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## Tuesday, March 24

**Birthdays:** Blake Merkel, Emerlee Darlene Jones, LaVonne Helmer, Sophie Cutler, Kinton Tracy

UDFL Student Congress in Groton

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

**School Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, beets, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

## Wednesday, March 25

**Anniversary:** Samantha & Andy Jondahl

**Birthdays:** Brent Wienk, Keri Pappas, Keri Pi-etz, Laurel McNickle, Murdock McNickle, Patrick Gengerke, Sherri Profeta, Larae Taylor

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

**School Lunch:** Mini corn dog, baked beans, veg cup, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** BBQ Chicken, rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.

6:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran lenten meal (HS youth serve)

7 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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

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## Groton's ICU program is helping students

Groton's ICU program has been an incredible program this year, said Kristin Sombke at the school board meeting Monday night. About 27 students are in ICU and it is based on the student's needs and Groton is a small enough district to individualize the program. The ICU helps students who need help in certain classes. Superintendent Joe Schwan said, "Mrs. Sombke has put a lot of hours in during the week and over the weekend to make the program a success." Sombke added, "The teachers are so organized to have the assignments worked out."

Jodi Sternhagen, 9-12 Guidance Counselor, talked about the number of changes done in the testing program. She said there are some new tests this year and other tests are being replaced. She talked about the dual credit program and how students can save money by taking these courses. She reported that the state has a shortage of labor and an effort is in place to try and get students enrolled in two-year education programs and to keep them in the state.

Ashley Seeklander talked about the K-8 guidance counseling program. She has developed a K-8 school counseling plan and a K-5 Developmental Curriculum.

Smarter Balance testing is a new form of testing and some states have seen a dip in the scores. "We will have to wait and see what they expect on the tests and then make some adjustments," Sternhagen said.

Chuck Padfield talked about the new program he is using that calculates the nutritional values of the menus. Several schools in the area are already using the program called myONCore.com. Once it is all set up, the system will create accurate ordering information and provide the proper nutritional values of the meals. The start-up fee is \$1,200 with an annual \$700 fee. Padfield also talked about the new regulations just released from the United States Department of Agriculture on the professional standards for school cooks. Padfield said he is grandfathered in, but future school cooks will be required to have a high school diploma and three years of school nutrition program. In addition, they will need six hours of continuing education next year, which Padfield will have to do, and then 10 hours each year thereafter. For staff members with 20 hours or more, they will need four hours of education next year and six hours per year thereafter. Those with less than 20 hours of work will need four hours of continuing education each year. Padfield also reminded the board that he will be retiring in two years.

There are several projects in the works for capital outlays. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that the scoreboard at the football field will need to be replaced. The stage lights in the GHS Gym are in dire need of either replacement or fixing. He said that they will try to get the lights in working order for the POPS Concert, but then a decision will need to be made to either change them out to LED lights, which will consume much less power, or to replace the existing fixtures. Also discussed was the sound system at the football field and the locks on the rest of the doors that do not have the security locks.

The board gave second reading to the Spectator Conduct at School Activities policy.

Barring any additional school cancellations, Superintendent Joe Schwan will propose at the next school board meeting that the last day of school will be Tuesday, May 19. The teacher's last day would be Wednesday, May 20.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that the elementary students raised \$1,394.70 in the boxtop collection program this year. The first grade had the most boxtops.

The track and field day/elementary health fair, will be held May 8th with Grades 3-5 doing track and field in the morning and K-2 in the afternoon.

Middle/High School Principal Anna Schwan reported that there are about 25 students registered for school internship per semester. "This is huge compared to years past," Schwan said. "We went out in

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the community and worked with the businesses to provide these opportunities.”

Schwan reported that the Health Fair/Mock Crash exercise will be held April 16 at 8 a.m. and the National Honor Society will be held March 30 at 7 p.m.

Business Manager Mike Weber reported that Wells Fargo Bank had reduced the Client Service Fee from .6 percent to .2 percent, but the local branch did not let the district know about the change. As a result, Wells Fargo will refund the \$600 fee to the district. Weber suggested reviewing the rates from the banks effective July 1.

The board approved the Natural Gas contract for the upcoming year. Last year it was .58/therm and the rate for next year will be .439/therm.

Dana Dargatz, GHS Wrestling Coach, talked about the funds that the school did not use for an assistant wrestling coach this year. He said that he would like to carry over the \$2,560 into next year's budget. Business Manager Mike Weber said that there are no more Trust and Agency Accounts for various activities. In order to have a Trust and Agency Account, they have to have elected officers. Funds left over in any of the extra curricular activities will be rolled over into the general fund at the end of the year. Superintendent Schwan suggested that when Dargatz puts in his budget request for next year, that he add the \$2,560 as a one-time addition. Dargatz said that he would prefer to have a paid assistant next year.

The board approved for St. John's Lutheran Church preschool to use a bus for a field trip on April 23. They will pay for the use of the bus.

## 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.

### Lineman wanted

Electric lineman who will assist with miscellaneous City maintenance duties. Certified Journeyman mandatory. EOE. Send resume to City Finance Office, PO Box 587, 209 N Main, Groton, SD 57445 by April 17.

## Notice of Garbage Pickup!

**Effective Immediately** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during the spring thaw.

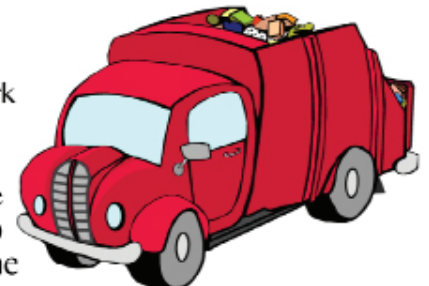
Groton residents are asked to bring their garbage to the following locations until further notice:

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Residents of Cottonwood Trailer Park need to take their garbage to

Highway 37

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

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2008 National Crime Report [http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr\\_stats060109](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109) 2. <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/press/vdhbpr.cfm>  
3. FBI, 2008 National Crime Report [http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr\\_stats060109](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2009/june/ucr_stats060109) 4. <http://www.beyondidentitytheft.com/home-security-statistics.html>

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## Crossing the food culture line

This past week was indeed a brand new experience for me. What makes it even more interesting is that this German guy was busy in the church kitchen making a Norwegian Kumla dinner. Talk about a cross-culture experience that had many people wondering.

Our church in Pierpont, Heaven Bound Ministries, AKA Bethlehem Lutheran Church, is low on numbers and finances. There was discussion of closing the church at the end of December. It was then when I formed Heaven Bound Ministries and our family took over the operations of the church and decided to keep it going.

A few weeks ago I came up with the idea of having a Kumla dinner. The cafe in Pierpont is closed and they used to serve Kumla dinners. Some of

the initial reaction was, "Do you know how much work that is?" and "Do you have any idea of how to make it?" The short answer was no and no. Nevertheless, I was bound to give it a try. We had enlisted a resident expert to assist us in the first dinner. Then I got a phone call and the expert decided not to help.

I did some research on-line and read where a 15-year-old made Kumla for the first time and she was successful. So I figured if a 15-year-old can do it, so can I.

I tried to remember how they served the Kumla at the cafe and tried to get the food and supplies needed. I finished by shopping on Friday and Saturday, spent most of the day peeling potatoes. Julianna, Jeslyn and Tina also helped with some of that chore. Tina was in charge of coleslaw. I had to work Saturday night at the Dairy Queen, so that put a crimp in my time.

Sunday morning rolls around. I get done with my paper routes, then I load up the Pathfinder with buckets of peeled potatoes, ham broth, cooked ham and various of other things. Let's just say the Pathfinder was full from front to back.

I arrived at the church at 7:45 a.m. The first thing I grabbed was the ham broth and got a roaster out to get it heated up. We had three roasters and Mary Bucholz was kind enough to loan us her roaster as well, so we had four all together.

Then came the moment of truth. Making the Kumla balls. I got out my grinder and started grinding potatoes. I mixed up the flour and baking powder and then mixed the ground potatoes with the flour. So far, so good.

I put about 20 Kumla in the first roaster and waited to see what would happen. I lifted a couple of Kumla to see how they were cooking - and oh my! It started to fall apart. Panic city had set in! I grabbed the nearest phone book and called one of our parishioners, Mary Bucholz, who knew how to make Kumla. She said to add to more flour. So I did that in the second roaster and whew! It did the trick. Now I'm a pro! Well, not really. I was trying to follow the directions I had, cup by cup and that seemed very awkward. I finally got the feel of how to have the right mixture, but I was still having some issues. Mary came to church (yes, we had church in the midst of my trying to make Kumla) and she quizzed me afterwards. There was one step I was not doing. While I was straining the water, I was not squeezing it out. Once I started doing that, things got really good.

The next moment of truth - how would they taste? I started to get some positive feedback. One of my parishioners said it was the best Kumla she ever had. Others said it was really good. The Kumla passed the test!

We did have one funny incident. It had been a few years since we had a fund-raiser at the church. Someone got Tina's attention. The salt in the salt shakers was harder than a rock. Every one of them. I virtually had Mary on speed dial and I told Tina to call her and ask if she had any salt. (She wasn't able to stay for Kumla as she had company, but she wanted us to save her some.) So Mary saved the day once again!

We also had a major blessing with my dad and stepmom coming up this weekend. They came to church and helped with the dinner. Shirley (my stepmom) started washing dishes. By the end of the event, I

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was soooo glad that she helped. Tina had to leave early as she had to work at 2 p.m. Julianna and Jeslyn stayed and helped at the church. My dad helped with the salt shaker incident. And Doris Townsend helped a lot as well.

We served about 50+ people, which was just perfect for our first run. LaVonne Raap asked if I was going to do this again. At the time she asked, I really wasn't sure. But looking back, there were a lot of hurdles jumped and we now know what to expect. So yes, we will do it again sometime in April.

And now I'm going to put a plug in for our church. Here are a few items that we need:

Roasters (Four will not be enough as our crowd size gets bigger)

Salt and pepper shakers (We just need some newer ones)

And if anyone has a bone-in ham they would like to contribute, let us know. And we could use some potatoes. Then we'll be all set for round 2. We'll decided on a date after church on Sunday.

And one more plug, we have worship at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

Thank you to all who came!

## Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden club met at the Golden Living Center on March 16, with Linda Anderson and Pat Larson hosting.

Following supper, 13 members and one guest, Ruby Miracle, answered roll call with a spring project.

Members were reminded that dues are due at the April 20th, meeting. They are \$9. Arbor day will be April 24th. Plans will be finalized at the next meeting. The city will be informed that we have money that is to be used for planting trees. The groups will have a plant exchange at the May meeting. Hostess for the April 20th meeting will be either Linda Gengerke or Janice Flihs. Linda Anderson will give the program.

Deb Olson gave the program on a new petunia variety-"Flash Mob."

## Easter Cantata to be Presented in Groton Palm Sunday

Many Christians do not realize that nationally known pastor Jack Hayford wrote one of the most beloved choruses in recent choral music, 'Majesty'. At Easter this wonderful Worship chorus is totally appropriate as the center piece for the celebration of the Resurrection of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ from the grave.

On Palm Sunday evening, March 29, at 6:30 pm the Groton Christian and Missionary Alliance Choir, 706 N. Main Street, will present this Russell Mauldin/ Sue Smith Easter cantata centered around this anthem of praise from the beginning to the end of their concert. The cantata 'Majesty' is a combination of the contemporary and traditional Christian anthems that share the tragedy and the awesome love of our precious Savior and LORD. The public is invited to this special evening service as the twenty-five voice choir directed by Carrie Olson shares through these beautiful medleys the walk Jesus began on Palm Sunday. He then brought to each one of us new life when He accepted the cross and our sins, died for those sins, then arose from the grave so that we may live in the newness of life with Him and the Father forever in Heaven. Truly He is worth of our worship, honor, praise, and love.

The twenty-five member choir includes SOPRANOS: Linda Bahr, Nancy Cutler, Darby Duncan, Moira Duncan, JoAnne Ehresmann, Deb Jacobs, and Sierra Tunby; Altos: Amy K. Duncan, Jana Duncan, Joyce Grenz, Katie LaMee, Krista Tunby, Shawna Tunby, Andy Hailey Unzen; Tenors: Rick Buhler, Bill Duncan, and Adam Franken; Bass: Doug Duncan, Zeke Duncan, Dale Grenz, Matt Knecht, Paul Perkins, Larry Remington, Dawson Tunby, and Lars Tunby. Narration is being provided by Connie Stauch.

Following the concert presentation everyone is invited to a fellowship time in the Social Hall.

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## Today in Weather History

March 24, 1996: North winds of 30 to 40 mph, gusting to 55 mph, combined with the falling snow and the previous day's snowfall to create blizzard conditions. Travel became extremely difficult. Several cars went into ditches and flights out of Aberdeen were canceled. Schools and activities were either delayed or cancelled. Some of the more significant two day snowfall amounts include, 6 inches at Sisseton and Aberdeen, 7 inches at Sand Lake NWR, 8 inches near Veblen, 9 inches at Britton, and 10 inches near Victor.

March 24, 2009: A strong area of low pressure moved out of the Rockies and into the Northern Plains producing snow and widespread blizzard conditions across central and north central South Dakota. Winds gusting to over 60 mph along with several inches of snow caused hazardous travel conditions. Interstate 90 was closed for a time across much of Jones and part of Lyman County. Power was also out in parts of Pierre and Mobridge for a short period of time. Some snowfall amounts included; 2 inches at Pierre; 5 inches in Hayes and Timber Lake; 6 inches in Murdo, McLaughlin, and 6 miles southeast of McIntosh; 7 inches 14 miles northeast of Isabel; 8 inches in Eagle Butte; and 12 inches 8 miles southwest of Keldron.

1912 - Residents of Kansas City began to dig out from a storm produced 25 inches of snow in 24 hours. The snowfall total was nearly twice that of any other storm of modern record in Kansas City before or since that time. A record 40 inches of snow fell during the month of March that year, and the total for the winter season of 67 inches was also a record. By late February of that year Kansas City had received just six inches of snow. Olathe KS received 37 inches of snow in the snowstorm, establishing a single storm record for the state of Kansas. (23rd-24th) (The Kansas City Weather Almanac) (The Weather Channel)

1929 - St. Louis, Missouri soared to 92 degrees; their all-time record high for March.

1975 - "The Governor's Tornado" hop-scotched a 13-mile path across the western part of Atlanta, GA during the early morning hours, causing considerable damage to the Governor's mansion. Hundreds of expensive homes, businesses and apartment complexes were damaged. Total losses were estimated at \$56 million dollars. Three people lost their lives and another 152 were injured by the F3 tornado.

1987 - A winter-like storm in the central U.S. produced blizzard conditions from South Dakota to western Kansas. Snowfall totals ranged up to 24 inches at Neligh NE, with 19 inches at Winner SD. Winds gusting to 60 mph created twelve foot snow drifts in Nebraska stranding thousands on the highways. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather from Minnesota to northeastern Texas. The thunderstorms spawned ten tornadoes, including one which injured five persons near Raymondville MO. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Low pressure off the coast of Virginia brought heavy rain to the Middle Atlantic Coast States, and heavy snow to the Northern Appalachians. Cape Hatteras NC was soaked with 5.20 inches of rain in 24 hours, and snowfall totals in Vermont ranged up to 12 inches. Winds gusted to 52 mph at New York City. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - The storm system which produced heavy snow in the Lower Missouri Valley the previous day, spread heavy snow across parts of the Upper Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic Coast Region. Snowfall totals of 2.2 inches at Philadelphia PA and 2.4 inches at Atlantic City NJ were records for the date. Up to six inches of snow blanketed southern Ohio. In the Middle Atlantic Coast Region, snow coated the blossoms of cherry trees which had bloomed in 80 degree weather the previous week. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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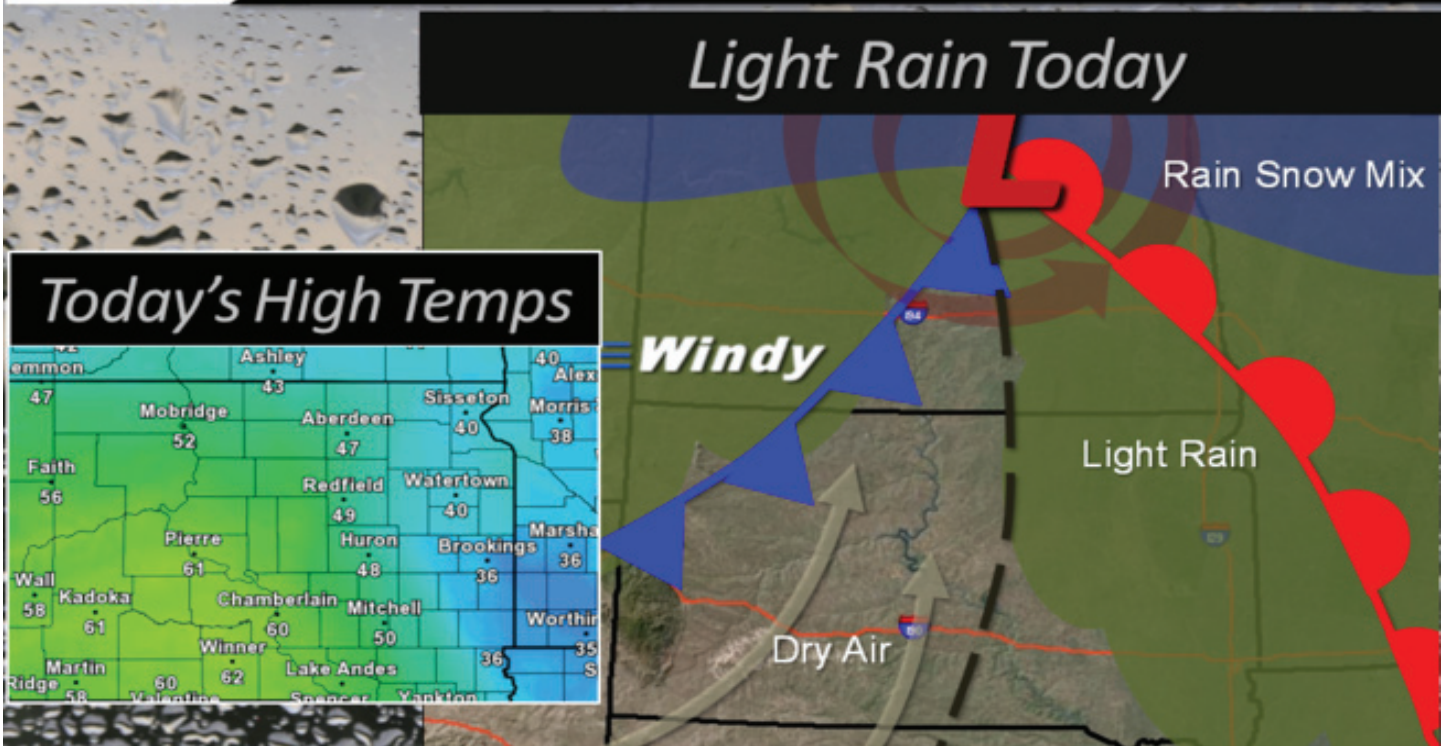
Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
 80%	 10%	 Windy				 20%
Rain	Slight Chc Rain	Windy	Blustery	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chc Rain/Snow
High: 47 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 41 °F	Low: 20 °F	High: 40 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 40 °F



## Light Rain, Very Little Accumulation

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Published on: 03/24/2015 at 5:12AM

Light rain will move from west to east across the region today, however very little accumulation is anticipated. Rain showers will persist over far eastern SD and west central MN through the day, however dry air is quick to return to the central part of SD this afternoon, promptly ending any lingering showers. A cold front will move across the region tonight. If precipitation is still ongoing across far northeast SD and west central MN, it may transition to freezing rain or snow. Again, very little in the way of accumulation. Northwest winds will become strong and gusty by Wednesday afternoon.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 50.6 at 5:39 PM

**Low:** 18.2 at 3:31 AM

**High Gust:** 20 at 12:51 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 80° in 1939

**Record Low:** -6° in 1974

**Average High:** 44°F

**Average Low:** 23°F

**Average Precip in March.:** 0.79

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

**Average Precip to date:** 1.81

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:51 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:28 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Mar 24, 2015, issued 3:29 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## GOD IS SOVEREIGN

"NO! NO! NO!" How many times have parents scolded their children with those three negative warning? Index finger pointing, a furrowed scowl on their brow and a stern warning in their voice to "stop this very instant." Whether or not the threat works the first, second or third time may well depend on the determination of the parent or the will of the child.

"There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord" is a powerful statement. Throughout Proverbs, wisdom and insight and plans have had their source in and from God. Here it is quite different. Solomon is warning any one who wants to challenge God's sovereignty to realize that it is a futile battle. He does not say "there is no insight, wisdom or plan" in a combined statement, but he emphasizes each one by preceding it with "NO!"

Whatever we devise apart from God will ultimately and completely fail. We may have carefully and completely researched our goal to replace God's sovereignty but when applied or put into action, it will not succeed.

Apart from God, everything - including wisdom, insight and plans - will be incomplete. Only in Him and through Him will whatever we do be complete and succeed. What we say and think, research and reason, talk about and work on will have its flaws. And it is not because God wants us to fail. It is because He demands that we depend on Him.

Attempting to do anything without humility, feelings of inadequacy and complete dependence on God, cannot or will not be as successful as it could be with His wisdom and insight. We can expect His blessings if we acknowledge our need for Him to be at the heart of all we do. Apart from Him we have no hope.

**Prayer:** Lord, if we are honest with ourselves, we will have to admit that whatever we do will be incomplete unless we depend on You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 21:30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Grant money available to preserve historic SD records**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakotans interested in preserving historic records can apply for grant money to help in the effort.

The state Historical Records Advisory Board is taking applications from records caretakers through April 30.

The funding comes through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives and Records Administration.

It will allow the state board to distribute \$4,000 to local repositories, organizations and historical societies toward the identification and preservation of historical records. The money can also be used to train staff who care for such records.

Details are available at <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/SHRAB/shrabactivity.aspx> .

### **Man convicted of vehicular homicide in SD gets over 30 years**

LAKE ANDES, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of driving drunk and killing two federal wildlife researchers has been sentenced to more than 30 years in prison.

The 30-year-old Ronald Fischer Jr. on Monday was ordered to serve 15 years in prison for each count of vehicular homicide. The Lake Andes man earlier this year was convicted of two counts of vehicular homicide, misdemeanor DUI, marijuana possession and ingesting.

Authorities say Fischer was driving drunk on July 8, 2013 in the Pickstown area when he failed to stop at a stop sign. Authorities say his vehicle went into a parking lot, where it struck and killed 25-year-old Maegan Spindler, of Cazenovia, New York, and 46-year-old Robert Klumb, of Pierre.

The two U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service employees were in the area conducting tests on the Missouri River.

### **Vermillion 8th grade student wins SD spelling bee**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — An eighth-grade Vermillion boy correctly spelled “nondescript” to win South Dakota’s statewide spelling bee.

Owen Dudley of Vermillion Middle School is the winner of the 2015 South Dakota State Spelling Bee hosted by the University of South Dakota.

Dudley will go on to represent the state at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.

Dudley outlasted fourteen other spellers during the competition.

Fifth-grader Hari Kadarkaraisamy of Jolley Elementary School in Vermillion was the runner-up. Seventh-grader Helen Zhang of George S. Mickelson Middle School in Brookings won third place.

### **Wildlife officials to release thousands of trout in SD**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials plan to release thousands of catchable-sized trout at the Oahe Downstream near Pierre.

The state’s Game, Fish and Parks Department says 6,400 11-inch hatchery-raised rainbow trout will be released over a two-week period starting April 1. Simultaneously, the department will release 3,200

15-inch rainbow trout.

Bob Hanten is a state fisheries biologist. He says the trout are extremely popular with families. Officials say transmitters will be implanted on 20 trout to study the movement patterns of the fish.

## **Retired Daktronics CEO appointed to state Board of Regents**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is appointing retired Daktronics President and CEO Jim Morgan to the state Board of Regents.

Morgan, of Brookings, retired in 2013 after a four-decade career at Daktronics, which makes and services video display systems for customers around the world. He led the company for 12 years.

Daugaard says Daktronics linked university research to business development, and promoted the value of internships in higher education and workforce development. He says Morgan understands the critical role universities play in preparing young people for successful careers in South Dakota.

Morgan holds bachelor's and master's degrees from South Dakota State University. His appointment to the Board of Regents is effective April 3. He succeeds Dean Krogman, who is retiring after 12 years on the board, including two as president.

## **2 more North Dakota deer test positive for chronic wasting**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Two more mule deer have tested positive for chronic wasting disease in North Dakota, bringing the total since 2009 to seven, although officials are confident it isn't spreading in the state.

The latest positive tests were in deer killed during last fall's gun season in the 3F2 hunting unit in southwestern North Dakota, the state Game and Fish Department announced Monday. Testing was done at Michigan State University and results were verified at a federal laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

All of the deer that have tested positive for the disease in recent years have been in the 3F2 unit, which borders South Dakota.

"This isn't surprising, and the number of positives coming out of the area remains low," Game and Fish Wildlife Veterinarian Dan Grove said.

CWD is a fatal disease that affects the nervous system of members of the deer family. Scientists have found no evidence that it can be transmitted naturally to people or livestock, though the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people not eat meat from infected animals.

Until 2009, North Dakota was CWD-free, although the disease was present in deer and elk in other states and Canada.

"We don't know exactly why it showed up where it did," Game and Fish Wildlife Chief Jeb Williams said.

The agency is fairly certain that it is not present elsewhere in North Dakota. Game and Fish began monitoring for CWD in 2002, and since then more than 25,000 deer, elk and moose killed by hunters throughout the state have tested negative.

"If it would be going on in other parts of the state, we would know it," Williams said.

One possible reason it has not spread is that Game and Fish has put hunting restrictions in place in the 3F2 unit, and hunters have complied because they know it is in the best long-term interest of their sport, Williams said.

Game and Fish restricts the transporting of deer from the unit and has introduced a baiting ban, which Grove said helps limit nose-to-nose contact by deer that can spread CWD.

Other questions remain unanswered, such as why no white-tailed deer in the area have tested positive.

"Chronic wasting disease obviously has been an issue that has been on the landscape in other states for a number of years, (but) it's a disease that's not totally understood yet," Williams said.

## Hospital gets longer to examine mom who left kids to die

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A Federal Bureau of Prisons medical center in Texas has been given more time to examine the mental health of a woman who told authorities she left her 2- and 4-year-old daughters to die in an unheated car during a frigid winter day in North Dakota.

Warden Jody Upton at the Federal Medical Center Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas, asked U.S. District Judge Dan Hovland to give a forensic psychologist 45 days rather than 30 to examine Michelle Wounded Face.

"Additional time is required to conduct a thorough, adequate and comprehensive evaluation in order to determine the existence of insanity at the time of the offense," Upton said.

Hovland, who ordered the exam last month, said "good cause has been demonstrated" and ordered the medical center to complete the evaluation no later than April 17 and submit a written report within two weeks of completion. The report will help determine whether Wounded Face is mentally competent to stand trial.

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

Wounded Face acknowledged during an interview that she had left the children in the car to die, FBI Special Agent Megan Bennett said in an affidavit.

Both the prosecution and defense say Wounded Face has exhibited odd behavior, including drinking toilet water and claiming to be the daughter of gods. She plans to rely on an insanity defense, according to Assistant Federal Public Defender Ryan Costello.

He earlier asked the court to release Wounded Face from custody so she could pursue an evaluation and treatment at the State Hospital in Jamestown, but hospital officials refused to accept her. Officials declined to say why, telling The Associated Press that they can't comment on individual cases.

Wounded Face faces two counts of child abuse and neglect that each carry a maximum punishment of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The Carswell facility is where women in the federal prison system are sent for medical and psychiatric needs.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

**The Associated Press**

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

### 1. U.S, AFGHAN PRESIDENTS TO FINALIZE PLAN FOR AMERICAN TROOP PULLOUT

Ashraf Ghani represents Obama's last, best hope to make good on his promise to end America's longest war before leaving office, but the time frame may be slower than first hoped.

### 2. AL-QAIDA AFFILIATE QUIETLY RISES IN SYRIA

As Islamic State militants get most of the attention with gruesome acts, the Nusra Front becomes a key player in the four-year civil war, compromising other rebel groups the West may try to work with.

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## 3. LAW ALLOWS UTAH TO USE FIRING SQUADS

The governor, in signing the bill, says the state needs a backup execution method in case a shortage of lethal drugs persists.

## 4. WHERE U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGY COLLAPSES

As Yemen descends into chaos and operations against militants are scaled back, an Islamic State offshoot finds a safe haven.

## 5. INVESTIGATORS FIND NO EVIDENCE OF GANG RAPE AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

The police probe follows an article in Rolling Stone magazine that described an attack in graphic detail, but was later discredited.

## 6. WHAT ECONOMIC CRISIS REVIVES IN VENEZUELA

The battered economy brings back a medical practice rarely seen in developed countries since the 1970s: the radical mastectomy.

## 7. WHY COMMUTES ARE TURNING NASTY

Finding a job near home is getting harder for millions of American workers. And commuting is especially tough on the poor, blacks and Hispanics.

## 8. TROUBLE AT AMEX

Changing consumer habits, aggressive competition and increased pushback from its merchants are putting heavy pressure on American Express.

## 9. ANGELINA JOLIE HAS OVARIES, FALLOPIAN TUBES REMOVED

The actress and filmmaker says in an op-ed in The New York Times that a blood test showed a mutation in the BRCA1 gene, which gave her an 87 percent risk of breast cancer and a 50 percent risk of ovarian cancer.

## 10. GEORGE R.R. MARTIN WON'T LET PRESSURE RUSH HIS WRITING

"Fifty years from now nobody is going to care how frequently the books came out," says the author of the best-selling series, "A Song of Ice and Fire."

## AP News in Brief

### Obama, new Afghan president to meet at White House, finalize plan for US troop withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama welcomes Afghanistan's new president to the Oval Office on Tuesday with a fraught question staring them in the face: Will the U.S. slow its departure from Afghanistan — and for how long?

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani represents Obama's last, best hope to make good on his promise to end America's longest war by the time he leaves office, keeping just a thousand or so troops at the embassy to coordinate security. Ghani predecessor Hamid Karzai's relationship with the White House was increasingly dysfunctional, and if the dealings with Ghani don't turn out better, Obama risks leaving Afghanistan still vulnerable to the kinds of violent extremist groups that operated with impunity until 14 years ago, when the U.S. attacked after 9/11.

Ghani comes to the White House aiming to prove he's a reliable partner worthy of U.S. support, despite his fractured government and a litany of problems still rampant in Afghanistan's military — illiteracy, drug abuse and desertions, to name a few.

Most critically, Ghani is asking the president to keep more U.S. troops in his country for longer, as Afghan forces brace for a tough spring fighting season and contend with Islamic State fighters looking to recruit on their soil.

"We do not now ask what the United States can do for us," Ghani said, invoking John F. Kennedy as he opened his U.S. visit on Monday. "We want to say what Afghanistan will do for itself and for the world."

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## **As Islamic State group gets attention, the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front quietly rises in Syria**

BEIRUT (AP) — The Nusra Front, Syria's al-Qaida affiliate, is consolidating power in territory stretching from the Turkish border to central and southern Syria, crushing moderate opponents and forcibly converting minorities using tactics akin to its ultraconservative rival, the Islamic State group.

But while the Islamic State group gets most of the attention largely because its penchant for gruesome propaganda, the Nusra Front quietly has become one of the key players in the four-year civil war, compromising other rebel groups the West may try to work with while increasingly enforcing its own brutal version of Islamic law.

Its scope of influence now abuts the Golan Heights bordering Israel, and its membership largely composed of Syrian nationals refuse any negotiations with the government of embattled President Bashar Assad, further complicating the brutal conflict.

"The Nusra Front will most likely outlast ISIS in Syria, and will represent a severe and existential threat to the aspirations of the Syrian people in terms of a pluralistic, democratic society," said Fawaz A. Gerges, director of the Middle East Center at the London School of Economics, using an alternate acronym for the extremist group.

The Islamic State group helped create the Nusra Front, providing financing, manpower and military hardware in 2012. But the group and its patron eventually had a falling out in 2013 for ideological as well as strategic reasons. The Nusra Front, while loyal to al-Qaida, has cooperated with other Syrian rebel factions in the fight to oust Assad.

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## **Police investigation finding no evidence of gang rape at U.Va. not final word on sex assault**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The article, titled "A rape on campus," revolved around a student identified only as "Jackie," who said she was raped at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity more than two years earlier.

It described a hidden culture of sexual violence fueled by binge drinking at the college.

Police found evidence of neither.

Announcing the results of a four-month investigation, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said Monday there were numerous discrepancies between the Rolling Stone article, published in November 2014, and what investigators found.

The police investigation's conclusions brought a small measure of relief to students, many of whom told The Associated Press on Monday they want to put the allegations, and the torrent of negative publicity they have brought to the campus, behind them.

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## **Once Obama's model for fighting extremists, US counterterrorism strategy collapses**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once hailed by President Barack Obama as a model for fighting extremism, the U.S. counterterrorism strategy in Yemen has all but collapsed as the country descends into chaos, according to U.S. and Yemeni officials.



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Operations against militants have been scaled back dramatically amid the fall of the American-backed government and the evacuation of U.S. personnel. What had been consistent pressure on Yemen's dangerous al-Qaida affiliate has been relieved, the officials say, and a safe haven exists for the development of an offshoot of the Islamic State group.

It's a swift and striking transformation for an anti-terror campaign Obama heralded just six months ago as the template for efforts to fight the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. The shift has left Obama open to criticism that he failed to anticipate the risks of a light footprint strategy that aims to put fragile governments and beleaguered local security forces, not the U.S. military, at the forefront.

Barbara Bodine, a former U.S. ambassador to Yemen, said even the most optimistic regional experts did not share Obama's view that the Yemen campaign was a model of success.

"It was being defined in terms of what we were doing to develop local forces and use drones and counter the immediate and real security threat," said Bodine, now director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University. "But what we hadn't done, certainly had not done visibly enough, was get at the economic and governance issues that were driving the problem."

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## Questions, answers about Utah firing squad as governor brings back execution method as backup

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov. Gary Herbert on Monday gave his stamp of approval to a law that brings back the firing squad in the only state that has used it in the past 40 years — Utah.

Under the law, firing squads will be a backup method if lethal-injection drugs aren't available.

Utah and other states have struggled to keep up their inventories as European manufacturers opposed to capital punishment refuse to sell the components of lethal injections to U.S. prisons.

A closer look at how Utah's firing squad works:

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## Venezuela doctors say they're performing more radical mastectomies as economic crisis worsens

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Oncologist Gabriel Romero performs hundreds of life-saving surgeries a year, but he no longer takes pleasure in his work.

That's because he believes that many of the mastectomies he does on some of Venezuela's poorest women wouldn't be needed in a normally functioning country. Doctors say they are being forced to return to outdated treatments because the socialist country's economic problems make it impossible to ensure the proper running of radiation machines in public hospitals, where patients receive free treatment under Venezuela's universal health care.

"You don't feel comfortable with it, because you're making a decision that goes against your professional judgment," Romero said recently after seeing patients in the grubby basement clinic at the Dr. Luis Razetti Oncology Center, at the foot of a Caracas slum. The hospital's only linear accelerator machine, the more modern of the two kinds of radiotherapy devices used in Venezuela, has been broken since November.

"We're practicing medicine from the 1940s here, and we know that's not right," Romero said.

The challenges facing doctors are just one reflection of an economy battered by widespread shortages. The recent crash in global oil prices, which account for 95 percent of Venezuela's exports, is creating a cash shortage that makes it difficult to buy imported goods, such as parts for medical machines. Also depressing economic activity is 68 percent inflation and a currency crisis that has seen the value

of the local Bolivar plunge 46 percent this year on the closely-watched black market.

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## **Angelina Jolie has ovaries, fallopian tubes removed in effort to prevent cancer**

Angelina Jolie says she has had her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed to prevent cancer.

The actress and filmmaker made the announcement Tuesday in an op-ed in The New York Times (<http://nyti.ms/1xYIH0Z> <http://nyti.ms/1xYIH0Z> ). She says a blood test showed a mutation in the BRCA1 gene, which gave her an 87 percent risk of breast cancer and a 50 percent risk of ovarian cancer. She had a double mastectomy in 2013.

Jolie says she had the procedure done last week. She still has her uterus, adding that uterine cancer does not run in her family. Her grandmother, mother and aunt died of cancer.

She says she will look for ways to strengthen her immune system to prevent cancers.

Her husband, Brad Pitt, was in France and was flying to the U.S.

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## **30 years ago after Cold War killing in communist East Germany, US officer Nicholson remembered**

BERLIN (AP) — U.S. Col. Roland Lajoie had just arrived home in West Berlin on a cool March day in 1985 when he got the call from his headquarters: the Soviets were demanding to see him immediately in East Germany

As chief of the U.S. Military Liaison Mission, Lajoie regularly sent intelligence-gathering patrols into communist East Germany and confrontations were not unusual. But he'd never gotten a call to respond personally to an incident. He remembered worrying that his men may have run over an East German civilian.

What he actually faced had even deeper political ramifications: A Soviet sentry had shot and killed unarmed U.S. Maj. Arthur Nicholson, letting him bleed out where he fell on the tank firing range he had been reconnoitering.

"Everyone knew it was kind of dangerous, but it was a big shock when Nicholson was killed," Lajoie said.

Nicholson's death 30 years ago Tuesday came only two weeks after Mikhail Gorbachev became Soviet leader. It was his first major crisis, threatening to pull Washington and Moscow back into the depths of the Cold War.

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## **As American Express faces bruising competition, some cardholders can leave home without it**

NEW YORK (AP) — For decades, American Express was the undisputed credit card of choice among corporate road warriors, the wealthy and the well-traveled, who lived by the company's slogan, "Don't leave home without it."

But changing consumer habits, extremely aggressive competition and increased pushback from its merchants are putting heavy pressure on AmEx.

Rivals are trying to steal away business and are succeeding in some cases. Costco, for example, is ending its 15-year relationship with AmEx and defecting to Citigroup and Visa starting next March. And airlines that used to give VIP lounge access to AmEx cardholders have been switching in recent years to other credit card companies.

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Compounding its troubles, AmEx recently lost a major government antitrust lawsuit, a verdict that could damage its ability to compete.

"The competitive environment for AmEx is very challenging," said Jason Arnold, a Wall Street analyst who covers AmEx for RBS Securities. "Major competitors have all directed their efforts to take chunks away from their business. They've got serious problems."

## Hollande: No survivors in passenger jet crash in French Alps

PARIS (AP) — French President Francois Hollande says no survivors are likely in the Alpine crash of a passenger jet carrying 148 people.

The Germanwings passenger jet crashed Tuesday in the French Alps region as it traveled from Barcelona to Dusseldorf, French officials.

Eric Ciotti, the head of the regional council, said search-and-rescue teams were headed to the crash site at Meolans-Revels.

The French newspaper La Provence, citing aviation officials, said the Airbus plane carried at least 142 passengers, two pilots and four flight attendants

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 24, the 83rd day of 2015. There are 282 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

### On this date:

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1913, New York's Palace Theatre, the legendary home of vaudeville, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1975, Muhammad Ali defeated Chuck Wepner with a technical knockout in the 15th round of a fight in Richfield, Ohio. (Wepner, a journeyman known as the "Bayonne Bleeder," inspired Sly Stallone to make his "Rocky" films.)

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by a sniper as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez (vahl-DEEZ') ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1995, after 20 years, British soldiers stopped routine patrols in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days.

**Ten years ago:** The U.S. Supreme Court denied an appeal from the parents of Terri Schiavo to have

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a feeding tube reinserted into the severely brain-damaged woman. The president of Kyrgyzstan (KEER'-gih-stan), Askar Akayev (AHS'-kahr ah-KY'-ev), fled the country after opposition activists stormed his headquarters, seized control of state television and rampaged through government offices. Chess legend Bobby Fischer was freed after being detained nine months in Japan for trying to leave the country with an invalid U.S. passport; he boarded a flight to his new home, Iceland. The American version of "The Office," based on a BBC-TV series, premiered on NBC.

**Five years ago:** Keeping a promise he'd made to anti-abortion Democratic lawmakers to assure passage of his historic health care legislation, President Barack Obama signed an executive order against using federal funds to pay for elective abortions covered by private insurance. Actor Robert Culp died in Los Angeles at age 79. Singer Johnny Maestro died in Florida at age 70.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama began a week of international travel as he arrived in the Netherlands with Russia's Crimean incursion at the top of his agenda. An Egyptian court sentenced to death nearly 530 suspected backers of ousted President Mohammed Morsi over a deadly attack on a police station, capping a swift, two-day mass trial in which defense attorneys were not allowed to present their case. Five former employees of imprisoned financier Bernard Madoff were convicted at the end of a six-month trial in New York that cast them as the long arms of their boss.

**Today's Birthdays:** Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti is 96. Actor William Smith is 82. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 76. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 71. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 70. Former Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire is 68. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 67. Singer Nick Lowe is 66. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 64. Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger is 64. Comedian Louie Anderson is 62. Actress Donna Pescow is 61. Actor Robert Carradine is 61. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is 59. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 55. Rhythm-and-blues DJ Rodney "Kool Kollie" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 54. TV personality Star Jones is 53. Country-rock musician Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) is 51. Actor Peter Jacobson is 50. Rock singer-musician Sharon Corr (The Corrs) is 45. Actress Lauren Bowles is 45. Actress Lara Flynn Boyle is 45. Rapper Maceo (AKA P.A. Pasemaster Mase) is 45. Actress Megyn Price is 44. Actor Jim Parsons is 42. Christian rock musician Chad Butler (Switchfoot) is 41. Actress Alyson Hannigan is 41. NFL quarterback Peyton Manning is 39. Actress Olivia Burnette is 38. Actress Jessica Chastain is 38. Actor Amir Arison (TV: "The Blacklist") is 37. Actress Lake Bell is 36. Rock musician Benj Gershman (O.A.R.) is 35. Neo-soul musician Jesse Phillips (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 35. Actress Keisha Castle-Hughes is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "If merely 'feeling good' could decide, drunkenness would be the supremely valid human experience." - William James, American psychologist (1842-1910).

## 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.**