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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

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 (Groton plays around 6 p.m. against Sisseton in the second of three games)

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Birthdays: Barb Paepke, Brent Morehouse, Danielle Dobbins, Greg Heitmann

6:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal served by Sarah Circle

7:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

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

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, vegetable cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/Mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

8:30 a.m.: MS/HS Spring Pictures



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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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Groton Area boys beat Webster

The Groton Area boys basketball team finished up its regular season Monday night with a 62-33 win over Webster. The game was played in Webster.

Groton Area shot 43 percent from the field while the Bearcats made only 25 percent of its field goals. The Tigers were 14 of 19 from the line for 74 percent off of Webster Area's 19 team fouls. Groton's 13 team fouls allowed Webster to shoot six of 11 from the line for 55 percent.

Webster Area had only one assist on the night while the Tigers teamed for 11 with Lucas Sternhagen having four. The Tigers controlled the boards, 36-25, with Gabe Dohman having eight for Groton and Marcus Block seven for Webster. Groton had 10 turnovers with five being steals. Webster had 19 turnovers with 10 being steals as Sternhagen, Spencer Knecht and Dohman each had two steals.

Sternhagen and Dohman led the Tigers in scoring with 14 points each while Landon Larson had 10, Bennett Shabazz had six, Knecht had four, Lerew also had four points and had four blocks, Kyler Ell and Sean Schuring each had three and Seric Shabazz and Brady Keith each had two points.

Webster was led by Block with 12 points followed by Jordan Bauer with six, Noah Thurston, Riley Reetz and Braden Rithmiller each had four, Ben Fromelt had two and Glen Vansipe added one.

Webster Area won the junior varsity game, 41-32. Adam Herman led the Tigers with nine points followed by Bennett Shabazz and Seric Shabazz with eight each, Sean Schuring had six and Aaron Severson added one point.

Adult Birthday Club

The Adult Birthday Club met at the Dairy Queen with Ella Johnson as hostess for the month of February. Prizes were awarded to Arlene Anderson, Mel Eikamp and Ruby Meracle. Grace Albrecht received the honor's prize. Guests were Arlene Anderson, Mel Eikamp and Ruby Meracle. On March 3, ABC will meet at the Dairy Queen at 1 o'clock with Deloris Knoll, as hostess.

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.



Sun Dial Manor, Bristol, is hiring CNA's for FT, PT, PRN. Competitive wages/benefits. EOE, DFW. To apply call Connie at 605/492-3615 or go to www.sundialmanor.com.



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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)

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GROTON AREA NO PLAYER	TOT-FG 3-PT							REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
4 Sternhagen, Lucas	*	5	12	1	5	3	3	0	5	5	0	14	4	2	0	2	24:00	
10 Knecht, Spencer	*	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	4	3	1	0	2	8:00	
12 Ell, Kyler	*	1	5	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	2	0	1	16:00	
32 Dohman, Gabe	*	5	9	0	0	4	4	5	3	8	0	14	1	1	0	2	8:00	
40 Lerew, Hunter	*	1	10	0	0	2	4	2	2	4	3	4	0	0	4	1	0:00	
3 Schuring, Sean		1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	8:00	
5 Shabazz, Seric		1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	8:00	
14 Herman, Adam		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
22 Shabazz, Bennett		2	3	1	2	1	2	1	5	6	3	6	0	2	0	1	24:00	
24 Strom, Chance		0	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	24:00	
30 Larson, Landon		3	3	0	0	4	5	2	2	4	3	10	0	0	0	1	16:00	
34 Keith, Brady		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	8:00	
42 Larson, Wyatt		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
Team Totals		22	51	4	12	14	19	14	22	36	13	62	11	10	4	10	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 9/26 0.346 2nd: 13/25 0.520 Game: 0.431 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/7 0.429 2nd: 1/5 0.200 Game: 0.333 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 6/9 0.667 2nd: 8/10 0.800 Game: 0.737 (1,1)

WEBSTER AREA NO PLAYER	TOT-FG 3-PT							REBOUNDS										MIN
	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S		
4 Bauer, Jordan	*	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	6	0	3	0	0	8:00	
10 Thurston, Noah	*	2	5	0	3	0	0	1	4	5	4	4	0	1	0	0	0:00	
13 Block, Marcus	*	4	11	2	6	2	2	4	3	7	2	12	0	5	0	0	16:00	
20 Reetz, Riley	*	2	7	0	1	0	0	3	1	4	2	4	0	6	0	2	24:00	
54 Vansipe, Glen	*	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8:00	
2 Roerig, Mason		0	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	16:00	
14 Fromelt, Ben		0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	24:00	
22 Rithmiller, Braden		1	5	1	5	1	3	2	1	3	4	4	0	0	0	1	16:00	
25 Whitmyre, Caleb		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
31 Day, Chandler		0	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	16:00	
35 Premus, Bryson		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
41 Hortness, Jayden		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
42 McCreary, Evan		0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
43 Dunse, Ty		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
Team Totals		11	44	5	23	6	11	10	15	25	19	33	1	19	0	5	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 5/23 0.217 2nd: 6/21 0.286 Game: 0.250 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/9 0.333 2nd: 2/14 0.143 Game: 0.217 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 6/11 0.545 Game: 0.545 (5,4)

Technical Fouls: GRO (1) 3rd 08:00 40 Hunter Lerew
 : WEB (0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton	17	10	13	22	62
Webster V	8	5	9	11	33

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GROTON AREA JV		TOT-FG						3-PT		REBOUNDS									
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN	
3	Schuring, Sean	*	2	15	0	7	2	2	5	4	9	2	6	1	2	1	3	0:00	
5	Shabazz, Seric	*	2	9	1	5	3	5	3	2	5	0	8	1	2	0	5	24:00	
14	Herman, Adam	*	4	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	9	0	1	0	1	8:00	
22	Shabazz, Bennett	*	3	11	0	6	2	2	1	1	2	4	8	1	6	0	0	16:00	
52	Severson, Aaron	*	0	3	0	0	1	2	2	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	8:00	
4	Sippel, Anthony		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16:00	
10	Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	8:00	
12	Wuestewald, Frankie		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:00	
20	Keith, Brandon		0	3	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	16:00	
30	Oliver, Jackson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
32	Webb, Turner		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
34	1.Keith, Brady		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	16:00	
40	Rogers, Truitt		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
42	Thorson, Luke		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
44	Fey, Stevie		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
Team Totals			11	50	1	22	9	14	15	18	33	19	32	3	12	2	10	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 7/28 0.250 2nd: 4/22 0.182 Game: 0.220 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/11 0.091 2nd: 0/11 0.000 Game: 0.045 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 4/8 0.500 2nd: 5/6 0.833 Game: 0.643 (2,4)

HOME: Webster JV ()

WEBSTER AREA JV		TOT-FG						3-PT		REBOUNDS									
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN	
2	Roerig, Mason	*	1	4	0	2	1	2	1	5	6	5	3	0	1	0	4	24:00	
20	Reetz, Riley	*	6	10	0	0	5	8	1	3	4	1	17	0	4	0	1	24:00	
22	Rithmiller, Braden	*	1	6	0	1	3	4	3	8	11	3	5	2	0	0	2	16:00	
31	Day, Chandler	*	2	4	0	0	2	4	0	3	3	1	6	1	4	0	0	8:00	
35	Premus, Bryson	*	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	16:00	
5	Case, Trevor		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
14	Fromelt, Ben		1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	16:00	
25	Whitmyre, Caleb		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8:00	
30	Herwander, Jacob		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00	
41	Hortness, Jayden		0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	24:00	
42	McCreary, Evan		1	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	8:00	
43	Danse, Ty		0	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	1	16:00	
Team Totals			14	38	2	8	11	19	9	27	36	16	41	5	15	1	8	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 7/21 0.333 2nd: 7/17 0.412 Game: 0.368 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/6 0.333 2nd: 0/2 0.000 Game: 0.250 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/5 0.400 2nd: 9/14 0.643 Game: 0.579 (1,1)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton JV	7	12	2	11	32
Webster JV	7	11	7	16	41

DI, custodian and transportation reports given

Julie Milbrandt and JoAnn Donley gave their report on Destination Imagination. Groton will be hosting the regional tournament this year on March 7. There are twenty-three teams in this region. There will be greeters at the door to help guide people to the proper rooms at the high school building. "Volunteers are the hub for DI and they are important in its success," Donley said. "Volunteers are needed to help run the regional tournament."

Loren Bahr gave a report on the bus routes. He said, "There are some ruts that are 5-6 inches deep already right down the middle of the road." He talked about the condition of the buses and the vans.

Mike Nehls talked about the custodian department. He talked about what was done last summer and things that need to be done this summer. The showers in the elementary school were updated. There were new partitions installed in the girls bathroom near the gym. All of the exit and emergency lights were updated at the elementary school. "I thought last summer was busy, but I think this summer will be even busier," he said. The outside doors of the gym at the elementary school are shot and will need to be replaced. The lower pod bathrooms and the boys bathroom by the gym need new partitions. The kitchen floor needs to be redone in the near future. He said the heating and cooling system at the elementary school are getting in tough shape. "We really need to look at something different for heating and cooling in both schools," he said.

The past summer the upstairs boys bathrooms at the high school was remodeled. The whirlpool room and Brian Schuring's office floors need to get done and the junior high locker room floor needs to be done. The exit signs and emergency lights were also replaced at the high school complex. Resurfacing the Arena parking should be done this year and get it striped. He said there has been a request by the public to put in a sidewalk at the football field from the bleachers to the bathrooms and then from the bathrooms to the concession stand. There may be a new scoreboard in the works and the flag pole may need to be moved. Nehls mentioned that the lights in the Arena may need to be changed out. He said that there are several fixtures that get a burned out compacator. Nehls said that he would like to see T-5 Florescent lights at least over the playing area. They are looking for a rubble site trailer to replace the truck. "The city has been so good for us in putting down salt sand," he said. "It would be nice if we could get our own sander for the back of a pickup." The lighting in the stage needs to be replaced and Business Manager Mike Weber said that is already in the music budget.

Superintendent Joe Schwan gave a report on the number of legislative issues. One issue is that South Dakota is considering doing away with the Common Core requirements and perhaps going back to the South Dakota standards.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that there was a 99 percent attendance rate at the elementary school. Auditions for the Children's Theater for "Space School Musical" will be held March 23 after school in the GHS gym. The elementary school rehearsal will be held March 27 at 2 p.m. with a 7 p.m. performance open to the public.

Middle/High School Prinicipal Anna Schwan reported on National FFA Week going on this week. There was one eighth grade student who left the district. There were no changes at the elementary school.

There once was a Township school in Putney that had been closed and the property had been sold several times; however, with the last sale attempt, it was brought up that the paper work had never been done. The quit claim deed needs to be signed by the school board present to make everything legal.



3rd place winners of the competition, seated from left: Micah Poor, AnneMarie Smith, Isaac Smith, Jennie Doeden

Individuals, standing from left: Alexis Simon, Emily Thompson, Tylan Glover, Ashley Garduno, Kayla Jensen, Cassandra Townsend

MathCounts team places third

The 2015 Northeastern South Dakota Chapter MathCounts Competition was held at the Main Building on the campus of Presentation College in Aberdeen on Wednesday, February 4. Groton team members, Jennie Doeden, Micah Poor, AnneMarie Smith, and Isaac Smith, earned the third place trophy and plaque. Mickelson Middle School of Brookings won the team competition, and Milbank placed second.

One Groton student also received individual recognition. Micah Poor earned eighth place in the individual/countdown portion of the competition and advances to the state competition. Besides the team, six individuals also participated in the event: Ashley Garduno, Tylan Glover, Kayla Jensen, Alexis Simon, Emily Thompson, and Cassandra Townsend.

The top two teams advance to the South Dakota State MathCounts Competition at the Kings Inn Hotel in Pierre on Saturday, March 14. The top four highest scoring individuals and the coach of the winning team at the state level will represent South Dakota at the National MathCounts Competition in Boston, Massachusetts, May 7-10, 2015.

How to Slow Down Your Life and Enjoy the Ride – Right Now

4 Considerations To Help You Embrace The Moment, From Speaker Hall Of Fame Member

It's finally Friday night, the beginning of a weekend of freedom, which also happens to include your birthday. Your family, friends and spouse all have celebratory plans for you.

You have a rewarding career and a network of beautiful people who want to rejoice in your life. As you walk out to your car to officially kickoff the fun, a giddy thrill washes over you.

But as you click the seatbelt into place, rather than sitting in awe of how lucky you are, a list of concerns begin worming their way into your consciousness: "I need gas, but the conveniently located gas station charges more than others ... I hope it's not a surprise party ... Maybe I should get the beverages I like before going home ... I haven't been to the gym all week ... Did I pay the electric bill?"

And so it goes.

"I think we've all had this experience, which often has us psychically living 30 minutes into the future – no matter how great the present circumstances might be," says Steve Gilliland (www.stevegilliland.com), a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame and author of the widely acclaimed "Enjoy The Ride," for which he is set to publish a follow-up that will be released in May 2015.

"Are we doomed to this torrent of noise which distracts us from enjoying our life? We don't have to be."

- Don't live your life 30 minutes ahead of the present. If you won't live your life now, in the present, then who will?

"An older man came up to me, grabbed my hand, and said he wished he'd heard me speak decades ago," Gilliland says. "After I asked why, he said that when he was eating lunch on break or dinner with his family, he was always thinking about what he had to do after the meal, which represented his daily life. 'At the age of 97,' he said, 'I've officially lived my life 30 minutes ahead' – 30 minutes ahead of whatever he was doing at the moment."

- Laugh more! It's better than crying before you're hurt. Don't put your umbrella up until it rains. Worry restricts your ability to think and act effectively, and it forces you to mortgage fear and anxiety about something that may never occur. Laughter is the opposite. When you laugh, you're living almost completely in the moment, and it's one of the best feelings you can have.

- No one can ruin your day without your permission. As much as we cannot control in life – our genes, our past and what has led up to today – there is much control we may take upon ourselves. Today, for example, we can understand that life picks on everyone, so when the going gets tough, we don't have to take it personally. When we do take misfortune personally, we tend to obsess, giving a legacy to something that may make you a day poorer in life.

- Cure your destination disease. Live more for today, less for tomorrow, and never about yesterday. How? You might have to repeatedly remind yourself that yesterday is gone forever, yet we perpetually have to deal with now, so why not live it? And what if tomorrow never occurs? There is a difference between working toward the future, which is inherently enjoyable in light of hope, and living in an unrealistic future that remains perpetually elusive. If tomorrow never comes, would you be satisfied with the way today ended?

"It is not how you start in life and it is not how you finish," Gilliland says. "The true joy of life is in the trip, so enjoy the ride!"

About Steve Gilliland

A member of the National Speaker Association's Speaker Hall of Fame, Steve Gilliland (www.stevegilliland.com) is one of the most in-demand and top-rated speakers in the world. Recognized by his peers as a master storyteller and brilliant comedian, he can be heard daily alongside Jeff Foxworthy and other celebrities on SiriusXM Radio's Laugh USA and Blue Collar Radio. With an appeal that transcends barriers of age, culture and occupation—plus an interactive and entertaining style—Steve shows audiences how to open doors to success in their careers, their relationships and their lives. He speaks to more than 250,000 people a year and has shared the platform with numerous dignitaries. Also, he is a prolific writer who has achieved popular acclaim with his books "Enjoy The Ride," "Making a Difference," and "Hide Your Goat." His new book "Detour, Developing the Mindset to Navigate Life's Turns," which will focus on change, will be released in early May 2015.

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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Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield
State Senator
District 2

As I mentioned last week, as slip on the ice on Friday (the 13th), left me with a broken left humerus bone (the bone between the elbow and shoulder). Last Monday, I met with an orthopaedic surgeon. As we discussed options, I asked, "If I have surgery, will I be able to go back to work next Monday?"

He said, "If you want to. In fact, if you go ahead with surgery, you'll be back to work sooner than if you don't." That pretty much made up my mind, and we scheduled the surgery for Wednesday.

As they prepped me for surgery, I was surrounded by my dad, my grandparents, and my pastor and his wife. We prayed for a successful procedure and recovery. My doc told me the surgery would last around an hour, and that I would then be ushered into the recovery room for at least an hour. However, something gave me a sneaking suspicion that things weren't going to go quite so smoothly when the second person failed for the third time to run an IV. My anxiety was growing, and I was about to tell them to call off the procedure when a third person came in to attempt to strike "red gold." One quick "pinch" and we were back in business.

Surgery took three hours. When I regained consciousness, I was a little more than surprised at the late hour. I inquired about my surgery, and I learned that it took some effort to realign the bone, and once they began trying to plate it, it decided to pop back out of place. It was a delicate process, as the break was in close proximity to a nerve. In the end, although my body wasn't particularly cooperative, surgery proved to be a success. I appreciate the steady hands who managed to put "Humpty Dumpty" together again...without damaging the nerve!

Relative to the legislature, I spent much of Tuesday, Thursday and Friday listening and watching committee and floor proceedings. It's quite interesting being able to be "involved" without actually being there. Although I could not participate in the discussions or the votes, I was able to keep up with the issues, and I even sent a few text messages to members with my input on various bills. Our world is ever-changing--sometimes, for worse, more often, for better. One such improvement is improved accessibility to our state legislative process. I remember in 1999 when I was an intern. The Legislature had access to four laptops. There were no audio or video records kept, and there certainly wasn't access to "live streaming". Nowadays, a person can listen to all meetings as they happen, and he or she can watch live gavel-to-gavel coverage of the House and tape-delayed broadcasts of the Senate. He or she can call or email and have virtually immediate access to any lawmaker he/she wishes. I know that doesn't appeal to all, but for those interested in following certain bills or committees, it is priceless. Quite frankly, even those who aren't "political junkies" will find something that piques their interest if they tune-in.

As we enter the home-stretch of session--there are less than three weeks remaining as you read this--I invite you to continue to participate as much as possible. Big decisions remain regarding many policies and all funding issues. Whether your interest lies in education, health care, transportation, taxes and spending, property and privacy matters, or a whole host of other important issues, you have a profound ability, by involving yourself, to help shape the outcomes of the decisions that are yet to be made.

With that, I am excited to return to work for you this week. Adjusting to life with a surgically-repaired arm is not without challenges, but it sure beats hearing "Greenfield?...Excused." during roll call votes! I count myself fortunate for the many blessings I've witnessed, particularly over the past two weeks, but more so for the opportunity to be your eyes, ears, and voice in the Senate, and I welcome your continued input and prayers. Thank you, and God bless!



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Popping-Corn Rhythm

"Every once in a while, my heart seems to be jumping out of my chest, I get a weak feeling and short of breath," the patient explained. When I listened with my stethoscope, his rhythm was different than the usual lub-dub, foot-tapping sounds, which are regular as a band marching through town on a summertime

parade. Instead his heart had the irregular rhythm of popping corn, chaotic and unpredictable, and I couldn't tap my foot to it.

As predicted, the EKG showed the rhythm of atrial fibrillation, with the atrial rate running at 3 to 400 beats per minute, and the ventricular rhythm chaotic, as the experts say, irregularly-irregular at about 150 beats per minute. Atrial fibrillation, or A Fib, is the most common abnormal heart rhythm condition; it afflicts about one percent of the total population, more than two million people in the U.S., and eight percent of all those older than 80 years of age.

There are many causes for A Fib, including long standing high blood pressure, coronary artery blockage, sleep apnea, too tight or leaky heart valves, too much or too little thyroid hormone, blood clots to the lung, an inherited conduction system or wiring condition, excessive amounts of tobacco, coffee, alcohol, or amphetamine, a viral infection involving the heart, stress of any kind, or just an old and weak heart.

There are two main reasons we need to do something about this rhythm abnormality. Most devastating can be the clots that can form in the atria since they are not emptying effectively, resulting in something like 10% to 25% of all strokes to the brain. Second, the ventricles are not efficient pumps when atria are fibrillating and even worse so when the ventricles are beating at 150 beats a minute.

So with A Fib we have to slow the heart down, thin the blood to prevent strokes, and sometimes even bring the rhythm back to normal when we can. While we are at it, physicians need to study why A Fib happened in this particular case. It is a complex and interesting condition, and there is a lot of debate about what kind of blood thinners to prescribe, what kind of rhythm control drugs to use, and when to use fancy surgery and pacemaker treatments.

But the bottom line about A Fib is that good treatment by your general or cardiology physician can prevent problems and allow a normal life, even with the heart rhythm as irregular as popping corn.

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Burt's Summary

Burt Tulson
District 2
State
Representative

We had 3 cracker barrels last weekend in Lake Norden, Clark, and Redfield. The main topics that were mentioned at the 3 locations included highway road and bridge funding, veterans bills, gun laws, drainage bills, education, and medicaid expansion.

This past week the Senate passed the youth minimum wage bill(SB177) which would exempt employers from paying the full minimum wage to minors under the age of 18. Currently the minimum wage is eight dollars and fifty

cents an hour. This bill would set the youth minimum wage at seven dollars and fifty cents per hour. This bill now goes to the House for action.

Other bills of Note:Hb1123 was defeated in the House. This would have allowed alcoholic beverages to be sold 24 hours-7days a week in Deadwood. I voted no on this bill.

Hb1230 was amended and the amended bill passed 65-3. The bill now states-the State of South Dakota recognizes the sanctity of human life. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Hb1215 passed House 67-0. This bill would give concealed pistol holders an opportunity to buy an optional enhanced permit which would allow holders to carry a concealed pistol into many more states

Hb1206- authorize the concealed carry of pistols on public university campuses was defeated in House 20-48. I didn't support this bill in committee or on the floor as we heard from the student federation representing 6 colleges representing approximately 36,000 students that they did not support this bill.

Hb1147- would increase the Opportunity Scholarship for qualified students that go to our regent colleges and would increase from the current \$1000 to \$1300 for years 1-3 and \$2000 to \$2600 for year 4. Currently the opportunity scholarship is set at \$5000 total. The new amount will be \$6500.This bill passed House 65-3. I supported this bill.

Also a reminder, the Build South Dakota Scholarship is now taking applications for scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a great opportunity for high school students. We have 3 weeks left in session and its important to hear from you.

Take care and Best to you.

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By Jason Alderman



How to Avoid an Online Vacation Rental Scam

Imagine renting a home on a beautiful beachfront from a trusted website, arriving to start your vacation and finding out you've been scammed?

This scenario reflects thousands of complaints placed with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) last year involving local vacation rentals. The FTC reports some victims lost money by wiring cash to thieves posing as property owners. Others lost money through fake websites replicating legitimate sites.

In today's economy in which home sharing has become more popular, how do travelers protect themselves from a range of potential online scams? Here are some suggestions:

Review rental contracts carefully. Check the address of the property you're interested in with on-the-ground resources like the local tourism office or the leading real estate brokerage in the community. While you're speaking with the tourism office, ask if there have been any specific complaints against the rental service you have consulted or if there might be more reliable and possibly more affordable rental resources in town.

Be wary of your source. Legitimate property owners may use free print or web classified ads to save money, but it's important to vet any free listing very carefully. Also, confirm with a live representative to ensure the site is legitimate.

Compare rental rates in the immediate area. A good deal might be tempting to seize immediately, but the FTC notes that severely below-market pricing for rentals and other vacation services in a community might indicate a scam. Crosscheck the pricing of home rentals and related services in the community before you make a reservation. Given the example above, don't rely on the Internet alone. Pick up the phone and talk directly to a representative.

Check transient license law in your destination city. Transient licenses regulate properties rented to guests for time periods generally 30 days or less. Call your destination city to get details on their transient license law and whether you can confirm the registration of the property you're considering. Ask the property owner for a copy of his or her transient license and see if the city will share the same license for your inspection to make sure they match. Also ask the city whether any specific complaints are available for the property you are considering.

Be wary of phishing scams. Be on the lookout for email and phone scammers who masquerade as employees of businesses you trust – they're after your bank or credit information. If you receive emails or phone calls demanding advance payments, contact the original website to confirm your reservation and payment policy. Recently, travel site Booking.com had to pay out compensation to more than 10,000 customers from the U.S., UK, France, Italy, Portugal and the UAE who were victims of a phishing scam.

Follow recommendations. Personal recommendations from friends and family can ensure a safe transaction. If you know someone who has visited a destination or rented property recently, ask which companies or individuals they would recommend.

Report fraud. Inform the local police at your vacation destination, the local Better Business Bureau and the FTC. When you get home, notify your local police or your state attorney general's consumer protection office to alert them to this particular cybercrime if you made the money transfer from your home state.

Bottom line: As online vacation rentals grow, so does cybercrime. Be cautious when booking arrangements online to protect your payments data.

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Littrell Letter to the Editor

In the last general election I voted with the majority on the minimum wage initiative. It was a simple yes or no vote with no riders or exemptions. The bill passed with a good majority. When the legislators met in Pierre instead of trying to work on other important issues, like teacher pay, they chose to ignore the vote of the people and change the minimum wage law so that anyone under the age of 18 would be exempt.

The purpose of the minimum wage law was to help those on the lower end of the pay scale. I don't understand how they can legally change a law that has been approved by the people of our state. (I think it is wrong and it is something more likely to happen in Washington as they ignore the will of the people on a regular basis.)

The sponsor of the exemption said it would save jobs for 17 years old workers. Unfortunately some (not all) employers will lay off the older employees and hire the cheaper 17 and under workers. That is not saving jobs it is trading jobs. You would be trading a low paying job for a lower paying job. All this does is water down the original law that was passed overwhelmingly by the people of SD.

It would be interesting to know how many of the legislators, who overwhelmingly voted for the exemption, hire people from the 17 and under age group.

Thank you.

Larry Littrell

Warner, SD

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Today in Weather History

2001: Heavy snow of 6 to 14 inches fell across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Along with the heavy snow came blizzard conditions across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota during the morning hours of the 25th as northwest winds increased to 25 to 45 mph. As a result of the heavy snow and blizzard conditions, travel became difficult, if not impossible, resulting in some accidents and stranded motorists. Some snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Waubay, Onida, Murdo, and Artas, 7 inches at Aberdeen, Faulkton, Ipswich, Kennebec, and Clark, 8 inches at Miller, Castlewood, 23 N Highmore, and Pierre. Nine inches of snow fell at Browns Valley, Wheaton, Clinton, Graceville, Dumont, Roy Lake, Mellette, Blunt, and Watertown. Other snowfall amounts included, 10 inches near Summit, 11 inches at Webster, Ortonville, and Artichoke Lake, and 14 inches at Milbank.

1852 - The Susquehanna River ice bridge at Havre de Grace, MD, commenced to break up after forty days of use. A total of 1738 loaded freight cars were hauled along rails laid on the ice. (David Ludlum)

1905 - The temperature at Valley Head, Alabama fell to 18 degrees below zero. This was the coldest temperature ever recorded in Alabama until January 1966.

1936 - Vermont and New Hampshire received brown snow due to dust from storms in the Great Plains Region. A muddy rain fell across parts of northern New York State. (24th-25th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A massive winter storm began to overspread the western U.S. In southern California, Big Bear was blanketed with 17 inches of snow, and Lake Hughes reported four inches of snow in just one hour. Snow pellets whitened coastal areas of Orange County and San Diego County, with three inches at Huntington Beach. The storm also produced thunderstorms with hail and waterspouts. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Strong winds produced snow squalls in the Great Lakes Region which created "white-out" conditions in eastern Upper Michigan. Squalls produced up to 14 inches of snow in Geauga County of northeastern Ohio. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A total of thirty-three cities in the eastern U.S. reported new record low temperatures for the date, and an Atlantic coast storm spread heavy snow from Georgia to southern New England. Snowfall totals in New Jersey ranged up to 24 inches in May County, with 19 inches reported at Atlantic City. Totals in North Carolina ranged up to 18 inches in Gates County, and winds along the coast of North Carolina gusted to 70 mph at Duck Pier. Strong winds gusting to 52 mph created blizzard conditions at Chatham MA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Strong northerly winds prevailed from Illinois to the Southern and Central Appalachians. Winds gusted to 68 mph at Sewickley Heights PA. High winds caused considerable blowing and drifting of snow across northern and central Indiana through the day. Wind gusts to 47 mph and 6 to 8 inches of snow created white-out conditions around South Bend IN. Traffic accidents resulted in two deaths and 130 injuries. Sixty-five persons were injured in one accident along Interstate 69 in Huntington County. Wind gusts to 60 mph and 4 to 8 inches of snow created blizzard conditions in eastern and northern Ohio. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2001 - Over a dozen tornadoes were spawned in central and eastern Arkansas. The strongest tornado (F3) was in Desha County, with parts of a farm shop found six miles away from where it was blown apart. An 18 month old boy was killed in Fulton County by an F2 tornado. A tornado hit the College Station area of Little Rock for the third time since 1997.

2004 - Heavy snows blanket wide areas of northern New Mexico, closing schools and highways. Mountains east of Santa Fe receive 20 inches. Sandia Park, east of Albuquerque, measures 11 inches. 8 inches falls at Los Alamos.

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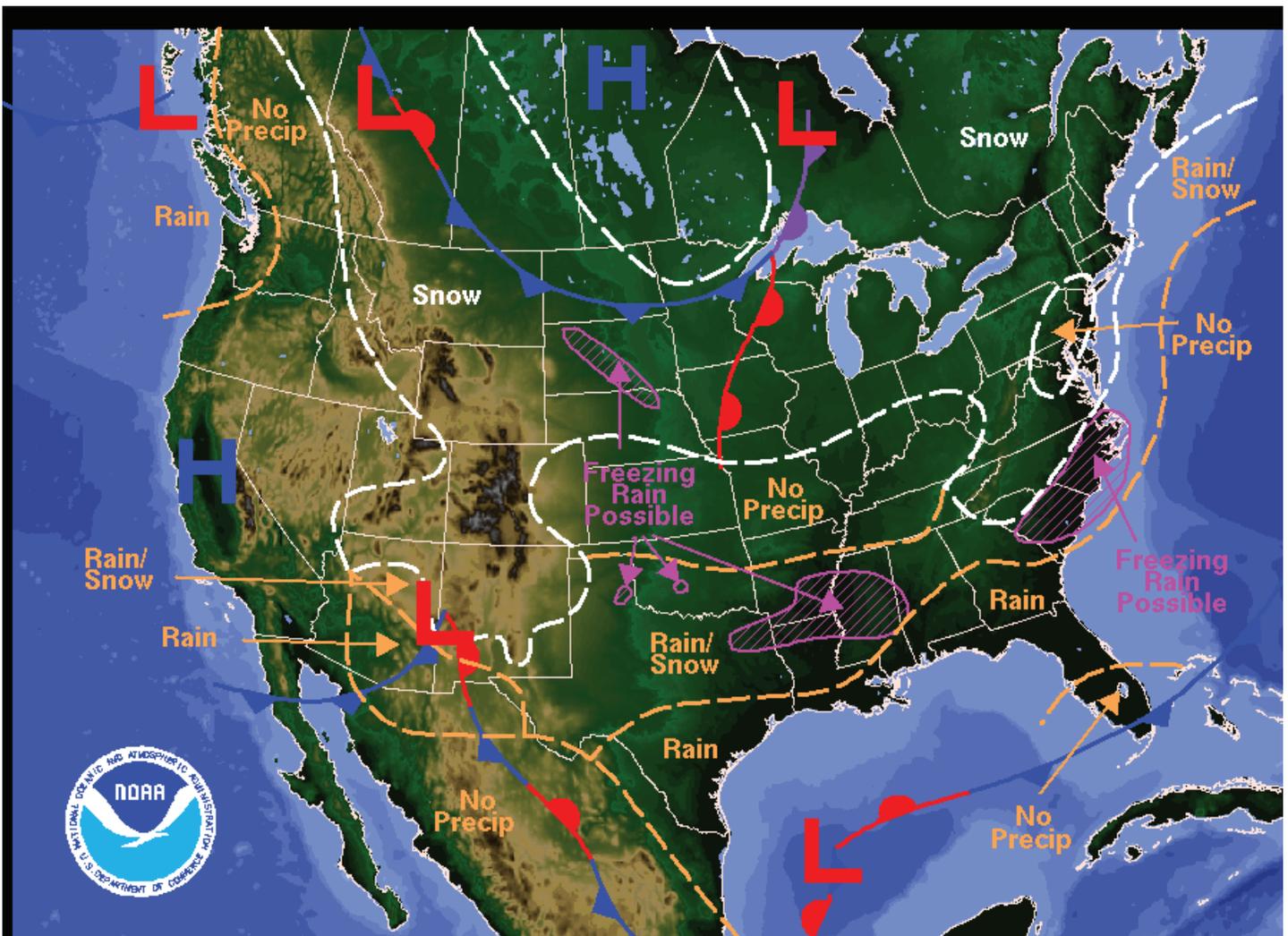
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 33.7 at 9:51 PM
Low: -10.6 at 1:22 AM
Wind Chill:
High Gust: 38 at 3:37 PM
Snow: 0.00
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 62° in 1976
Record Low: -26° in 1940
Average High: 31°F
Average Low: 11°F
Average Precip in Feb.: 0.42
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 0.89
Precip Year to Date: 0.40
Sunset Tonight: 6:13 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:19 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Feb 24, 2015, issued 3:14 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



HOPE AND HEALTH

Once, while riding our bicycles over a mountain in California, I began to complain to my son John about the toll the ride was taking on me. My body seemed to be wracked with pain after riding for over six hours. After a moment he made one of his profound, son-to-father, life altering statements to me.

"Dad," he said, "we didn't have to do this. We chose to do it. Pain is optional. Suffering isn't."

Solomon also made a similar statement: "A man's spirit sustains him in sickness; but a crushed spirit who can bear?" All of us endure many days of suffering as well as pain as we walk through life's journey. Often the "pain part of life" brings about the accomplishment of a heart's desire: to accomplish something that very difficult. It may be that no one else has ever attempted or tried to do what we have set our hearts to do.

We may be chosen by God to endure long nights of unbearable suffering that no one has the capacity to empathize with. Our minds may be confused by mental problems that surmount all methods of healing. Suffering often alters our inner resources and mental outlook to combat the "unwanted suffering." Many of us come to the place where we have no more mental, physical or even spiritual resources to overcome our suffering. What then?

Are there any simple answers or pithy statements or verses available? Though we may try there are no easy ways to comfort the suffering. All must accept the grace of God and enter into the "fellowship of His suffering."

Prayer: Father, for those suffering today, please give them Your peace, renew their spirit and grant them hope. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 18:14 The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?

News from the Associated Press

Rapid City man gets probation for role in girlfriend's death

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man has been sentenced to a month of house arrest and two years of probation for his role in the death of his girlfriend last summer.

Nineteen-year-old Dylan Roth was charged with felony hit and run after authorities say he accidentally ran over 18-year-old Erika Weisz with his truck last August outside the home of Roth's parents.

Roth's attorney says Weisz didn't have obvious injuries and refused medical attention. She collapsed hours later and died from internal bleeding.

Mother Vicki Weisz says Roth should have done more for her daughter after the accident. She says Roth's sentence does not give her closure.

Defense attorney Randy Connelly says Roth is a victim, too, because he will have to live with what happened the rest of his life.

South Dakota lawmakers to discuss transportation, gun bills

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers return to Pierre Tuesday after a long weekend and will discuss plans to fund transportation projects and let people carry concealed pistols without a permit.

The House State Affairs Committee will debate raising roughly \$50 million for road and bridge funding. A separate House committee has also reviewed the proposal. The Senate has already approved its version of the plan, so the House's passage would set up negotiations for what's likely the most hotly debated issue of the session.

In the Senate, the Judiciary Committee will discuss a proposal to make it legal to carry a concealed pistol without a permit in South Dakota. The plan removes the requirement for a concealed pistol permit from state law and eliminates penalties for carrying without a permit.

Report: Many Dakotas college students go elsewhere to finish

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A report by a national group shows that college students who start at four-year schools in North Dakota and South Dakota are following similar paths to completion — including more than 10 percent who finish their studies at other schools.

The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center tracks the progress of students in a six-year time frame and includes those who swirl from one school to another or take time off.

The report shows that the completion rate for students who start at four-year schools is 64.65 percent in South Dakota and 64.61 percent in North Dakota. The overall rate in the U.S. is 62.85 percent.

Officials in the Dakotas say the report gives a more accurate picture of graduation rates than traditional figures that follow student progress within one school.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Arlington 53, DeSmet 43

Canistota 65, Colman-Egan 33

Chester 74, Dell Rapids St. Mary 32

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Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 84, Mobridge-Pollock 64
Corsica/Stickney 54, Parkston 42
Dell Rapids 84, Deubrook 44
Florence/Henry 55, Estelline 48, OT
Groton Area 62, Webster 33
Hanson 64, Scotland 33
Madison 72, Milbank Area 35
Miller 49, Stanley County 43
Mitchell 55, Brookings 53
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 57, McCook Central/Montrose 56
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 62, Howard 28
Sioux Falls Christian 71, Garretson 33
Tiospa Zina Tribal 68, Deuel 35
Tri-Valley 66, Baltic 31
Wagner 101, Marty Indian 63
West Central 65, Elk Point-Jefferson 57
Winner 83, Crow Creek 56

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Brookings 41, Mitchell 39

District 1B

Great Plains Lutheran 55, Rosholt 39
Waverly-South Shore 83, Grant-Deuel 30

District 2B

Leola/Frederick 62, Aberdeen Christian 21
Waubay 47, Langford 45

District 3B

Faulkton 53, Edmunds Central 28
Potter County 46, Eureka/Bowdle 24

District 4B

Hitchcock-Tulare 80, Lower Brule 55

District 6B

Wolsey-Wessington 54, Iroquois 17

District 9B

Menno 50, Marion 34
Parker 51, Freeman Academy 37

Region 8A

Belle Fourche 64, Hot Springs 20
Hill City 49, Custer 45

District 10B

Centerville 54, Alcester-Hudson 37

District 11B

Platte-Geddes 49, Corsica/Stickney 42

District 12B

Gregory 52, Colome 37
Marty Indian 60, Andes Central 48

District 13B

Stanley County 51, Kadoka Area 22
White River 81, Crazy Horse 24

District 14B

Oelrichs 59, Edgemont 35
Philip 65, Rapid City Christian 47

District 15B

Dupree 60, Wakpala 44

District 16B

Harding County 70, Takini 33
Newell 61, Bison 47

1 injured after 2 semis crash under overpass along I-90

MURDO, S.D. (AP) — One person had to be transported to a hospital in western South Dakota after two oversized semi-trucks crashed on Interstate 90 after they didn't fit under an overpass at the same time.

Officials with the South Dakota Highway Patrol say the two semis were traveling side by side Sunday as they approached the overpass about 8 miles west of Murdo. They ended up colliding as there was not enough room for both to go simultaneously under the overpass.

One driver was hospitalized, while the other one was not hurt.

Authorities blocked off the road for several hours for cleanup efforts.

Deadline approaching for land purchase offers on Pine Ridge

PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, S.D. (AP) — The deadline is approaching for owners of parcels on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to accept land buyback offers from the federal government.

The U.S. Department of Interior says owners of fractional interests have until April 20 to accept the purchase offer. Thousands of offers were sent to owners.

Land buy-back programs aim to help Native American tribes buy parcels of reservation land that have accumulated multiple owners.

The parcels that get sold will be consolidated and held in trust for the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The purchases are part of a settlement over government mismanagement of Indian land royalties.

Allotting reservation land to individual tribal members, who passed it to heirs, was once a government method for assimilating American Indians. Some parcels have several owners.

SD woman pleads guilty to 7th DUI after crash that injured 2

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman has pleaded guilty to her seventh drunken driving charge since 1990 following a crash that seriously injured two people.

Cynthia Goeman changed her plea to guilty Monday.

Authorities say Goeman on July 13 pulled out in front of 24-year-old Quintin McMartin's motorcycle. The crash left the former University of South Dakota football standout with life-threatening injuries.

The 21-year-old passenger, Michelle Tarian, fractured her skull in the crash.

Authorities say Goeman registered a .10 blood-alcohol level following the incident.

Court records show she has a spate of drunken driving arrests dating back 25 years. Her previous drunk driving conviction was in 2011 when she went to jail for nearly six months and had her license revoked for a year.

It's unclear whether she has legal representation.

Helmsley Trust boosts American Indian public health program

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A charitable trust established by the late hotel and real estate baroness Leona Helmsley is giving North Dakota State University \$750,000 to create an endowed scholarship fund for graduate students in American Indian public health.

The state of North Dakota is providing another \$375,000 through its Higher Education Challenge Fund, which provides matching funds for efforts to advance academics.

Officials bill the NDSU master's program launched last school year as the only one in the country designed specifically to prepare graduates to work with Native American populations. It now has 14 students from around the country, Program Director Donald Warne said Monday.

"I really feel like we're going to be able to make a meaningful impact on American Indian health disparities moving forward, because we will have more public health professionals well-trained in issues that affect Indian health," said Warne, a Kyle, South Dakota, native and enrolled member of the Oglala tribe in that state.

Those issues include high rates of diabetes, cancer, infant mortality and suicide. Statistics from the Indian Health Service show that American Indians and Alaska Natives have a life expectancy that is more than four years fewer than the rest of U.S. citizens.

The scholarship fund announced Monday will provide four scholarships of about \$10,000 each year, the first of which will go out for the fall 2016 semester.

"The Trust is delighted to support NDSU in this pioneering effort to develop and sustain the workforce of health professionals who are committed to serve American Indians, perhaps the most medically underserved population in the nation," Shelley Stingley, program director of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust's Rural Healthcare Program, said in a statement.

The scholarship fund will help students financially and benefit underserved citizens, Warne said.

"People in rural areas, especially American Indians, often have difficulty accessing quality health services because of lower-than-average incomes, geographic isolation and a severe shortage of health professionals," he said. "Many of the students in this program are from underserved communities right here in North Dakota, and their plans are to go back and work with those populations."

NDSU is working on agreements to enable students at two other schools to take part in the master's program, Warne said. He declined to identify the schools while negotiations are ongoing. One is a medical school and one is a health administration school, he said.

"I'm more than happy to share the curriculum, because the (health) problems are so great that no one institution can solve them all," he said.

Powerball lottery ticket sold in Brandon worth \$10,000

BRANDON, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lottery officials say a Powerball ticket sold in Brandon is worth \$10,000.

The ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball in Saturday's drawing to win the game's third prize, at odds of 1 in about 649,000. The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$70 million for Wednesday's drawing.

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 Tuesday:

1. STATES USE SECRET SURVEYS TO REDUCE PRISON POPULATIONS

An AP investigation finds that psychological assessments are being used to determine whether inmates are likely to commit future crimes to judge who might be safe to release--despite high-profile failures and uneven application.

2. WHAT A HOMELAND SECURITY SHUTDOWN COULD MEAN

Most of the department's staff would continue working without being paid because they are deemed essential for the protection of the nation.

3. WHERE RECREATIONAL POT IS NOW LEGAL

Alaska becomes the third state to legalize planting and possession of marijuana as supporters urge low-key celebrations.

4. FIFA PANEL RECOMMENDS SHIFTING 2022 WORLD CUP DATES

To avoid Qatar's brutal summer heat, the tournament may be held in November-December under a tighter schedule, posing challenges to soccer leagues in Europe.

5. UKRAINIAN REBELS CLAIM PULLBACK START

Pro-Russian separatists say they have begun withdrawing heavy weapons in line with an international peace plan to create a buffer zone in eastern Ukraine.

6. VA CHIEF APOLOGIZES FOR MISSTATEMENT

Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald made an erroneous claim about serving in the military's special forces.

7. ACTIVISTS: ISLAMIC STATE KIDNAPS AT LEAST 70 ASSYRIANS

Two monitoring groups say the militant organization overran a string of villages in northeastern Syria and captured dozens from the Christian minority population.

8. RISING GOP STAR SCRUTINIZED FOR QUESTIONABLE SPENDING

Illinois Rep. Aaron Schock doled out thousands of dollars in taxpayer and campaign funds for such things as flights on private aircraft, the AP determines.

9. NORWAY FACES RUDE AWAKENING AS OIL PRICE FALLS

Norwegians, who have long benefited from their country's high oil revenues, may have to adjust to a new lifestyle reality.

10. A-ROD SHOWS UP EARLY FOR WORK

Coming off a season-long drug suspension, the Yankee slugger arrives at spring training three days ahead of time, acknowledging that he's "dug a big hole for myself."

AP News in Brief

AP Exclusive: Officials try to predict if inmates will commit new crimes, with uneven results

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — States are trying to reduce prison populations with secretive, new psy-

chological assessments to predict which inmates will commit future crimes and who might be safe to release, despite serious problems and high-profile failures, an Associated Press investigation found.

These programs are part of a national, data-driven movement to drive down prison populations, reduce recidivism and save billions. They include questionnaires often with more than 100 questions about an offender's education, family, income, job status, history of moving, parents' arrest history — or whether he or she has a phone. A score is affixed to each answer and the result helps shape how the offender will be supervised in the system — or released from custody.

Used for crimes ranging from petty thievery to serial murders, these questionnaires come with their own set of risks, according to the AP's examination.

Many rely on criminals to tell the truth, and jurisdictions don't always check to make sure the answers are accurate. They are used inconsistently across the country, sometimes within the same jurisdiction. The same defendant might be scored differently in the same crime.

Supporters cite some research, such as a 1987 Rand Corp. study that said the surveys accurately can predict the likelihood of repeat offenses as much as 70 percent of the time if they are used correctly. But even the Rand study, one of the seminal pieces of research on the subject, was skeptical of the surveys' overall effectiveness. It's nearly impossible to measure the surveys' impact on recidivism because they are only part of broader efforts.

5 things to know about states' use of risk assessment surveys to help predict future crimes

States have turned to a data-driven movement to drive down prison populations, reduce recidivism and save billions of dollars. One core element is the use of risk-and-needs assessment tools that explore issues well beyond criminal history. These include detailed surveys given to offenders making their way through the justice system.

Five things to know about risk assessment surveys:

—THEY COULD BE USED IN A COURT SYSTEM NEAR YOU: Dozens of different surveys are being used across the country. The surveys vary in the kinds of questions asked and how they are used. Largely confined to parole and probation decisions, these surveys are increasingly being used for sentencing.

—IT'S A SECRET: The survey results — and in some cases the actual survey questions — are clouded in secrecy. Some states never release the evaluations, shielding government officials from being held accountable for decisions that affect public safety.

—100 QUESTIONS: Some of the surveys can include more than 100 questions and explore a defendant's education, family, income, job status, history of moving, parents' arrest history, or whether he or she has a phone. A score is affixed to each answer and the result helps shape how the defendant will be supervised in the system.

McConnell proposes immigration vote to try to resolve impasse over Homeland Security funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Divided Republicans are searching for a way out of an impasse over immigration that is threatening to shut down the Homeland Security Department within days.

With the agency's budget set to expire Friday at midnight without action by Congress, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced Monday he would split language overturning President Barack Obama's contested immigration measures from the department's funding bill.

The move seemed aimed at pressuring Senate Democrats who have opposed the legislation because the immigration language is included. It also would allow Republicans who oppose Obama's executive actions on immigration to register their opposition with a stand-alone vote. But Senate Democrats were quick to point out it left unanswered the question of how to fund the Homeland Security Department.

"This proposal doesn't bring us any closer to actually funding DHS, and Republicans still have no real plan to achieve that goal," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

In the wake of a federal court's ruling last week saying Obama overstepped his authority, and putting his immigration programs on hold, a growing number of Senate Republicans argued for letting the immigration fight play out in court, and passing a "clean" bill to fund Homeland Security, free of the language on immigration.

FIFA task force recommends November-December playing dates for 2022 World Cup in Qatar

A FIFA task force on Tuesday recommended playing the 2022 World Cup in November-December to avoid the summer heat in Qatar.

FIFA said the task force chose the "most viable period" over other proposals to play in January, April or May, dates favored mostly by European soccer. FIFA also said the tournament should be shorter than the current 32-day schedule.

The plan must be approved by the FIFA executive committee, chaired by President Sepp Blatter, at a March 19-20 meeting in Zurich.

Blatter, who is an IOC member, has long favored November-December to avoid clashing with the Winter Olympics, scheduled for February 2022.

"Given that the two bidding cities for the 2022 Winter Olympics — Almaty (Kazakhstan) and Beijing (China) — pledged recently to host the winter games from Feb. 4-20, 2022; that the month of Ramadan begins on April 2 in 2022; and that consistently hot conditions prevail from May to September in Qatar, the only remaining effective option is the November-December window," FIFA said in a statement.

Crude price tumble forces lifestyle changes among oil-rich Norwegians

STAVANGER, Norway (AP) — Losing his job on a Norwegian oil rig meant more to Kristoffer Sandberg than saying goodbye to a high salary. It has caused a shift down in lifestyle and expectations, something an increasing number of people in this small oil-rich country are facing.

After a decade of an oil and gas boom, plunging energy prices are shaking the Norwegians out of a Utopian reverie that guaranteed workers lengthy summer vacations, generous health and social benefits and allowed them to leave work at 4 p.m. and even earlier on Fridays.

Some of the helicopters that transport workers from Stavanger — the epicenter of the oil industry — to the platforms on the North Sea have fallen silent. Already 10,000 workers have been laid off. It's the start of what economists are predicting will be a long recession in the energy industry, which accounts for 15 percent of the economy, more than half of exports and 80 percent of the state's income.

The Nordic country is being forced to contemplate a future without the certainties of the past.

"I know that people are envious of these conditions elsewhere in the world. We joke about it sometimes," says Sandberg, a 24-year-old mechanic. "But I don't know how many more people will lose their jobs or how much longer it will be uncertain like this."

Marijuana becomes legal in Alaska, but backers hope for low-key celebrations

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Alaska on Tuesday became the third U.S. state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, but organizers don't expect any public celebrations since it remains illegal to smoke marijuana in public.

In the state's largest city, Anchorage police officers are ready to start handing out \$100 fines to make sure taking a toke remains something to be done behind closed doors.

Placing Alaska in the same category as Washington state and Colorado with legal marijuana was the goal of a coalition including libertarians, rugged individualists and small-government Republicans who prize the privacy rights enshrined in the Alaska state constitution.

When they voted 53-47 percent last November to legalize marijuana use by adults in private places, they left many of the details to lawmakers and regulators to sort out.

That has left confusion on many matters.

CBS News releases video of Buenos Aires demonstration, central to O'Reilly dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS News on Monday released video from four stories it aired about the Falklands War in 1982, all part of a dispute involving Fox News Channel host Bill O'Reilly and his subsequent statements about covering the war.

None of the stories mentions O'Reilly, then a young CBS reporter, or makes any specific reference to a CBS crew member being hurt.

The television time travel was prompted by a Mother Jones article last week calling into question O'Reilly's claims he reported in a "war zone" or "combat zone" during the brief conflict between Britain and Argentina. Few reporters made it to the front of the war, some 1,000 miles from the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires.

O'Reilly has said that he covered an anti-government demonstration in Buenos Aires that turned violent and that a photographer he was working with was knocked to the ground and was bleeding. Describing the events two years ago, O'Reilly said he "dragged off" the photographer from danger.

Former CBS News correspondent Eric Engberg, who also was covering the event, characterized O'Reilly's account as "dishonest" and "completely nutty" during a Huffington Post interview on Monday. Engberg said none of the camera operators working the night in question remembers any colleague being injured. The camera person who was said to be hurt has not spoken publicly about the matter.

Activist groups: Islamic State militants kidnap at least 70 Assyrian villagers in Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State militants have abducted at least 70 Assyrian Christians, including women and children, after overrunning a string of villages in northeastern Syria, two activist groups said Tuesday.

The extremist fighters swept through the villages nestled along the banks of Khabur River near the town of Tal Tamr in Hassakeh province around dawn on Monday. The area is predominantly inhabited by Assyrians, an indigenous Christian people who trace their roots back to the ancient Mesopotamians.

In the assault, the militants took between 70 and 100 Assyrians captive, said Nuri Kino, the head of the activist group A Demand For Action, which focuses on religious minorities in the Middle East. He said some 3,000 people managed to flee the onslaught and have sought refuge in the cities of Hasakeh and Qamishli.

Kino said his organization based its information on conversations with villagers who fled the onslaught and their relatives.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported the abductions, but put the number of Assyrians held by the Islamic State group at 90. The Observatory relies on a network of activists inside Syria.

Veterans Affairs secretary apologizes for misstating that he served in special forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald apologized Monday for misstating that he served in the military's special forces.

McDonald made the erroneous claim while speaking to a homeless veteran during a segment that aired last month on "CBS Evening News."

In a statement released Monday by the VA, McDonald said: "While I was in Los Angeles, engaging a homeless individual to determine his veteran status, I asked the man where he had served in the military. He responded that he had served in special forces. I incorrectly stated that I had been in special forces. That was inaccurate and I apologize to anyone that was offended by my misstatement."

The VA website says McDonald is an Army veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne Division. The Huffington Post website, which first reported on McDonald's mistake, noted Monday that the 82nd is not considered part of special forces.

McDonald said he remains committed "to the ongoing effort to reform VA."

Phoenix officials unhappy with FAA's response to noise pollution caused by new flight paths

PHOENIX (AP) — Steve Dreiseszun says he cannot sit in his backyard or read a story to his son without a sense of dread.

For the past several months, he and other residents in a Phoenix neighborhood of historic homes have been jolted — sometimes out of their sleep — by the sound of airplanes flying directly above them. The noise sometimes comes every three minutes and can last through the night.

"You want to read a book or you're trying to study something on the computer and these flights are overhead, it breaks your train of thought," Dreiseszun said. "Outside the house we've lost the enjoyment of our property. It's not just an annoyance. It impacts our quality of life."

Residents and city officials have been up in arms since September, when the Federal Aviation Administration implemented new satellite-based arrival and departure paths out of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The changes are part of a new program the FAA is rolling out at major airports across the country as it looks to replace an outdated network of radar and radio communications with satellite-based and digital communications.

The new system is designed to save fuel, reduce emissions and make air travel more efficient nationwide as airplanes are able to make more efficient and direct flight paths in and out of airports.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2015. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1975, the Congressional Budget Office, charged with providing independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues, began operating under its first director, Alice Rivlin.

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its *Marbury v. Madison* decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1815, American engineer and inventor Robert Fulton, credited with building the first successful commercial steamboat, died in New York at 49.

In 1864, the first Union prisoners arrived at the Confederates' Andersonville prison camp in Georgia.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1912, the American Jewish women's organization Hadassah was founded in New York City.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale.

In 1946, Argentinian men went to the polls to elect Juan D. Peron their president.

In 1955, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway.

In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a \$150,000 award that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against *Hustler* magazine and publisher Larry Flynt.

In 1990, magazine publisher Malcolm Forbes died in Far Hills, New Jersey, at age 70. Fifties balladeer Johnnie Ray died in Los Angeles at age 63.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II underwent an operation to insert a tube in his throat to relieve breathing problems, hours after being rushed to the hospital for the second time in a month with flu-like symptoms.

Five years ago: Testifying before Congress, Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda apologized personally and repeatedly to the United States and millions of American Toyota owners for safety lapses that had led to deaths and widespread recalls. Trainer Dawn Brancheau was dragged to her death by a killer whale, Tilikum, at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida.

One year ago: Despite Western pressure, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni signed an anti-gay bill that punished gay sex with up to life in prison. Writer-director-actor Harold Ramis, 69, died in Glencoe, Illinois. "Late Night with Seth Meyers" premiered on NBC.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 94. Actor Steven Hill is 93. Actress Emmanuelle Riva is 88. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese (kee-uh-NAY'-see) is 84. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 83. Opera singer-director Renata Scotto is 81. Singer Joanie Sommers is 74. Former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 73. Actor Barry Bostwick is 70. Actor Edward James Olmos is 68. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 68. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 65. Actress Debra Jo Rupp is 64. Actress Helen Shaver is 64. News anchor Paula Zahn is 59. Baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Murray is 59. Country

singer Sammy Kershaw is 57. Actor Mark Moses is 57. Singer Michelle Shocked is 53. Movie director Todd Field is 51. Actor Billy Zane is 49. Actress Bonnie Somerville is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brandon Brown (Mista) is 32. Rock musician Matt McGinley (Gym Class Heroes) is 32. Actor Wilson Bethel is 31. Actor Alexander Koch (TV: "Under the Dome") is 27.

Thought for Today: "The house of every one is to him as his castle and fortress, as well for his defence against injury and violence as for his repose." - Sir Edward Coke, English jurist (1552-1634).

Driver's Exam Stations

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

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

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

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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for proof of a legal name change are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adoption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree). If you have had multiple marriages, you will need to bring similar documents providing legal proof of each name change (presenting a valid passport with your current name eliminates this requirement).

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

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

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

Non-Citizens may bring:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ◆ Utility bill
- ◆ Pay stub or earnings statement
- ◆ Rent receipt
- ◆ Phone bill
- ◆ Transcript or report card from an accredited school
- ◆ Bank statement

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- ◆ Mortgage document
- ◆ Tax document
- ◆ Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- ◆ Other items with your address can be reviewed by Driver Licensing personnel
- ◆ If you are unable to provide proof of residency, please call 1-800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 for exceptions.
- ◆ Post Office Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned a street or 911 address

Address Exceptions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans

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

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

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