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## Monday, Feb. 23

**Birthdays:** Iva Mae Aeilts, Jerry Rossow

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
Leaders Meet

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

**School Lunch:** Taco salad, refried beans, fruit,  
bread sticks.

**Senior Menu:** Salisbury steak, mashed potato  
and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake  
with icing, whole wheat bread.

Groton Boys Basketball at Webster (7th grade  
at 3 p.m., 8th grade at 4 p.m., C game at 5:15  
p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., Varsity at 8 p.m.)

7:00 pm: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, Feb. 24

**Birthday:** Madison Sippel

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

**School Lunch:** Turkey gravy, mashed potato,  
glazed carrots, fruit, tea buns.

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, au gratin  
potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie,  
whole wheat bread.

8:30 a.m.: Elementary Spring Pictures

4:30 p.m.: GBB Region at Webster

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

**Two bedroom apartment in the  
Rix Apartments (former city  
apartments) at 407 N Garfield**

**FOR RENT**

**Attached garage.**

**Major appliances included.**

**\$700 per month**

**Roger: 605/397-7118**



**Hanlon Brothers  
Gravel Hauling**  
New & Cleaning of  
Stockdams with our  
60' reach trackhoe  
**605/395-6531**

## 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.

## Offering Quality, Affordable Higher Education In South Dakota

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

Education after high school can be expensive. Over the past few decades, the cost of higher education has increased much faster than average inflation. The costs of things like food, housing and medical care have increased over the years, but, on average, not at the rate of college tuition. In some places it's downright unaffordable. For instance, a four-year degree from an Ivy League school can cost up to \$100,000.

The truth is that higher education doesn't have to be expensive and young people don't have to go far from home to get a good education. South Dakota's tech schools and universities offer affordable programs and a number of scholarship opportunities, including the Build Dakota Scholarship and the Opportunity Scholarship.

The Build Dakota Scholarship is a partnership between T. Denny Sanford and the State of South Dakota. Mr. Sanford donated \$25 million, which the state matched, to create a \$50 million scholarship program for students entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota technical institutes.

The program will fund 300 full-ride scholarships for qualified applicants in high-need programs. Anyone interested in enrolling in one of the high-need programs in South Dakota is eligible. Graduates of these programs have high-paying, in-demand jobs waiting for them at the end of their schooling. Employers in these fields will have a bumper crop of skilled and motivated applicants for jobs that now remain unfilled.

Anyone interested in the program can go to [builddakotascholarships.com](http://builddakotascholarships.com) to see what programs are eligible and how to apply.

The South Dakota Opportunity scholarship provides financial aid for South Dakota high school students. It is available to those who achieve a 24 or above on the ACT and earn good grades in high school while taking a rigorous curriculum. The scholarship's aim is to incentivize our best students to

stay in South Dakota for college.

Because the scholarship has not kept up with the increasing cost of college, it is not the incentive it once was to keep young people in the state. In my budget, I have proposed to increase the value of the scholarship from \$5,000 for 4 years of college to \$6,500 for 4 years of college. My proposal to increase the scholarship, House Bill 1147, is dependent upon approval from the Legislature.

The Build Dakota tech school scholarship and the Opportunity Scholarship are both wise investments. It is my hope that these scholarships will lead more young people to consider the affordable, high quality education experiences offered right here in South Dakota.

**Applications for Baseball Coordinator, Coaches, Grounds-keeper, Concession Stand Manager, Concessions Workers; Swimming Pool Lifeguards; Public Works Laborers; Cemetery Caretaker, Swimming Pool Manager will be accepted until 5pm March 16 for the City of Groton. Request application at City Hall, 209 N Main St, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445 or by calling 397-8422. Equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against disabled persons. (0210.0217.0310)**

## 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).



## Waters of the U.S. Rule Hurts South Dakota Producers

In South Dakota, agriculture is our number one industry, accounting for more than half of our economic output. To be successful, our farmers and ranchers must be good stewards of their land so that it remains viable. And they are. South Dakota producers are inherently good conservationists - their livelihoods depend on it. They don't need the Obama Administration interfering in their conservation efforts.

Unfortunately, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers think they know how to manage our land better than us. Their latest proposal would redefine EPA's jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act, expanding its regulatory authority to cover puddles, small ponds, field ditches and other areas with only remote connections to water, essentially allowing them to dictate farming operations.

Over the President's Day recess, I hosted a roundtable discussion with area stakeholders in Sioux Falls to hear firsthand how the Waters of the U.S. proposal would impact agriculture. Representatives from the South Dakota Corn Growers Association, the South Dakota Soybean Association, Ag United, Minnehaha County and the South Dakota Farm Bureau all showed up and told me the same thing—the proposed rule would significantly handicap their day-to-day operations. Under the new rule, my understanding is that if a farmer wanted to spray fertilizer on his fields but part of it was connected to water – even temporarily – that farmer would have to apply for a permit before he or she could proceed so as not to contaminate that water. And we all know how well the federal government is at processing paperwork.

If the intent of the rule is merely to "clarify" the Clean Water Act and not change any policy – as EPA claims is the case – then they shouldn't need this rule on the books at all. But I agree with farmers and ranchers that the rule would be a complete overhaul and expansion of EPA's jurisdiction. In this case, I believe it is Congress's duty to determine whether such a sweeping policy change is necessary. I'm confident that many of my colleagues would agree with me that the Waters of the U.S. proposal is completely unnecessary.

In 1972, the Clean Water Act established a system that gives the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers the ability to regulate navigable waters, such as rivers. It allows local governments to monitor smaller water features, like ditches, ponds, and streams because state and local governments are more in touch with economic and environmental situations on the ground. This has been working for the past 43 years – without the heavy hand of Washington getting in the way.

Giving the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers more control over our lives and land is both unnecessary and unwise. Every farmer and rancher I have talked to about this has agreed that the proposed rule would bog down their productivity with massive new regulatory hurdles. It is clear to me that the Waters of the U.S. proposal is fatally flawed. I will continue to seek ways to stop its implementation as a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, which has jurisdiction over EPA and the Army Corps.

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## Lana's Annals

**Lana  
Greenfield  
District 2  
State  
Representative**

Greetings once again. As the weather rides the roller coaster of highs and lows this time of year, so do the emotions in Pierre. In the world of education, I testified in favor of SB89, which would allow teachers to help defray monetary expenses paid from their own pockets for classroom articles not currently covered in school budgets. Such articles would include tissues, art supplies, pencils, stickers, bulletin board learning materials, etc. While these may not be perceived as profound, they are money paid by instructors whose students do not have the means to supply their own things. Some even buy extra student mittens and hats during inclement weather because that is just what teachers do! The bill will now go to

the Senate floor for debate and, hopefully, will pass. By the way, the average amount of materials (varying with class size) could be as much as 400 dollars out of pocket expense. Another bill voted on and passed in the House was to increase the South Dakota Opportunity scholarship from 5,000 to 6,500 dollars for meeting the academic requirements and for staying in college for four years.

Being put to rest this week was the right to concealed carry of guns with permits on college campuses. The issue was brought for by some USD students who felt it was worthy of discussion. I am reasonably certain that this issue will re-surface in the future as it is ever-changing world in which we live. Voting affirmative, I am not so much worried about careless gunfire on campus as I am non-campus infiltrators who may wish to do bodily harm to masses of people. Thanks to all for input on both sides.

I also heard from many, many people on the common core issue. Many, many parents oppose it and wish for our state to quit supporting it. I have been hearing that math concepts seem to be very frustrating to students and parents alike. I sympathize with little children who go home and cry every night because they cannot grasp the concepts. My greatest fear is that they will grow up disliking school. Eliminating common core in our state was voted on in the House committee, lost narrowly, was smoked out with one-third or more showing support, (after re-voted on in committee and enough support given) and goes to a House floor vote now. We will see how the vote transpires this Tuesday.

In local government, we debated the revisions regarding planning and zoning. (H1201). Currently, the county commission appoints a board of adjustment. Any re-zoning currently requires a two-thirds vote, but this bill reduces the passage to a simple majority. We heard from many proponents and opponents. What this issue boils down to is that this bill, if passed, would make it easier to get a conditional use permit for CAFO's. (animal confinements). Arguments were that we would have more market for our grain if we allow more animal units into the state. Opponents strongly voiced distaste toward having these around local water and near their backyards. One mentioned an ongoing lawsuit to keep a dairy away from her family farm. I felt the original bill was sufficient and voted with the opponents, but it passed committee 10-3. I will look forward to testimony on the floor on this bill.

Our Human Health and Services committee voted on and passed SB63, which forms a medical licensure compact with other states. This will stream-line and increase the portability of being able to legally practice medicine in more than one state as long as the state's medical practice act is followed.

Thank you to those of you who looked at SB60 and have contacted me. This bill intends to, if it becomes law, mandate that ALL newborns be screened for not only metabolic diseases but also for genetic disorders. Since last week I found out that SCID is the main disease to be checked (severe combined immuno-deficiency), which affects one child in several thousand. I did not feel that this test



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was necessary and voted against it. It passed 8-5 and will now go to the floor where I will be voting against it once more.

The Balanced Budget Amendment (HJR1001) passed the Senate and will now allow South Dakota to join 24 other states to call for an Article V Convention somewhere in the future (when a majority of states can be procured) and by whomever happens to be appointed to represent us at the time. I truly believe in a balanced budget, BUT I fear what could come of this once the Articles are opened.

The Transportation committee will be reviewing highway funding amendments this Tuesday morning. The 100,000,000 dollar new revenue from taxes and fees has been amended down to 50,000,000 dollars with a sunset clause of 8 years for the proposed 2 cent gas tax. While these numbers may not be set in stone, I am prophesying that they will be a closer reality than the original proposal. Any added fees, which are part of the original package, are yet to be discussed or passed.

It was good to visit with Carrie Clausen Hansen a week ago when the Nurses' Association gathered in Pierre. She and other health care workers' input are vital to keeping us informed about concerns associated with their profession. In attendance this week were people of the Aberdeen Chamber and 3 M. It was great to see some familiar faces as well as meet new area people. Also visiting with us were dignitaries from Canada and our very own Congresswoman Noem, Senator Mike Rounds, and Beth Hollatz. After hearing about the Washington, D.C. happenings, I just want to say, I will hold all in my prayers!!

District 2 will be at Parkview Care Center in Bryant Saturday, Feb. 28, at 10 AM. for a Cracker Barrel. Hope to see you there!

You can e-mail me at [ana.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:ana.greenfield@gmail.com) or [rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us](mailto:rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us). I can be reached at 635-6932 as well.

Until next week, I wish you my very best!

## **2015 Groton Area Elementary Kindergarten Screening**

March 2 – March 6

Parents of children ages 3-6 not yet attending school are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time.

Kindergarten Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Gymnasium. Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.

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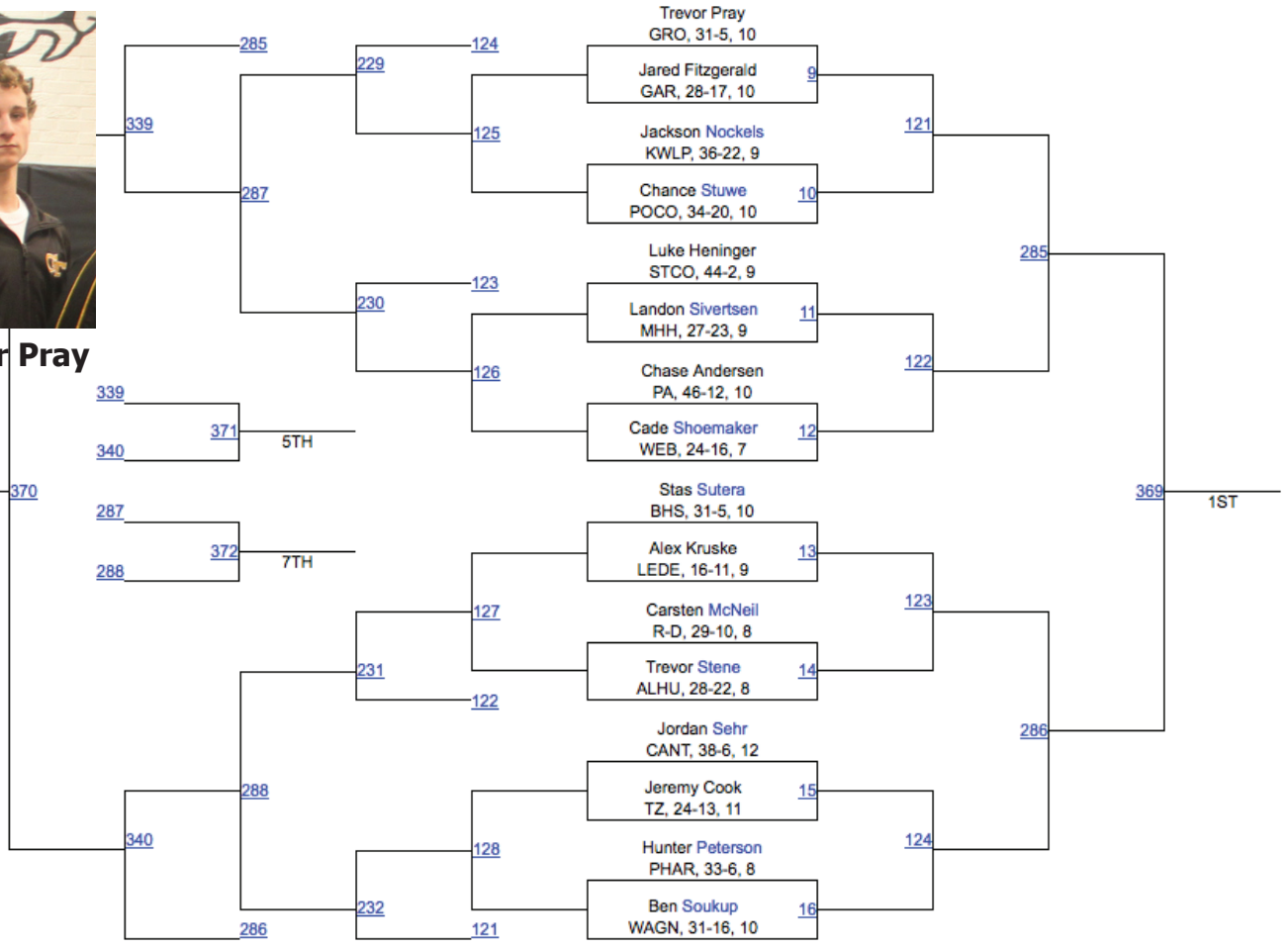
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Trevor Pray



Seed	Name	Team	Grade	Record	Scoring	Qualifying Tournament	Qualifying Place
7.	<a href="#">Andersen, Chase</a>	<a href="#">Parker</a>	10	46-12	Yes	R2	2
14.	<a href="#">Cook, Jeremy</a>	<a href="#">Tiospa Zina</a>	11	24-13	Yes	R1	4
2.	<a href="#">Fitzgerald, Jared</a>	<a href="#">Garetson</a>	10	28-17	Yes	R2	4
5.	<a href="#">Heninger, Luke</a>	<a href="#">Stanley County</a>	9	44-2	Yes	R4	1
10.	<a href="#">Kruske, Alex</a>	<a href="#">Lead-Deadwood</a>	9	16-11	Yes	R4	4
11.	<a href="#">McNeil, Carsten</a>	<a href="#">Redfield/Doland</a>	8	29-10	Yes	R1	2
3.	<a href="#">Nockels, Jackson</a>	<a href="#">Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes</a>	9	36-22	Yes	R3	2
15.	<a href="#">Peterson, Hunter</a>	<a href="#">Philip Area</a>	8	33-6	Yes	R4	2
1.	<a href="#">Pray, Trevor</a>	<a href="#">Groton Area</a>	10	31-5	Yes	R1	1
13.	<a href="#">Sehr, Jordan</a>	<a href="#">Canton</a>	12	38-6	Yes	R2	1
8.	<a href="#">Shoemaker, Cade</a>	<a href="#">Webster Area</a>	7	24-16	Yes	R1	3
6.	<a href="#">Sivertsen, Landon</a>	<a href="#">Miller/Highmore-Harrold</a>	9	27-23	Yes	R3	4
16.	<a href="#">Soukup, Ben</a>	<a href="#">Wagner</a>	10	31-16	Yes	R3	3
12.	<a href="#">Stene, Trevor</a>	<a href="#">Alcester-Hudson</a>	8	28-22	Yes	R2	3
4.	<a href="#">Stuwe, Chance</a>	<a href="#">Potter County</a>	10	34-20	Yes	R4	3
9.	<a href="#">Sutera, Stas</a>	<a href="#">Bon Homme/Scotland</a>	10	31-5	Yes	R3	1

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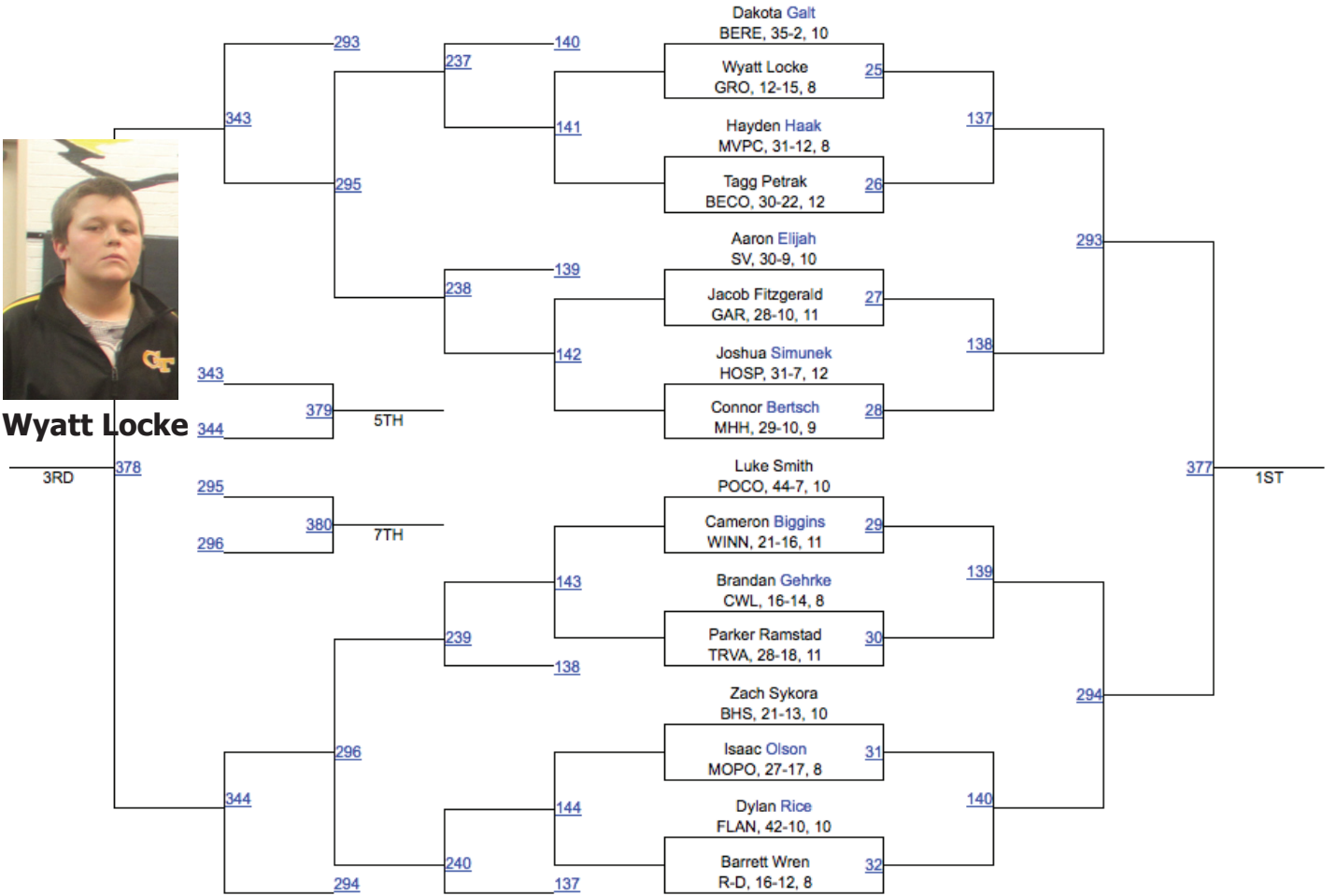
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Wyatt Locke



Seed	Name	Team	Grade	Record	Scoring	Qualifying Tournament	Qualifying Place
8.	<a href="#">Bertsch, Connor</a>	<a href="#">Miller/Highmore-Harold</a>	9	29-10	Yes	R3	3
10.	<a href="#">Biggins, Cameron</a>	<a href="#">Winner</a>	11	21-16	Yes	R3	4
5.	<a href="#">Elijah, Aaron</a>	<a href="#">Sioux Valley</a>	10	30-9	Yes	R1	1
6.	<a href="#">Fitzgerald, Jacob</a>	<a href="#">Garetson</a>	11	28-10	Yes	R2	4
1.	<a href="#">Galt, Dakota</a>	<a href="#">Beresford</a>	10	35-2	Yes	R2	1
11.	<a href="#">Gehrke, Brandan</a>	<a href="#">Clark/Willow Lake</a>	8	16-14	Yes	R1	2
3.	<a href="#">Haak, Hayden</a>	<a href="#">Mt.Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica</a>	8	31-12	Yes	R3	2
2.	<a href="#">Locke, Wyatt</a>	<a href="#">Groton Area</a>	8	12-15	Yes	R1	4
14.	<a href="#">Olson, Isaac</a>	<a href="#">Mobridge-Pollock</a>	8	27-17	Yes	R4	4
4.	<a href="#">Petrak, Tagg</a>	<a href="#">Bennett County</a>	12	30-22	Yes	R4	3
12.	<a href="#">Ramstad, Parker</a>	<a href="#">Tri-Valley</a>	11	28-18	Yes	R2	3
15.	<a href="#">Rice, Dylan</a>	<a href="#">Flandreau</a>	10	42-10	Yes	R2	2
7.	<a href="#">Simunek, Joshua</a>	<a href="#">Hot Springs</a>	12	31-7	Yes	R4	2
9.	<a href="#">Smith, Luke</a>	<a href="#">Potter County</a>	10	44-7	Yes	R4	1
13.	<a href="#">Sykora, Zach</a>	<a href="#">Bon Homme/Scotland</a>	10	21-13	Yes	R3	1
16.	<a href="#">Wren, Barrett</a>	<a href="#">Redfield/Doland</a>	8	16-12	Yes	R1	3

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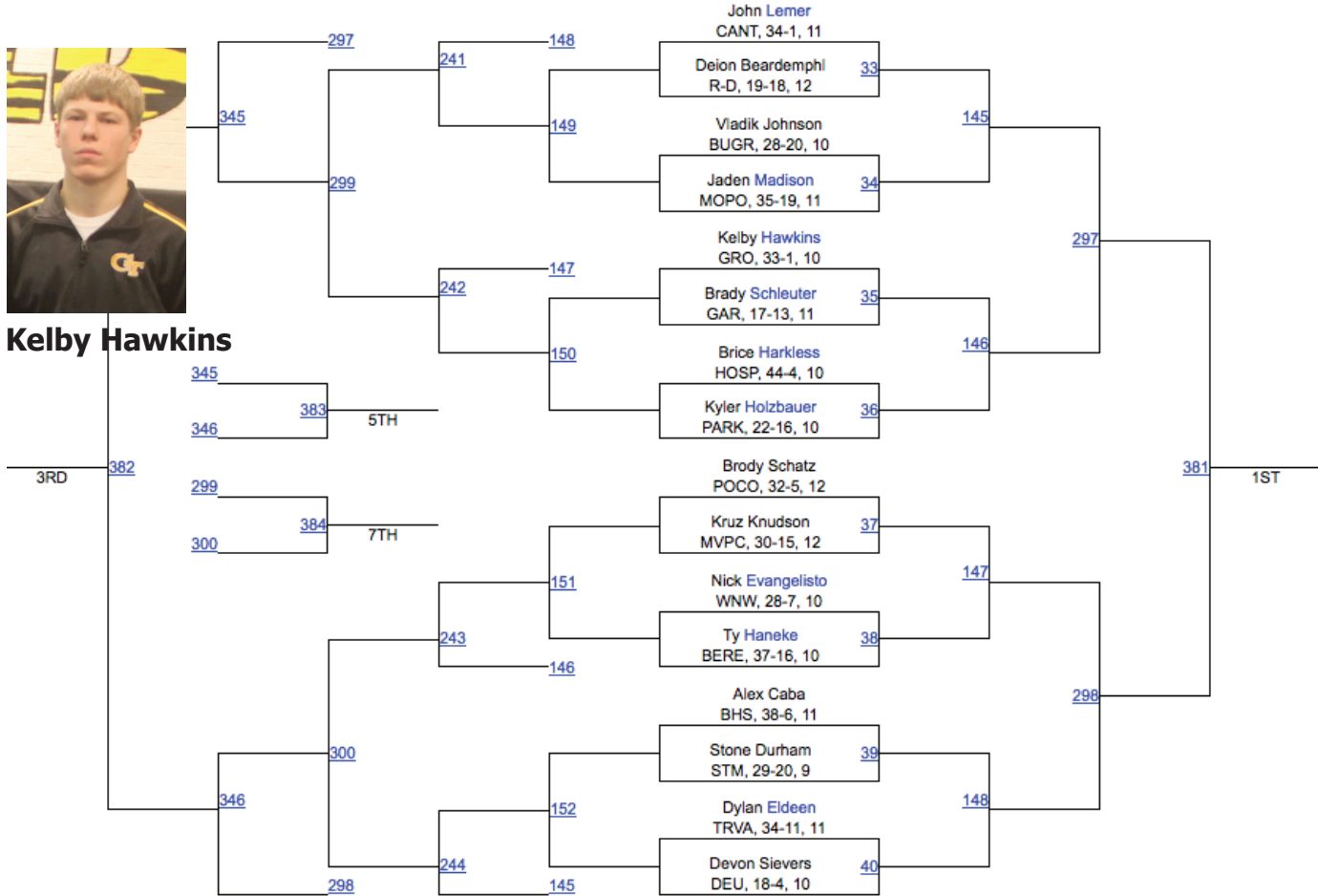
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**Kelby Hawkins**



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2.	<a href="#">Beardemphl, Deion</a>	<a href="#">Redfield/Doland</a>	12	19-18	Yes	R1	4
13.	<a href="#">Caba, Alex</a>	<a href="#">Bon Homme/Scotland</a>	11	38-6	Yes	R3	1
14.	<a href="#">Durham, Stone</a>	<a href="#">St. Thomas More</a>	9	29-20	Yes	R4	4
15.	<a href="#">Eldeen, Dylan</a>	<a href="#">Tri-Valley</a>	11	34-11	Yes	R2	2
11.	<a href="#">Evangelisto, Nick</a>	<a href="#">Warner/Northwestern</a>	10	28-7	Yes	R1	2
12.	<a href="#">Haneke, Ty</a>	<a href="#">Beresford</a>	10	37-16	Yes	R2	3
7.	<a href="#">Harkless, Brice</a>	<a href="#">Hot Springs</a>	10	44-4	Yes	R4	2
5.	<a href="#">Hawkins, Kelby</a>	<a href="#">Groton Area</a>	10	33-1	Yes	R1	1
8.	<a href="#">Holzbauer, Kyler</a>	<a href="#">Parkston</a>	10	22-16	Yes	R3	3
3.	<a href="#">Johnson, Vladik</a>	<a href="#">Burke/Gregory</a>	10	28-20	Yes	R3	2
10.	<a href="#">Knudson, Kruz</a>	<a href="#">Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica</a>	12	30-15	Yes	R3	4
1.	<a href="#">Lemer, John</a>	<a href="#">Canton</a>	11	34-1	Yes	R2	1
4.	<a href="#">Madison, Jaden</a>	<a href="#">Moberg-Pollock</a>	11	35-19	Yes	R4	3
9.	<a href="#">Schatz, Brody</a>	<a href="#">Potter County</a>	12	32-5	Yes	R4	1
6.	<a href="#">Schleuter, Brady</a>	<a href="#">Garetson</a>	11	17-13	Yes	R2	4
16.	<a href="#">Sievers, Devon</a>	<a href="#">Deuel</a>	10	18-4	Yes	R1	3



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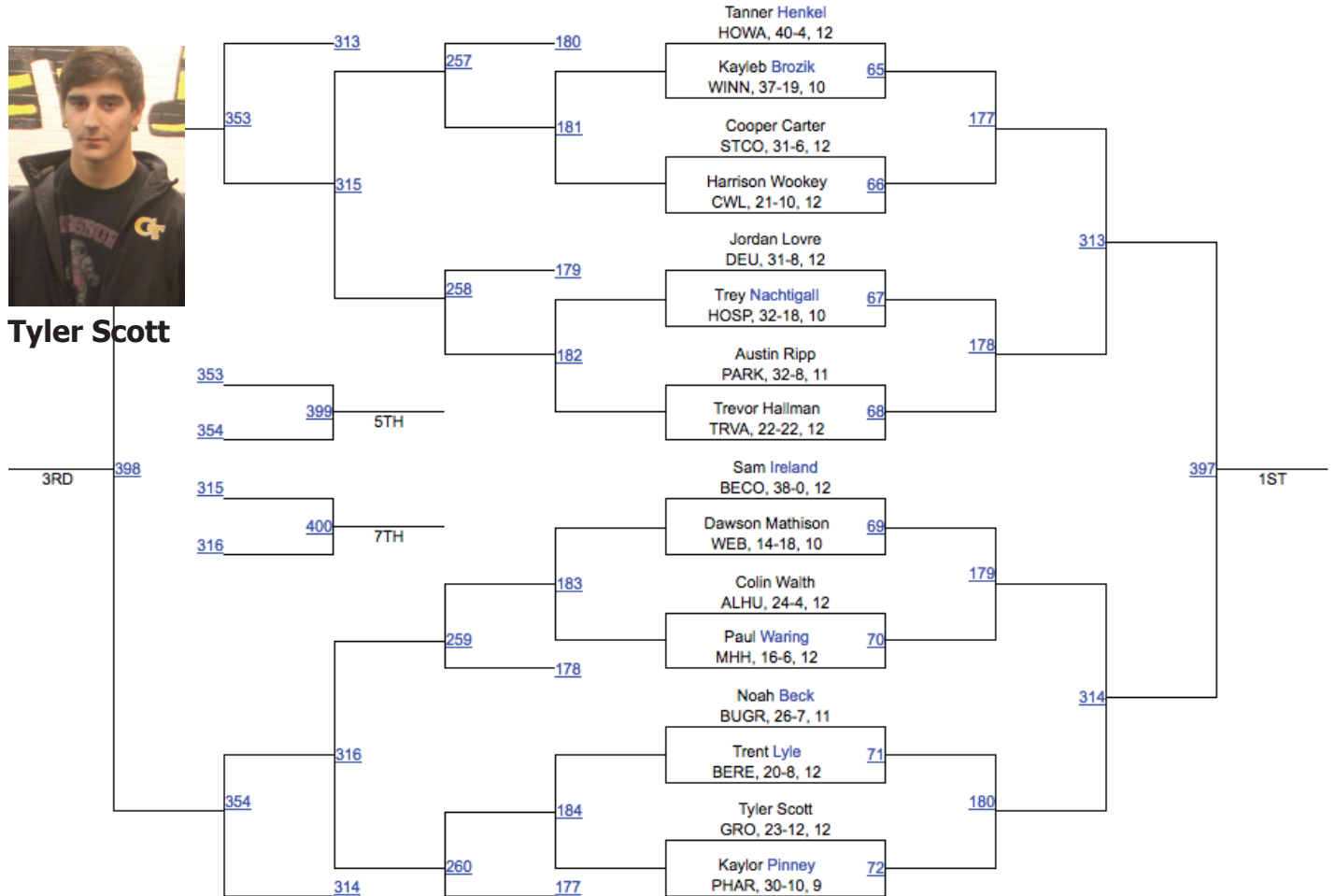
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Tyler Scott



Seed	Name	Team	Grade	Record	Scoring	Qualifying Tournament	Qualifying Place
13.	<a href="#">Beck, Noah</a>	<a href="#">Burke/Gregory</a>	11	26-7	Yes	R3	1
2.	<a href="#">Brozik, Kayleb</a>	<a href="#">Winner</a>	10	37-19	Yes	R3	4
3.	<a href="#">Carter, Cooper</a>	<a href="#">Stanley County</a>	12	31-6	Yes	R4	2
8.	<a href="#">Hallman, Trevor</a>	<a href="#">Tri-Valley</a>	12	22-22	Yes	R2	3
1.	<a href="#">Henkel, Tanner</a>	<a href="#">Howard</a>	12	40-4	Yes	R2	1
9.	<a href="#">Ireland, Sam</a>	<a href="#">Bennett County</a>	12	38-0	Yes	R4	1
5.	<a href="#">Lovre, Jordan</a>	<a href="#">Deuel</a>	12	31-8	Yes	R1	1
14.	<a href="#">Lyle, Trent</a>	<a href="#">Beresford</a>	12	20-8	Yes	R2	4
10.	<a href="#">Mathison, Dawson</a>	<a href="#">Webster Area</a>	10	14-18	Yes	R1	4
6.	<a href="#">Nachtigall, Trey</a>	<a href="#">Hot Springs</a>	10	32-18	Yes	R4	4
16.	<a href="#">Pinney, Kaylor</a>	<a href="#">Philip Area</a>	9	30-10	Yes	R4	3
7.	<a href="#">Ripp, Austin</a>	<a href="#">Parkston</a>	11	32-8	Yes	R3	2
15.	<a href="#">Scott, Tyler</a>	<a href="#">Groton Area</a>	12	23-12	Yes	R1	2
11.	<a href="#">Walth, Colin</a>	<a href="#">Alcester-Hudson</a>	12	24-4	Yes	R2	2
12.	<a href="#">Waring, Paul</a>	<a href="#">Miller/Highmore-Harrod</a>	12	16-6	Yes	R3	3
4.	<a href="#">Wookey, Harrison</a>	<a href="#">Clark/Willow Lake</a>	12	21-10	Yes	R1	3

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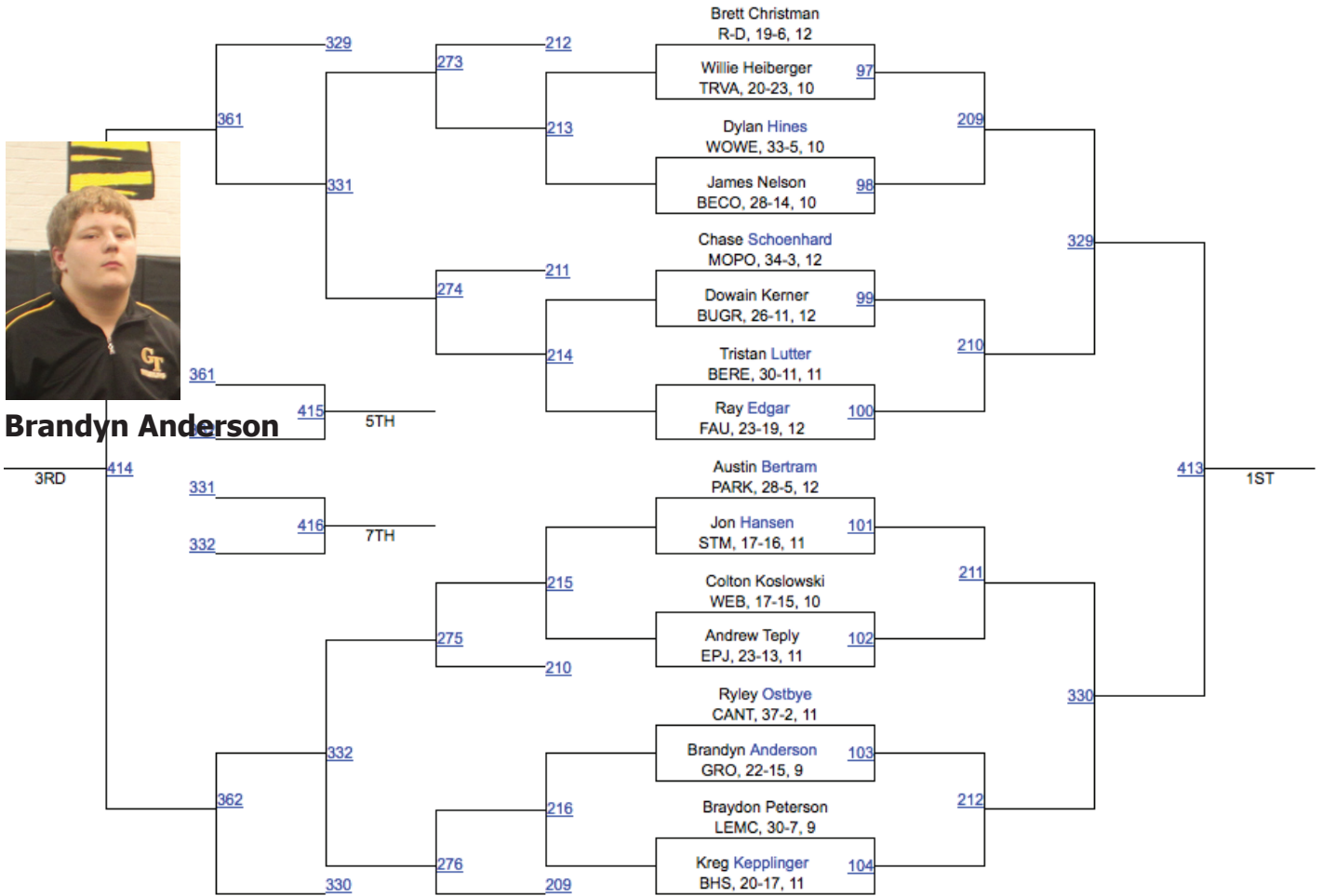
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**Brandyn Anderson**



Seed	Name	Team	Grade	Record	Scoring	Qualifying Tournament	Qualifying Place
14.	<a href="#">Anderson, Brandyn</a>	<a href="#">Groton Area</a>	9	22-15	Yes	R1	4
9.	<a href="#">Bertram, Austin</a>	<a href="#">Parkston</a>	12	28-5	Yes	R3	1
1.	<a href="#">Christman, Brett</a>	<a href="#">Redfield/Doland</a>	12	19-6	Yes	R1	1
8.	<a href="#">Edgar, Ray</a>	<a href="#">Faulkton Area</a>	12	23-19	Yes	R1	3
10.	<a href="#">Hansen, Jon</a>	<a href="#">St. Thomas More</a>	11	17-16	Yes	R4	4
2.	<a href="#">Heiberger, Willie</a>	<a href="#">Tri-Valley</a>	10	20-23	Yes	R2	4
3.	<a href="#">Hines, Dylan</a>	<a href="#">Wolsey-Wessington</a>	10	33-5	Yes	R3	2
16.	<a href="#">Kepplinger, Kreg</a>	<a href="#">Bon Homme/Scotland</a>	11	20-17	Yes	R3	3
6.	<a href="#">Kerner, Dowain</a>	<a href="#">Burke/Gregory</a>	12	26-11	Yes	R3	4
11.	<a href="#">Koslowski, Colton</a>	<a href="#">Webster Area</a>	10	17-15	Yes	R1	2
7.	<a href="#">Lutter, Tristan</a>	<a href="#">Beresford</a>	11	30-11	Yes	R2	2
4.	<a href="#">Nelson, James</a>	<a href="#">Bennett County</a>	10	28-14	Yes	R4	3
13.	<a href="#">Ostbye, Ryley</a>	<a href="#">Canton</a>	11	37-2	Yes	R2	1
15.	<a href="#">Peterson, Braydon</a>	<a href="#">Lemmon/McIntosh</a>	9	30-7	Yes	R4	2
5.	<a href="#">Schoenhard, Chase</a>	<a href="#">Mobridge-Pollock</a>	12	34-3	Yes	R4	1
12.	<a href="#">Teply, Andrew</a>	<a href="#">Elk Point-Jefferson</a>	11	23-13	Yes	R2	3

## Report from Rep. Dennis Feickert, District 1

Six weeks are over of the 90th Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature. The committees on which I serve (House Agriculture and House Transportation) are wrapping up all of the House bills. These must be completed and moved through the House side by next Wednesday for 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. The floor Sessions often run late into the night before this important cross-over deadline.

First a few words concerning the change to the Minimum Wage for youth. Looking at the big picture, I realize that this is one more indication of how certain legislators in Pierre are trying to change the will of the people. SB 177 would allow employers to pay a lower minimum wage to 17-year-olds than they pay older adults. Current law already allows a 90 day training wage which is less than the minimum wage. After that, if they are doing the job, they deserve the same wage as the 18 year old working next to them.

SB 177 is a betrayal of the public's vote to improve the minimum wage. The voters didn't say they wanted one minimum wage for 17 year olds and another one for 18 year olds. The sub-minimum wage has passed in the Senate along straight party lines. Only the Democrats opposed the change and spoke against it on the Senate floor. It will now be up to the House to protect the will of the voters on the Minimum Wage issue. If adopted, it would decrease the wage for those under 18 on July 1, 2015. Could the unintended consequence mean that the 17 year old will always get the job if the other applicant is 18 or older? Let's hope that's not the result.

The last jobs report came out for South Dakota. Our unemployment rate is stable again this cycle. Those predictions that hundreds of South Dakota workers would be laid-off if the Minimum Wage passed have simply been false. Even those Senators who voted for the teenage minimum wage could provide no data to support their claims that workers were fired after the wage increase. Don't let the politics of this argument fool you. Equal pay, equal work: It's as simple as that.

On Thursday, Feb. 19 we heard HB 1206 on the House floor. This bill would have allowed any college students, instructors, or employees 21 years or older to carry concealed weapons in classrooms or at activities on any of our six public universities. Thankfully, the bill was defeated on the House floor on a 20-48 vote with two Representatives excused. I don't always get involved in these purely political debates on the floor, but this time I just had to speak up. I encouraged all Representatives to focus on the real issues before the legislature like school funding, health care, or infrastructure needs. A gun on campus was political grandstanding at its worst.

I want to thank those college students who were in the Capitol to help legislators understand why they opposed this bill. We also received emails from many college students who opposed this bill. It's good to know that their voice was heard. Our youth deserve a safe learning environment, and they shouldn't be pawns in a political fight over guns.

Finally, some comments on roads and bridges. Both on the House side (HB 1131) and the Senate side (SB 1) legislators are working hard on the infrastructure bill. Both the Summer Task Force on Roads and Bridges and the Governor are in support of major spending this Session on infrastructure. There have been many amendments on both bills and they are likely to come down to final adjustments in a conference committee on the last few days of the Session. One Amendment I did support would limit the number of years the 2 cent per year fuel tax could increase. It could increase for 8 years for a total 16 cents increase. Prior to the amended limitation, it could have gone up 2 cents per year until 2030. This important bill will likely continue to be amended and discussed. Like so many of these big ideas which I have seen during my time in the legislature, the final bill will emerge in conference committee on the final week of the Session in March.

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

## Today in Weather History

1977: A storm center developed over Colorado the morning of the 22nd and moved to southeast Nebraska by midnight Wednesday the 23rd with snow and rain entering southern Minnesota. The low center advanced to Iowa by sundown and weakened somewhat with precipitation across all of Minnesota. Snow was across the north and combination of rain and freezing rain were in the south. The low center then intensified over southeast Minnesota during the nighttime of Thursday the 24th before continuing northeast into Wisconsin with snow and blowing snow continuing over much of the state before ending on the 26th. There was a combination of rain, freezing rain and wind over southern Minnesota with 4 to 12 inches of snow in the north. Freezing rain and heavy icing on power lines caused the worst power failure in a decade in the twin cities with 125,000 homes affected. Power outages occurred over numerous areas of southern and central Minnesota. Many roads were ice-covered with numerous vehicle accidents and many cars in the ditch. Many roads were blocked or closed with numerous schools closed. Many trees were also damaged by the ice storm.

2007: A strong area of low pressure tracking across the central plains brought widespread snowfall to parts of central and much of northeast South Dakota along with west central Minnesota. The precipitation initially began as freezing rain and sleet late in the evening of the 23rd as it lifted across the area through the morning of the 24th. The freezing rain and sleet then changed over to snow during the morning hours of the 24th. Thunder snow also occurred at some locations across the area. Snowfall amounts of 6 to 15 inches had occurred as the storm ended. With the initial slippery roads from the freezing rain and then the heavy snow, travel conditions became very difficult. The South Dakota State Emergency Management, Highway Patrol, and Department of Transportation issued a travel advisory for no travel for Interstate-90 and many highways in central South Dakota. There were numerous accidents along the interstate. Some snowfall amounts included, 7 inches at Browns Valley, 9 inches at Bryant, Webster, Wheaton, Artichoke Lake, and Tintah, 10 inches at Toronto, Roy Lake, Garden City, and Ortonville, 11 inches at Faulkton, 12 inches at Watertown, and 15 inches at Clear Lake.

2010: Pierre sets a new record with a streak of 84 consecutive days with high temperatures failing to reach 40 degrees.

2012: An area of low pressure sliding across the region brought heavy snow to much of central and north central South Dakota. Travel became difficult with many schools cancelled.

1802 - A great snowstorm raged along the New England coast producing 48 inches of snow north of Boston. Three large ships from Salem were wrecked along Cape Cod. (David Ludlum)

1936 - A severe blizzard in the Sierra Nevada Range closed Donner Pass. It stranded 750 motorists and claimed seven lives. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A winter storm buried the Middle Atlantic Coast Region under heavy snow. Totals ranged up to 24 inches at Lancaster PA, with 23 inches at Coatesville PA. During the height of the storm Philadelphia PA received five inches of snow in just one hour. The Washington D.C. area was blanketed with up to 15 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Strong northwesterly winds ushered arctic air into the central U.S., and temperatures in Missouri were thirty degrees colder than the previous day. The strong winds produced squalls along the shore of Lake Superior, with up to 15 inches of snow reported over the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1989 - Nineteen cities in the central U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date, including Lincoln NE with a reading of 19 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - A fast moving storm produced near blizzard conditions in Michigan. Snowfall totals ranged up to 9.5 inches in Allegan County, wind gusts reached 74 mph at Ann Arbor, and five foot snow drifts were reported around Saginaw. The Michigan AAA records showed more than 5000 traffic accidents reported, a near record for one day. There were several chain reaction collisions. One near Pontiac involved a hundred cars. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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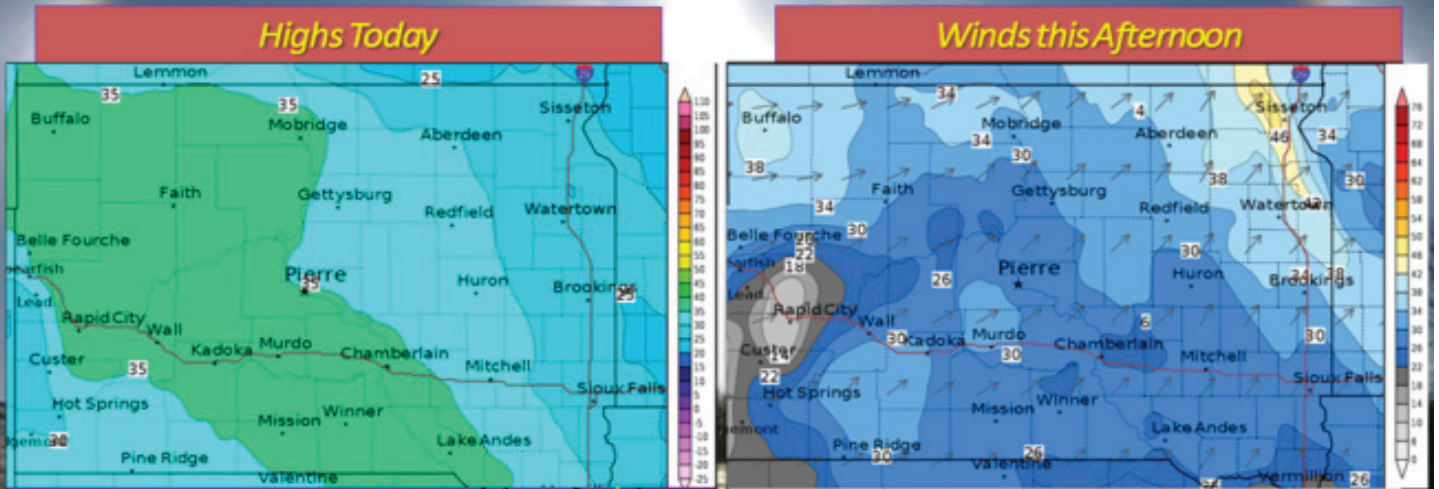
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TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY
						
Breezy	Breezy	Chance Flurries	Chance Snow 40%	Chance Snow 30%	Partly Cloudy	Cold
High: 30 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 31 °F	Low: 5 °F	High: 11 °F	Low: -10 °F	High: 7 °F



## Warm, but Windy Today

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A warm front moving eastward across the region today will bring milder temperatures into the area. Highs today will from the lower 20s, to the mid 30s. This front will produce gusty southwesterly winds this afternoon through this evening.

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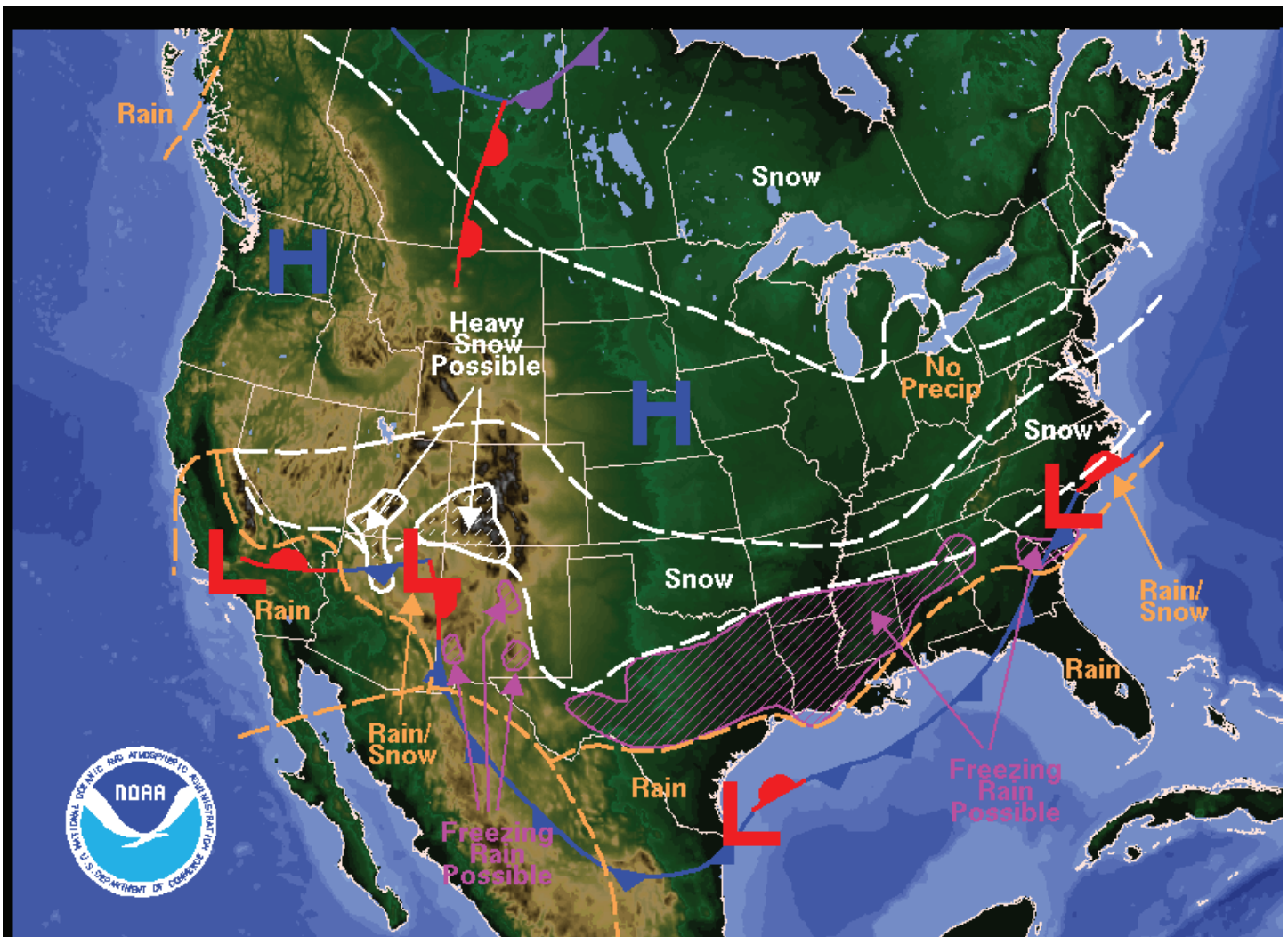
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 1.6 at 4:32 PM  
**Low:** -14.2 at 7:30 AM  
Wind Chill:  
**High Gust:** 19 at 12:30 PM  
Snow: 0.00  
Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 60° in 1976  
**Record Low:** -25° in 1910  
**Average High:** 31°F  
**Average Low:** 11°F  
**Average Precip in Feb.:** 0.40  
**Precip to date in Feb.:** 0.00  
**Average Precip to date:** 0.87  
**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40  
**Sunset Tonight:** 6:12 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:21 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Feb 23, 2015, issued 3:37 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
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## LISTEN UP!

There is a tremendous difference between listening and hearing. We can hear without listening but cannot listen without hearing. Our ears have become accustomed to being bombarded by so many loud noises that we often hear things without listening to what is actually going on or being said. It is reminiscent of the old adage that there is something "going in one ear and out the other" without being noticed. This can create problems for us.

"He who answers without listening - that is his folly and shame," is a wise admonishment. All too often when we are talking with one another we are more interested in what we are thinking about than what the other person is saying to us. Unless we place a high value on what they are saying, we are apt to misunderstand what that person is saying to us or needing from us.

There are those who think a quick answer is a sign of intellect, knowledge or wisdom. Actually, it may be none of them. In fact, this proverb insists that to give an answer to someone without listening is in fact the sign of a foolish person and there is a strong suggestion in this proverb that the person who responds without careful thought is foolish and will ultimately bring shame on him or herself.

But there is even a more subtle hint here that is well worth thinking about. A person who carefully and thoughtfully listens to another person shows that person respect. It is as if we are saying, "You are as important to me as you are to God. I must listen to you as He would!"

**Prayer:** Help us, Lord, to honor and respect others who come to us in times of need and listen to them willingly. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 18:13 To answer before listening— that is folly and shame.



## Rapid City wine workshop planned for home, commercial makers

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakotans interested in learning how to grow grapes and other fruit for wine can pick up some insight next weekend at a workshop in Rapid City.

The first session from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the SDSU Extension & 4H Building at the Pennington County Fairgrounds is designed for both homeowners and commercial growers. Bob Thaden, of Tongue River Winery in Miles City, Mont., will share his experiences in growing grapes, raspberries and various shrub fruit.

The workshop continues 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn and will focus on commercial grape production. Topics will include vineyard management techniques as well as the latest research on the effects of management practices on fruit quality.

For more information, contact Rhoda Burrows at 605-394-2236 or rhoda.burrows@sdstate.edu.

## 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. 'BIRDMAN' WINS TOP OSCAR

The movie that epitomizes Hollywood's culture took home the best film trophy in a night full of politics and heartfelt speeches.

### 2. CARTER CONVENES AN UNUSUAL MEETING ON THE ISLAMIC STATE THREAT

The Pentagon chief is meeting with top American military, diplomatic and intelligence experts in Kuwait to discuss the strategy for defeating the terrorist group.

### 3. HOMELAND SECRETARY WARNS OF DANGERS IF FUNDING STOPS

Jeh Johnson says his department's response to terrorist threats and tough winter weather will suffer if Congress doesn't agree on its new budget.

### 4. HOW MANY INMATES ARE LEFT AT GUANTANAMO

Fiery rhetoric over closing the prison is overshadowing the fact that more than half have been released since President Barack Obama took office in 2009.

### 5. DEATH TOLL RISES TO 70 IN BANGLADESH BOAT ACCIDENT

A weekend ferry disaster is the latest shipping mishap in the South Asian nation.

### 6. NORTH KOREA BANS FOREIGNERS FROM MARATHON

The isolationist Asian nation is barring tourists from participating in one of its most popular events this year because of concerns over the spread of Ebola.

### 7. WHO WANTS TO TAX THE RICH MORE

A majority of people in the United States support President Barack Obama's proposal to raise taxes on wealthy investors, and an even larger share says well-to-do households are taxed too little, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll.

### 8. AGENCY CREATED TO FIGHT POVERTY LAGS IN KEY MEASURES

A new report ordered up by the Appalachian Regional Commission cites some progress but researchers say other problems persist, including disproportionately high mortality rates.

### 9. WHY SOME MAY LOSE HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES

The Supreme Court could side with opponents of President Barack Obama's overhaul, but the three



dozen-plus states at risk seem unprepared for the potential fallout.

## 10. DRIVER WHO SPENT SEVEN YEARS TRYING WINS DAYTONA

Nicknamed "Sliced Bread" when he broke into the Sprint Cup Series at 18 because so many predicted him to be the next big thing, Joey Logano finally wins his first career Daytona 500.

## 'Birdman' tops Oscars defined by advocacy, originality

LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood is smarter than you thought. Whether by design or chance, the 87th Academy Awards elegantly and subtly shifted the tone of the season from a reductive fixation on snubs and fact-checking to a positive celebration of original filmmaking and purposeful advocacy for causes as diverse as immigration, suicide and equal rights.

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Patricia Arquette, who won the supporting actress award for her portrayal of a mother finding herself in Richard Linklater's "Boyhood," also took a stand for equal rights and pay to the public delight of fellow nominee Meryl Streep.

"It is time for women. Equal means equal. The truth is the older women get the less money they make," she said backstage.

Best actress winner Julianne Moore ("Still Alice") and best actor Eddie Redmayne ("The Theory of Everything") followed suit, using their speeches to discuss the afflictions of their characters — Alzheimer's and ALS, respectively.

"This Oscar belongs to all of those people around the world battling ALS," said Redmayne.

"CitizenFour," in which Laura Poitras captured Edward Snowden in the midst of leaking National Security Agency documents, won best documentary.

"The disclosures that Edward Snowden reveals don't only expose a threat to our privacy but to our democracy itself," said Poitras, accepting the Oscar. "When the most important decisions being made affecting all of us are made in secret, we lose our ability to check the powers that control."

John Legend and Common took their win for the song "Glory" to speak of the importance of "Selma," the now infamously snubbed civil rights drama.

"We say that 'Selma' is now, because the struggle for justice is right now," said Legend.

As the young Graham Moore, who talked about his depression and a suicide attempt during his acceptance speech for best adapted screenplay for "The Imitation Game" put it backstage: "I might as well use it to say something meaningful."

But in a season full of foregone conclusions, many of which came true at the Dolby Theatre, including

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a best supporting actor win for J.K. Simmons ("Whiplash"), the Oscars still had a few surprises up its tuxedo sleeves, including the fact that all of Sunday's big winners were first-timers.

Richard Linklater's 12-years-in-the-making "Boyhood," a critical favorite of the year and one that was once considered a top contender for the evening's top prizes left with only an award for Arquette. The formal ambitions of "Birdman" proved to be the more compelling — even if its lead Michael Keaton was passed over in the acting race.

There was also clear regard for uniqueness in the evening's other multiple prize winners. Damien Chazelle's "Whiplash," a pulsating and vibrant independent film about a driven jazz student and his ruthless instructor, won three awards, for supporting actor, editing and sound mixing.

Director Wes Anderson's dark WWII-set fable, "The Grand Budapest Hotel," meanwhile, won four. Anderson had been long overlooked by the Academy for his idiosyncratic features. This latest outing, one of the evening's most nominated films, was recognized for production design, score, costume design and makeup and styling.

Several of this year's biggest box-office hit nominees — Clint Eastwood's Iraq war drama "American Sniper" and Christopher Nolan's sci-fi epic "Interstellar" — had to settle for single wins in technical categories. "Interstellar" won for visual effects, while "American Sniper" — far and away the most widely seen of the best-picture nominees — took the best sound editing award.

As Hollywood's studios have increasingly focused on mounting global blockbusters, the Oscars have become largely the providence of smaller indies and film festival fare. In the night's opening routine, Jack Black, playing villain to the cheery Harris, lamented Hollywood releases "opening with lots of zeroes, all we get is superheroes."

The only film that came close to betraying that sensibility was Disney's "Big Hero 6," which won best animated feature and is loosely based on an obscure Marvel comic.

Superhero hostility aside, Harris and producers Neil Meron and Craig Zadan made sure to bring as youthful a spirit as possible to the evening's festivities, hoping to continue the recent ratings upswing for the Oscars, which last year drew 43 million viewers, making it the most-watched entertainment telecast in a decade.

## Oscars speeches filled with political activism, pet issues

**BETH J. HARPAZ, Associated Press**

Much of the chatter going into the Oscars was about the lack of diversity in the Academy's choices, specifically the dearth of nominations for "Selma."

But while there were plenty of references to racial justice during the ceremony — drawing tears from the movie's David Oyelowo at one point — issues mentioned in acceptance speeches ranged from suicide to Alzheimer's and Lou Gehrig's disease to wage equality for women.

### IMMIGRATION

Sean Penn raised eyebrows with a reference he made to green cards in presenting the Oscar for best picture to Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu for "Birdman," but the two are friends and Inarritu interpreted the comment as a joke.

"Who gave this son of a bitch his green card?" Penn said.

Inarritu, who is Mexican, hugged Penn warmly, and joked that the U.S. government might now impose immigration rules on the academy: "Two Mexicans in a row, that's suspicious." Alfonso Cuarón, another Mexican director, won for "Gravity" last year.

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On a serious note, he said, he hoped the "latest generation of immigrants ... can be treated with the same dignity and respect of the ones who came before and built this incredible immigrant nation."

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## ALS AND ALZHEIMER'S

In accepting the award for best actress for "Still Alice," Julianne Moore said the movie shines a light on Alzheimer's, saying, "People with Alzheimer's deserve to be seen." She also noted that Richard Glatzer, who directed and wrote it with Wash Westmoreland, has ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Eddie Redmayne, accepting the best actor award for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything," said: "This Oscar belongs to all of those people around the world battling ALS."

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## SUICIDE

Graham Moore, who won the Oscar for best adapted screenplay for "The Imitation Game," said in his acceptance speech that he had tried to kill himself as a teenager.

"When I was 16, I tried to kill myself because I felt weird and I felt different and I felt like I did not belong," he said. "I would like this moment to be for the kid out there who feels like she's weird and different and feels like she doesn't belong. ... Yes, you do."

Backstage, Moore said he saw the public moment as a rare opportunity for a writer and figured that "I might as well use it to say something meaningful."

Earlier in the ceremony, Dana Perry mentioned that her son had killed himself. Perry made her comments in accepting the Oscar for best documentary for "Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1."

"We should talk about suicide out loud," she said.

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## DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENFOUR

Laura Poitras used part of her speech accepting the award for best documentary for "Citizenfour" to note that "the disclosures that Edward Snowden reveals don't only expose threats to our privacy but to our democracy."

But when the camera went back to Oscar host Neil Patrick Harris, he was quick to make a reference to the controversy surrounding Snowden: "The subject of 'Citizenfour' couldn't be here for some treason."

Snowden is living in Russia to avoid arrest here. His supporters think he's a hero; critics think he's a traitor.

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## WAGE EQUALITY AND MORE ROLES FOR WOMEN

Meryl Streep leapt to her feet cheering, pointing and shouting, "Yes! Yes!" as Patricia Arquette ended her Oscar acceptance speech with a call for women's rights.

"To every woman who gave birth to every taxpayer and citizen in this nation: We have fought for everybody else's equal rights. It's our time to have wage equality in the U.S.," said Arquette, who won best supporting actress for portraying the mother in "Boyhood."

The movie "Wild" didn't win anything, but its two nominees, Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern, also talked about women needing better representation in Hollywood on the red carpet before the show.

Witherspoon said she started her own production company, making "Gone Girl" and "Wild" because she "got frustrated" with roles available to women. Dern said she was "proud" along with Witherspoon to be among "two of the 47 women nominated tonight. May we see that number double."

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## LIMITED GLORY FOR SELMA

"Selma," the movie about Martin Luther King Jr.'s civil rights march in Selma, Alabama, 50 years ago,

was only nominated in two categories, best picture and best song. Fans felt it deserved more recognition and that Oyelowo, who played King, had been passed over for best actor.

The movie lost best picture to "Birdman" but won best song after a stirring performance of the anthem "Glory" by Common and John Legend. The audience was on its feet for the performance, and Oyelowo's face was stained with tears.

The performance included a recreation onstage of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where the original march took place.

"This bridge was once a landmark of a divided nation but is now a symbol for change," Common said while accepting the award. "This bridge was built on hope, welded with compassion."

Legend cited voting rights and the incarceration rates of black men. Backstage, he said, "When you think about equality and freedom and justice, we've got more work to do."

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### Obama open to negotiations on most elements of request for military authority against IS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is open to negotiating with Congress on his request for new authorization for military force against Islamic State militants, including his proposed three-year time limit on U.S. military action and the use of American troops, according to the White House.

After a weeklong holiday break, lawmakers return to Washington on Monday and start work on Obama's request. Some Republicans say Obama's proposal is too restrictive for the mission to succeed.



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On the other side, some Democrats want more limitations on Obama's authority so the United States doesn't sign on for another open-ended war.

White House officials said Obama is firmly opposed to any geographic restrictions on where the U.S. military can pursue Islamic State militants, who have strongholds in Iraq and Syria but have been operating across international boundaries. But they said he is open to debate on much of the rest of his offer and is willing to discuss the three-year time limit in Obama's draft and the hotly debated section on ground troops.

"I'm not at all going to be surprised if there are members of Congress who take a look at this legislation and decide, 'Well, I think there are some things that we should tweak here, and if we do, we might be able to build some more support for,'" said White House press secretary Josh Earnest. "So I think it is fair for you to assume that this reflects a starting point in conversations."

Obama argues he doesn't need a new authorization to pursue Islamic State terrorists legally — and he's been launching strikes against them for months based on authorizations given to President George W. Bush after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But critics say Obama's use of those authorizations is a stretch at best, and the White House has taken a new position that makes it clear it doesn't see reliance on that authority as ideal, either. White House officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the negotiations on the record.

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## Homeland Security chief says agency shutdown would hurt US response to IS, winter storms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is warning states that the possible shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security would harm the nation's ability to counter the extremist appeal of the Islamic State group within the U.S. and help communities struggling with an onslaught of winter snowstorms.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said if Congress fails to agree to a new budget for his department by the end of Friday, inaction by lawmakers would lead to staff furloughs that could harm the U.S. response to terrorist threats and warnings, such as the one late Saturday that names Minnesota's Mall of America.

He estimated that up to 30,000 DHS workers would need to be furloughed, including up to 80 percent of Federal Emergency Management Agency workers even as that agency contends with two months of devastating snowfall and cold from New England to the Mountain States.

"If we are going to shut down, we are greatly compromised," Johnson said during a briefing at the National Governors Association, an annual gathering attended by dozens of the nation's governors.

Congress was returning to work on Monday, just days before funding for DHS' \$40 billion budget ends. Lawmakers have until the end of the week to approve the budget and avoid shutting down the department, but no clear solution is in sight.

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## Death toll rises to at least 70 after river ferry with 140 passengers capsizes in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — The death toll from a weekend ferry disaster in central Bangladesh rose to 70 on Monday in the latest shipping mishap in the South Asian nation.

The official search for more bodies by divers at the accident site was called off late Monday morning after the ferry was brought to the surface and towed to the shore.

A local government administrator, Rasheda Ferdousi, said they would continue to monitor the river around the accident site as there were still "some missing." But he would not give an exact figure for the missing.

"Our people are using boats to survey the river for any dead bodies. But here at the scene we are calling off the search as there are no more bodies inside the ferry," Ferdousi said.

Up to 140 passengers were thought to be on the river ferry when it capsized Sunday afternoon after being hit by a cargo vessel.

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## **Ukraine says rebel attacks fewer but still continuing, weapons pullback not yet possible**

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A Ukrainian military spokesman says continuing attacks from rebels are delaying Ukrainian forces' pullback of heavy weapons from the front line in the country's east.

Under a peace agreement reached on Feb. 12, both sides are to withdraw their heavy weapons anywhere from 25 to 70 kilometers to create a buffer zone. Ukrainian officials said Sunday that they were planning to begin.

However, Lt. Col. Anatoliy Stelmakh told reporters Monday that the moves will not begin until rebel attacks entirely stop, in line with a cease-fire that was called into effect Feb. 15.

Stelmakh said there were two artillery attacks overnight and although this is significantly fewer than in previous days, "as long as firing on Ukrainian military positions continues, it's not possible to talk about a pullback."

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## **Court sentences prominent Egyptian activist to 5 years in prison after retrial**

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court sentenced an icon of the country's 2011 revolt to five years in prison Monday, showing authorities' determination to continue to stifle dissent despite promises by its president to release "wrongly jailed youths."

The verdict came in the retrial of well-known activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah, who earlier received a 15-year prison sentence for organizing an unauthorized protest and allegedly assaulting a police officer.

The courtroom erupted after the verdict, with those in the gallery shouting: "Down with oppression!" One man collapsed as Abdel-Fattah's family and friends wept and screamed: "Down with military rule!" Police ultimately ordered everyone to clear the courtroom.

Defense lawyer Mohammed Abdel-Aziz decried the verdict as "harsh and oppressive."

The court "didn't take into consideration any of the evidence that showed the defendants' innocence," he said.

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## **Governors will meet with Obama at the White House Monday as DHS funding battle looms**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As they gather in Washington, many of the nation's Republican governors are blaming President Barack Obama for a budget standoff that threatens a potential Department of Homeland Security shutdown.

They'll be able to make their case in person when they convene at the White House on Monday morning.

The meeting comes days before the DHS's \$40 billion budget is set to run out, on Feb. 27, over a dispute over Obama's executive action on immigration.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson warned on Sunday that the possible shutdown threatens to hamstring U.S. response to terrorist threats and warnings, such as the one late Saturday that mentioned the Mall of America in the Minneapolis suburb of Bloomington.

While some have called for compromise, a handful of high-profile Republican governors have urged GOP congressional leaders to stand firm, arguing that stopping what they see as Obama's unconstitutional power grab may be as important as resolving the funding dispute.

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## **Nowhere to run: North Korea, citing Ebola concerns, bars tourists from Pyongyang marathon**

TOKYO (AP) — Tightening the screws even further on travel to their already isolated country, North Korean authorities have barred foreigners from one of the year's most popular tourist events — the annual Pyongyang marathon — because of ongoing concerns over the spread of the Ebola virus, travel agencies said Monday.

While no cases of Ebola have been reported anywhere near North Korea, the country shut its doors on foreign tourists in October with some of the strictest Ebola regulations in the world. North Korean media have suggested Ebola was created by the U.S. military as a biological weapon.

Nick Bonner, co-founder of Beijing-based Koryo Tours, said he did not think the decision reflected any deeper problems in the North's secretive and often enigmatic government, though the news comes amid reports leader Kim Jong Un has called for increased combat readiness and, at a meeting of senior party and military leaders, described tensions on the peninsula as graver than ever before.

North Korea has been under increasing pressure from the U.N. over its human rights record and is facing new sanctions from Washington over its alleged involvement in the massive hack attack on Sony Pictures in December. Joint military exercises between the U.S. and South Korea that the North says are a provocation will also begin soon.

Bonner said more than 400 foreign runners had signed up with his agency alone for the event, which is to be held April 12. He said he was informed by officials on Monday that the race — billed as one of the most exotic marathon locales on Earth — would be open only to local runners. Another agency specializing in North Korea travel, Young Pioneer Tours, also confirmed on its website that it was cancelling its tours for the event.

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## **High collars, demure looks took over for revealing gowns on the Oscars Red carpet**

High collars replaced sexy cutouts, and Classic Hollywood in blacks and whites took hold of the Oscars red carpet Sunday night with help from a smoking Saint Laurent worn by Margot Robbie and a heavily beaded look for fashion It girl Lupita Nyong'o.

There was a slight show of color. Anna Kendrick was in a coral silk-and-chiffon gown with a jeweled halter collar by Thakoon, and Sienna Miller was the first on a major carpet to wear Peter Copping for Oscar de la Renta, a brooding dark blue with thin straps.

Jessica Chastain had navy blue all to herself in a double-layered dress with bodice of sparkle that was tight at the hip with a high slit. It had the online snark machine decrying the look as a tad too much Jessica Rabbit.

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Emma Stone was on her way to best-dressed in a drop-dead beaded Elie Saab in celery green. The back was low, the side slit high and the lines of embellishment were impeccable.

Reese Witherspoon wore pale blue and white, a Tom Ford off-the-shoulder gown he contacted her about.

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## Joey Logano gets first career Daytona 500 win under caution, takes NASCAR season opener

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Joey Logano had a shot to win the NASCAR championship last year. A flawed late pit stop cost him the chance, and he went into the offseason determined to get back into contention again.

A win in the season-opening Daytona 500 on Sunday gave Logano the head start he wanted. His victory earned him an automatic berth into the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, and put him at the front of the field after a week dominated by the biggest names in NASCAR.

He was motivated by a sign in the Team Penske gymnasium that reads, "Effort equals results." That one phrase inspired Logano to put in countless hours watching video of past superspeedway races with his crew chief and his spotter.

"We did everything we possibly could to prepare ourselves for this race," Logano said. "It's so cool to see that phrase come to life: Effort equals results."

More than two years after nearly washing out of one of NASCAR's top rides, Logano won the biggest race of his career by outlasting the field over a white-knuckle final 50 miles of three-wide racing.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2015. There are 311 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23rd, 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag. (There were actually two flag-raising, the second of which was captured in the iconic photograph taken by Joe Rosenthal of The Associated Press.)

#### On this date:

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington, D.C., at age 80.

In 1863, British explorers John H. Speke and James A. Grant announced they had found the source of the Nile River to be Lake Victoria.

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an agreement with Cuba to lease the area around Guantanamo Bay to the United States.

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In 1934, Leopold III succeeded his late father, Albert I, as King of the Belgians.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.

In 1965, film comedian Stan Laurel, 74, died in Santa Monica, California.



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In 1970, Guyana became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1989, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 11-9 along party lines to recommend rejection of John Tower as President George H.W. Bush's defense secretary. (Tower's nomination went down to defeat in the full Senate the following month.)

In 1995, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 4,000 mark for the first time, ending the day at 4,003.33.

**Ten years ago:** A jury was selected in Santa Maria, California, to decide Michael Jackson's fate on charges that he'd molested a teenage boy at his Neverland Ranch. (Jackson was later acquitted.) President George W. Bush and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder (GEHR'-hahrd SHROH'-dur) agreed to turn down the volume on their disagreements about Iraq and Iran. French film star Simone Simon, 94, died in Paris.

**Five years ago:** The House Energy and Commerce Committee, looking into cases of sudden, unintended acceleration of Toyota automobiles, heard tearful testimony from Rhonda Smith of Sevierville, Tennessee, who said her Lexus had raced out of control to speeds up to 100 miles an hour. Dutch skater Sven Kramer lost the Olympic gold medal to Lee Seung-hoon of South Korea when coach Gerard Kemkers sent him the wrong way on a changeover during the 10,000-meter speedskating race at Vancouver, causing Kramer to be disqualified.

**One year ago:** The Sochi Olympics completed a 17-day run with Canada's 3-0 victory over Sweden in the men's hockey final, the last of 98 gold medal events. Dale Earnhardt Jr. persevered through rain and wrecks to win the Daytona 500 for the second time, a decade after his first victory in the "Great American Race." Alice Herz Sommer, 110, believed to be the oldest survivor of the Holocaust, died in London. Samuel Sheinbein, 33, who'd fled from the U.S. to Israel after murdering and dismembering a Maryland man in 1997, was killed in a shootout at an Israeli prison.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Peter Fonda is 75. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff is 72. Author John Sandford is 71. Country-rock musician Rusty Young is 69. Actress Patricia Richardson is 64. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 63. Singer Howard Jones is 60. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 53. Country singer Dusty Drake is 51. Actress Kristin Davis is 50. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 50. Actor Marc Price is 47. TV personality/businessman Daymond John (TV: "Shark Tank") is 46. Actress Niecy Nash is 45. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 44. Country singer Steve Holy is 43. Rock musician Lasse (loss) Johansson (The Cardigans) is 42. Actress Kelly Macdonald is 39. Actor Josh Gad is 34. Actress Emily Blunt is 32. Actor Aziz Ansari is 32. Actress Dakota Fanning is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love, passion."  
- Nadia Boulanger (boo-lahn-ZHAY'), French composer and teacher (1887-1979).

## 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.**