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## Thursday, March 26

**Birthdays:** Bob Wegner, Clare Davidson, Jonathan Cutler, Justin Morehouse, Mark Thompson, Noah Thurston, Scott Kettering, Clayton Kurtz, Samantha Menzia

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, Ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Italian dunker, tater tot, carrots and dip, fruit.

## Friday, March 27

**Birthdays:** Dwight Strom, Gail Schinkel, Michelle Walter

**Senior Menu:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Fish nuggets, French fries, romaine salad, fruit, muffin.

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

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## The cardboard/paper

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## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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## State DI Tournament is Saturday in Huron

Five Groton Area Destination Imagination teams will be competing in the State DI Tournament that will be held Saturday at Huron High School. This is the first year in a long time that the state is not being held in Pierre.

The address for the Huron High School is: 801 18th St SW - Huron

Directions: Stay on Hwy 37 continuing through Huron to 18th St, turn right (West) onto 18th St, continue on 18th to school. OR take 37 Bypass (west side of fairgrounds), south to 18th St, turn left (east) and continue to the school. The school is east of the mall.

### Team times:

5 Confused People - Main Challenge - 1:00 -- IC 2:20

5 Fear-ly Odd People -- Main Challenge - 1:00 -- IC 3:00

Benhenyolo - Main Challenge - 1:40 -- IC 12:20

Eye of the Monkey -- Main Challenge - 2:20 -- IC 1:00

Out of the Boxers - Main Challenge - 2:40 -- IC 1:20

The Main Challenges are open to the public. The IC (Instant Challenges) are behind closed doors and the public will not have access to these events.

## Tullis 50th Birthday

Cheryl Tullis of Aberdeen, formerly of Groton, will be celebrating her 50th birthday on April 6th. Greetings can be sent to 1020 6th Ave SE, Box 151, Aberdeen, SD 57401

## 3-Class Shoot Out

The 28th Annual 3 Class Shoot-Out basketball all-star game will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the McCook Central Auditorium in Salem. All three classes in both boys and girls will be represented by many of the top seniors in South Dakota. The games are as followed;

GAME TIMES: 2:00 - "AA" Girls vs "A" Girls  
3:45 - "B" Girls vs Winner of first game  
5:15 - "B" Boys vs "A" Boys  
DUNK CONTEST after first Boys game  
7:00 - "AA" Boys vs Winner of third game

### Class "AA" Girls: Coach: Todd Schlimgen, Mt. Marty

Dalee Stene, S.F. O'Gorman; Jessica Mieras, S.F. O'Gorman; Sydney Palmer, Pierre; Danni Honner, Harrisburg; Carley Kueter, Brandon Valley; Taylor Volesky, Mitchell; Taylor Molstad, R.C. Stevens; Andi Sprakel, Yankton; Marissa Hirchert, R.C. Stevens

### Class "A" Girls: Coach: Sam Sikkink, DWU

Alexys Swedlund, St. Thomas Moore; Kelsey Bertram, Winner; Mikayla Prouty, Clark/Willow Lake; Courtney Kurtz, Groton; Erin Grimshaw, Todd County; Sammy Kasowski, Tri Valley; Brianna Painter, McCook Central/Montrose; McKenzie Huber, Clark/Willow Lake; Lindsey Vogl, Webster; Leah Rogness, Deubrook

### Class "B" Girls: Coach: Amanda Hart, DWU

Ashley Rozell, Warner; Darbi Gustafson, Ethan; McKenzie Zilverburg, Highmore/Harrod; Madison Mathews, Jones County; Katie Sackman, Lemmon; Rylie Osthus, DeSmet; Justine Dye, Bridgewater/Emery; Kalissa Pereboom, Summit; Morgan Selland, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket; Kelli Steffen, Kimball/White Lake

### Class "AA" Boys: Coach: Matt Wilber, DWU

Addison Park, S.F. Lincoln; Sam McCloud, R.C. Stevens; Kellen Barden, Sturgis; Brady Hale, Yankton; Austin Trevino, Brandon Valley; Carter Brewster, Mitchell; Malik Dunn, S.F. Lincoln; Cody Eide, Harrisburg;

### Class "A" Boys: Coach: Sam Holden, Mt. Marty

Tyson Jenkins, Clark/Willow Lake; Creighton LeBeau, Cheyenne/Eagle Butte; Will Gottlob, McCook Central/Montrose; Beau Keeter, Miller; Cole Cheeseman, McCook Central/Montrose; Nathan Galbraith, Winner; EJ Drake, Hamlin; Ephram Albrecht, Redfield/Doland; Danny Klosterman, Madison; Isaac Anderson, McCook Central/Montrose

### Class "B" Boys: Coach: Jacob Brandl, DWU

Bo Fries, Langford; Coby Johnson, Platte/Geddes; Lorenzo Williams, Wolsey/Wessington; Andrew King, Arlington; Jordan Marquardt, Hanson; Heath Schindler, Elkton/Lake Benton; Taylor Nichols, Hanson; Zach O'Keefe, Parker; Derrek Tuszka, Warner

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## Holmquist - Larsen Engaged

Tyler Ehren Holmquist and Hanna Rose Larsen announce their engagement. Larsen is the daughter of Scott and Kristi Larsen of Brookings and is a 2009 Groton High School graduate. Holmquist is the son of Randy and Julie Holmquist of Rapid City and Victoria Connelly of Rapid City and is a 2004 graduate of Chamberlain High School. Both are currently pursuing master's degrees at South Dakota State University. The wedding is planned for August 15 at Camp Rimrock near Rapid City.

### 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.

## Groton Coffee Cup

**Team Standings:** Golden Girls 38.5, James Valley 35, Farm Girls 29, Jungle Lanes 19, Ten Pins 18, Ken's 16.5

**High Games:** Mary Jane Jark 186, Jackie Thorson 173, Vickie Walter 172.

**High Series:** Jackie Thorson 480, Mary Jane Jark 471, Vickie Walter 459.

## Conde National League

**Team Standings:** Giants 29, Braves 26, Mets 21, Colts 20, Pirates 19, Cubs 17.

**Men's High Games:** Brad Larson 235 and 223, Connor Hanson 200, Al Walter 190.

**Women's High Games:** Joyce Walter 188 and 168, Hope Knoepfle 184, Darla Larson 159.

**Men's High Series:** Brad Larson 630, Al Walter 549, Larry Frohling 483.

**Women's High Series:** Joyce Walter 510, Darla Larson 468, Hope Knoepfle 466.

## Kiwanis Club

Larry Wheeting, president; was also program leader last Wednesday. Larry introduced Dwight Zerr, of the city's public works department. Dwight explained his job with the city, and stated that Groton should have all new pipes installed within 2-3 years, hopefully.

Sherry McKiver announced her resignation as the club's chef, as of May 1.

## Classifieds

### 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.

## The Life Ruth Rix Volk Ingham



Ruth Clio Rix was born November 17, 1915 on her parent's farm in Groton. Her father, William Rix had seven children at the time of his wife's death. He later married Grace Robinson and had four more children, Ruth was the youngest.

She attended Groton schools until she was 16 when she moved to Michigan to help her two youngest brothers (Arden and Brian) work and sell a farm their mother had inherited. It was hoped that the sale of this farm would save the Groton farm during the depression.

While in Michigan she met and married Max Hinckley. They had two children; daughter Jacqueline (Jackie) and a son, Rix Rene. She returned to South Dakota in 1941 and lived in Aberdeen until 1998, when she moved to an apartment in Groton.

During her years in Aberdeen she worked at Jewett Drug filling wholesale drug orders. She worked there until 1947 when she married Joe Volk on June 3, 1947. Joe died on September 15, 1976. They had a daughter, Julie Susan. In order to stay at home with Julie, Ruth became a color artist for both Hardin and Artz studios. Later she became an employee at Artz Lab (Camera Supply) for over 30 years.

She retired in 1981 and married Charles (Chuck) Ingham, a former manager at Artz Studio. For several years they spent winters in California and summers at Pickerel Lake. Ruth had a cottage on Pickerel Lake for over 50 years. She and three of her brothers had six cabins in a row. Many family celebrations were held there for years. All of the places are now in the second and third generation of the Rix brothers and Ruth. The road to the cabins was named Rix Road. Ruth loved being at Pickerel Lake; she was still going out there to visit her daughters until 2011. In 2010 she moved to Sioux Falls due to declining health. She was living at Good Samaritan Luther Manor at the time of her death.

She is survived by her daughters: Jackie Sippel Wagner, Groton, and Julie (Susie) Volk Job, (Thomas), Sioux Falls, She has four grandchildren: David Sippel, and Dana (Amiee) Sippel, Pierpont; Chris (Elizabeth) Hinckley, Middletown, Del.; and Jessica Job of Sioux Falls, 10 great grandchildren: Jill Sippel Serocki (Jeff), Tory, Diane and Jacob Sippel, Jordan, Taryn, Sage, and Brynn Sippel, Alexandra (Lexi) Job, and Margo Hinckley. Three great-great grandchildren: Zachary & Lucas Serocki and Wyatt Sippel.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands, son: Rix Hinckley, sons-in law: Orylin Sippel and Paul Wagner, granddaughter: Jennifer Job Massa, eight brothers and two sisters.

## 2015 Dietary Guidelines Open for Comment

BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakotans have the opportunity to weigh in on the current recommendations for the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which were recently submitted to Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. The comment period is open now through midnight EDT on May 8, 2015.

"This comment period provides an opportunity for all concerned citizens to share their opinions," said Alvaro Garcia, SDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Director and SDSU Professor.

Garcia explained that the role of SDSU Extension is to disseminate research-based, unbiased information and provide it to South Dakotans in ways that are applicable. In the case of the current dietary guidelines suggestions, evidence shows that it is not necessary to eliminate food groups to achieve healthy dietary patterns, said Suzanne Stluka, SDSU Extension Food & Families Program Director.

"Individuals can combine foods in a variety of flexible ways to achieve healthy dietary patterns," Stluka said. "These strategies should be tailored to meet the individual's health needs, dietary preferences and cultural traditions."

Stluka added that along with a healthy diet, current research strongly demonstrates that regular physical activity promotes health and reduces chronic disease risk.

The 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is made up of a group of prestigious outside experts. Once the comment period closes, HHS and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will consider the report, along with input from other federal agencies and public comments as they develop the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

"For decades, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans have been at the core of our efforts to promote the health and well-being of American families," said Secretaries Burwell and Vilsack in a joint statement. "Now that the advisory committee has completed its recommendations, HHS and USDA will review this advisory report, along with comments from the public-including other experts - and input from other federal agencies as we begin the process of updating the guidelines."

To view the independent advisory group's report and provide written comments, visit [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov). The 2015 Dietary Guidelines are scheduled to be released later this year.

## Growing In Agriculture Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) Proposed Rule



**Secretary Lucas Lentsch**

Excitement surrounds the potential use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in our state's agricultural industry. This technology could be used to fly over pastures and check cows or to take aerial surveys of crops and spray pesticide accordingly.

The uses for this tool are impressive, but the possible economic growth is appealing as well. A recent report published by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems stated total UAV spending in the agriculture sector in South Dakota could be more than \$1.4 million in 2015. The economic impact of UAV airspace integration in South Dakota could hit \$9 million in the first three years and possibly will grow to over \$56 million between 2015 and 2025.

I am enthusiastic for UAV technology, but there are also potential problems with their use. How to analyze and process the data, set attainable standards for possible flight failures and deal with potential connection failures are all issues that will need to be addressed.

UAVs, like other aircrafts, are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA recently released a long-awaited proposed rulemaking for the use of small UAVs. These possible guidelines cover operational limitations, operator certification and responsibilities and aircraft requirements.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's (SDDA) Wildland Fire Division is concerned about the use of UAVs in areas where firefighting aircraft is being utilized. There are also many questions regarding privacy, data ownership and use that will need to be addressed.

SDDA is currently reviewing the rule and has engaged with counterparts at other Midwest state departments of agriculture to determine how our agencies might influence the evolving discussion. I would encourage anyone with an interest in potential use of this technology to review the proposed regulations and weigh in with your comments before the April 24, 2015 deadline. Additional information on the proposed rulemaking and a link to submit official comments can be found at <http://www.faa.gov/uas/nprm/>.





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**Larry Zimmerman  
Secretary**

## **All invited to attend Welcome Home Viet Nam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, will be the keynote speakers at the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony at the Capitol Lake in Pierre at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) on Sunday, March 29.

This ceremony affords attendees the opportunity to express our gratitude, remember their service and say thank you and welcome home.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, sunscreen, sunglasses and water.

Immediately following the ceremony, Pierre American Legion Post 8 will host a celebration reception (free-will donation) from 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Veterans will be provided numerous opportunities throughout the weekend to network and share their stories.

Saturday, March 28, events include VA briefings from Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Director Darwin Goodspeed and Dakotas Regional Office benefits team members at 10 a.m., an Agent Orange and Toxic Chemical Town Hall at 1 p.m., a celebration dinner for Vietnam Veterans and their families will be hosted by Pierre Post 8 at 6 p.m. (free will donations), and at 7 p.m. a pre-screening of "Last Days in Vietnam," a PBS American Experience Production will be aired.

On Sunday, March 29, a Welcome Home Breakfast will be held at McClelland's Restaurant in Fort Pierre (902 Walleye Drive) with serving from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. At noon, participants will begin lining up for the "Celebration" procession, which starts at 1 p.m., and will travel from McClelland's to the Vietnam Memorial at Capitol Lake in Pierre. The VA mobile Vet Center will be located at Capitol Lake and staff will be on hand to provide outreach to veterans and their families.

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## South Dakotans reminded to dig with care

Pierre, S.D. – Springtime in South Dakota means an increase in construction activity, outdoor home projects and a heightened awareness to call 811 before any digging project, according to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the South Dakota One Call Board. For these reasons and more, Governor Dennis Daugaard is proclaiming April as Safe Digging Month in South Dakota.

Before starting a home renovation or landscaping project, take the important step to have a professional locator mark all underground utility lines. South Dakota law requires excavators and homeowners to contact South Dakota One Call at least two working days before beginning any digging project.

There are multiple ways to contact One Call. Simply dial 811 to talk to a representative in person, enter a request online at [www.SDOneCall.com](http://www.SDOneCall.com), or use the new South Dakota 811 mobile app available for iPhone and Android users.

811 is a free service that connects excavators and homeowners to South Dakota One Call Center personnel who quickly notify all affected utility companies of the upcoming excavation plans. The utility companies then dispatch their crews within 48 hours to mark the underground lines at the respective dig site.

Using the 811 program decreases the risk of hitting a buried utility line. Damaged lines can cause service interruptions, environmental harm, injury or even death.

"The depth of each buried line varies. The risk of striking a line or pipe exists even a few inches below the ground," PUC Chairman Chris Nelson said. "It's imperative that homeowners and professional excavators take time to have all underground utilities located and marked before breaking ground."

Last year the South Dakota One Call Center received nearly 134,000 locate requests and sent out more than 802,000 locate tickets across the state – a comparable number of requests received in 2013, which shows that overall South Dakotans are conscientious when digging.

"The process is simple: Call before you dig, be mindful of the marks and dig with care," said Erin Hayes, South Dakota One Call Board chairman and director of corporate construction for Midcontinent Communications. "We want to make sure everyone is safe while working near buried service lines."

To learn more about 811 and safe digging practices, visit [www.onecall.sd.gov](http://www.onecall.sd.gov).

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## USDA Rural Development Launches New Website

### Visitors Find Enhanced User Experience at [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)

WASHINGTON - USDA Rural Development has launched a new website to enhance program accessibility and customer service.

The new website ([www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)) features quicker and more intuitive access to programs, simplified site navigation, and information about services and staff contacts in every state office. The site also provides easily accessible resources for loan and grant applications, eligibility information and program descriptions.

"We invite the public, local governments, businesses, rural residents, non-profit organizations and anyone interested in the future of rural communities to visit the website," USDA Under Secretary Lisa Mensah said. "The site can now be easily accessed on Smartphones and tablets, making Rural Development program information and applications for funding more accessible than ever."

Other website features include:

- A listing of all programs (<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs>)
- Access to program Regulations and Guidelines (<http://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/regulations-guidelines>)
- Prominent housing lender notices on state websites
- A Directory of State Offices (<http://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>)

Future enhancements to the site will include Spanish language descriptions of programs.

USDA Rural Development administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

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## Pesticide Drift during Spraying Season

PIERRE, SD – The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) would like to remind pesticide applicators of drift risk during this spraying season.

Applicators should prevent risk of drift to non-target areas or susceptible crops and should evaluate factors such as wind speed, wind direction, temperature, spray pressure, nozzle height and surrounding properties before they begin spraying a field.

Product labels give applicators information about safe handling, rates, personal protective equipment, labeled crops, susceptible crops, tank mixes, avoiding drift, weeds controlled and more. Reading the label of a pesticide is one of the most important things an applicator can do to get a job done correctly and safely.

Although pesticide applicators are trained to apply pesticides safely and products are labeled with instructions to prevent drift, occasionally damage occurs. SDDA receives complaint calls on pesticide drift, damage and a variety of other related incidents.

When is it appropriate to file a complaint? Below are a few suggestions:

- If damage has been done to the environment (trees, bushes etc.) or a non-target field because of spray drift
- If you notice pesticide drift occurring while an applicator is spraying
- A spill of over 25 gallons of liquid material or 500 lbs. dry material occurs

A complaint must be filed within 30 days after the date the damage occurs. If a growing crop is allegedly damaged, the complaint must be filed before 25 percent of the crop has been harvested.

For those who want to be proactive in preventing drift from happening, SDDA has developed the South Dakota Sensitive Sites Registry at <http://arcgis.sd.gov/server/ag/sensitivesites/default.aspx>. This is an online mapping tool which can be used to help prevent adverse drift effects as a result of pesticide or fertilizer applications.

The registry allows producers of crops such as vineyards and organic production areas that are sensitive to pesticides to register by entering their contact information, field data and crops grown. Apiary sites are automatically included on the site through the Apiary Program. Applicators can register their service areas too; this allows the applicator to be informed via email about whatever sensitive sites are in his/her service area, whether old or new.

Registry of gardens of a half-acre or more will also be allowed on the site this year. "The allowance of garden registry is due to the recent increase of pesticide drift incidences on gardens," says Nick Wuebben, the registry's administrator.

The Sensitive Sites Registry's success depends on participation from both producers and applicators. Both are strongly encouraged to sign up. For more information, contact Nick Wuebben at 605.773.4432.

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## SD Gas Prices Still Sliding

AAA South Dakota – South Dakota pump prices have continued to decrease, AAA South Dakota reports. Today's average across the state is \$3.343 for a gallon of self-serve regular, four cents lower than last week.

"After climbing from a recent low of \$1.952 in mid-January this year, retail gasoline prices in South Dakota have started declining," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "Whether this is a trend remains to be seen. We're still in that tricky time of the year when refineries are transitioning to the production of more expensive summer-grade fuel blends."

|                     | Today   | Last Week | Change    | Feb. 24 | Change  | Last year |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Aberdeen</b>     | \$2.368 | \$2.429   | (\$0.061) | \$2.250 | \$0.118 | \$3.535   |
| <b>Brookings</b>    | \$2.428 | \$2.505   | (\$0.077) | \$2.308 | \$0.120 | \$3.681   |
| <b>Huron</b>        | \$2.424 | \$2.393   | \$0.031   | \$2.328 | \$0.096 | \$3.600   |
| <b>Mitchell</b>     | \$2.296 | \$2.356   | (\$0.060) | \$2.231 | \$0.065 | \$3.516   |
| <b>Pierre</b>       | \$2.532 | \$2.500   | \$0.032   | \$2.307 | \$0.225 | \$3.635   |
| <b>Rapid City</b>   | \$2.228 | \$2.220   | \$0.008   | \$2.024 | \$0.204 | \$3.448   |
| <b>Sioux Falls</b>  | \$2.315 | \$2.393   | (\$0.078) | \$2.195 | \$0.120 | \$3.501   |
| <b>Vermillion</b>   | \$2.399 | \$2.399   | \$0.000   | \$2.217 | \$0.182 | \$3.444   |
| <b>Watertown</b>    | \$2.360 | \$2.336   | \$0.024   | \$2.314 | \$0.046 | \$3.577   |
| <b>Yankton</b>      | \$2.355 | \$2.382   | (\$0.027) | \$2.301 | \$0.054 | \$3.539   |
| <b>South Dakota</b> | \$2.343 | \$2.383   | (\$0.040) | \$2.201 | \$0.142 | \$3.534   |

Although it has risen since then, the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil hit a six-year low on Tuesday of last week. This has kept downward pressure on the gasoline prices, even in the face of renewed demand and regional refinery maintenance.

Also helping keep a lid on WTI are reports of growing supply and the strengthening U.S. dollar. In addition, the likelihood of a possible nuclear deal between the West and Iran also has the potential to bring more oil to the global market. Plus, comments by Saudi Arabia's oil minister Sunday indicated the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would not cut oil production to increase global oil prices, instead electing to let free marketplace forces set the price. At the close of yesterday's formal trading on the NYMEX, WTI settled up \$0.88 at \$47.45 per barrel.

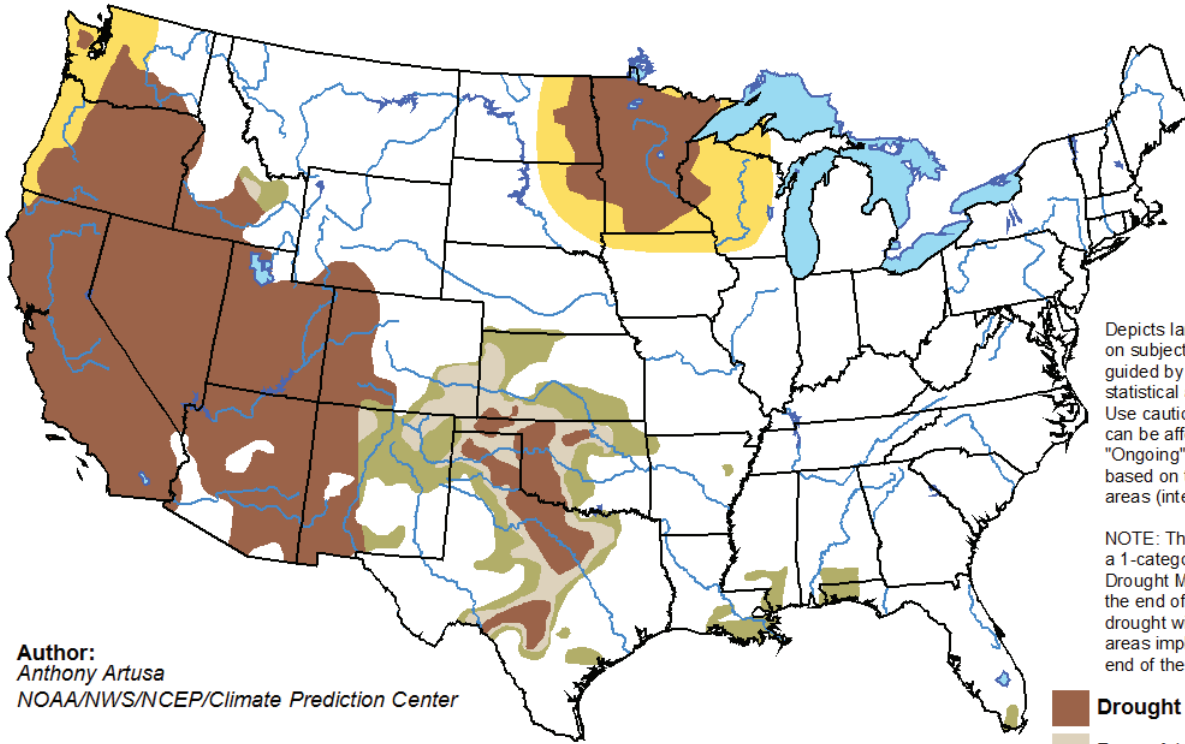
Today's national average price for regular gasoline is \$2.42 per gallon, about half-a-cent more than one week ago, 11 cents more than one month ago but \$1.11 less than on this date last year. Both the South Dakota and the national averages have now fallen for 14 of the last 17 days.

Drivers in 38 states, including South Dakota, are experiencing week-over-week savings at the pump with the largest price drops seen in California (-10 cents), Minnesota (-8 cents) and Maine (-7 cents).

At the other end of the spectrum, the price has moved higher in 12 states and Washington, D.C. Motorists in six states are paying an extra nickel or more per gallon than they did one week ago, with the biggest jumps in price seen in Illinois (+27 cents), Michigan (+24 cents) and Indiana (+17 cents). These recent increases have been keyed to issues at two major regional refineries: BP's refinery in Whiting, Ind. and ExxonMobil's refinery in Joliet, Ill.

## U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period





Valid for March 19 - June 30, 2015  
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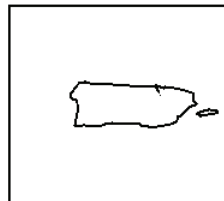
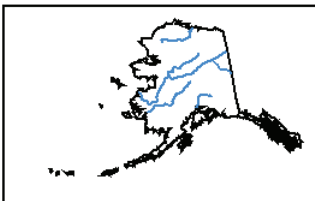


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

Author:  
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NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Climate Prediction Center

-  Drought persists/intensifies
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely



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## Today in Weather History

March 26, 1977: During an early morning severe weather event, hail up to 1.75 inches in diameter fell 1 mile NE of Watertown in Codington County. In addition, hail up to 1.50 inches in diameter fell in Milbank, Grant County.

March 26, 1995: Heavy snow fell over most of central South Dakota, as well as in the northern Black Hills. Heavier accumulations included 14 inches at Murdo, 13 inches at Lead, and 12 inches at Eureka, Leola, and Buskala Ranch. Only a few traffic accidents were reported, although many other vehicles slid into ditches. There was some damage to power lines and poles. Some livestock losses were feared, as the snow fell during the calving season, although this could not be assessed in the short term.

March 26, 2008: An area of low pressure moving across the Northern Plains brought strong lift and heavy snow from 6 to 15 inches in a band across much of central and northeast South Dakota from the evening to the early morning hours. Schools were delayed or cancelled and road travel was difficult, if not impossible. Some snowfall amounts included: 6 inches at Stephan, Willow Lake, Harrold, Miller, and near Hoven; 7 inches at Hayti, east of Hayes, and Eagle Butte; 8 inches at Highmore and Doland; 9 inches at Orient, Bryant, and near Onida; 10 inches at Gettysburg and Faulkton; 11 inches at Seneca and Redfield. Locations with a foot or more of snowfall included: 12 inches 23 miles north of Highmore; 13 inches near Agar; 15 inches 24 miles north of Highmore.

1913 - The Ohio River Basin flood reached a peak. Ten inch rains over a wide area of the Ohio River Basin inundated cities in Ohio, drowning 467 persons, and causing 147 million dollars damage. The Miami River at Dayton reached a level eight feet higher than ever before. The flood, caused by warm weather and heavy rains, was the second mostly deadly of record for the nation. (David Ludlum)

1948 – Good Friday tornadoes moved from Terre Haute to Redkey, Indiana killing 20 people. 80% of the town of Coatesville was destroyed, and 16 people were killed. The path was a half mile wide.

1954 - The temperature at Allaket, AK, plunged to 69 degrees below zero. (The Weather Channel)

1971 - Parts of northern and central Georgia experienced their worst snow and ice storm since 1935. Two day power outages ruined two million eggs at poultry hatches. Two persons were killed when a tree landed on their car. (25th-26th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front crossing the Plateau Region produced high winds in Utah causing some property damage. Winds gusted to 51 mph at Salt Lake City. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Twenty cities in the southwestern U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 73 degrees at Flagstaff AZ, 90 degrees at Sacramento CA, 95 degrees at Santa Maria CA, 95 degrees at Los Angeles CA, 99 degrees at Tucson AZ, and 100 degrees at Phoenix AZ set records for March. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - The Easter Bunny brought record warm temperatures to the central U.S. while such records were still welcome. A dozen cities reported record warm readings, including Dodge City KS with an afternoon high of 88 degrees. Strong southerly winds gusted to 51 mph at Dodge City, and reached 55 mph at Salina KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Fair weather prevailed across the nation for the second day in a row. Freezing temperatures were reported in the Middle Atlantic Coast Region in the wake of an early spring snowstorm. Afternoon highs were again in the 70s and 80s in the southeastern U.S., and for the ninth day in a row, temperatures in the southwestern U.S. reached the 90s. (The National Weather Summary)

2009 – The proof is in the pudding – A NOAA Weather Radio can save your life. Near Belk, AL, a family was alerted to a tornado by their weather radio; they went to their storm cellar. They heard the “jet roar” of the EF1 tornado as it damaged their home; they were unhurt.



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| Today   | Tonight   | Thursday  | Thursday Night  | Friday   | Friday Night  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breezy  | Blustery  | Partly Sunny  | Partly Cloudy   | Slight Chc Rain/Snow<br>20%  | Slight Chc Rain<br>10%  | Mostly Sunny  |



Rain Snow Mix, Mainly West River

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### Today




### Weather Headlines



*Friday:* Another system brings a rain/snow mix to the region, light snow accumulations possible.



*Saturday:* Well above normal temperatures expected, fire danger will be high.



*Saturday Night & Sunday:* Clipper systems brings additional chances for light snow or light rain.

Published on: 03/26/2015 at 5:06AM

A band of precipitation is expected to develop across parts of the western and central Dakotas today. Precipitation will likely start as light snow, then transition to light rain. Very little snow accumulation is expected. Additional chances for precipitation are possible Friday, and again late Saturday into Sunday. These systems will also bring a mix of rain and snow.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 42.0 at 5:20 PM

**Low:** 32.0 at 7:59 AM

**High Gust:** 36 at 9:57 AM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 76° in 1905

**Record Low:** -13° in 1964

**Average High:** 45°F

**Average Low:** 24°F

**Average Precip in March.:** 0.88

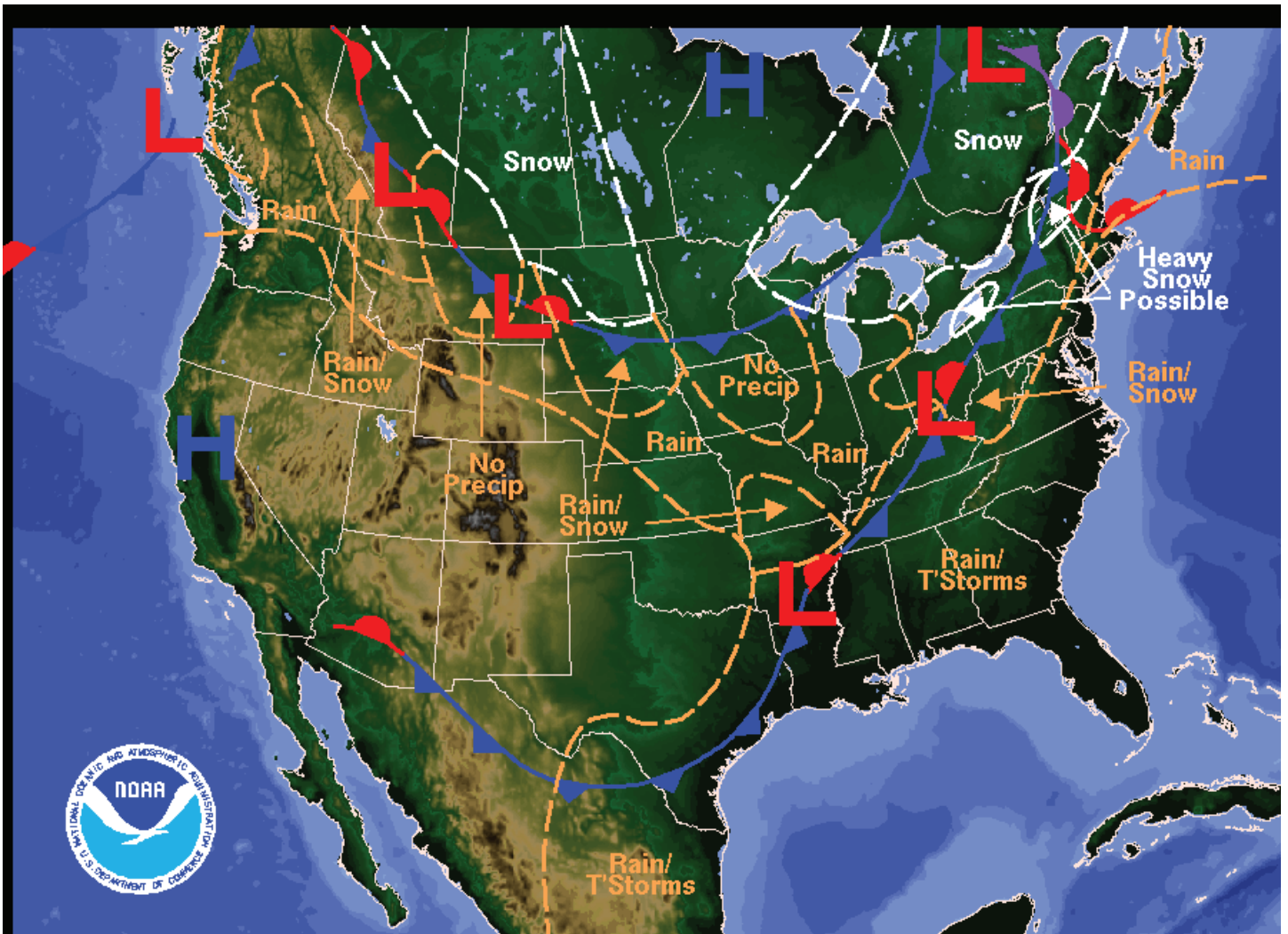
**Precip to date in March.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 1.90

**Precip Year to Date:** 0.40

**Sunset Tonight:** 7:54 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:24 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Mar 26, 2015, issued 3:30 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY

What's in a name?

More than we often imagine.

No matter where I've lived, whether Ohio or South Carolina, California or North Carolina, Ohio or Texas, Georgia or Oklahoma, I have always been greeted by the same question: "Are you Michael Guido's brother?" And I always seem to have the same feelings surface: "I wonder what expectations they will have of me?" Or, "Will they expect me to be just like him?" Or, "Will he always get there before I have my opportunity to even try to establish my identity?"

In the final analysis, those questions did not matter. It was an honor to have Michael for a brother. Everywhere he went he "sowed God's seeds." Seeds of love and compassion; seeds of concern and conviction to reach the lost; seeds of grace and mercy; seeds of insight and understanding that would bring the Word of God to life; seeds that would change lives and mend families; seeds of hope and joy; seeds of light and life; seeds that inspired and encouraged everyone that heard or read them.

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold," wrote Solomon. I did not understand the significance of that verse for many years. Yes, I enjoyed many benefits of being identified with Michael. It did have its value. But, with the joy that came from having Michael as my brother came sadness for those who suffer the disgrace of a family member who led a life that defied God's teachings and made life difficult for those who were harmed by their reputation.

But the challenge contained in this is not beyond any of us: we have the potential, with God's power, to do whatever is necessary to live lives that establish a "good name."

**Prayer:** Father, give us Your wisdom and strength, insight and courage to leave a legacy worthy of Your love and name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 22:1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

## ATTENTION

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## Some farmers in 4 states eligible for federal disaster loans

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The federal Agriculture Department has designated 25 counties in North Dakota as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by various weather conditions since the start of last year.

Those conditions range from heavy rainfall to drought.

Farmers and ranchers in the designated counties are eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans. Producers in contiguous counties in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana also qualify.

The primary disaster counties in North Dakota are: Adams, Billings, Bottineau, Burke, Burleigh, Divide, Dunn, Emmons, Golden Valley, Grand Forks, Hettinger, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mountrail, Nelson, Oliver, Pembina, Ramsey, Renville, Stark, Traill, Walsh, Ward and Williams.

## Crazy Horse Memorial to glow blue to raise autism awareness

CRAZY HORSE, S.D. (AP) — Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills will glow blue next week to raise awareness about autism

Crazy Horse officials say the blue lights are to support "Light it Up Blue", a promotion for the United Nation's World Autism Awareness Day. The campaign asks iconic landmarks, communities, businesses and homes to show support for individuals and families affected by autism.

The monument-in-the-making will be lit up starting around 10 p.m. on April 2. Admission to the memorial will be waived after 6 p.m.

## Belle Fourche teen dies after rollover crash

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. (AP) — A 14-year-old Belle Fourche boy has died from critical injuries sustained in a rollover crash.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office says Jeremiah Helton was a passenger in a pickup truck driven by another 14-year-old boy on Tuesday evening. The office says the driver lost control of the truck and overcorrected, causing the vehicle to roll and come to a rest on its roof.

Helton was thrown from the pickup and later died at a hospital. The driver was treated at a hospital and released.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says neither teen was wearing a seatbelt. The Patrol says alcohol wasn't a factor in the crash, but an investigation is ongoing.

Helton was a Belle Fourche High School student and Belle Fourche Fire Department cadet.

## Sturgis, Harley-Davidson partnering on new downtown plaza

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The city of Sturgis and Harley-Davidson have broken ground on a new public plaza named after the motorcycle company, the result of a private-public partnership that further solidifies the company's long-time presence in South Dakota's motorcycle mecca.

Officials from the city and the company formally unveiled plans Wednesday for the Harley-Davidson Rally Point, which the company to have completed by this year's 75th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which is expected to attract more than 1 million people.

"Harley-Davidson riders have really helped define what the Sturgis motorcycle rally is over the last 75



years and part of our new partnership is another 75 years of working with the city of Sturgis," said Bill Davidson, vice president of the Harley-Davidson museum in Milwaukee.

Along with the plaza, the city will also rename Second Street as Harley-Davidson Way.

The 11,000-square-foot project, which will replace an existing parking lot, is meant to serve as a hub for riders during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and also to revitalize a downtown district that often struggles to attract patrons when the motorcycle rally isn't in town.

The project will include a stage and officials hope it will be used for other things like concerts, weddings and a farmer's markets.

Not everybody in town thinks a plaza is the best way to revitalize downtown Sturgis. Bob Davis, who has been a Sturgis business owner since the 1970s, said the funding going into the new plaza would be better used to promote downtown businesses.

"What Sturgis needs are businesses that fill up these empty storefronts," he said. "We don't need a meeting place for farmers' markets."

## Universities imposing austerity after minimum wage increase

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's six public universities are grappling with about \$1 million in increased costs by reining in hiring and cutting back hours and services as a result of the \$8.50 minimum wage voters approved in November.

The universities will report the effects of the minimum wage increase at the South Dakota Board of Regents meeting next week, and the Regents have previously predicted that it would increase costs by about \$970,000 over a full year. Universities are living with current budgets, according to the report, and students are working fewer hours and unfilled positions are being tapped to fund the hike.

Northern State University President James Smith said his institution attempted to use funds from unfilled positions to meet the needs created by wage increase. The university has about \$100,000 in increased costs over the course of a year because of the hike, according to a December analysis for the Regents.

"It is a headache ... but I wouldn't say that the headache is greater than students having additional dollars," Smith said. "It does help students."

Residents voted 55 percent to 45 percent in November for a measure that raises the minimum hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour, increases the \$2.13 hourly tip wage to half the minimum wage, and ties future increases to the cost of living.

Smith said the higher minimum wage that the system implemented at the end of December had to be absorbed into university budgets that were already set for the current fiscal year. Smith said it is going to be factored into the university's budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

"Once we project the budget for next year and include the increase, it won't be as big of an issue," said South Dakota Student Federation Executive Director Jess Peterson, who attends the University of South Dakota.

Board of Regents Executive Director and CEO Jack Warner said the universities are employing common strategies as a result of the wage increase. Some campuses have also seen reduced services.

South Dakota State University is projected to have about \$481,000 in increased costs, the highest of any of the universities. Allyson Helms, a student senator at the school, said the university has a significant number of student workers, which has caused a lot of adjustments.

A university spokesman said the school closes its student union two hours earlier on certain days in

part because of the wage hike. Smith said the main dining area at Northern State, which is operated by a private company, closes in the afternoon on weekdays as a result of the increase and lack of student use.

A spokeswoman for Aramark, the firm that runs the food service, didn't respond to a request for comment.

## **Crow Creek BIA superintendent stabbed in Fort Thompson**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation has been stabbed.

Former tribal chairman Brandon Sazue says superintendent Patrick F. Duffy was attacked Wednesday at BIA headquarters in Fort Thompson.

The Capital Journal in Pierre reported (<http://bit.ly/1GWqExM>) that Duffy, who lives in Fort Pierre, was eventually taken to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. His condition was unknown.

The Journal also reported a suspect was arrested and taken to a regional tribal jail.

Tribal police referred calls to BIA in Aberdeen, which referred calls to Washington, which didn't immediately return them. Current chairwoman Roxanne Sazue says she won't comment until she gathers all the details.

Brandon Sazue says that as superintendent, Duffy oversees BIA facilities in Fort Thompson and manages tribal land.

## **Tech center looks for tenants, sues company that backed off**

South Dakota technology business center looks for tenants, sues company that backed off deal  
VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A \$4.2 million building in southeast South Dakota that's meant to host technology companies is looking for tenants after the facility's managers sued a company that backed off a deal to move in.

The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company is responsible for the 32,000-square-foot facility in the outskirts of Vermillion. Executive director Nate Welch tells the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan (<http://bit.ly/1AVTIS7>) that the Vermillion Technology Center was built for Minnesota-based Eagle Creek Software Services, but the company is no longer moving in.

Welch says the company entered into a long-term agreement to lease the building. Welch's group, through the lawsuit, is seeking about \$3.1 million in future rent.

A representative of the software company didn't immediately return a call seeking comment on the lawsuit.

## **Company gets 2nd chance for wind testing in Lincoln County**

CANTON, S.D. (AP) — An Aberdeen company that wants to test the wind capacity for a possible multimillion-dollar wind farm in Lincoln County is getting a second chance due to a technicality.

County zoning officials last month denied Dakota Plains Energy permits for five meteorological towers, after neighbors said they worried about property values, health impacts and nuisances should the Dakota Power Community Wind project go forward.

However, the County Commission on Tuesday night ruled that the company had applied for the wrong permits. That means the matter is likely to go back before the county's zoning board, possibly in late April.

Commissioners ruled that the company needs only temporary use permits due to the testing towers'

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3-5-year life span, not the more permanent conditional use permits that Dakota Plains Energy initially had sought.

"The process was different than they originally told us, so we're more than happy to oblige to make sure the process is done properly," Dakota Power Community Wind board member Brian Minish said.

Wind farm opponents said they will continue to fight.

"Whether it's a conditional use permit or a temporary use permit, the towers disrupt the line of sight," Winnie Peterson said.

Dakota Plains Energy officials have said there are about 140 investors interested in the Dakota Power Community Wind project, with \$2.5 million in funding already lined up.

## Utah men caught with 38 lbs of pot in South Dakota sentenced

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Two Utah men caught in South Dakota with 38 pounds of marijuana have pleaded guilty and been sentenced.

A judge on Tuesday gave eight-year prison terms with half of the time suspended to 38-year-old Dean Linthalath, of Orem, Utah, and 36-year-old Vongmany Mathinpanha, of West Jordan, Utah.

The Daily Republic newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/1DZ8I7Q>) that the two men were stopped in separate vehicles on Interstate 90 last December, and authorities uncovered the marijuana. The men pleaded guilty to possessing marijuana with the intent to sell the drugs.

## Former Pierre official indicted on 10 misdemeanor counts

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The former sewer works superintendent in Pierre is accused of falsifying pollution control reports.

A grand jury has indicted 47-year-old Greg Mohr on 10 misdemeanor charges that each carry a maximum punishment of a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine. He's due in court April 10.

Mohr told the Capital Journal that he didn't yet have a lawyer and didn't want to comment.

Mohr worked for the city for a quarter century and was superintendent for more than a dozen years. Mayor Laurie Gill says Mohr left last October when inconsistencies were discovered in reports.

Mohr's accused of lying for more than a year on how well the city's wastewater was treated before being dumped into the Missouri River. The city says there's no indication of any environmental damage.

## Rapid City School Board approves 5-year, \$6 million opt out

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City School Board has approved a five-year, \$6 million opt out of the state property tax freeze.

Board President Jim Hansen says the group understands that the move will put a burden on some homeowners. But he says the additional revenue is needed to address budget shortfalls that are affecting the quality of schools.

The school district budgeted \$85 million for the current school year by dipping into reserves.

People who object to the opt out can refer it to a public vote if they gather 3,224 petition signatures.

## 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. SAUDI ARABIA LAUNCHES AIRSTRIKES IN YEMEN

The main targets are military installations held by Shiite rebels who were taking over a key port city

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in the country's south and drove the embattled Yemeni president to flee by sea.

## 2. PILOT LOCKED OUT OF COCKPIT BEFORE JET CRASH IN ALPS

An official with knowledge of the audio recordings from the Germanwings flight says the details emerged from recordings recovered from the black box found among the debris of the aircraft.

## 3. WHO BLOCKS SPECIAL OPS INTEL REQUESTS

Military bureaucrats have been trying to force an unpopular government-built intelligence system on troops deploying to war zones while blocking them from using the commercial alternative they prefer.

## 4. MIGRANTS' NEWEST ROUTE TO EUROPE MEANS EPIC BALKAN TREK

Their newest path, through the EU's Balkans back door, comes with a cruel twist: an epic 150-mile walk that is surging in popularity even though most who try it fail.

## 5. BERGDAHL'S CASE REVIVES BITTER DEBATE

The charges against the U.S. Army sergeant who abandoned his post in Afghanistan put spotlight on controversy surrounding Obama's decision to swap five Taliban detainees to secure his release.

## 6. WHERE NATION'S FASTEST-GROWING METRO AREAS ARE

The beautiful weather in Florida seems to be drawing more and more Americans, with the Sunshine State climbing the ranks of most populous states and fastest-growing cities.

## 7. ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA SEE NATION'S FIRST TORNADOES THIS MONTH

Storms across the area damage buildings and leave debris strewn across roads. One person is killed and several are injured.

## 8. SOME FIND CHINA'S 'DANCING GRANNIES' IRKSOME

The dances are part of a health trend that's filled squares across the country and aroused the anger of neighbors irritated by the loud music.

## 9. WHICH WAY ONE DIRECTION WILL GO AFTER MALIK'S DEPARTURE

The remaining four members have concert dates scheduled through October and they promise a future for the group.

## 10. KILLING TIME

Coaches and players look for anything to do while enduring the extra couple minutes during the NCAA Tournament's longer commercial breaks.

## AP News in Brief

### Iran says Saudi airstrikes in Yemen a 'dangerous step' as crisis draws in region heavyweights

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Saudi Arabia launched airstrikes Thursday targeting military installations in Yemen held by Shiite rebels who were taking over a key port city in the country's south and had driven the embattled president to flee by sea, security officials said. Some of the strikes hit positions in the country's capital, Sanaa.

The airstrikes, which had the support of nine other countries, drew a strong reaction from Iran which called the operation an "invasion" and a "dangerous step" that will worsen the crisis in the country.

The back-and-forth between the regional heavyweights was threatening to turn impoverished Yemen into a proxy battle between the Middle East's Sunni powers and Shiite-led Iran.

Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya News reported that the kingdom had deployed 100 fighter jets, 150,000 soldiers and other navy units.

The Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, were calling on their supporters to protest in the streets of Sanaa on Thursday afternoon, Yemen's Houthi-controlled state news agency SABA reported.



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## **As Shiite rebels from north sweep over Yemen, calls grow in south for independence**

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — The flag of once-independent South Yemen is visible everywhere around this port city, once the country's capital. The banner — red, white, black and blue with a red star — is painted on walls, flown from homes, and flutters from the vehicles and checkpoints of militiamen in the streets.

"We want freedom," declares an English-language slogan spray-painted on a wall on a main road. Another proclaims: "The Free South."

Calls among southern Yemenis to break away once more are accelerating as the country collapses into conflict. Shiite rebels known as Houthis have taken over the capital, Sanaa, and much of the north, and are storming south in a bid to secure their hold on the country. President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi was first driven out of Sanaa, then tried to make a last stand in the southern city of Aden. But on Wednesday, he fled the city — and the country.

On Thursday, Saudi Arabia began launching airstrikes in Yemen in a bid to oust the Houthi rebels from their strongholds.

Hadi's supporters remain behind, including army units loyal to him and militiamen. But many in the south are likely to fight not so much to try to restore Hadi's rule but to carve out their independence. Fueling the separatist sentiment in the almost completely Sunni south is the widespread belief that the Houthis are proxies for Shiite powerhouse Iran to dominate the country. Moreover, the Houthis' top ally is Yemen's former autocratic leader, Ali Abdullah Saleh, who ruled for nearly 40 years until his ouster in 2011 and was widely hated in the south.

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## **Official: 1 pilot apparently locked out of cockpit before Germanwings plane crashed**

PARIS (AP) — An official with knowledge of the audio recordings from the Germanwings flight that crashed in the Alps says one of the pilots apparently was locked out of the cockpit when the plane went down.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation, told The Associated Press on Thursday that the details emerged from recordings recovered from the black box found among the debris of the aircraft.

The New York Times earlier quoted an unidentified investigator as saying someone can be heard knocking on the cockpit door. The Times quoted the source as saying: "And then he hits the door stronger and no answer. There is never an answer."

The Airbus A320, on a flight from Barcelona to Duesseldorf, inexplicably began to descend from cruising altitude and slammed into a remote mountainside in the French Alps on Tuesday, killing all 150 people on board.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, airlines in the U.S. don't leave one pilot alone in the cockpit. The standard operating procedure is that if one of the pilots leaves — for example to use the toilet — a flight attendant takes their spot in the cockpit. It was not immediately clear if European airlines have adopted the same practice.

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## **US, Iran nuclear talks enter critical phase with deadline for framework deal just days away**

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Nuclear negotiations between the United States and Iran entered a critical phase on Thursday with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry meeting his Iranian counterpart less than a week away from an end-of-month deadline to secure the outline of a deal.

With the clock ticking, Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and their teams huddled Thursday in the Swiss resort town of Lausanne on Lake Geneva trying to overcome still significant gaps after nearly two years of negotiations between Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany. The top diplomats from Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia are expected to join the talks if the U.S. and Iran are close to an agreement.

U.S. officials say the March 31 deadline is achievable but remains uncertain. En route to Switzerland with Kerry on Wednesday, one official said the American side “can see a path forward to get to agreement” by the end of March as the last round of talks produced more progress than many previous rounds. The official was not authorized to discuss the talks by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The pressure is high. The seven nations have set themselves a March 31 deadline for the outline of a final accord they hope to seal by the end of June. Both President Barack Obama and Iran’s Ayatollah Ali Khamenei have spoken against what would be a third extension of the talks.

And, looming over this round of talks are the crises in Yemen, where U.S. allies, including Saudi Arabia, have launched air strikes against Iranian-backed Shiite rebels that toppled the government, and Iraq, where the U.S. is now providing air support to the Iraqi government’s Iranian-backed offensive to retake the city of Tikrit from Islamic State group militants.

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## **Modern odyssey: Migrants from Africa, Asia seek to enter Europe through the Balkans’ back door**

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Migrants from Africa, Asia and the Middle East take many routes to cross illegally into the European Union, and all are fraught with likely disappointment and occasional danger. The newest path, through the EU’s Balkans back door, comes with a cruel twist: an epic 250-kilometer (150-mile) walk that is surging in popularity even though most who try it fail.

This month, The Associated Press traveled for 10 days and nights with a 45-member group of West African migrants trying to reach Germany and France via Hungary, the terminus of the Western Balkans route. Many trekkers have faced years of failure to reach the heart of Europe by other sea and air routes, and soon discover the new path makes its own peculiar demands on those who try it.

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## **By land or by sea: Huddled masses of Africa, Asia, Middle East use 4 routes to European Union**

DUBLIN (AP) — Most migrants who live illegally in the European Union fly to the 28-nation bloc on valid visas and simply overstay their welcome. But for the poorest and most desperate travelers of Africa, Asia and the Middle East, the journey often takes months by sea or land, with payments to trafficking gangs.

Frontex, the EU agency that helps member nations detect migrants on the bloc’s frontiers, documents the flow of illegal immigration on principal smuggling routes. These keep evolving in response to every government initiative.

Ewa Moncure, spokeswoman for the Warsaw-based agency, compares efforts to quell immigration on any particular route to “squeezing a balloon.”

“You tighten a law in one country, another route swells up elsewhere,” she says.

Here are the main four smuggling routes listed in order of popularity in 2014 as recorded by Frontex. Each lists the total number of migrants detected in destination EU countries last year, the change from 2013, and the top three nationalities of migrants.

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## **AP Exclusive: Pentagon foisting flawed intelligence system on special ops troops in war zones**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Records obtained by The Associated Press show that military bureaucrats have been trying to force a flawed, government-built intelligence system on special operations units deploying to war zones. At the same time, the bureaucrats are blocking soldiers from using a commercial alternative they badly want.

Over the last four months, six Army special operations units have requested software made by a Silicon Valley company, Palantir, that synthesizes data for the CIA, the Navy SEALs and the country’s largest banks, among other government and private entities.

But just two of those requests have been approved by the Army’s purchasing bureaucracy. Four others have been blocked by Tampa-based Special Operations Command, whose commander, Gen. Joseph Votel, has praised the government-built system.

The military says its questions about Palantir requests shouldn’t be interpreted as resistance.

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## **Predicting the future of 1D: Which way will they go after Zayn Malik’s departure?**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Lee Roth and Van Halen. Noel Gallagher and Oasis. And now Zayn Malik and One Direction.

Malik said Wednesday he is leaving the chart-topping British boy band “to be a normal 22-year-old who is able to relax and have some private time out of the spotlight.”

His name immediately became a top trending topic online — (hash)AlwaysInOurHeartsZaynMalik — as the band announced it would continue its world tour, “On the Road Again,” without Malik. Plans also remained in place for the now-foursome to record an album later this year.

“For kids now, it’s truly the equivalent of if one of the Beatles would have left at the height of their success,” said Rolling Stone Senior Writer Brian Hiatt of Malik’s departure.

One middle-school teacher said the day was among the toughest in her career as tween girls ran out of class in tears.

## **Today in History** **The Associated Press**

Today is Thursday, March 26, the 85th day of 2015. There are 280 days left in the year.

### **Today’s Highlights in History:**

On March 26, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was fully secured by U.S. forces following a final, desperate attack by Japanese soldiers. Former British Prime Minister David Lloyd George, 82, died in Ty Newydd, Llanystumdwy, Wales.

### **On this date:**

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In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, New Jersey.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1934, Britain enacted a Road Traffic Act reimposing a 30 mile-per-hour speed limit in "built-up areas" and requiring driving tests for new motorists.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand as Fanny Brice, opened on Broadway.

In 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gin) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1990, "Driving Miss Daisy" won the Academy Award for best picture; its star, Jessica Tandy, was named best actress. Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor for "My Left Foot" while Oliver Stone was honored as best director for "Born on the Fourth of July." Designer Halston died in San Francisco at age 57.

In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

**Ten years ago:** German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger stood in for Pope John Paul II during the Easter Vigil Mass at the Vatican. (Ratzinger later succeeded John Paul, becoming Pope Benedict XVI.) Former British Prime Minister James Callaghan died one day before his 93rd birthday in East Sussex, England.

**Five years ago:** The U.S. and Russia sealed the first major nuclear weapons treaty in nearly two decades, agreeing to slash the former Cold War rivals' warhead arsenals by nearly one-third. A South Korean warship exploded and sank near a disputed maritime border with North Korea, killing 46 sailors. (South Korea blamed North Korea, which denied involvement.) A truck collided with a van on I-65 in Kentucky, killing 10 Mennonites in the van and the truck driver. NBA player Gilbert Arenas was sentenced to 30 days in a halfway house for bringing guns into the Washington Wizards locker room.

**One year ago:** Osama bin Laden's son-in-law, Sulaiman Abu Ghaith (SOO'-lay-mahn AH'-boo gayth), was convicted in New York for his role as al-Qaida's fiery chief spokesman after 9/11. (He was later sentenced to life in prison.) In a ruling that stunned the college sports industry, a federal agency said that football players at Northwestern University could create the nation's first union of college athletes. (Northwestern has urged the National Labor Relations Board to overturn the regional ruling.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian Bob Elliott is 92. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 90. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 85. Actor Alan Arkin is 81. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is 80. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (puh-LOH'-see) is 75. Actor James Caan is 75. Author Erica Jong is 73. Journalist Bob Woodward is 72. Singer Diana Ross is 71. Actor Johnny Crawford is 69. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 67. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 66. Actor Ernest Thomas is 66. Comedian Martin Short is 65. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 65. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 65. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 63. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 61. Country singer Dean Dillon is 60. Country singer Charly McClain is 59. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 58. Actress Ellia English is 56. Actress Jennifer Grey is 55. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 55. Actor Billy Warlock is 54. Actor Eric Allan Kramer is 53. Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 53. Actor Michael Imperioli is 49. Rock musician James Iha (EE'-hah) is 47. Country singer



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Kenny Chesney is 47. Actress Leslie Mann is 43. Actor T.R. Knight is 42. Rapper Juvenile is 40. Actress Amy Smart is 39. Actress Bianca Kajlich (KY'-lihk) is 38. Actress Keira Knightley is 30. Rapper J-Kwon is 29. Actress Carly Chaikin is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "Make voyages. Attempt them. There's nothing else." - Tennessee Williams, American playwright (1911-1983).

## 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

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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
- ◆ Mortgage document

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- ◆ 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.**