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## 20 Bands to March in Groton

On Friday, October 10th 19 area school bands and the Sound of USD marching band will converge in Groton for the Lake Region Marching Band Festival. The parade of bands will travel from South to North on Groton's Main Street from Railroad Avenue to 9th Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the parade, the Sound of USD will present a field marching show for all bands in attendance.

This festival originated in Milbank, moved to Waubay for 11 years, and arrived in Groton last fall and will remain in Groton for the foreseeable future. Bands will be evaluated on their performance by a panel of three judges from the University of South Dakota. Awards will be given to the top two bands in each of three categories: high school bands, middle school bands, and combined bands. A "People's Choice" award will also be awarded by a separate, secret judging panel placed throughout the parade route.

The festival has become a premier marching event in Northeast South Dakota, attracting bands and spectators from towns across the region. The public is invited to watch the parade of bands on Main Street as well as the Sound of USD's field marching show and awards at the football field. Concessions will be available both on main street during the parade and at the football field.

Attending the festival are bands from Aberdeen Roncalli, Warner, Leola, Langford, Milbank, Watertown, Ipswich, Castlewood, Waubay, Britton-Hecla, Wilmot, Great Plains Lutheran, Miller, Groton, Aberdeen Simmons and Holgate, Hoven, Northwestern, and Webster.

Primary sponsors of the festival are Groton Dairy Queen and the Groton Chamber of Commerce.



## Pasch honored as Gold Star Mother

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39 news - Lois Pasch was honored at the Groton American Legion Auxiliary Gold Star Mother Day event held September 29. Lois lost her son, Bill, in the Vietnam War in 1958.

**Back row: Tami Zimney, Delores Koll, Lori Oliver, Beulah Hoops, Deb Olson, Marian Raines, LaVonne Helmer, Rich Helmer and Gary Hoops. Front row: Sherry McKiver, Lois Pasch, Don Pasch and Jan Seibel.**

**Don Pasch is pinning an American Legion Auxiliary gold star pin on his mother, Lois Pasch, during the Groton Legion Auxiliary Gold Star Mother Day event.**



## GHS Marching Band earns Gold Award at Gypsy Day Parade

The Groton High School Marching Band took home a Gold Award from the Gypsy Day Parade on Saturday, October 4th. Additionally, Groton secured the second highest point total given by the judges, finishing behind only Aberdeen Central, who won Outstanding Band of the Day.

Nineteen area bands marched in the parade and were judged in areas of music execution, marching and maneuvering, and music general effect. Also receiving gold awards were bands from Langford, Aberdeen Roncalli, Simmons/Holgate Middle School, Hoven, Warner, Leola, and Aberdeen Central. Bands from Watertown, Ipswich, Selby, Webster, Milbank, Frederick, Northwestern, White Lake, Redfield, Sully Buttes, and Edmunds Central were given Silver Awards.





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## The Life of Diane Barwin



The funeral for Diane Barwin, 74, of Groton was held Monday, October 6 at the First Presbyterian Church in Groton. The Rev. Terry Kenny officiated.

Diane died October 2, 2014 at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center.

Diane Joy Gibbs was born on Dec. 6, 1939 in Aberdeen to Clayton "Kelly" and Arlene (McKiver) Gibbs. She attended school and graduated from Groton High School in 1957. Diane continued her education at Northern State College.

She married Jack Larsen on February 14, 1959 in Groton. Diane worked as a bookkeeper for High Grade Oil in Groton for many years. She was united in marriage with Reuben Paul on November 4, 1972 in Aberdeen. Together, they made their home in Groton and Reuben passed away in September of 1999. On December 29, 2000 she married her high school sweetheart Boyd Barwin in Groton.

Diane was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Groton, and spent much of her time in service to the church. Throughout her life she held many positions at the church including Sunday School teacher, treasurer, secretary, deacon, elder, and clerk of session. She was very involved with the Presbyterian Women group, serving as secretary and treasurer. Diane also belonged to Eastern Star and NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees). In addition to her church service, she enjoyed music and gardening, loved animals and cherished spending time with her family.

Celebrating her life are her husband, Boyd Barwin of Groton, her children, Kelly (Lori) Larsen of Augusta, Georgia; Kim (Dwight) Zerr of Groton; Scott (Kristi) Larsen of Brookings; Jeremy Paul of Pierre, her grandchildren: Desiree Cyr, Taylor Barragan, Hanna Larsen, Kyla (Joshua) Behnken, Samantha Paul, Jessiah Paul, her sister, Penny (Bob) Van Kempen of Scottsdale, AZ, and her many other relatives.

Preceding her in death were her parents: Arlene Gibbs Tiffany and Clayton "Kelly" Gibbs and her husband, Reuben Paul.

## The Life of Eugene Luce

Services for Eugene Luce, 92, of Groton was held Tuesday, September 23 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Matt Richards officiated. Burial with military honors followed in Union Cemetery.

Gene died September 20, 2014 at his home, surrounded by his family.

Eugene Carl Luce was born on May 2, 1922 to Vern and Jennie (Jorgenson) Luce. He attended school in Putney and enlisted in the US Marines in June of 1942. He served in WWII from 1942-1945 in the Pacific Theater. Gene served as a corporal until his honorable discharge in November of 1945. Gene returned to Minnesota and worked various jobs before returning to the Groton area. He was united in marriage with Ruby Hofer on June 15, 1957 at the United Methodist Church in Groton. They made their home in Groton and were blessed with three daughters. Eugene worked as a mechanic at the Ford Garage and Truck Center. He also did some tree cutting on the side. After retiring, he spent his time helping on many farms in the Groton area.

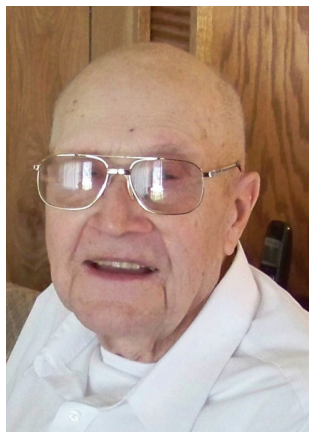
Gene was a member of the United Methodist Church in Groton and the American Legion Post #39. He was a 57 year member of the post and had served as a commander. Gene enjoyed the outdoors; especially hunting, fishing, and camping. He also liked to tinker on cars. Gene especially enjoyed supporting his grandchildren in all their activities.

Celebrating his life is his wife of 57 years, Ruby, his daughters, Vicki (Bill) Podoll, of Aberdeen; Pauline Luce of Groton; Bonnie (Ron) Gemar of Mobridge and his brother-in-law, Al Tension of Seattle, Washington. Gene is also survived by his four grandchildren: Chris (Caitlin) Podoll, Jennie Hoyle, Stephen Gemar, and Stephanie Gemar. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

Honorary Casketbearers were the Dairy Queen coffee group.

Casketbearers were Vernel Gookin, Terry Belden, Troy Hofer, Jerry Hofer, Chris Podoll, and Stephen Gemar.



## The Life of Bertell Martin

Memorial services for Bertell Martin, 75, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Thursday, October 9 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m.

Bert died October 5, 2014 near Eureka.

Bertell William Martin was born on January 4, 1939 in Groton to Nels and Dorothy (Hoops) Martin. He attended Synaground School in West Hanson Township. He later enlisted in the National Guards and served for several years. Bert began farming south of Groton in 1962 and later purchased farm ground near Eureka. He was united in marriage with Charlotte Chesky on October 20, 2001.

Bert enjoyed hunting, reading and visiting with family and friends. He was a foster parent for years and touched the lives of many children. Bert served as a 4-H leader for the handicapped 4-H club, allowing the kids to raise and show sheep, as well as, a Hunter safety instructor, teaching local youth the value of gun safety. He collected toy tractors and guns. Bert loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and always had candy for them. He had a special bond with his grandson, Jason (Danielle) Pullan and their children, Cadence, Cameron, Caelynn and Colton. Grandpa, Pa, and Papa will be greatly missed.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Charlotte of Groton, his daughters, Melodee Melder of Leesville, LA; Ann Sheridan of Groton; Susan (Anthony) Maestas of Cheyenne, Wyoming, two step-daughters, Rodeen (Al) Hermansen of Rapid City, Cory (Terry) Carlson of Mina, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his brother, John (Dodie) Martin of Groton.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and sisters, Marilyn Dodge and Betty Mortenson.

Honorary Urnbearers will be all of his friends in Eureka.



## The Life of Russell Harry

Services for Russell Harry, 78, of Ferney will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 11th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the church in Ferney from 5-7 p.m. on Friday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Russell died Saturday, October 04, 2014 at his residence.

Russell Warren Harry was born on September 24, 1936 in Ferney to Marvin and



Josephine (Sombke) Harry. He attended school in Ferney and graduated from Central High School. On June 16, 1957 he was united in marriage with Charlotte Comp in the West Hanson Church. Together, they made their home in Ferney and were blessed with four children. Russell farmed for many years before partnering in the ME Harry Dealership in the early 70s. It later became Harry Implements, Inc. and Russell served as President of the company until 2001. He continued to be active in the business as general manager, until the time of his death. Russell had also served as CPO Postmaster since 1978.

Russell was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. He enjoyed going to the movies, fishing, hunting and gardening in earlier years. Charlotte and Russ traveled extensively visiting Germany, Hawaii, Ireland, Australia, Austria, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Mexico, Tahiti, New Zealand, Norway, Alaska and taking many cruises. He also traveled to England and Scotland after Charlotte passed away in 2012. Russell had a very kind and generous heart. He always had a freezer full of ice cream cones for the Ferney kids, along with a love for animals, especially his "kitties". Russell loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their activities, above all, soccer. He was also very close with his brother and best friend, Ronnie.

Celebrating his life are his children, Steve (Zenaida) Harry of Ferney; Lauri (Yves) Baka of Aberdeen; Lisa Harry of Groton; Vicki (Bruce) Tuck of Moreno Valley, California, his grandchildren: Joey & Shonna Harry, Justin Harry, Zander Harry, Nicole Tuck, Aaron Tuck, Rebekah Tuck, Bethany Tuck, Micah Tuck, Christina Tuck, Danielle Tuck, Cameron Howard, Maddie Howard, Devan Howard, Darac Harry and great-grandchildren: Aubray Harry, Trevor Harry, Alexis Harry, Bailee Tuck, Cardae Scott, his brother, Ronald (Barbara) Harry of Savannah, Georgia and his nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife Charlotte.

Casketbearers will be Cameron Howard, Justin Harry, Joey Harry, Aaron Tuck, Micah Tuck and Matt Menzia.



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## Groton Boys soccer team is state bound

The Groton High School Boys Soccer team hosted James Valley Christian on Saturday, October 4, 2014. The #2 ranked Tigers played the #3 ranked Vikings in the State A Semifinal Soccer game. In previous match-ups, the Tigers won the first game 1-0 and in the second the Vikings won by the same score. So, the game promised to be a good matchup from the start.



**Lucas Sternhagen**

In the first half at 24:30 Groton scored when Luke Sternhagen put a cross into the box and Wyatt Kurtz scored as he pushed the ball into the goal. The half ended with the Tigers leading 1-0. In the second half, the Groton fans anxiously watched the clock as the Tigers and the Vikings battled back and forth. Groton had a few great scoring attempts which hit off the bar and just missed the net. Groton's keeper Chance Strom stopped every ball

that came close to the goal. The Tigers held on and finally the time read 0.00. Groton won the game and now advances to the State A High School Soccer Championship game set for Saturday, October 10 at 1 pm in Mitchell.

Congratulations to Coach Mike Becker and the Groton High School Boys Soccer Team on advancing to SD State A High School Championship game!



**Tyler Scott, Chance Strom, Zach Crosby**



**Jacob Milbrandt**

## Netters beat Tiospa Zina, Florence-Henry, Langford

Groton's volleyball team had a 3-0 win over Tiospa Zina. Game scores were 25-15, 25-10 and 25-14. Groton also won the junior varsity match, 25-11 and 25-2, and the C match by identical scores of 25-12.

Groton was 69 of 72 in serves with 18 ace serves. Courtney Kurtz was 26 of 26 with five ace serves and Audrey Wanner was 12 of 12 with five ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 64 of 64 with 23 assists. Kurtz had 62 sets and 22 assists.

Groton was 59 of 72 in spikes with 22 kills. Josie Doeden was 14 of 21 with six kills and Tori Bjerke was nine of 11 with five kills.

Maggie Simon had two blocks and Doeden had one. Groton had 57 digs with Kasey Waage having 21 and Ashley Gibbs 11.

The girls volleyball team had a 3-0 win over Florence-Henry. Game scores were 25-10, 25-16 and 25-12. Groton was 63 of 71 in serves with 20 ace serves. Courtney Kurtz was 21 of 22 with six ace serves and Marlee Jones was 17 of 18 with six ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 70 of 70 with 19 assists. Kurtz had 64 sets with 18 assists and Audrey Wanner had five with one assist.

Groton was 57 of 70 in spikes with 22 kills. Tori Bjerke was 16 of 17 with six kills and Ashley Gibbs was 10 of 12 with six kills.

Bjerke had two of the team's three blocks with Schinkel having the other block. Groton had 53 digs with Kasey Waage having 16 and Gibbs 12.

Groton won the junior varsity match, 25-14 and 25-19, and the C match, 25-3 and 25-8.

The Langford Area volleyball team came to Groton Monday night where the host team posted a 3-0 win. Game scores were 25-9, 25-16 and 25-9. Groton also won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-2 and 25-18.

In sets, Groton was 51 of 51 with 15 assists. Courtney Kurtz had 27 sets and 10 assists and Marlee Jones had 24 sets and five assists. Groton was 63 of 73 in serves with 23 ace serves. Audrey Wanner was 17 of 19 with seven ace serves and Marlee Jones was 14 of 18 with six ace serves. Groton was 46 of 56 in spikes with 17 kills. Josie Doeden was 15 of 17 with six kills and Ashley Gibbs was six of eight with three kills. Doeden had all four of Groton's blocks and Kasey Waage had 14 of the team's 43 digs.

Groton's next match is tonight at Frederick.

## Groton Area beats Milbank Area

Groton Area scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to come from behind to beat Milbank Area in football action Friday in Milbank, 22-15. "It was an exciting game," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "Any time you're on the road in the Northeast Conference you have to play well."

Groton scored first in the first quarter when Jackson Doeden scored on a two-yard run with 4:14 left in the quarter. Doeden ran in the extra point and it was 8-0.

Milbank scored twice in the second quarter, once with 7:20 left when Isaac Snaza scored on a 10-yard run. Snaza ran in the PAT to tie the game at eight. Then with 54 seconds left in the half, Jacob Jackson caught a pass from Snaza for 40 yards to score. Jamie Gonzales kicked the PAT and the Bulldogs took a 15-8 lead at halftime. Adam Herman would take the wind out of Milbank's sails late in the game with an interception near the endzone with 50 seconds left and he returned it 54 yards.

Doeden would score twice in the third quarter on runs of 31 and 62 yards with Jacob Milbrandt kicking both PATs at Groton took a 22-15 lead. Doeden had 208 yards rushing on the night on 28 carries and he had 11 tackles defensively. Spencer Knecht had nine carries for 78 yards. Bennett Shabazz had four carries for four yards. Austin Merkel had 11 tackles and Nick Dalchow had eight tackles. Groton attempted only one pass on the night. Groton lost its only fumble and had two penalties for 15 yards.

"The kids responded well in the second half," Wanner said. "All week long I challenged our seniors about what we have to do the rest of the year and I thought they responded well in the second half. Our senior offensive line did a great job."

Milbank had more first downs, 12-9. Groton had 44 carries for 284 yards while Milbank had 41 carries for 117 yards. "We ran the ball well," Wanner said. "We have some good backs. We're still trying to find our way in the passing game." Kyle Monteig led the Bulldogs with 17 carries for 48 yards and Snaza had 19 carries for 35 yards. Snaza completed eight of 16 passes for 189 yards for one touchdown and one interception. Jacob Jackson had one catch for 40 yards and Cody Docter had three for 51 yards.

Milbank lost one of two fumbles and had six penalties for 42 yards. Wyatt Goetsanius had 14 tackles and Devin Streiberz had 12.

Groton is now 3-3 on the season and will have this week off. "It will give us a little time to heal up," Wanner said. "Then we play Tiospa Zina and finish up at home with Sisseton. If we win those two games, we should host the first round of the football playoffs." Milbank, now 1-5, also has this week off.

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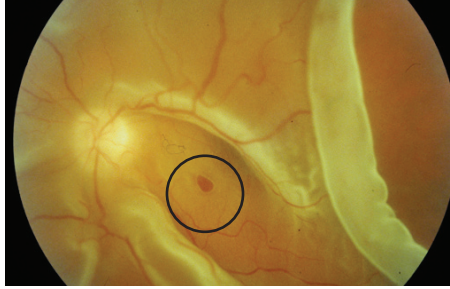
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By Paul Irvin Kosel

Last week I got to have a machine gun fired at my eyeball. Well, not literally, but it sure seemed that way. Okay, a little history first. In July we had our eye exam at Dr. Tufty's office in Fargo. We go as a family event for everyone to get checked out at the same time. He

noticed a small dot in the back of my eyeball. You can see a sample of what one looks like in the eyeball photo on the right. He said many times it will heal on its own, but he wanted a



followup observation to make sure. So last month I went and the spot had actually grown in size. I really had not noticed anything wrong. There are not nerve endings in this part of the eye so you can't feel anything happening. The only thing you may notice are more floaters or sudden flashes of light. While it is not serious at the moment, Dr. Tufty wanted to have it taken care of right away. He said if left untreated, it could lead to serious problems. So he lined me up with Dr. Wischmeier in Aberdeen. Tufty said he had worked with Dr. Wischmeier at Bismarck and would be good doctor to do the work.

Now we get to the meat and potatoes of my experience. It's a laser treatment. Basically, what they do is fire laser beams around the spot to prevent any further detachment of the retina and allowing it to heal shut. They put all kinds of drops in my eyes and then he lines up the laser beam to start the firing squad. The light is very bright that he uses to look at the back of the eyeball. Then he finds the spot and starts firing. You really can't feel anything except once in a while a little pressure of where the beam hits. When he gets to a good spot, he must hold the button on the laser beam and it's like a machine gun firing away. I would say the whole procedure takes about two minutes, but it felt longer as the laser beams blast away.

It was a good thing it was a cloudy day as your eye is really sensitive to the light. It remained closed for about the first half hour. Then my eye lid started to open a little bit and I would say in about an hour, I was back to normal.

I had emailed April at city hall asking for my insurance information for my vision insurance provider. She was kind enough to get everything to me in a short period of time, but I was surprised when they didn't want the information. "It's not a vision procedure, it's a medical procedure," I was told. So it goes through my health insurance. They showed me the price of the procedure - \$1,717. Dr. Wischmeier shot at my eyeball about 139 times so that comes to \$12.35 per beam.

## Schaller places fourth at Groton XC Meet

Groton hosted its cross country meet yesterday. Jasmine Schaller placed fourth in the girls varsity race with a time of 17:37. Hannah Lewandowski was ninth with a time of 18:16; Hannah Fischbach was 12th with a time of 19:03; Erin Smith was 16th, 20:39; Emily Thompson was 17th, 20:45; Jenifer Fjeldstad was 19th, 21:21; AnneMarie Smith was 20th, 21:35; and Kaitlin O'Neill was 22nd with a time of 21:59.

In the boys junior varsity race, Mitchell Koens was ninth with a time of 13:46; Micah Poor was 14th with a time of 14:27; Dylan Graf, 16th, 15:07; and Noah Poor, 17th, 15:25.

In the preschool to second grade boys Munchkin Fun Run, Taylor Diegel was first, Drake Peterson second and Carter Moody third. In the girls division, Riley Dunker was first, Tali Wright second and Rebecca Poor third.

In the third grade through fifth grade division, Lane Tietz won the boys division with Andrew Marzahn taking second and Lucas Simon third. Faith Flihs won the girls division.



## Anderson, Smith are Engaged

Taylor Ross Anderson, Groton, and Laura Susan Smith, Hazel, are engaged and plan on October 25, 2014 wedding at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton.

Parents of the couple are Ron and Doris Anderson, Groton, and Cathy Smith, Hazel, and Duane Smith, Watertown.

The groom-to-be graduated from Northwestern Health Sciences University with a Doctorate of Chiropractic. He is the owner of Northeast Chiropractic in Aberdeen. The bride-to-be graduated from the University of Mary with a Master's in Occupational Therapy. She is employed by Avera St. Luke's in Aberdeen.

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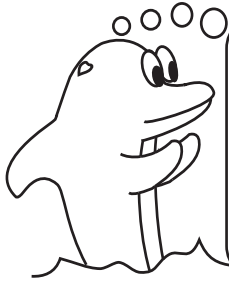
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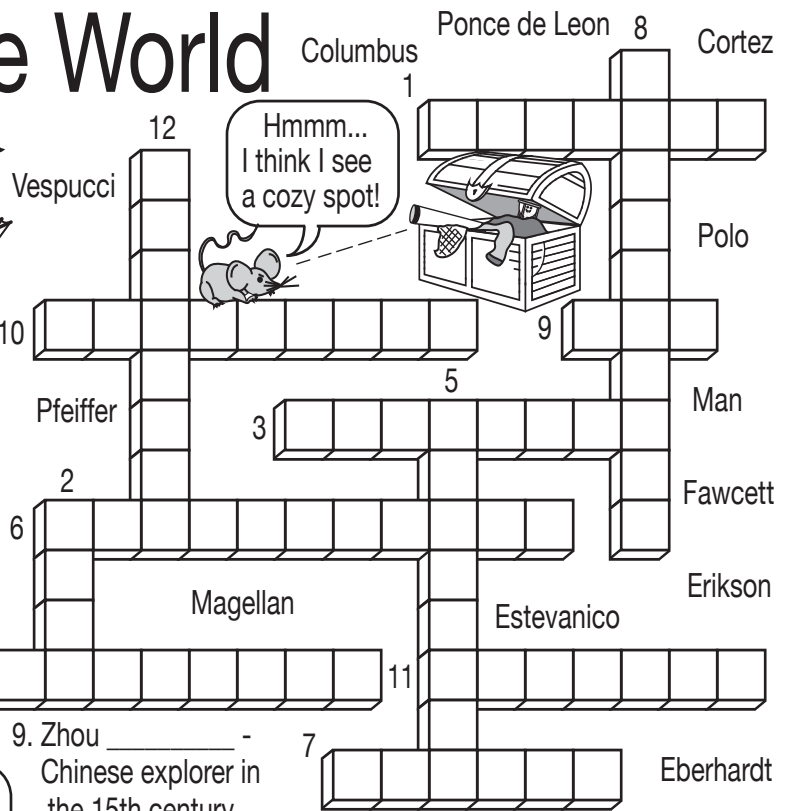


I love to explore in the oceans. Can you read these clues and put the last name of each world-traveling explorer in the puzzle?

## Exploring the World

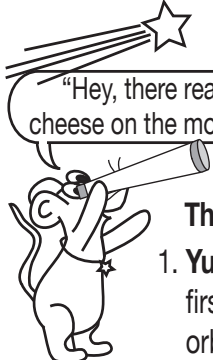


1. Leif \_\_\_\_\_ - an explorer from Iceland who landed in North America about 500 years before Columbus.
2. Marco \_\_\_\_\_ - Venetian explorer; traveled into China and other parts of Asia. He was the first European to meet Kublai Khan, the emperor of China.
3. Amerigo \_\_\_\_\_ - Italian explorer, thought to have sailed past Brazil. The Americas were named after him.
4. Christopher \_\_\_\_\_ - born in Genoa, (which is now part of Italy), but was sponsored by Spain's King and Queen, who gave him three famous ships: Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria. He made 4 trips to the "New World."
5. Ida Laura \_\_\_\_\_ - Austrian explorer; traveled around the world more than once. Her books about her travels were published in seven languages.
6. Juan \_\_\_\_\_ - first European explorer to land in Florida (which he named). Legend says that he wanted to find "The Fountain of Youth."
7. Hernando \_\_\_\_\_ - Spanish Explorer who led an expedition to South America, which in turn led to the downfall of the Aztec Empire.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ - thought to be the first African-born man to step in North America. He was a slave to an explorer and he scouted much of the Southwest.



9. Zhou \_\_\_\_\_ - Chinese explorer in the 15th century. Historians found evidence that his fleet of over 100 ships may have reached the Pacific side of North America (also Australia).
10. Isabelle \_\_\_\_\_ - a Swiss-Algerian explorer who travelled in North Africa. She often dressed as a man to be allowed the rights that men received. She was fluent in Arabic.
11. Colonel Percy \_\_\_\_\_ - British explorer who believed he found a lost, ruined city in the jungles of Brazil. He disappeared and it is believed that he was killed by native people there.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ - Portuguese explorer who was the first person to travel around the world. Several species of animals are named after him, including the Magellanic Penguins.

## "Explorers" of Air and Space



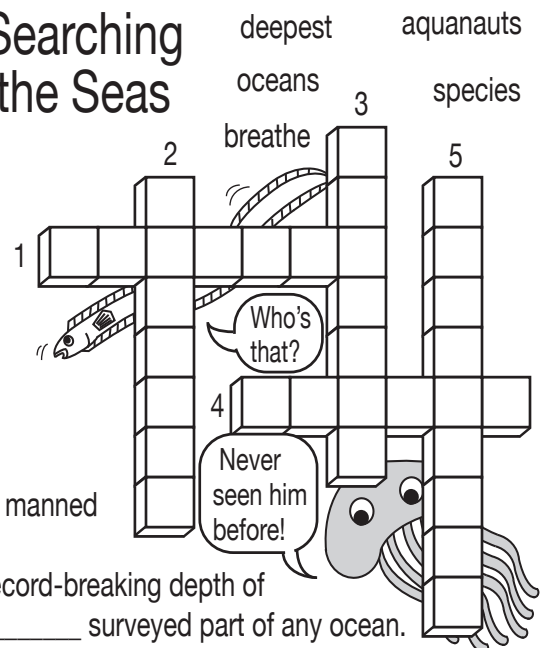
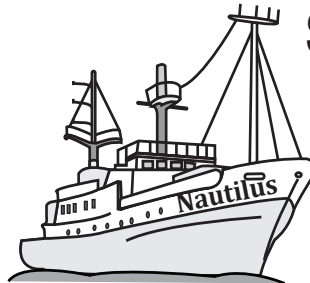
"Hey, there really is cheese on the moon!"

My name is Star. I like to study photos that show parts of our solar system and universe. I would like to be an astronaut.

These people studied and explored the skies. Can you finish the clues?

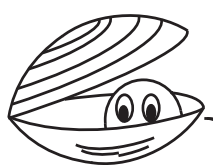
1. Yuri Gagarin - Soviet cosmonaut; first person in outer space and to orbit \_\_\_\_\_ (1961).
2. Steven Hawking - Works in the science of energy and matter (physics) and math; helps us understand space, the way our \_\_\_\_\_ works, and what may lie beyond the stars.
3. Neil Alden Armstrong - First man to walk on the \_\_\_\_\_ (1969).
4. Valentina Tereshkova - Soviet cosmonaut, first woman in \_\_\_\_\_ (1963).
5. The Wright Brothers - First people to have a powered, controlled \_\_\_\_\_ in 1903.
6. Galileo Galilei - Italian physicist was put under house arrest for writing that the Sun was the center of the universe, not the Earth; invented one of the first \_\_\_\_\_.

## Searching the Seas



1. Jacques Cousteau - his Aqualung let divers \_\_\_\_\_ underwater; filmed the world under the water.
2. Jacques Piccard and U.S. Navy Lt. Don Walsh - manned a deep-diving bathyscaphe ("deep boat"), reaching a record-breaking depth of about 35,761 ft., in the \_\_\_\_\_ surveyed part of any ocean.
3. Robert Ballard - found the sunken ship Titanic underwater; discovered countless new \_\_\_\_\_ deep in the sea.
4. Teams of filmmakers, naturalists, zoologists and marine biologists work to explore and film the depths of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Silvia Earle - led 5 female \_\_\_\_\_ to live in an underwater laboratory; walked on the sea floor at deepest level ever in a pressurized "Jim" suit.

## Bold and Risk-Taking "Explorers"



I'm not bold or a risk-taker. I hardly leave my shell. People who travel and explore the world going into unknown and unmapped areas have to be risk-takers. They often put themselves in some danger to learn about new things. They may achieve great success!

Follow the color key to see what explorers of the earth, sea and space want:

G = Green  
Y = Yellow







**NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY**  
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on October 20, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**  
MINIMUM BID

Aberdeen City:  
Lt 1 Blk 16 Smith Addition except N 115' of W 100' & except E 8' Parallel to Hoff's OL 1\$200 618 8th Ave SE - (Bare Lot)  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
(100714.101414)  
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**2014 Constitutional Amendment**  
The following amendment to the State Constitution was submitted to the voters by the Legislature. The amendment will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.  
**Constitutional Amendment Q**  
Title:

An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution authorizing the Legislature to allow roulette, keno and craps in Deadwood.

Attorney General Explanation: The Constitution currently authorizes the Legislature to allow two kinds of games of chance in Deadwood: limited card games and slot machines. The proposed amendment authorizes the Legislature to also allow roulette, keno and craps in Deadwood.

Under federal law, any games of chance authorized by the Legislature to be offered in Deadwood would also be allowed at on-reservation tribal casinos.

A vote "Yes" is for changing the constitution to allow the Legislature to authorize roulette, keno and craps in Deadwood.

A vote "No" will leave the constitution as it is.  
Full Text of Constitutional Amendment Q

That Article III, section 25 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be amended to read as follows:

§ 25. The Legislature shall not authorize any game of chance, lottery, or gift enterprise, under any pretense, or for any purpose whatever provided, however, it shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law, bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire departments, or such other public spirited organizations as it may recognize, to conduct games of chance when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious, or other public spirited uses. However, it shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law a state lottery or video games of chance, or both, which are regulated by the state of South Dakota, either separately by the state or jointly with one or more states, and which are owned and operated by the state of South Dakota, either separately by the state or jointly with one or more states or persons, provided any such video games of chance shall not directly dispense coins or tokens. However, the Legislature shall not expand the statutory authority existing as of June 1, 1994, regarding any private ownership of state lottery games or video games of chance, or both. The Legislature shall establish the portion of proceeds due the state from such lottery or video games of chance, or both, and the purposes for which those proceeds are to be used. SDCL 42-7A, and its amendments, regulations, and related laws, and all acts and contracts relying for authority upon such laws and regulations, beginning July 1, 1987, to the effective date of this amendment, are ratified and approved. Further, it shall be lawful for the Legislature to

authorize by law, roulette, keno, craps, limited card games and slot machines within the city limits of Deadwood, provided that 60% of the voters of the City of Deadwood approve legislatively authorized card games and slot machines at an election called for such purpose. The entire net Municipal proceeds of such roulette, keno, craps, card games and slot machines shall be devoted to the Historic Restoration and Preservation of Deadwood.

2014 Initiated Measures  
The following initiated measures were proposed by petition for submission to the voters. These initiated measures will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.  
**Initiated Measure 17**  
Title:  
An initiated measure to require health insurers to include all willing and qualified health care providers on their provider lists.

Attorney General Explanation: ...Some health insurers offer health benefit plans in which the insurer maintains a list of health care providers. Plan members must use listed providers in order to obtain the maximum plan coverage, or to have coverage at all. "Health care providers" include doctors and other licensed health care professionals, clinics and hospitals.

The initiated measure establishes who is entitled to be on the insurer's list of providers. The measure requires that these insurers list all health care providers who are willing, qualified and meet the conditions for participation established by the insurer.  
The measure does not apply to all health insurers, nor to certain kinds of insurance and plans including those involving specified disease, indemnity, accident only, dental, vision, Medicare supplement, long-term care or disability income, and workers' compensation.  
A vote "Yes" is for the law requiring health insurers to include all willing and qualified health care providers on their provider lists.  
A vote "No" is against the proposed law.  
Full Text of Initiated Measure 17  
Section 1. No health insurer, including the South Dakota Medicaid program, may obstruct patient choice by excluding a health care provider licensed under the laws of this state from participating on the health insurer's panel of providers if the provider is located within the geographic coverage area of the health benefit plan and is willing and fully qualified to meet the terms and conditions of participation as established by the health insurer.  
Section 2. Terms and used in this Initiated Measure mean:  
(1) "Health benefit plan," any hospital or medical expense policy or certificate, hospital or medical service plan, nonprofit hospital, medical-surgical health service corporation contract or certificate, provider sponsored integrated health delivery network, self-insured plan or plan provided by multiple employer welfare arrangements, health maintenance organization subscriber contract of more than six-month duration, or any health benefit plan that affects the rights of a South Dakota insured and bears a reasonable relation to South Dakota, whether delivered or issued for delivery in South Dakota. The term does not include specified disease, hospital indemnity, fixed indemnity, accident only, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement, long-term care or disability income insurance, coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation or similar insurance, automobile medical payment insurance, or any plan or coverage exempted from state regulation by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 18;  
(2) "Health insurer," any entity within the definitions set forth in subdivisions 58-17F-1(11), (12), and (15), any entity offering a health benefit plan as defined by §58-17F-2, all self-insurers or multiple employer welfare arrangements, and self-insured employer-organized associations. The term does not include any entity exempted from state regulation by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 18;  
(3) "Health care provider," any individual or entity within the scope of the definition of health care provider as defined by subdivision 58-17F-1(9).  
**Initiated Measure 18**  
Title:  
An initiated measure to increase the state minimum wage.

Attorney General Explanation: The initiated measure amends state law to raise South Dakota's hourly minimum wage for non-tipped employees from \$7.25

to \$8.50 per hour, effective January 1, 2015. Thereafter, this minimum wage will be annually adjusted by any increase in the cost of living. The cost of living increase is measured by the change in the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor. In no case may the minimum wage be decreased.

In addition, the hourly minimum wage for tipped employees will be half the minimum wage for non-tipped employees as adjusted by any cost of living increase described above.

These increases would apply to all employers in South Dakota, with limited exceptions.

A vote "Yes" is for the increase in the state minimum wage.

A vote "No" is against the change in the law.

Full Text of Initiated Measure 18

Section 1. That §60-11-3 be amended to read as follows:

60-11-3. Every employer shall pay to each employee wages at a rate of not less than seven eight dollars and twenty-five fifty cents an hour. Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. The provisions of this section do not apply to certain employees being paid an opportunity wage pursuant to §60-11-4.1, babysitters, or outside salespersons. The provisions of this section do not apply to employees employed by an amusement or recreational establishment, an organized camp, or a religious or nonprofit educational conference center if one of the following apply:  
(1) The establishment, camp, or center does not operate for more than seven months in any calendar year; or  
(2) During the preceding calendar year, the average receipts of the establishment, camp, or center for any six months of the calendar year were not more than thirty-three and one-third percent of its average receipts for the other six months of the year.

Section 2. That §60-11-3.1 be amended to read as follows:

60-11-3.1. Any employer of a tipped employee shall pay a cash wage of not less than two dollars and thirteen cents an hour fifty percent of the minimum wage provided by §60-11-3 if the employer claims a tip credit against the employer's minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tip combined with the employer's cash wage of not less than two dollars and thirteen cents an hour fifty percent of the minimum wage provided by §60-11-3 does not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer shall make up the difference as additional wages for each regular pay period of the employer. A tipped employee is one engaged in an occupation in which the employee customarily and regularly receives more than thirty-five dollars a month in tips or other considerations. This section does not apply to babysitters or outside salespersons. This section also does not apply to employees employed by an amusement or recreational establishment, an organized camp, or a religious or nonprofit educational conference center if one of the following apply:

(1) The establishment, camp, or center does not operate for more than seven months in any calendar year; or  
(2) During the preceding calendar year, the average receipts of the establishment, camp, or center for any six months of the calendar year were not more than thirty-three and one-third percent of its average receipts for the other six months of the year.

Section 3. That chapter 60-11 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows: Beginning January 1, 2016, and again on January 1 of each year thereafter, the minimum wage provided by §60-11-13 shall be adjusted by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living shall be measured by the percentage increase as of August of the immediately preceding year over the level as measured as of August of the previous year of the Consumer Price Index (all urban consumers, U.S. city average for all items) or its successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase, if any, rounded up to the nearest five cents. In no case shall the minimum wage be decreased. The Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation or its designee shall publish the adjusted minimum wage rate for the forthcoming year on its internet home page by October 15 of each year, and it shall become effective on January 1 of the forthcoming year.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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**Grotton City Oct. 6 Meeting Minutes**  
October 6, 2014  
The Grotton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, McGannon, Muilenburg, Opp, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Gordon Nelson, Attorney Drew Johnson, Shawn Lambert, Finance Officer Lowary and representatives from the press.  
The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.  
The financial report was approved on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.  
Jim & Linda Stearns came before the Council to discuss their property at 105 W 3rd Ave. Improvements needed to make the structure habitable as a primary residence or rental were discussed. Stearns stated they are willing to sell if there is a buyer. Since their deadline had passed, the time for making the improvements or selling was discussed. Gordon Nelson spoke for the Planning and Zoning Commission that ordinances needed to be enforced. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Muilenburg to grant a 30 day extension, effective immediately, for completion of the repairs or removal of the structure to bring the property into compliance. All members present voted aye. Gordon Nelson and Jim & Linda Stearns left the meeting.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.  
Executive Payroll 840.40 salaries; Administrative Payroll 5,986.74 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 14,030.75 salaries; Public Works Payroll 15,198.46 salaries; Culture & Recr Payroll 3,169.34 salaries; 1st State Bank 7,057.19 wh & ss; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; City of Grotton 210.33 deposit refunds, postage; Mike Fordham 100.00 deposit refund; Craig & Lana Jondahl 62.75 deposit refund; Anita Lowary 22.40 mileage; US Post Office 207.62 postage; Mark Selzler 100.00 deposit refund; SD Supp Retirement 1,995.00 emp retirement; NEFOG 20.00 registrations; April Abeln 298.00 dep flex; 1st National Bank 7,670.84 Main St Sewer Loan; 1st National Bank 960.99 07 Flooded Sewer Loan; 1st National Bank 5,287.72 EPA Loan; 1st National Bank 2,985.04 2nd St Sewer Loan; 1st National Bank 7,670.84 Main St Water Loan; 1st National Bank 4,344.69 RR Sewer Crossing Loan; 1st National Bank 2,207.95 NE Sewer Loan; 1st National Bank 6,975.69 West Ditch Sewer Loan; Neal Abeln 785.00 weed spraying; Jerry Bjerke 151.20 mileage; Border States 893.24 wire; Buhls 30.50 rug rent; Chase Visa 13.53 books, supplies, software; Clark Engineering 11,239.03 engineering; Justin Cleveland 50.00 app rebate; Cole Papers 98.79 towels; Glenn Cooper 200.00 heat rebate; Dakota Electronics 803.90 repairs; Duanes 1,441.65 gas; Full Circle Ag 362.06 weed spray; Galls 128.45 boots; HD Supply 3,827.85 fittings; Heartland Waste 6,170.22 garbage hauling; James Valley Tele 673.23 phone, internet; Johnson, Drew 925.00 legal services; Robert Johnson Const 318,165.91 street const; K & H Electric 3,238.50 boring; Kens 876.72 gas, supplies; Paul Kosel 326.40 mileage, meals; Nelson Sales & Service 22.39 starter; NW Energy 10.00 nat gas; Olde Bank Floral N More 30.00 plant; Olson Backhoe 5,455.06 digging; Chuck Raap 200.00 air rebate; Rossow, Taryn 225.00 lifeguard training; Runnings 168.93 chains, saw blades, jack; S&S Lumber 262.22 supplies; Sanitation Products 461.00 broom, shoes; SD Dept of Health 445.00 testing; SD Retirement 7,955.70 retirement; Share Corp 140.03 deodorizers; Specialty Mfg 18.10 sheet metal; United Lease & Finance 15,482.07 transformer loan; Verizon Wireless 41.61 data comm.; WEB Water 13,585.93 water; Wesco 118.00 photocells

Finance Officer Lowary presented the 2014 Baseball and 2014 Swimming Pool financial reports. Blackmun reported on progress on repairs at the baseball complex and plans for

a fund raiser and other improvements. McGannon reported on progress on placing the swimming pool slide.

A letter from Jerri Vedvei resigning from the swimming pool advisory board was read. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to accept her resignation and to disband the board for the present time since their goals have been met. All members present voted aye.  
A letter from WEB Water was read stating that water costs would increase effective October 25, 2014. A study on Grotton's water rates will be presented at the Nov 3 Council meeting.  
Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to pass a resolution in support of the after-school program. All members present voted aye.

**SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEADERS LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL PROCLAMATION**  
WHEREAS, The Communities of the State of South Dakota support quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:  
1) Provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills;  
2) Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;  
3) Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, and adults;  
4) Engage families, schools, and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and  
WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs, held this year on October 23, 2014, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and  
WHEREAS, More than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school. Of South Dakota's 131,284 school-age children, 75% of the 6 to 12 year-olds have all available parents in the workforce; 48,969 children are unsupervised after school; and  
WHEREAS, Many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and  
WHEREAS, The communities of South Dakota are committed to investing in health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That we, South Dakota Municipal Leaders do hereby proclaim October 23, 2014 as "Lights On Afterschool Day";  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That these municipal leaders enthusiastically endorse Lights On Afterschool and commit our communities to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

Reports were given on the trees being moved from the skating rink and from the cemetery. Grotton will apply for a \$5,000 tree grant with a 50% match requirement.  
Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Glover to place stop signs at all four corners of the intersection of W 3rd Ave and N Washington to help reduce congestion and accidents. All members present voted aye.

Blackmun reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission requested a review of the set back ordinances to further define the "outermost point of the structure" and to require sidewalks be replaced rather than removed when repairs are needed. These items will be discussed at the next meeting.  
The audit report for 2012 and 2013 was discussed. No draft copy has been received at this time.  
Council members and electric personnel will be encouraged to attend the Heartland Consumer Power Districts Budget Meeting in Grotton on Oct 21, 2014.  
Paul Kosel gave a report on the metering and load management school he attended.  
Meeting adjourned.  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
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October 6, 2014  
Residents within the proposed district who are also registered voters within the district are eligible to vote in this election.

The meeting and election will begin at 7:00 P.M. central daylight savings and continue until all present have voted.  
The meeting and election will be held at the Frederick Community Center, Frederick, South Dakota.  
The area to be included in the proposed district is:  
City of Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota pursuant to the Plat thereof of record  
Palmyra Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 128 North of Range 65 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;  
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Savo Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 128 North of Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;  
Allison Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive, all in Township 127 North of Range 65 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;  
Frederick Township: Sections 1-36 inclusive (except the City of Frederick), all in Township 127 North of Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;  
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(0930.1007)  
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**Brown County Frederick Fire District**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING AND ELECTION**  
**PROPOSED FREDERICK AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
A Meeting and Election will be held on October 16, 2014 to determine if the proposed FREDERICK AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT shall be formed. If the district is formed by this election, nomination and election of a board of trustees will take place at the meeting.

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**Meeting**  
**Minutes**



UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING  
September 22, 2014

President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Rix. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

The board heard program overview presentations from 5th Grade Teachers Shelby Hendrickson and Janel Lone and Wellness and Health Services School Nurse Beth Gustafson.

There were no board committee reports given.

The board acknowledged second reading of recommended policy changes to BBFA – Board Member Conflict of Interest; GBCA – Staff Conflict of Interest; GBCBB – Employee Use of Networking Sites; GBEB Employee Communicable Diseases; GBE Staff Health and Safety; GB – General Reference Policy; GBK – Smoking on School Premises; GBL – Personnel Records; GCAA – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans; GCBE – Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays; GDC – Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring/Posting of Vacancies; GCFA – Mentor Teachers and Mentor Teacher Program; GCI – Professional Staff Time Schedules; GDBC – Support Staff Fringe Benefits; GDI – Support Staff Assignments and Transfers; GDJ – Support Staff Time Schedules; JFCE – Student Bullying; JFCK – Cell Phones and Personal Technology Devices;

JFC – Student Conduct; JFEE Participation in Work Study Programs; JHD – Student Psychological Services; JOA Student Recruitment; JO-N – Family Education Rights and Privacy Act; JO –

Student Records; JHCDB – Epinephrine Auto Injectors; JNA – Loaning of Textbooks; JGD/JGE – Student Suspension/Expulsion and BDDE – Rules of Order. Moved by Nelson, second Weismantel to approve changes. Motion carried.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Homecoming Week, ICU update, enrollment report, facility maintenance, ELL meeting and work comp audit.

Moved by Kjelden, second Harder to amend and approve the Groton Area School District 2014-15 Budget, as published from the budget hearing on July 14, 2014 as follows and authorize Weber to file the tax request with the county auditors: Revenue – General Fund from \$4,014,835 to \$4,003,067, Special Education from \$618,750 to \$639,026 and Total Revenue from \$6,450,431 to \$6,458,939. Expenditures – General Fund from \$4,593,411 to \$4,575,714, Capital Outlay from \$1,148,052 to \$1,152,652, Special Education from \$736,897 to \$752,362, Pension Fund from \$250,000 to \$260,000, Food Service from \$255,224 to \$255,933, Enterprise Fund from \$58,689 to \$61,703 and Total Expenditures from \$7,259,673 to \$7,275,764. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Harder to amend and approve the North Central Special Education Cooperative 2014-15 Budget as published from the budget hearing on July 14, 2014 as follows: Revenue – Fund 11 from \$204,431 to \$206,431 and Total Revenue from \$905,830 to \$907,830. Expenditures – Fund 11 from \$242,153 to \$242,159, Fund 29 from \$892,850 to

\$897,377 and Total Expenditures from \$1,134,733 to \$1,139,536. Motion carried.

Superintendent J. Schwan presented a review of the Food Service Inspection of Groton Elementary School conducted by South Dakota Department of Health.

Superintendent J. Schwan presented District and School Report Cards for 2014.

The board acknowledged Public School Exemption #15-07 for a child in grade 12.

The board held discussion on possible certification of a school board member for 2014 Delegate Assembly to be held in Pierre. No action was taken.

Moved by Kjelden, second Nelson to adjourn at 7:05pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Dorene Nelson, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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**Henry Township Weed Notice**

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Darlene Sass  
Township Clerk

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Bruce Sippel  
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## Tree claim under fire, tree grant sought

Councilman David McGannon talked about a tree claim by the lagoon. "It needs to be removed," he said. "It's garbage and does not look good at all. We need to get it in the budget to have it removed or have the guys take it out."

The council is going to apply for a \$5,000 grant through the Department of Agriculture for a tree grant. It would be a 50:50 match. Since the trees are being moved this year at the cemetery instead of next year, the \$2,500 budgeted for tree removal could be used for tree purchase.

## Stearns given 30 day extension on mobile home

It's been a battle since 2010 for Jim and Linda Stearns on their mobile home located at West Third Avenue and N. Washington Street. The mobile home, once their primary residence, has been vacant since the loss of their son nearly six years ago. The mobile home was moved into Groton in 1979 as a custom made new home.

In 2010, the Stearns were sent a letter from the city indicating that the mobile home was unlivable and dilapidated. Marc Johnson, the building inspector at that time, had indicated that the repairs needed to be done to the mobile home would not be worth the expense. Councilman David McGannon said, "It's the appearance of the trailer and it has not been taken care of and I have not heard any plans to fix it." City Attorney Drew Johnson said that the latest letter, issued in July of 2014, indicated that the mobile home has been used as storage. According to city ordinance, an accessory building without a primary residence is not allowed. "It cannot be used as storage without someone living there," Johnson said.

"If looks are the big thing, I will take care of the looks," said Jim Stearns. Jim said that he has been helping his kids with their homes and has not had the time to work on it. He said that three years ago, he had representatives from Liebelt Homes and Centennial Homes come out and inspect the mobile home. "They found it structurally sound," Jim said. Opportunities to sell the mobile home have fallen through during the past few years. "All it takes is the right person to come along and make a reasonable offer and it's theirs," Jim said. "I can't control the market. It might sell in the next 30 days, it might not." He said that the latest letter, indicating that it cannot be an accessory unit caught them out of the blue. "Nothing was said about that in 2010," he said. He questioned the consistency of the city's policies. Stearns said that they have mowed the yard and trimmed around the house to make it look presentable. Gordon Nelson from the Planning and Zoning Commission said that they have been working on the ordinances in the last seven years. "For this particular property, I'm thinking nothing is going to get done," he said. "We have been working with the council to enforce the ordinances."

"We want to work with you," said Mayor Scott Hanlon, "but you can't take forever. We have to set a deadline." Councilman Michelle Muilenburg said that all of the repairs have to be made and that all storage items in the house have to be removed so that it can be inhabitable. If that is done, then the house can be rented out or lived in.

The Stearns were given a 30-day extension. Johnson said if it does not comply at the end of 30 days, the council's next decision is to go to court to have it removed. "You have to get someone over there to live in it or sell it," Johnson said.

## Baseball, Pool funds report loss of \$71,900

The baseball report was presented and this year, the city had a net loss of \$26,242.49, compared to net losses of \$14,292.44 last year, \$16,133.78 in 2012, \$6,095.44 in 2011 and \$14,781.22 in 2010. David Blackmun gave a report from all the work that is being done at the baseball complex.

The pool report was also presented with the city having a net loss of \$45,658.31 this year, compared to net losses of \$30,341.40 in 2013, \$42,111.10 in 2012, \$21,912.77 in 2011, \$49,163.66 in 2010 and \$21,015.16 in 2009. When the materials arrive, the footings for the pool will be poured for the new slide. David McGannon suggested the old galvanized fence either be gotten rid of or used. It was promised to the soccer group but they have not used it. It was also reported that the pool managers are planning to give a report at the next meeting. The council expressed a gratitude towards the managers for their good job and felt that things this year went really well.

Jerri Vedvei resigned from the pool advisory board and now that Burt Glover is on the council, he also needed to get off the board. There was discussion on the future of the advisory board. "Now that there is a book in place and we have an established management system in place, I don't think we need the advisory board," said Councilman Burt Glover. The council accepted Vedvei's resignation and then dissolved the pool advisory board.




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## Brown County Sept. 30 Meeting Minutes



SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Wiese. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of September 23, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

**Professional Fees:** Aberdeen Advance Care Ambulance \$97.81; Amanda Cunningham \$87.34; AMG Radiology \$237.28; Avera St. Luke's \$1,229.68; Chad Madsen \$20.00; Dependable Sanitation \$24,197.24; Christopher Dohrer \$4,375.00; Family Dental Care \$106.85; Jeremiah Summitt \$20.00; Scott Kuck \$3,750.00; Liberty Tire

Recycling \$2,697.82; Pollard & Larson \$176.00; Putnam Co. Sheriff \$30.00; Sam Olson \$20.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb \$3,905.40; Gina Rogers \$3,750.00; Ronayne & Cogley \$3,750.00; Sanford Clinic \$819.30; Sanford Health \$6,082.80; Christy Serr \$4,375.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,800.00; Karin Bartell \$30.00; Joy Braun \$30.00; Marsha Braun \$30.00; Ruth Casanova \$30.00; Fae Dayton \$30.00; Ric Dias \$30.00; Tracy Dice \$30.00; Phyllis Donat \$30.00; Jacee Engelhart \$30.00; Linda Gengerke \$30.00; Susan Gerlach \$30.00; Ann Gibbs \$30.00; Carol Green \$30.00; Judy Gulleson \$30.00; Gweneth Hansen \$30.00; Janene Harry \$30.00; Mike Hassebroek \$30.00; John Hepola \$30.00; Ramona Hurin \$30.00; Duane Jark \$30.00; DaRae Jones \$30.00; Renita Kainz \$30.00; Janelle Klapperich \$30.00; Laura Kramp \$30.00; Florence Kraus \$30.00; Marilyn Maloney \$30.00; Brodie Mueller \$30.00; Emily Munger \$30.00; Darcee Munsterteiger \$30.00; Kathy Novstrup \$30.00; Sherry Perrion \$30.00; Crystal Schaffer \$30.00; Marie Schlosser \$30.00; Cindy Schnabel \$30.00; Diann Steinheuser \$30.00; Amy Weismantel \$30.00; Marjorie Zastrow \$30.00.

**Transcripts:** Tammy Stolle \$69.50; Sara Zahn \$46.20.

**Publishing:** Aberdeen American News \$212.99; Dakota Broadcasting \$3,000.00.

**Rentals:** Eisenbeis Mobile Home Court \$120.00; Solstice Holdings \$185.00; Weismantel Rent All \$265.00.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$5,048.81; Double D Body Shop \$48.33; Graham Tire \$16.59; Heartland Heating & Cooling \$5,735.62; Hollaway Construction \$30,795.09; Hoven Auto Repair \$326.49; Ladner Electric \$21,883.74; Lawson Products \$37.77; Overhead Door \$367.34; Schwan Welding \$92.00; SD DOT \$104,998.10; US Bank \$1,159.79.

**Supplies:** Br. Co. Treasurer \$89.82; CarQuest Auto Parts \$31.56; Chief/Law Enforcement \$419.78; DSG \$94.75; Deelwood History \$20.00; Deadwood Pest Elimination \$105.05; Ashley Farrand \$12.47; Gardner Locksmithing \$78.00; Geffdog Designers \$19.50; GovConnection \$132.90; Grassland Colony \$168.00; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$1,699.41; Lawson Products \$508.72; Marco \$298.03; Meyer's Auto Salvage \$255.00; Midstates Printing \$1,021.33; Muth Electric \$19,373.33; NADA \$105.00; Network Services Co.

\$1,859.88; Pizza Ranch \$57.95; Pro Ag Supply \$7.92; Rural Lads & Lassies \$34.50; Share Corp \$506.00; US Bank \$8,170.24; Van Diest Supply \$4,952.85; West Payment Center \$3,088.27.

**Travel & Conference:** Exec. Mgmt. Finance Office \$977.13; Maxine Fischer \$147.09; Michael Merkel \$100.49; Pennington Co. Sheriff's Office \$377.10; US Bank \$3,897.39; VCSU – Great Plains Stem Education \$118.11; Water Resources Institute – SDSU \$50.00; Chris White \$214.14; Karin Bartell \$10.00; Joy Braun \$10.00; Judy Gulleson \$20.00; Duane Jark \$30.00; DaRae Jones \$20.00; Crystal Schaffer \$10.00; Dianne Steinheuser \$15.00.

**Utilities:** Aberdeen City Treasurer \$209.42; AT & T Mobility \$69.99; CenturyLink \$193.20; Montana Dakota Utilities \$19.70; NWPS \$7,041.15; US Bank \$1,147.61; Verizon \$78.62. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring Aaron Gasser, effective October 6, 2014 and Dawn Allam, effective October 13, 2014 at \$14.58 per hour as full-time Dispatchers in the Communications Department. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee classification changes: Roxy Hilgenberg

from Office Deputy to Chief Office Deputy Step 10 @ \$18.83 per hour and Kathy Schlecht per Chief Office Deputy to Chief Deputy @ \$21.64 per hour, effective September 28, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**2015 PROVISIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to increase the 2015 Provisional Budget \$750.00 to fund SD Glacial Lakes and Prairies Tourism. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to amend the 2015 Provisional Budget line items, as follows: SD Glacial Lakes and Prairies Tourism from 0 to \$750.00; Cash applied from \$2,621,018.22 to \$2,666,177.41; Current Property Tax Levy from \$13,003,351.00 to \$12,936,810.00; Other taxes from \$113,472.49 to \$135,643.49; Subtotal from \$18,483,675.45 to \$18,484,464.64; Less 5% from \$924,183.76 to \$924,223.25; Net Means of Finance from \$17,559,491.69 to \$17,560,241.39; Total Appropriations from \$17,559,491.39 to \$17,560,241.39. All other line items remaining as stated in the Provisional Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**2015 ANNUAL BUDGET:** Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD. For the Year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. RESOLUTION #65-14. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, this 30th day of September, 2014. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**COUNTY TAX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY**

	Dollars
*General County Purposes (10-12-9)	\$12,867,756 4.008
Library	\$ 40,929 0.023
Fire	\$ 28,125 0.015
<b>TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY</b>	<b>\$12,936,810 4.046</b>

\*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following agreements: Joe Akkerman for lease of the Club House on October 11-12, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLAT:** Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #66-14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "B & B East Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Sec 23-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-

aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

**MAGISTRATE COURT REMODEL:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to accept quote for City Hall Renovations Project – Magistrate Court Room, submitted by Mattern Electric in amount of \$3,029.62. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TAX DEED SALE:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising the following described property to be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., and further to declare property surplus for purpose of sale: Aberdeen City: Lot 1 Blk 16 Smith Addition except N 115' of W 100' and except E 8' parallel to Hoff's Outlot 1 (618 8th Ave SE). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT AUTHORIZED:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to authorize payment on Attorney Contract previously withheld for August. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EM STATE & LOCAL 2015 AGREEMENT:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize chairman to sign the Emergency Management FFY 2015 State and Local Agreement dated October 1, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PROPOSALS FOR CAR RACING FACILITIES:** Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider proposals for lease of the car racing facilities at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Proposals were received from Generation 2 Promotions (Nick Guthmiller) at \$10,500 per year and Bullet Sports (Neuendorf Brothers) at \$15,321 per year. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to refer proposals to Gary Vetter for review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Becky Graff, District Park Supervisor for SD State Parks discussed insurance requirement on lease agreement previous denied (September 23, 2014). After discussion, the following action ensued: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign agreement, submitted by Richmond Lake Recreation Area – Americorp for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp from October 7, 2014 to November 7, 2014; and further accept NCCC Third Party Liability and Federal Workers' Compensation Coverage provided by Americorps National Civilian Community Corps, North Central Region for the team. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve applications, submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of the following: Highway 21 in Sec 7-T122N-R60W; Highway 12WA in SW ¼ Sec 24-T123N-R65W; Highway 21 in SE ¼ Sec 12-T122N-R61W; Highway 21 in NE ¼ Sec 13-T122N-R61W, Brown County, SD to provide electrical service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway 21 in Sec 21-T123N-R64W, Brown County, SD to provide telecommunication services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to authorize advertising for position of Brown County IT Chief Information Officer (CIO). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Cathy Sauer, Deputy Brown County Auditor

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**New stop sign going up**  
 There will be a four-way stop sign put in place at West Third Avenue and Lincoln Street. It is currently a two-way stop going north and south. At the present time, there were no recommendations for placing stop signs on West Second Avenue.

**City's cost of water going up**  
 The city's cost of water will be going up about \$13,000 a year. The council was notified by WEB Water that the base rate will increase about \$350 a month and the cost per thousand gallons will increase by 20 cents. This will become effective this month. A rate study of the city's water rates will be presented at the next council meeting.

**Reviewing sidewalk ordinance**  
 The council will review the outer most point of a structure and take it up for further discussion at the next meeting. There will also be a study done on sidewalks. Any newly platted developments are required to have a sidewalk. Anyone with old sidewalk can have it torn out and not replaced, under current ordinance. Councilman Mulenburg said, "I think we need to review that ordinance." Plan-

ning and Zoning would like to change the ordinance that if you have a sidewalk, you can't tear it out and put it into grass. "If you have it (and it needs repair), replace it," Glover said. Johnson said that the sidewalks are for the safety of the kids to keep them off the streets and the city needs to have a maintenance program. The council review the sidewalk ordinance at the next meeting.

The council approved an After School Proclamation, supporting Groton's OST Program.

Heartland Consumers Power District has chosen Groton as the host city for its annual meeting. It is set for October 21, 11 a.m. at the Legion Lounge.

**Local youth joining Destination Imagination teams**

to learn creative problem solving, critical thinking  
 Local students in schools throughout the United States are now signing up to join teams for the 2014-2015 challenge season of Destination Imagination. They are starting an exciting journey that could lead them to compete against the world's top problem-solving teams in the program's Global Finals tournament in May.

So far, teams are forming in Groton, Aberdeen, Doland, Watertown, and Tiospa Zina. For information about how to form

a team to take part in the world's largest collaborative problem solving program for youth, please go to the South Dakota affiliate site at <http://www.disouthdakota.com> or the national website at [idodi.org](http://idodi.org)

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Come see and learn what it's all about at the Northeast Region Team Managers Training, to be held on October 13th, from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Groton Area Elementary, 810 N 1st St Groton, 57445. A light supper will be served at 5:30 PM. Please send RSVP by October 10th, 2014, for the meal to: [julie.milbrandt@k12.sd.us](mailto:julie.milbrandt@k12.sd.us)

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