done and who will pay for it are hotly debated topics. There was a summer task force on highway needs which met in six communities with over 120 different individuals testifying. The Task Force recommended \$100 million, while the Governor's plan has asked for \$50 million. The need is likely obvious to anyone who has followed the testimony on this legislation. Of course, if you spend enough time on gravel roads, your own "research" has confirmed that something needs to be done.

Several amendments came through Senate State Affairs. One proposed by Sen. Billie Sutton, would limit the increase on the fuel tax to 2 cents per year through the year 2023. Prior to this Amendment, the legislation would allow the tax increase every year through 2030. While we can't deny the need, don't be fooled by price tag of \$50 million you've read in the headlines.

## 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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If every tax is put into place it will cost taxpayers \$230 million by 2023. The motor fuel tax increase is estimated to bring in \$117 million and will be an increase of 18 cents per gallon by 2023. Moving the vehicle excise tax from 3% to 4% will raise \$27 million. The 10% increase in license plate fees will add another \$8.7 million. The increase on farm trucks will raise \$2.5 million in the first year and an additional \$1.25 million in the second year. The ethanol tax increase will raise the tax from 8 cents per gallon to 26 cents. That means another \$10 million each year through 2023. The wheel tax will be raised from a current maximum of \$16 to \$48 maximum.

Keep following this important issue as we move through the Session.

Five 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.

## Week 5 legislative report from Sen. Jason Frerichs

Halfway through the 90th legislative session is a signal that many significant pieces of legislation are at the forefront garnering debate and discussion. Tax increases of all types dominate this Session and I encourage all of you to weigh in on the effects. Property taxes could increase dedicated to county roads/bridges along with more local need for school district funding. Sales taxes collected on motor fuel and new/used vehicle sales could increase significantly rewarding the State with upwards of \$50 million annually dedicated to state highways.

Property taxes spark the interest of a wide cross-section of South Dakotans and the increased growth in the capital outlay fund has caught the attention of the legislative and executive branch. There are a number of bills this Session which seek to make adjustments in the property tax assessment known as Capital Outlay. In general the goal of some of these bills is to continue this theme of shifting the tax burden to local property tax payers and away from state funding of education. Other bills have attempted to limit a local school's ability to carry over Capital Outlay funds from one year to the next.

There are 151 school districts in South Dakota and each and every one has a unique story. Some school districts have tried to pass bond issues for buildings and these attempts have failed. Some have failed repeatedly. Is it any wonder that those districts want to carry over Capital Outlay funds in order to build up funds for the next building project? They are attempting to be fiscally responsible by putting more money down and borrowing less. That's exactly the kind of financial responsibility we applaud in home and business owners.

In an effort to give some relief to school districts planning building projects I proposed SB 183 which lowers the bond threshold from 60% down to 55% when dealing with a bond or capital outlay certificate. Instead of the current situation where various school districts are accruing capital outlay reserves for future building projects we should look for ways to encourage the community involvement of a bond election. SB183 received favorable support in the Senate Local Government committee and will go to the floor for further discussion.

Please keep in touch on the issues important to you. I look forward to hearing from you and I can be reached at 949-2204 and [sen.frerichs@state.sd.us](mailto:sen.frerichs@state.sd.us).



## 2014 Tax Changes: Health Care Law Brings Updates to Tax Forms; Other Benefits Renewed

### ACA Changes

This year, there are some changes to tax forms related to the Affordable Care Act. Along with a few new lines on existing forms, there are two new forms that will need to be included with some tax returns. While most taxpayers will simply need to check a box on their tax return to indicate they had health coverage for all of 2014, there are also new lines on Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ related to the health care law.

To help navigate these changes, taxpayers and their tax professionals should consider filing their returns electronically. Using tax preparation software is the easiest way to file a complete and accurate tax return as it guides individuals and tax preparers through the process. There are a variety of electronic filing options, including free volunteer assistance, IRS Free File for taxpayers who qualify, commercial software, and professional assistance.

### Health Care Basics

The Affordable Care Act requires that a taxpayer and each member of their family either have qualifying health coverage for each month of the year, qualify for an exemption, or make an individual shared responsibility payment when filing their federal income tax return. Some moderate-income taxpayers may also qualify for financial assistance to help cover the cost of health insurance purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Taxpayers will fall into one or more of the following categories:

**Check the box.** Most taxpayers will simply check a box on their tax return to indicate that each member of their family had qualifying health coverage for the whole year. No further action is required. Qualifying health coverage includes coverage under most, but not all, types of health care coverage plans. Taxpayers can use a chart on IRS.gov to find out if their coverage counts as qualifying coverage.

**Exemptions.** Taxpayers may be eligible to claim an exemption from the requirement to have coverage. Eligible taxpayers need to complete the new IRS Form 8965, Health Coverage Exemptions, and attach it to their tax return. Taxpayers must apply for some exemptions through the Health Insurance Marketplace. However, most of the exemptions are easily obtained from the IRS when filing a return.

**Individual Shared Responsibility Payment.** Taxpayers who do not have qualifying coverage or an exemption for each month of the year will need to make an individual shared responsibility payment with their return for choosing not to purchase coverage. Examples and information about figuring the payment are available on the IRS Calculating the Payment page.

**Premium Tax Credit.** Taxpayers who bought coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace should receive Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, from the Marketplace by early February. This form should be saved because it has important information needed to complete a tax return.

If the Form 1095-A is not received by early February, contact the Marketplace where coverage was purchased rather than the IRS. The IRS does not have this information.

Taxpayers who benefited from advance payments of the premium tax credit must file a federal income tax return. These taxpayers need to reconcile those advance payments with the amount of premium tax credit they're entitled to based on their actual income. As a result, some people may see a smaller or larger tax refund or tax liability than they were expecting. Use IRS Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit (PTC), to calculate the premium tax credit and reconcile the credit with any advance payments.

For more information about the Affordable Care Act and filing the 2014 income tax return visit IRS.gov/aca.

### Tax Benefits Renewed

The Tax Increase Prevention Act, enacted Dec. 19, extended for 2014 a number of tax benefits that

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had expired at the end of 2013. This means that as before, eligible taxpayers can claim these benefits on their 2014 return. Renewed benefits include:

Deduction for state and local sales taxes claimed by taxpayers who itemize their deductions on Schedule A and choose to deduct sales taxes instead of state and local income taxes.

Nonbusiness energy property credit claimed on Form 5695 by homeowners who install energy-efficient windows, doors, furnaces, insulation and other qualifying home improvements.

Educator expense deduction claimed on Form 1040 Line 23 or Form 1040A Line 16 by teachers and other eligible elementary and secondary educators who pay for various classroom expenses.

Tuition and fees deduction claimed on Form 8917 by eligible parents and college students.

Qualified charitable distributions, reported on Form 1040 Lines 15a and 15b, by IRA owners, age 70½ or older, who transfer tax-free up to \$100,000 to qualified charities during 2014.

The tax instructions have more information about these and other renewed benefits.

## **Standard Mileage Rates Revised**

The standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck are:

56cents per mile for business miles driven in 2014. The 2015 rate is 57.5 cents per mile.

23.5 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes in 2014. The 2015 rate is 23 cents.

14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations. This rate is set by law and is unchanged.

The tax instructions have details on taking advantage of each of these provisions.

## **One-Rollover-Per-Year Limit for IRA Owners**

Beginning in 2015, an IRA owner can make only one rollover from an IRA to another (or the same) IRA in any 12-month period, regardless of the number of IRAs he or she owns. The limit will apply by aggregating all of an individual's IRAs, including SEP and SIMPLE IRAs as well as traditional and Roth IRAs, effectively treating them as one IRA for purposes of the limit. But the IRA owner can continue to make unlimited trustee-to-trustee transfers between IRAs. Before 2015, the one-per-year limit applied only on an IRA-by-IRA basis, that is, only to rollovers involving the same IRAs. There is a 2015 transition rule that ignores some 2014 distributions. An IRA distribution rolled over to another (or the same) IRA in 2014 will not prevent a 2015 distribution (within the 1-year period) from being rolled over provided the 2015 distribution is from an IRA that is different from any IRA involved in the 2014 rollover. More information, including examples can be found in the Can You Move Retirement Plan Assets? Section in Publication 590-A.

## **Form 8891 Filing Requirement Eliminated**

The IRS is eliminating a special annual reporting requirement that has long applied to taxpayers who hold interests in either of two popular Canadian retirement plans. This is part of an IRS change announced in October making it easier for taxpayers with these plans to get favorable U.S. tax treatment. As a result, many Americans and Canadians with registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) and registered retirement income funds (RRIFs) no longer need to file Form 8891 each year reporting details on these plans. The elimination of the Form 8891 filing requirement does not modify any other U.S. reporting requirements that may apply under the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and section 6038D. See FinCEN Form 114, due by June 30 of each year, and Form 8938, attached to a U.S. income tax return, for more information about the reporting requirements under the BSA and section 6038D. Different reporting thresholds and special rules apply to each of these forms.

## **New Way to Make Tax Payments**

The new IRS Direct Pay system now offers taxpayers the fastest and easiest way to pay what they owe. Available through the Pay Your Tax Bill icon on IRS.gov, this free online system allows individuals to securely pay their tax bills or make quarterly estimated tax payments, directly from checking or savings accounts without any fees or pre-registration. More than 2.2 million tax payments totaling over \$4 billion have been received from individual taxpayers since Direct Pay debuted during last year's tax-filing season.

## Bigger incentive to get electric lifetime warranty water heaters

The City of Groton currently offers a \$6 per gallon rebate on lifetime warranty water heaters. Now you can get up to an additional \$200 rebate from Heartland Consumers Power District.

Purchasing energy efficient items will not only save you money over the life of the item, but could earn you money upfront. The city of Groton offers rebates to electric customers for making certain energy efficiency improvements to their homes or businesses.

Rebates are now available to residents for the purchase of LED lighting and lifetime warranty electric water heaters and to commercial customers for upgrading refrigeration equipment. These incentives are in addition to rebates currently available for purchasing Energy Star appliances and heating and cooling systems as well as efficient commercial lighting.

Rebates are provided in collaboration with Groton's wholesale power supplier, Heartland Consumers Power District, as part of their energy efficiency program, Power Forward.

Residential customers who install Energy Star rated LED light bulbs are eligible for a rebate of up to \$5 per bulb. The rebate will not exceed the cost of the bulb before taxes. Each bulb must be at least nine watts and each electric account is eligible to receive a maximum of \$100 per year.

"LED lighting is not only the most efficient lighting available, bulbs also last much longer than standard bulbs," said Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland. "LED lighting has become more affordable over the past few years, and we hope this added incentive will encourage people to upgrade."

Customers purchasing an electric water heater with a lifetime warranty are eligible for a \$100 rebate on a heater 50 to 79 gallons, or \$200 on a heater 80 gallons or larger.

There are also several rebates available for commercial customers upgrading to or installing new efficient refrigeration components. Rebates will be provided for LED refrigerated or freezer case display lighting, anti-sweat heater controls on refrigerated display cases or freezers, replacing standard shaded-pole evaporator fan motors with electronically commutated motors, and Energy Star commercial refrigerators or freezers.

These rebates are in addition to the energy efficiency rebates the city currently offers. Residents are eligible for a \$100 rebate for upgrading a refrigerator or freezer to an Energy Star model and \$50 for upgrading a clothes washer or dishwasher. Rebates of \$200 are available for purchasing an Energy Star rated electric air source heat pump or central air conditioner and \$600 for purchasing an Energy Star geothermal heat pump.

Rebates are also available to commercial and industrial customers for installing more efficient lighting. Incentives are offered for upgrading high bay lighting to high output fluorescent or LED, upgrading fluorescent lighting from T12 fixtures to T8s, T5s or LEDs and replacing incandescent or halogen lamps with Energy Star LEDs. Upgrading incandescent EXIT signs to LED is also eligible. Custom rebates are also available and are based on energy savings.

"Making energy efficiency upgrades can save both residents and businesses a substantial amount of energy and therefore money," added Hyland. "Heartland is excited to offer rebates to make those upgrades a little more affordable."

Rebate applications as well as details of specific upgrades eligible for incentives can be obtained by contacting city hall in Groton or visiting [www.youcanpowerforward.com](http://www.youcanpowerforward.com) and clicking Energy Efficiency Incentives. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis as funding is limited.

Heartland Consumers Power District is a non-profit, public power utility located in Madison, S.D. providing low-cost, reliable power as well as energy services and community development programs to municipalities and other institutions in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

## Governor Signs More Bills Into Law

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed the following bills into law yesterday. You may click on the bill number to visit the website for more information on the law.

SB 12 – An Act to allow the spouse of an active duty military person to qualify as a resident for a temporary permit to carry a concealed pistol.

SB 19 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding references to the Internal Revenue Code.

SB 20 – An Act to revise the age that a manufactured home or mobile home will be considered real property.

SB 21 – An Act to revise the income guidelines for the paraplegic property tax relief program.

HB 1007 – An Act to revise and update certain provisions relating to the South Dakota Retirement System.

HB 1008 – An Act to provide for a consistent refund methodology for members of the South Dakota Retirement System and their beneficiaries.

HB 1009 – An Act to limit the recovery of certain overpayments made by the South Dakota Retirement System.

HB 1010 – An Act to revise certain provisions relating to disability and surviving spouse benefits for members of the South Dakota Retirement System.

HB 1011 – An Act to provide for automatic increases in the accounts of automatically-enrolled participants of the deferred compensation plan of the South Dakota Retirement System.

HB 1014 – An Act to repeal certain obsolete and unnecessary statutes relating to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

HB 1026 – An Act to revise certain provisions related to the Department of Labor and Regulation.

HB1053 – An Act to repeal and revise certain outdated provisions related to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

HB 1054 – An Act to revise certain record keeping and inspection requirements for fur dealers.

HB 1061 – An Act to repeal an outdated and obsolete provision related to transferring cases from inferior courts to circuit courts.

HB 1062 – An Act to revise certain provisions relating to jury selection.

HB 1065 – An Act to revise certain provisions related to voting trusts and agreements.



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## MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015 - 7pm**

**Groton City Council Meeting**

**Groton Community Center**

- 1) Minutes**
- 2) Bills**
- 3) Police Car Repairs**
- 4) Rubble Site Fees**
- 5) 7:15pm C&G Hearing – W 5th Ave**
- 6) Resignation**
- 7) Trees**
- 8) Sick Leave Definitions**
- 9) Community Center needs**
- 10) Downtown Revitalization**
- 11) District SDML meeting – Ipswich – 3/18/15**
- 12) Reminder on Election Petitions Due 2/27/15 by 5pm**
- 13) Exec Session - Personnel**
- 14) 1st Reading – 2015 Summer Salary Ordinance**

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

## Today in Weather History

1995: Snow fell over a broad strip from southwest to northeast South Dakota. The snow began as freezing rain in the northeast and there were several vehicle accidents attributed to the icing. The heaviest snow was at Custer in the Black Hills with 14 inches. A few amounts of six to eight inches were reported over the plains of southwest, central, and northeast South Dakota. Strong winds caused some blowing and drifting snow in northeast South Dakota.

1784 - Ice floes blocked the Mississippi River at New Orleans, then passed into the Gulf of Mexico. The only other time this occurred was during the "Great Arctic Outbreak" of 1899. (David Ludlum)

1885 - The "Friday the 13th" avalanche at Alva, UT, killed sixteen persons, and left thirteen others buried for twelve hours before being rescued. (David Ludlum)

1889 - It was the coldest morning of record along the Gulf Coast. The temperature dipped to 7 above zero at New Orleans LA and Pensacola FL, and plunged to -1 degree at Mobile AL. The mercury dipped to -2 degrees at Tallahassee, the coldest reading of record for the state of Florida. (David Ludlum)

1905 - Morning lows of -29 degrees at Pond AR, -40 degrees at Lebanon KS, and -40 degrees at Warsaw MO established all-time records for those three states. (The Weather Channel)

1905 - Very cold temperatures were recorded over the state of Oklahoma. The low temperature at Vinita plummeted to 27 degrees below zero. This temperature would later be tied in the city of Watts in January, 1930, and at Blackwell and Medford in February, 2011. The negative 27 degree reading is low enough to be the 2nd lowest temperature on record in Oklahoma. The coldest is negative 31 degrees, recorded at Nowata on February 10th, 2011.

1987 - A storm in the western U.S. produced heavy rain over central California. Chews Ridge reported nearly eleven inches of rain in 24 hours, and extensive flooding occurred in San Benito County. The Mount Rose ski resort in Nevada experienced a "white-out" with 60 mph winds and 36 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Strong winds in the wake of a storm in the northeastern U.S., gusting to 60 mph at Oswego NY, produced six foot snow drifts in northeastern Ohio. High winds in the mountains of Utah, gusting to 106 mph at the Snowbird ski resort, contributed to a forty car pile-up on Interstate 15, near the town of Bluffdale. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)






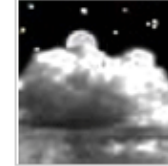

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms produced locally heavy rain and flash flooding from central Texas to western Pennsylvania. Up to ten inches of rain deluged western Kentucky in two days, with five day totals ranging up to 13.16 inches at Gilbertsville Dam KY. Flooding caused tens of millions of dollars damage, including 18 million dollars damage at Frankfort KY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A slow moving cold front brought heavy snow to Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. Big Horn WY reported 15 inches of snow, and up to 22 inches was reported in Utah. In Colorado, 8 to 12 inches of snow fell over the northwest suburbs of Denver, while 16 to 22 inches was reported in the high mountain elevations west of Fort Collins. Strong winds accompanied the heavy snow, and bitter cold weather followed in its wake. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1995 - A National Weather Service Survey Team concluded a weak (F1) tornado occurred at the General Motors Desert Proving Grounds facility in Mesa Arizona. Moderate damage was observed. A roof was damaged and about 20 vehicles were damaged and moved around. One vehicle was lifted, moved several feet, and set down inside a roped off area containing solar exposure equipment. The tornado moved northeast and lasted about five minutes. Damage was initially estimated around \$200,000.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
						
Increasing Clouds High: 31 °F	Chance Snow Low: -4 °F	Blustery High: 1 °F	Snow Low: -2 °F	Chance Snow High: 21 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 10 °F	Slight Chc Snow High: 22 °F



## Much Warmer on Friday

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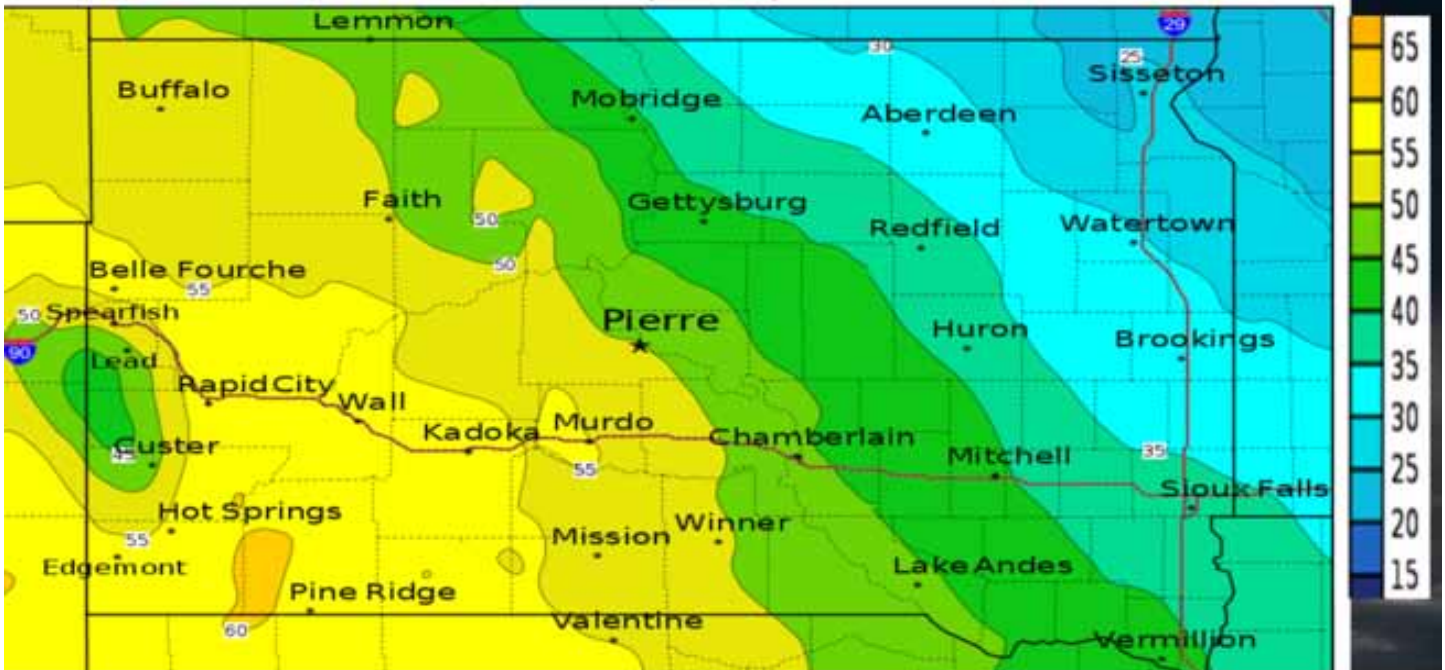
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### Forecast Max Temp. (°F)

Valid: Fri, Feb. 13, 2015



Published on: 02/12/2015 at 3:37PM

A weak storm system crossing the region will bring light snow for the eastern Dakotas and western Minnesota through this evening. Dry conditions are expected elsewhere. Lows tonight will range from the single digits above zero, to the teens above. Warm temperatures are likely on Friday with highs ranging from the mid-20s, in the far northeastern South Dakota, to the lower 50s, west of the Missouri River.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 15.5 at 11:24 PM

**Low:** -5.4 at 5:42 AM

Wind Chill:

**High Gust:** 23 at 2:47 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 60° in 1901

**Record Low:** -34° in 1905

**Average High:** 27°F

**Average Low:** 6°F

**Average Precip in Feb.:** 0.19

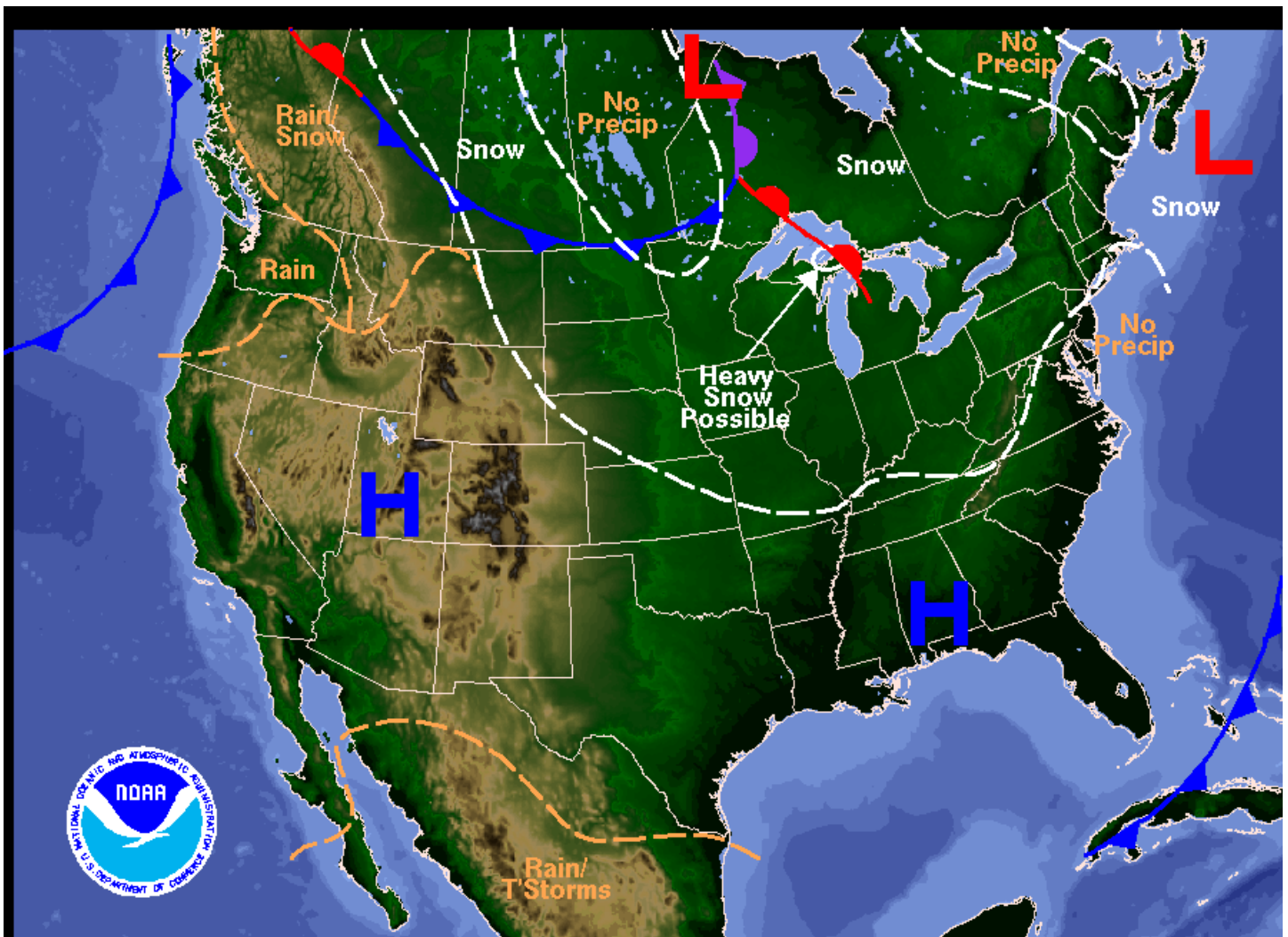
**Precip to date in Feb.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 0.66

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40

**Sunset Tonight:** 5:58 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:38 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Feb 13, 2015, issued 2:46 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## PASS IT ON!

It was just before noon when Joseph walked into my office. His clothes were dirty and wrinkled. He must have been cold from the driving rain and winter wind.

"I know I look nasty," he said. "I've been sleeping in a barn for the past three nights. There's no heat and it's been hard to stay warm. Mind if I sit in your chair over in the corner? It really looks comfortable."

"This soft drink is all I've had for two days. I'm a diabetic and need to eat but I'm drinking this drink as slow as I can until I find someone who can help me. I was thrown out of my home Christmas Day because I couldn't pay the rent. Do you have any money you can give me? I'll have some by Friday and can pay you back then."

Our offices are located on a state highway and many folk like Joseph stop by daily. Cal stopped by Monday. His mother along with his two-month-old daughter, were killed by a drunk driver the day before. He was on his way to Florida to make funeral arrangements before he deployed to Iraq with his Marine unit. He did not ask for anything except prayer. "I saw your Chapel," he said, "and I knew I could find someone here who could pray for me. That's really all I need."

It is difficult to remember a day when no one has stopped by for help. Their stories are compelling and even heart breaking. Occasionally they are untrue. In the end, however, they answer to God for what they do. "He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker."

**Prayer:** Help us, Father, to help those who are poor and in need. May we show Your love to those in need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 17:5 Whoever mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.



## News from the Associated Press

### Fatal workplace shooting in Lennox shakes small community

LENNOX, S.D. (AP) — A fatal workplace shooting in the town of Lennox has shaken residents who say the community is typically a quiet place.

A man killed one person and injured two others in a shooting incident Thursday at a Sioux Steel Company location known as ProTec. The suspected gunman is believed to be a man found dead inside a burned semi-trailer south of the town that's about 20 miles southwest of Sioux Falls. Authorities have not identified anyone involved.

Sioux Steel owner Scott Rysdon calls the incident a senseless tragedy. Mayor Orville Wiebers tells the Argus Leader newspaper that nothing like it has ever happened in the town of about 2,200 people.

Lincoln County State's Attorney Tom Wollman tells KELO-TV that it's going to take a lot for the community to recover.

### Vermillion school opt-out of \$880,000 won't face public vote

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Voters will not challenge the Vermillion School District's proposal to continue an opt-out of property tax limits for another five years.

The school board last month approved to raise the annual opt-out from \$800,000 to \$880,000 to avoid budget cuts. The Press & Dakotan reports (<http://bit.ly/1CZCf0c>) that after the notice of the opt-out was published, no one challenged it within the 20 days required by law, so it won't be subject to a public vote.

The school board says the tax increase on a \$200,000 house for the higher levy will amount to \$23 more per year, or \$250 total.

## Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 65, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 44  
Arlington 53, Castlewood 46  
Brandon Valley 77, Mitchell 44  
Brookings 64, Harrisburg 51  
Burke/South Central 49, Andes Central 28  
Canistota 53, Menno 45  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 88, McLaughlin 76  
Colman-Egan 49, Dell Rapids St. Mary 38  
Corsica/Stickney 75, Freeman 36  
DeSmet 55, Estelline 50  
Deubrook 70, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 32  
Douglas 70, Hill City 35  
Great Plains Lutheran 53, Waubay 45  
Hanson 60, Mitchell Christian 18  
Kimball/White Lake 62, Dakota Christian 49

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Lemmon 67, Flasher, N.D. 56  
Little Wound 68, Rapid City Christian 49  
Milbank Area 61, Webster 39  
Miller 71, Wessington Springs 35  
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 78, Ethan 57  
Potter County 75, Faulkton 23  
Rosholt 53, Waverly-South Shore 48  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 81, Rapid City Central 43  
Spearfish 80, Belle Fourche 17  
St. Thomas More 71, Custer 46  
Standing Rock, N.D. 79, McIntosh 61  
Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 56, Herreid/Selby Area 52  
Summit 48, Florence/Henry 35  
Western Christian, Hull, Iowa 67, Sioux Falls Christian 61

## **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Brandon Valley 47, Mitchell 40  
Clark/Willow Lake 55, Aberdeen Roncalli 36  
Elkton-Lake Benton 66, Lake Preston 56, OT  
Eureka/Bowdle 53, Edmunds Central 30  
Great Plains Lutheran 60, Waubay 53  
Harrisburg 34, Brookings 32  
Leola/Frederick 67, Langford 39  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 84, Rapid City Central 41  
Spearfish 52, Belle Fourche 49  
Wall 47, Dupree 22  
West Central 63, Vermillion 51  
Winner 60, Platte-Geddes 38  
Dakota Plains Tournament  
Andes Central 53, Santee, Neb. 33  
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS  
Lennox vs. Parkston, ppd. to Feb 13.

## **South Dakota edges Omaha 74-73 on Robertson's tip-in**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Eric Robertson's tip-in with eight seconds left gave South Dakota a 74-73 victory over Omaha on Thursday night.

Brandon Bos' jumper with 58 seconds left brought South Dakota within one, 73-72. Tre'Shawn Thurman, who had scored Omaha's four previous points to give the Mavericks the lead, missed a jumper. The Coyotes got the rebound, missed two shots then got the winner on Robertson's tip.

The Coyotes had a last chance but CJ Carter missed and Mike Rostampour couldn't tip in the rebound. The game was tied when Omaha (8-16, 2-10 Summit) went on an 11-0 run to lead 61-50 with nine minutes left. South Dakota rallied and led 70-69 with two minutes to go.

Tyler Larson scored 20 points and Sekou Harris 12 for South Dakota (12-14, 6-6).

Rostampour had career-high tying 24 points and 15 rebounds for his fifth double-double this season. Thurman added 12 points.

## 2 dead, 2 injured after shooting SW of Sioux Falls in Lennox

LENNOX, S.D. (AP) — A man killed one person and injured two others in a shooting incident Thursday at an industrial business about 20 miles southwest of Sioux Falls, authorities said. The suspected gunman is believed to be a man found dead inside a burned semi-truck.

The gunman entered a Sioux Steel Company location known as ProTec in Lennox, shot a man and a woman and assaulted a third person, Lincoln County Sheriff Dennis Johnson said. The man was killed and a woman was in critical condition Thursday evening. The assault victim is in serious condition. They were all ProTec employees.

Johnson said witnesses saw the gunman taking off, and nearby businesses and schools were put on lockdown.

A short time after the shooting took place, emergency dispatchers were alerted to a burning semi-truck along a gravel road about 4 miles southwest of Lennox. Johnson said evidence suggests that the body found inside the semi-truck was that of the gunman.

"We believe, it is likely that this deceased individual by the semi-truck south of Lennox here is the shooter," Johnson said. He added that a handgun was found next to the body.

Sioux Falls police cruisers were outside the house where authorities believe the gunman lived.

Lennox police chief Orville Jorgensen said it appears the suspect worked for a trucking company that has some connection with ProTec.

Sioux Steel in a statement said the company is cooperating with law enforcement agencies.

The identities of the victims and the suspect were not released Thursday.

## SD Senate panel approves measure to hike legislator salaries

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers could see their salaries nearly double as part of an effort to encourage more people to run for office.

The Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday voted 6-2 to approve the plan to boost the \$6,000 salary to \$10,000 per regular legislative session. Sen. Craig Tieszen said his proposal is designed to make it easier for residents to make it to Pierre. He said some people don't run for office because the pay is too low.

"I think we're at a point where it makes it hard for some people to serve," he said.

The proposal would go into effect in January 2017, after the next election, Tieszen said.

Legislators' last pay raise went into effect in 1999, and lawmaker pay hadn't been increased for a decade before then. Current legislator salaries are set at \$6,000 per regular legislative session — or \$12,000 for a two-year term — plus \$129 per legislative day for living expenses in the 2015 session.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave, a Republican from Baltic, said he's watched it become more and more difficult to recruit candidates over his 13 years in office. The Legislature typically is in session from mid-January to mid-March. They have one day at the end of March to consider vetoes.

Whether or not the bill passes — similar proposals have failed in the past — Rave said the issue "needs to be brought to the limelight."

The House this session has passed several proposals to allow for increases in South Dakota lawmakers' compensation, which is among the lowest in the nation.

Two of the proposals work in tandem by saying lawmakers can be paid more than \$6,000-per-session and applying across-the-board pay increases for public workers to legislative salaries too.

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Republican Rep. Jim Bolin of Canton has said the types of candidates who typically campaign for the Legislature are farmers who aren't as busy in the winter months, young people without family responsibilities, residents who are independently wealthy, retirees and those for whom salary isn't a consideration.

## **South Dakota woman gets 22 years prison in Lame Deer murder**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A South Dakota woman was sentenced Thursday to 22 years in federal prison for the 2013 murder of a woman on Montana's Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

U.S. District Judge Susan Watters sentenced Eugenia Ann Rowland, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Rowland had pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last year — just days before her case was to go to trial — in the death of Hanna Harris, of Lame Deer.

Rowland's common-law husband, Garrett Wadda, faces sentencing April 1 after pleading guilty to being an accessory after the fact for moving Harris' body.

Authorities said Rowland, 42, and Wadda, 36, had been drinking with Harris on July 3-4, 2013. There was a fight, and Rowland said she and Wadda beat Harris.

Harris' son was 10 months old when she died. The cause of Harris' death couldn't be determined because the 21-year-old's body was badly decomposed when it was found four days later near the Lame Deer rodeo grounds.

But Rowland's sister-in-law, Joy Means, told investigators that Rowland had described the killing to her while staying at a flop house in Rapid City, South Dakota, in January 2014, according to documents filed by prosecutors.

Rowland told Means that after the victim and defendants had been drinking in an abandoned trailer, Rowland passed out. She woke up to yelling and screaming and found Wadda in another room raping Harris, according to Means' account to investigators.

Rowland said she tried to help Harris but Harris hit her, making Rowland mad. Wadda and Rowland then beat Harris until she was unconscious, wrapped her body in a sheet and dragged the body outside, Means said she was told.

The defendants were arrested in March 2014.

Authorities said Rowland had a history of alcohol-related offenses but no other significant criminal record. Her defense attorney, Robert Kelleher Jr., said she had a lengthy history of physical and sexual abuse, and had been abused and mistreated by Wadda.

Kelleher had requested a 15-year prison term for his client.

Wadda was initially charged with murder and aggravated sexual abuse. Those counts were dismissed as part of a plea agreement in which Wadda agreed to testify against Rowland.

## **Bill allowing concealed weapons at colleges moves to House**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Over the objections of some student representatives and South Dakota's Board of Regents, a legislative panel approved Thursday and sent to the full state House a proposal to allow people 21 years or older to carry a concealed weapon on the six public university campuses.

The House Local Government Committee voted 8-5 to approve the plan, which would only allow universities to prohibit weapons in dormitories or campus housing. The head of the Board of Regents, Jack Warner, unsuccessfully urged the committee to abandon the measure because he said shootings on campuses are rare and the proposal would make students feel less secure.

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State law requires a concealed pistol permit to carry a weapon or have it out of sight in a vehicle. But the Regents have a rule that guns are not allowed on public university campuses. Opponents said police and campus safety officials are there to keep students safe.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in an email that his administration shares the Regents' concerns with the bill.

Rachelle Norberg, a senior at the University of South Dakota, told the committee that she would be reluctant to attend law school in South Dakota if the proposal becomes law.

"It'd be very hard for me to justify going to USD's law school," Norberg, 21, said after the meeting. "They want to make college students feel safer by allowing them to concealed carry, and I guess my opposing view of that is, while I want everyone to feel safe, I don't think it's fair to encourage someone's safety and jeopardize another person's thought of safety."

Rep. Jim Stalzer, a Republican from Sioux Falls, said his plan was prompted by students who want to defend themselves on college campuses.

The group Students for Concealed Carry says seven states have some form of law governing campus carry. Texas lawmakers were discussing on Thursday whether to legalize concealed handguns on college campuses and open carry everywhere else.

South Dakota lawmakers also debated several proposals to expand where concealed weapons are allowed. A measure to authorize lawmakers to have weapons in the Capitol building if they undergo training was defeated in a Senate committee, which approved a similar measure for sergeants-at-arms.

Stalzer said he wants to work to address some of the concerns with the South Dakota campus carry proposal, but pushed back against students' concerns.

"They go off campus, they go to Walmart, they go to wherever, and if they run into me, they may well have run into a person who is armed," Stalzer said. "I think that's one of the deterrents of our concealed carry laws is you don't know, and that makes it bad for the bad guy."

Republican Rep. Scott Craig, who supported the measure, said he believes it's "very likely" students are already carrying concealed weapons on campus.

Three Republicans joined two Democrats in opposing the plan, but eight supporting votes moves it to the full House of Representatives.

Chelsea Gilbertson, a sophomore at the University of South Dakota who attended the hearing, said the committee's decision frustrated her.

"That's what upsets me most is that they have the audacity to sit up there and listen to us, say, 'you did so well,' and then say, 'but we still don't care about what you think,'" Gilbertson said. "You're not the ones on the campus. Listen to the ones who will be."

## Farm Rescue accepting applications for spring planting help

JOHNSTOWN, N.D. (AP) — The nonprofit Farm Rescue is accepting applications from farmers who need help with spring planting.

The North Dakota-based group assists family farmers in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and eastern Montana.

Farm Rescue sets up camp on the farms of injured or ill farmers, doing their planting or harvesting work rather than handing out money. The group also assists farmers who have been victims of natural disasters.

Volunteers help the farmers plant and harvest up to 1,000 acres of crops free of charge.

The nonprofit was started in 2006 and it has helped hundreds of families.

The organization says priority will be given to applications received by March 31.



## Company suspends efforts to seize Nebraska land for Keystone

**MARGERY A. BECK, Associated Press**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — TransCanada Corp. will temporarily suspend efforts to seize Nebraska land for its much-delayed Keystone XL oil pipeline after landowners sued, in what is one obstacle the Canadian company still faces in the 1,179-mile project.

A Holt County District judge issued a temporary injunction Thursday, keeping TransCanada from invoking eminent domain along the proposed Keystone XL route in northern Nebraska while a lawsuit by landowners in that county plays out. TransCanada agreed to the order, hoping to get an accelerated trial schedule so that it can quickly resolve the legal disputes.

A TransCanada spokesman said a similar agreement is being sought in southern Nebraska's York County, where landowners have filed another lawsuit seeking to keep the Calgary-based company from seizing land using eminent domain.

A hearing in Holt County has been set for Feb. 25 on the issue of case progression, TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper said.

Last month, TransCanada filed legal papers in nine Nebraska counties to invoke eminent domain for the land that's needed to construct, operate and maintain the pipeline. It would go from Canada through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Nebraska landowners filed their lawsuits last month after the state Supreme Court tossed an earlier, similar lawsuit, with three justices saying the plaintiffs in the case didn't have standing to sue because they didn't prove TransCanada was seeking their land.

Opponents have sought to prevent TransCanada from using eminent domain and to overturn a state law that allowed ex-Gov. Dave Heineman to approve the pipeline's route through the state in 2013.

The judge's order Thursday made no pronouncements on the merits of the case. Such injunctions are common while litigation is pending.

"We expected the temporary injunction order to be issued, as it was," said Dave Domina, an attorney for the landowners.

TransCanada said in a statement that 90 percent of Nebraska landowners along the Keystone XL route — and 100 percent of those in Montana and South Dakota — have agreed to easements to build the pipeline. It also said its offers "are generous, and that all landowners are treated fairly and respectfully."

The pipeline, first proposed in 2008, still requires presidential approval because it crosses an international border. On Wednesday, the Republican-controlled Congress cleared a bill to construct the pipeline, setting up a confrontation with President Barack Obama, who has threatened to veto the measure.

## Study sees even bigger longer droughts for much of US West

**SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — As bad as recent droughts in California, the Southwest and the Midwest have been, scientists say far worse "megadroughts" are coming — and they're bound to last for decades.

"Unprecedented drought conditions" — the worst in more than 1,000 years — are likely to come to the Southwest and Central Plains after 2050 and stick around because of global warming, according to a new study in the journal *Science Advances* on Thursday.

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"Nearly every year is going to be dry toward the end of the 21st century compared to what we think of as normal conditions now," said study lead author Benjamin Cook, a NASA atmospheric scientist. "We're going to have to think about a much drier future in western North America."

There's more than an 80 percent chance that much of the central and western United States will have a 35-year-or-longer "megadrought" later this century, said study co-author Toby Ault of Cornell University, adding that "water in the Southwest is going to become more precious than it already is."

Megadroughts last for decades instead of just a few years. The 1930s Dust Bowl went on for more than 35 years, Ault said.

The study is based on current increasing rate of rising emissions of carbon dioxide and complex simulations run by 17 different computer models, which generally agreed on the outcome, Cook said.

The regions Cook looked at include California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, northern Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, most of Iowa, southern Minnesota, western Missouri, western Arkansas, and northwestern Louisiana.

Looking back in records trapped in tree ring and other data, there were megadroughts in the Southwest and Central Plains in the 1100s and 1200s that lasted several decades, but these will be worse, Cook said. Those were natural and not caused by climate change, unlike those forecast for the future, Cook said.

Because of changes in the climate, the Southwest will see less rain. But for both regions the biggest problem will be the heat, which will increase evaporation and dry out the soil. The result is a vicious cycle: The air grows even drier, and hotter, Cook said.

Scientists had already figured that climate change would increase the odds of worse droughts in the future, but this study makes it look worse and adds to a chorus of strong research, said Jonathan Overpeck, co-director of the Institute of the Environment at the University of Arizona.

"These results are not surprising, but are eye-opening nonetheless," said Overpeck, who wasn't part of the research, in email.

## **Sage grouse spending to top \$750M by 2018**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Spending on a government-sponsored initiative to help struggling sage grouse populations in the West is projected to exceed \$750 million by 2018.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Thursday the money will conserve an estimated 8 million acres of sage grouse habitat. Federal officials are more than halfway to that goal since starting the Sage Grouse Initiative in 2010.

The chicken-sized birds are found in 11 Western states. They're being considered for federal protections after their numbers plummeted in recent decades.

About \$425 million in government and private funds already have been spent on conservation easements and other measures to reverse the bird's decline.

The USDA will spend almost \$200 million more over the next four years. Private contributors and other government agencies are expected to provide an additional \$130 million.

## **Racial tensions mount in Rapid City**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City's Human Relations Commission is trying to get a handle on mounting racial tensions in the community, as American Indians raise concerns about safety.

Former Oglala Sioux Tribal President Bryan Brewer said he doesn't think the city and commission are doing enough, and it might cost Rapid City a popular basketball tournament.

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Some American Indians say racial tensions were exacerbated by reports of Native American children being subjected to racial slurs and sprayed with beer at a minor league hockey game in Rapid City in late January. A similar incident was reported during a recent stock show and rodeo at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

Brewer has formed a group to confront racism, and hundreds of Native Americans rallied outside the Civic Center on Tuesday night. The city's Human Relations Commission held a public meeting Wednesday, with U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service representative Carol Russo in attendance.

Russo said the government won't tell Rapid City what to do, though it can help guide the city through conflict.

"You're the experts of the community. You know what it is you need," she said.

The commission is developing public service announcements to improve race relations and will take comments and suggestions to encourage an expanded conversation on race and prejudice, Vice Chairman Andy Ainslie said.

"Our goal here is to help people who have been discriminated against to become reconciled with those who have been the source of discrimination," he said.

Brewer said more needs to be done.

"It's great to have the reconciliation here, but we need the Department of Justice to come in and investigate some of the things that are happening — not just what happened recently, but what has been happening for years," he said.

The Lakota Nation Invitational is considering moving the annual basketball tournament to a different city.

"We have to look out for the safety of our children," Brewer said. "We don't want to run. We've been here for 38 years. But we'll have to see what happens here."

## **Panel kills plan to allow some to carry firearms in Capitol**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative committee has defeated a measure to authorize legislators to carry concealed weapons in the state Capitol to defend against a violent attack.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday killed the proposal. It would have required lawmakers to go through law enforcement-approved training and petition legislative leadership before receiving a permit.

Republican Sen. Brock Greenfield said he wants to increase the level of security in the state Capitol. He said disconcerting reports of violence are increasing.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol, tasked with Capitol security, opposed the measure.

Republican Sen. Mike Vehle said lawmakers should concentrate on legislating, not scanning a committee audience searching for potential threats.

The committee approved a proposal to allow sergeants-at-arms to carry concealed weapons in the Capitol under similar circumstances.

## **Panel approves plan for some to carry weapons in Capitol**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative panel has approved a measure to allow sergeants-at-arms to carry concealed weapons in the state Capitol for defense.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday approved the proposal, which would require the sergeants to go through law enforcement-approved training before receiving a permit.

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Republican Sen. Brock Greenfield says he aims to improve security in South Dakota's Capitol. He says the times are becoming volatile and the Capitol building is one of the most wide-open in the country.

The state Highway Patrol, tasked with Capitol security, opposed the measure.

Republican Sen. Arthur Rusch says the sergeants are charged with security in the legislative chambers and current law doesn't allow them to carry weapons.

The committee defeated a proposal to allow lawmakers to carry concealed weapons under similar circumstances.

## Powerball lottery ticket sold in Brookings worth \$10,000

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Brookings is worth \$10,000 in Wednesday's drawing.

South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the game's third prize, at odds of 1 in about 649,000.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Tickets in North Carolina, Puerto Rico and Texas matched all six numbers to split a \$564.1 million jackpot. The jackpot goes back to \$40 million for the next drawing, on Saturday.

## State probe clears Beresford police officer who shot man

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says a state investigation has concluded that a Beresford police officer who shot a man was justified in firing his weapon.

Sgt. Dave Steckelberg shot 21-year-old Christopher Heuer, of Sioux Falls, on Jan. 15, at a home in Beresford. Heuer was shot in the right arm and survived.

The investigation report says Heuer was suicidal and was shot when he pointed a rifle at Steckelberg after being told to put the weapon down.

The state Division of Criminal Investigation handled the probe. That is standard procedure for such incidents.

## Sturgis couple sentenced for immigration fraud scheme

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Sturgis couple have been sentenced in an immigration fraud scheme.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 51-year-old Scott Kaubisch was sentenced to one year and two months in custody for lying to the federal government about accepting money from immigrant workers seeking visas.

Fifty-four-year-old Shiela Kaubisch was sentenced to five years of probation for knowing about the falsified documents and not reporting it.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken also ordered the couple to pay nearly \$155,000 in restitution to victims of the fraud.

## 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. U.S. WARILY EYES UKRAINE PEACE PACT

Despite a multination brokered peace agreement for Ukraine, the U.S. is still considering whether to give arms to Kiev and slap fresh sanctions on Russia.

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## 2. WHAT OBAMA IS DOING REGARDING CYBERSECURITY

Responding to data breaches and cyberattacks, the president heads to a Silicon Valley summit to try to spark alliances between policymakers and tech innovators.

## 3. BOTH AL-JAZEERA JOURNALISTS RELEASED FROM PRISON

Mohamed Fahmy and Baher Mohammed are freed pending a retrial after spending more than a year in an Egyptian jail on terror-related charges, a case denounced by rights groups.

## 4. HOW A FEDERAL AGENCY MAY BE IMPERILED

Political differences in Congress over immigration reform may lead to the shutdown of the Homeland Security Department.

## 5. 'AMERICAN SNIPER' ARREST DETAILED

Former Marine Eddie Ray Routh spoke of insanity, anarchy and the apocalypse when police tried to arrest him after the shooting deaths of author Chris Kyle and his friend.

## 6. WHICH IVY LEAGUE SCHOOL BOASTS IPO PROWESS

Seven Harvard graduates were CEO when their companies went public, more than twice the amount of the next-best schools, a tracking firm finds.

## 7. 'THE FINEST MEDIA REPORTER OF HIS GENERATION'

That's what the New York Times' executive editor says about the late media columnist David Carr, famed for chronicling a brutally honest memoir about his fight with drug addiction.

## 8. BE MY VALENTINE, WITH CAVEATS

Thailand braces for Valentine's Day with warnings, a new hashtag and calls for morality.

## 9. JUST A DOG'S LIFE

An app will allow fans of the Westminster Kennel Club dog show to get a live look at all 2,711 pooches at the popular pageant.

## 10. WHY BRIAN WILLIAMS MAY NOT BE ALONE IN EMBELLISHING

Experts say the suspended "NBC Nightly News" anchor is far from alone in puffing up one's experiences, something many do for myriad reasons.

## AP News in Brief

### **Skeptical US looks for new Ukraine peace deal to take hold as arms, fresh sanctions considered**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is taking a wary, wait-and-see approach toward the new Ukraine peace agreement, which was reached without direct American input and as the U.S. considers whether to give defensive weapons to Ukraine and slap fresh sanctions on Russia.

Despite reservations about the agreement, U.S. officials say any action on lethal aid or new sanctions is on hold at least for the moment.

While welcoming the deal in principle, the administration is concerned that the compromise — struck on Thursday after 16 hours of negotiations in Minsk among the leaders of France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine — may give too much to Russia and the pro-Russian rebels. U.S. officials are highly skeptical that either the rebels or Russia will abide by the pact, which lays out a series of phased steps for Ukraine and the separatists to take, starting with a cease-fire to begin on Sunday.

That skepticism was evident in notably cautious statements about the agreement issued by the White House, which described it as a "potentially significant step," and Secretary of State John Kerry, who noted that there is "a long road ahead before achieving peace and the full restoration of Ukraine's



sovereignty.”

“This agreement must now be followed by immediate, concrete steps to fulfill the commitments by all parties,” White House press secretary Josh Earnest said. “The true test of today’s accord will be in its full and unambiguous implementation, including the durable end of hostilities and the restoration of Ukrainian control over its border with Russia.”

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## **Obama visiting Silicon Valley in push for improving cybersecurity**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Responding to unprecedented data breaches and cyberattacks, President Barack Obama is trying to spark alliances between policymakers who want to regulate the online world and tech innovators who traditionally shun Beltway bureaucracies.

In California’s Silicon Valley on Friday, Obama was participating in a White House summit on cybersecurity and consumer protection, joining hundreds of administration officials, tech and other CEOs, law enforcement officials and consumer and privacy advocates. The focus is on encouraging every player to do better at sharing information that can help the private sector prevent and respond to costly and potentially crippling threats to the security of their online networks.

Obama was delivering the keynote address at the daylong event, as well as leading a round-table discussion with a group of business leaders.

J.J. Thompson, CEO and managing director of Rook Security, a consulting firm founded in San Jose, California, said the symbolic significance of the gathering could not be overstated, despite its “dog and pony show” aspects. The summit is being held at Stanford University, a hub of tech innovation.

“Cybersecurity is at the forefront of everyone in America right now, from the Beltway to California,” Thompson said in an interview.

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## **Second Al-Jazeera journalist also freed from Egypt prison; both reunited with families**

CAIRO (AP) — Al-Jazeera Television says its journalist Baher Mohammed has also been freed from an Egyptian prison, just hours after his colleague Mohammed Fahmy was let go on bail.

The network and the relatives of the two say that both have been reunited with their families on Friday. They spent over 400 days behind bars on terror-related charges.

Mohammed’s wife, Jehan Rashed, told The Associated Press that her husband arrived home around 7 a.m. Mohammed also appeared in photos posted on the “Free Baher” Facebook page.

Earlier in the day, Fahmy’s brother tweeted that he posted \$33,000 bail following Thursday’s court decision that freed the journalists pending retrial.

Their third colleague, Australian Peter Greste, was deported to his home-country, Australia, two weeks ago.

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## **David Carr, who wrote Media Equation column for New York Times, drug memoir, dies at age 58**

NEW YORK (AP) — Media columnist David Carr, who wrote the Media Equation column for The New York Times and penned a memoir about his fight with drug addiction, collapsed at his office and died on Thursday. He was 58.

Just hours before his death he had moderated a "Times Talks" conversation with Edward Snowden, director Laura Poitras and journalist Glenn Greenwald about the documentary "Citizenfour," which chronicles Snowden's leak of National Security Agency documents. Carr, engaged as always, drew them out with pointed questions and wry observations to speak candidly about the film.

The Times' publisher, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger Jr., said Carr had "formidable talent" and was "one of the most gifted journalists who has ever worked at The New York Times." He called him "an indispensable guide to modern media."

Executive Editor Dean Baquet also heaped praise on Carr and said he was special.

"He was the finest media reporter of his generation, a remarkable and funny man who was one of the leaders of our newsroom," Baquet told Carr's colleagues in an email. "He was our biggest champion, and his unending passion for journalism and for truth will be missed by his family at The Times, by his readers around the world, and by people who love journalism."

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## **Evidence at 'American Sniper' trial reveals accused ex-Marine's actions, words after killings**

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Eddie Ray Routh spoke of insanity, anarchy and the apocalypse when police tried to arrest him after the shooting deaths of "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and his friend.

Much of the dramatic evidence presented so far in Routh's capital murder trial, including the police video of his arrest, has outlined for jurors his actions and words on the day Kyle and Chad Littlefield were killed at a rural Texas shooting range two years ago. Testimony is set to continue Friday.

Defense attorneys are mounting an insanity defense for the former Marine. Prosecutors have described the 27-year-old as a troubled drug user who knew right from wrong despite any history of mental illnesses.

If convicted, Routh faces life in prison without parole. Prosecutors aren't seeking the death penalty.

The case has drawn intense interest, largely because of the Oscar-nominated film based on Kyle's memoir that details his four tours in Iraq. The film has grossed nearly \$300 million.

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## **Even 70 years later, Allied firebombing of Dresden still fresh in survivor's mind**

DRESDEN, Germany (AP) — Soviet troops were pressing into Germany from the east and the other Allies from the west, but for 12-year-old schoolboy Eberhard Renner the war seemed far away.

Dresden had been spared the destruction suffered by other cities like Berlin and Hamburg, and Renner clung to the hope that the Saxon capital would stay off the target list with the war so clearly near its end.

Even as air-raid sirens started screaming 70 years ago Friday, Renner's father dismissed the attack as another reconnaissance mission.

Then the bomb fell into Renner's backyard. It blew the thick oak door off the shelter where the family had taken refuge, slamming him and his mother to the ground. Somebody yelled that the roof was on fire, and they ventured out into the streets as the bombs rained down.

The Allied decision to firebomb Dresden — immortalized in Kurt Vonnegut's novel "Slaughterhouse Five" — has long been a source of controversy.

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## **Seven Harvard grads were CEO when their companies went public, easily topping closest rivals**

NEW YORK (AP) — Harvard is top of the IPO class for 2014.

The Ivy League school is the alma mater for seven chief executives who led their companies' IPOs last year. That's more than twice the amount of the next highest schools in the rankings, according to figures from Equilar, an executive compensation data firm.

Harvard's performance wasn't a fluke. The Cambridge, Massachusetts, school has led the rankings for at least the last three years, according to Equilar.

Tied for second place last year were Columbia University, Stanford University, Texas Tech University and University of North Carolina. Each school produced three CEOs who took their companies public.

The seven newly publicly traded companies led by Harvard alumni range from online bank Ally Financial to pharmaceutical company Kite Pharma. The group notched an average gain of 74 percent from the date of their market debut to the end of the year. By comparison, the FTSE Renaissance US IPO index, which tracks the performance of U.S. initial public offerings, gained 9.6 percent last year.

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## **Thailand braces for Valentine's Day with warnings, a new hashtag and calls for morality**

BANGKOK (AP) — Ah, Valentine's Day. Call the police, or better yet the Moral Promotion Center.

In most countries, Feb. 14 is a highly commercialized day of romance. In Thailand, it's also a time for strict warnings — and this year a new Twitter hashtag aimed at preventing premarital sex.

The Culture Ministry's Moral Promotion Center launched a widely publicized campaign earlier this week called "Just a Meal for Valentine's Day" that urges teens to go home after their dinner dates. It's also asking youths to show support for the campaign by tweeting (hashtag)DinnerOnly in Thai. A Twitter search Friday found that the request had drawn varied reactions of mockery with many postings of the Thai equivalent to LOL!

Despite its well-earned reputation to the outside world as a freewheeling destination for sex tourism, Thailand's socially conservative authorities are on a constant mission to uphold the country's traditional Buddhist values among Thai people. Hollywood movies are censored with sex scenes and cigarette smoking pixelated out, and Thai soap operas can't show alcohol consumption. Authorities annually warn youths to avoid "inappropriate activities" on Valentine's Day, which is widely celebrated in Thailand.

"Parents and teachers should create correct understanding about Valentine's Day with children," Narathip Pumsap, the Moral Promotion Center's director, was quoted as saying on the English-language website of the Khaosod newspaper. Narathip suggested that instead of engaging in intimacy, teens "show love to their family, society, themselves and the country."

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## **Experts: Brian Williams suspended for stretching the truth, but everybody embellishes stories**

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian Williams had been a trusted voice in news for decades, until questions arose last week about his credibility when he admitted he embellished a story he covered in Iraq.

Some speculate that the NBC news anchor started telling tall tales to appear more interesting as he made the rounds on the late-night talk shows. Others suggest he caved to the pressure to sound any-

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thing but boring in an insatiable social media-driven society.

Williams was suspended Tuesday by the network for six months for stretching the truth, a stunning fall from grace, but he's far from alone. Puffing up one's experiences — whether it's falsifying a resume or exaggerating stories to amplify the derring-do factor — is something that everyone does for myriad reasons, whether they admit it or not, experts say.

"Any human being who tells you they have never embellished their own life story is probably lying," said Bob Thompson, a professor of popular culture at Syracuse University. "My story of how hard it was to get home in the snow on Monday is a lot better on Wednesday. There are all kinds of new things, like abominable snowmen."

Williams had claimed in numerous reports and appearances that he was riding in a helicopter that was hit by a grenade. But last week, when he was exposed, he admitted that another helicopter — not his — was struck.

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## Put it on paws: Dog lovers from Norway to Nicaragua to Nairobi log in to watch Westminster

NEW YORK (AP) — Macarena Robledo loves hounds. All of 'em, especially petit basset griffon Vendéens.

So she fully intends to plop down for a front-row look Monday when the beagles, whippets and Plotts enter the judging ring at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.

Her view comes with a nice summer breeze, too — from the garden at home in Rancagua, a copper mining city in central Chile.

Robledo and others around the globe will be watching thanks to new tech at America's top pooch pageant, a Westminster app designed to give each of the 2,711 dogs its own live shot.

"You get the illusion that you are actually attending the show, even if you are miles away from it," she wrote by email. "In my case, it would imply an almost 12-hour flight that costs way more than the mobile app."

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2015. There are 321 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

### On this date:

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, also known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1939, Justice Louis D. Brandeis retired from the U.S. Supreme Court. (He was succeeded by William O. Douglas.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. The Soviets

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captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

In 1965, during the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized Operation Rolling Thunder, an extended bombing campaign against the North Vietnamese.

In 1975, a late-night arson fire set by a disgruntled custodian broke out on the 11th floor of the north tower of New York's World Trade Center; the blaze spread to six floors, but caused no direct casualties.

In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, New York.

In 1988, the 15th Winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

**Ten years ago:** Final results showed clergy-backed Shiites (SHEE'-eyetz) and independence-minded Kurds had swept to victory in Iraq's landmark elections. The late Ray Charles' final album, "Genius Loves Company," won eight Grammy awards. The AFC won the Pro Bowl, defeating the NFC 38-27.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama delivered a video address to the 7th U.S.-Islamic World Forum meeting in Doha, Qatar, as part of his continuing effort to repair strained U.S. relations with the world's Muslims. Hannah Kearney won the women's moguls for first U.S. gold medal at the Olympic Games in Vancouver; Apolo Anton Ohno won the silver medal in the short-track 1,500-meter speedskating final, to tie Bonnie Blair as the most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian.

**One year ago:** Comcast Corp. agreed to buy Time Warner Cable Inc. for \$45.2 billion in stock (the deal is under regulatory review). Justyna Kowalczyk of Poland dominated her favorite event at the Sochi Olympics, winning the women's cross-country 10-kilometer classical race despite skiing with a fractured foot; Japanese figure skater Yuzuru Hanyu won the men's short program on a night that four-time Olympic medalist Evgeni Plushenko retired from competitive skating. Actor Ralph Waite, 85, died in Palm Desert, California.

**Today's Birthdays:** U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (ret.) is 92. Actress Kim Novak is 82. Actor George Segal is 81. Actor Bo Svenson is 74. Actress Carol Lynley is 73. Singer-musician Peter Tork (The Monkees) is 73. Actress Stockard Channing is 71. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 71. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., is 69. Singer Peter Gabriel is 65. Actor David Naughton is 64. Rock musician Peter Hook is 59. Actor Matt Salinger is 55. Singer Henry Rollins is 54. Actor Neal McDonough is 49. Singer Freedom Williams is 49. Actress Kelly Hu is 47. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 44. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 43. Singer Robbie Williams is 41. Singer-songwriter Feist is 39. Rhythm-and-blues performer Natalie Stewart is 36. Actress Mena Suvari (MEE'-nuh soo-VAHR'-ee) is 36. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (also known as Prince Michael Jackson I) is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "The world has no sympathy with any but positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack." - Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Non-Citizens may bring:

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

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

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

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

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

III. You will need two documents to prove your residential address. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Proof of address documents may **not be more than one year old**. Please bring two of the documents listed below (each must contain your current physical address):

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

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## **Address Exceptions:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Veterans**

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

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

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