



Anita Lowary was going over the menu with her mom, Winnie Fawcett. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The greeters were Betty Pinkerton and Fern Westby. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Barb Paepke was going over the procedure with the menu slips that they provided this year. Each person could check what they wanted and the servers picked up the menu, got the food and delivered it to the table. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Korbin Blackmun serves water with Marcy Blackmun making sure everything is okay at the table. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Thank You For Thanksgiving!

Tom and Barb Paepke have coordinated the annual Groton Community Thanksgiving Dinner for four years now. There were 112 people who pre-registered for the community dinner this year. "We have been very blessed," said Barb Paepke. "Especially for those who helped serve and those who were gracious to make the food." The free will donation will go to the Groton Crisis Fund and Paepke said that if there was enough money left, they would buy two new tables for the Groton Community Center to replace a couple of tables that are falling apart.

Thank you to everyone who helped to serve, make the food and even delivered to shut-ins.



A good sized crowd showed up for the annual Groton Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner held at the Groton Community Center. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Those who helped to serve the food are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Rachel Blackmun, Barb Paepke, Katie Oliver, Marcy Blackmun and Danielle Schinkel; in front are Korbin Blackmun and Jasmine Schinkel. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The kitchen help included Lori Westby, Stan Knudsen, Kathy Knudsen, Chuck Knudsen, Tom Paepke, Dave Blackmun and Julie Flihs. Not pictured are those who were making deliveries: John Lowary, Loren Flihs and Ron Westby. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

A visit to the State Capital



The theme for this year's Christmas trees at the State Capital is the celebration of the state's 125th year. The big tree, featured in the right photo, had the decorates made by the fourth graders from across the state. The two photos below, featuring Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel, colored drawing and hung it on one of the trees on the first floor. There is a coloring station for the people to color on.

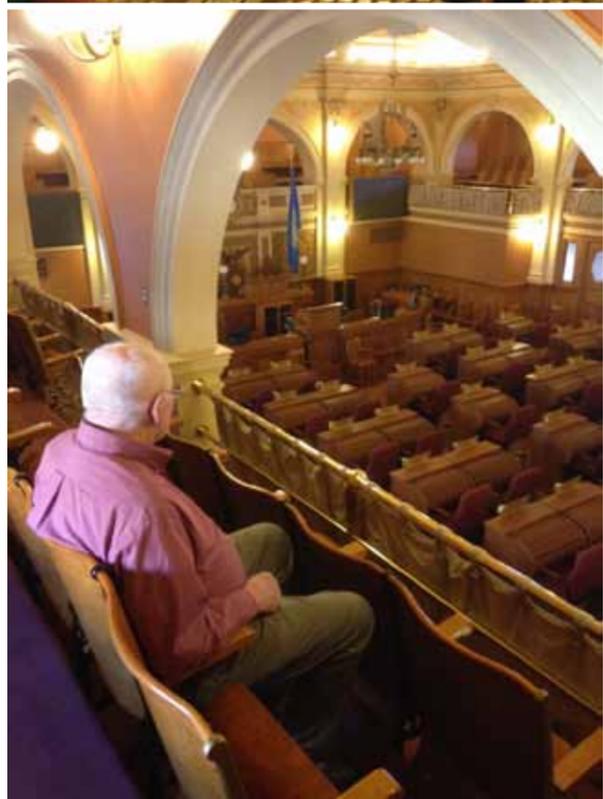


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There were lots of fire extinguishers throughout the trees.

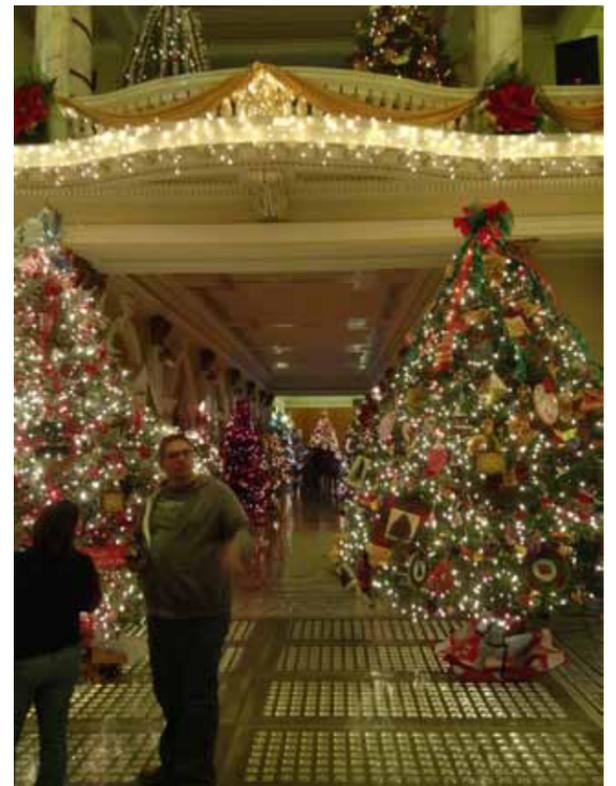


My dad, Milton Kosel, had never been to the State Capital building. He sat in the upper level as he looked over the House Chamber.



The Order of Eastern Star decorated a tree, featuring the clubs from across the state. See photo below also.

Dell Rapids St. Mary's School had a tree decorated that featured the Catholic Churches from across the state.



Lots of decorated trees filled the State Capital hallways on the second floor.

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A view from the third floor.



Angels were put on the high shelves.

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...potatoes and onions in the cellar.



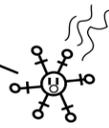
Kids: color stuff in!



Ya, ya, ya...I finished before Chatter!

Getting Ready for Winter

Sigh! I hate being the first flake of the season...it's such a lonely job.



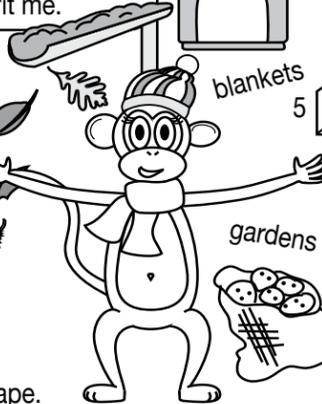
Winter will be here soon. Everyone is outside finishing tasks that need to be done to get ready for the long, dark, cold days. Some people are cleaning their yards. Others are emptying the gutters on their houses that are filled with leaves. Some people like to store potatoes, carrots and onions for hot delicious winter stews and soups. Coats and jackets are being pulled out of closets. Oh, that reminds me...I need to try on last year's boots to see if they still fit me.

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle.

Kids in my class reported that their families are:

- having _____ checked and tuned-up.
- getting their oil _____ filled.
- raking _____ and cleaning them out of the gutters.
- storing _____ and salt in buckets to spread on sidewalks and driveways to prevent icing.
- bringing in the last of the fruits and vegetables from _____.
- digging out sweaters, _____, hats, mittens and scarves.
- putting heavier _____ and quilts on beds.
- making sure that _____ and snow blowers are in good shape.
- taking down _____ and putting up storm windows.
- bringing _____ and small trees into the house for the winter.
- cooking larger, hotter _____ and more baked pies and cookies.
- turning on the _____ earlier and starting to turn up the heat.
- cutting and stacking _____ into piles.
- signing up for classes to _____ inside or to play indoor sports.
- checking over their skiing, skating and sledding _____.

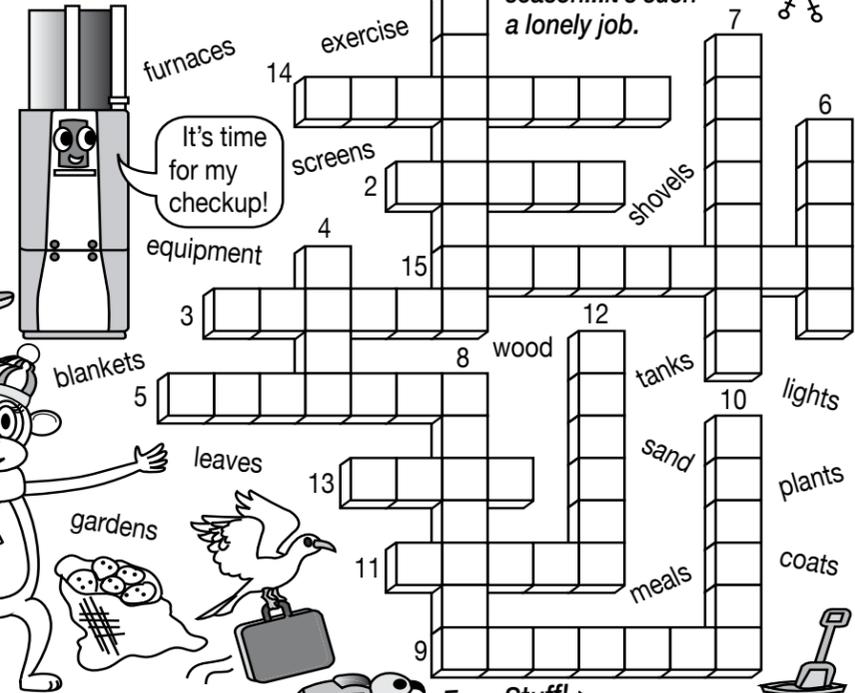
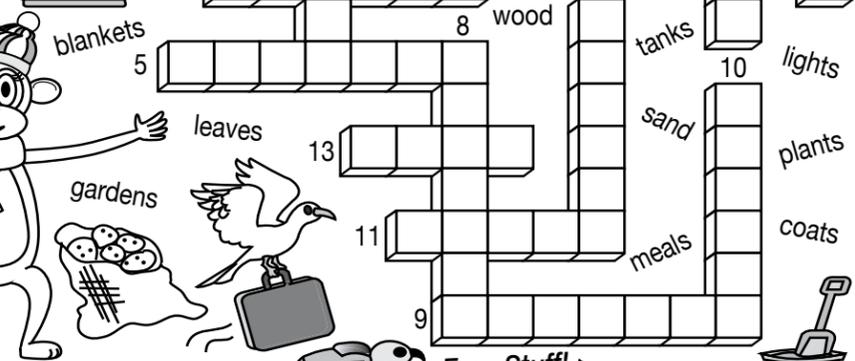
Hey, my list of chores was this long!



Whew! This sure is a long walk.

South

We're headed for warmer climates.



Free Stuff!

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What Do Animals and Birds Do To Get Ready For Winter?

Match each animal in the first part of the sentence to the second part that tells what it does to get ready for winter.

- Snakes
- (some) Butterflies
- Weasels and Snowshoe Rabbits
- Red Foxes
- Moose
- Bears
- (some) Sharks
- (some) Turtles

- grow new, thicker fur. Sometimes the new fur is whiter to help them hide in the snow.
- go to the bottom of lakes and ponds where the water is warmer.
- swim to warmer waters near Hawaii.
- eat to increase body weight since there is less food.
- change their diet completely. In spring, summer and fall they eat berries and insects, but in late fall and winter they eat small rodents.
- gather together into a big ball underground for warmth.
- fly as far south as Mexico.
- eat lots of extra food before they go into hibernation or a deep sleep.

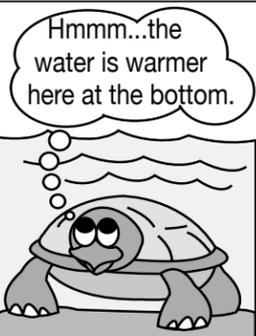


I see my diet has to change for the winter.

mmmphf...little busy here!



- (some) Frogs
- Squirrels
- Skunks
- (some) Bats
- Trees
- Alligators
- Robins
- Bobcats



Hmmm...the water is warmer here at the bottom.

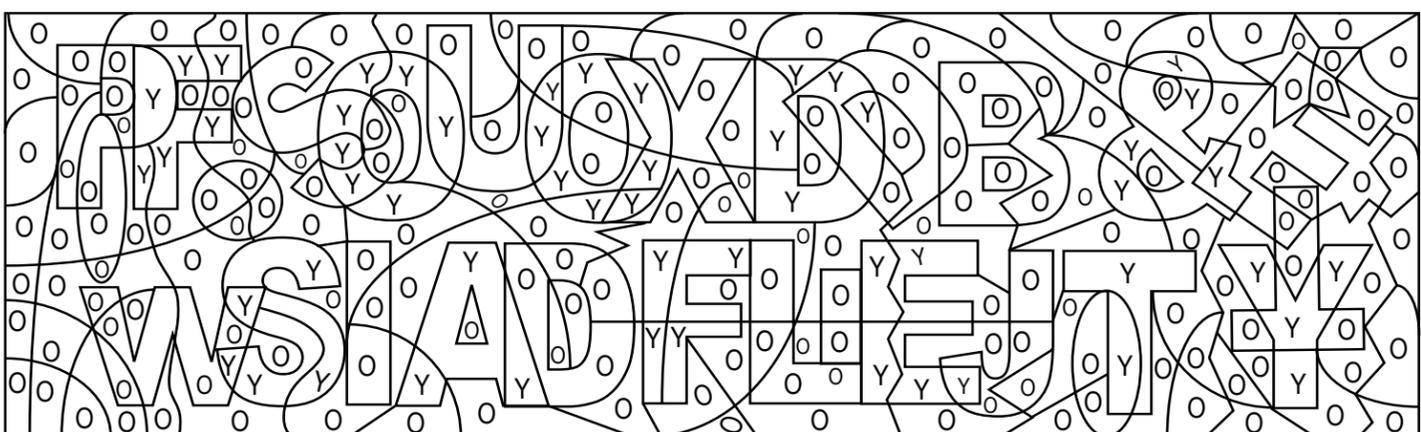
I hide in mud.

- gather acorns so they have a large amount of food stored.
- stop growing to save energy. This helps them get through very cold temperatures.
- usually live in the deep south, but some that live farther north in North Carolina or Georgia stay in dens and slow their metabolism, making them less active so they need less food.
- turn from hunting only during the night to hunting during the day.
- usually travel south for the winter, but those that live in Canada come to the United States, so you might not notice any change at all!
- hibernate in close clusters in their caves and holes. Others fly to find a warmer place to live.
- start to take very long naps, but they do not actually hibernate.
- allow themselves to be fully frozen! Their bodies thaw in the spring and are completely fine!

Why do Animals and Birds Go South?

People who go to the warmer southern states for the winter are sometimes nicknamed "Snowbirds." Animals and birds go south for the warmer weather too! Two more reasons animals and birds travel south during the season of deep cold and snow are for:

O = orange Y = yellow



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Groton Community December Calendar

Monday, December 1

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

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, steamed carrots, fruit, lettuce salad

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

Birthdays: Darrel Hendrickson • Ahmad Shabazz Jr • Kevin Raap

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
4:00pm: JH GBB at Roncalli (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

7:00pm: City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 2

Lisa Sippel Notice Debate at GHS

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

School Menu: Chicken wings, sweet tots, veggie cups, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Leonard Garness • Liz Doeden • Cade Guthmiller • Meri Erickson

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Good Cheer and Topic Leaders

4:00pm: JHGBB at Clark/Willow Lake (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

Wednesday, December 3

School Breakfast: Egg Omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarines, baked chips, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Brook Anderson • Jeff Merkel • Dennis K Larson • Anthony Sippel • Jamie Rossow

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid/LWML

3:45pm: UMC Confirmation

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

Thursday, December 4

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

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn, Romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Brennan McMahon • Caitlyn Howard • Samantha Larson • Darlys Kampa • Drew Johnson

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

Friday, December 5

State Festival Oral Interp at Huron

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

School Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, green beans, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Ilse Cameron • Andy Jondahl •

Angela Osterman • Corelea Wolter

Saturday, December 6

State Festival Oral Interp at Huron

Birthdays: Diane Paul Barwin • Maddie Howard • Nancy Sundstrom • Karen Wolter

9:00am: United Methodist Lay Ministry Effective Evangelism Course

10:00am: JHGBB Jamboree at Groton with Leola-Frederick, Webster and Britton

10:00am: Wrestling at Clark

10:00am: United Methodist Pastor at Rosewood Court

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 7

Birthdays: Megan Weber • Morgan McNickle • Landon Marzahn

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Sunday School and Bible Study

10:00am: UMC School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with Communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

1:00pm: Show Choir Tour of Homes

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, December 8

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

School Lunch: Chicken patty on WG bun, French fries, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Colton Monson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:30pm: JHGBB at Britton (7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30)

6:00pm: JH Wrestling at Sisseton

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 9

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

School Lunch: Italian dunkers, sweet tots, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, stewed tomatoes, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tracy Davies • Shelby Tietz • Ann Rix • Brooklyn Gilbert • Doris Anderson

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

6:00pm: All School Play

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, December 10

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburger on bun, baked chips, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Lincoln Lane • Jerrica Loeschke • Steve Schaller • Miranda Blumhardt

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:00pm: UMW Christmas Luncheon

12:30pm: MathCounts at Roncalli Middle

School

3:45pm: UMC Confirmation

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

6:00pm: JH UMYF Caroling with potluck

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with youth and parents

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League

7:00pm: Sr High UMYF

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

7:30pm: NOOMA DVD Study at UMC

Thursday, December 11

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

School Lunch: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O

Anniversary: Dave & Connie Nilsson

4:00pm: JHGBB at Ipswich (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

6:30pm: GBB at Ipswich

6:30pm: Groton Lions Club meet at Dakota Brush

Friday, December 12

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

School Lunch: Taco salad, seasoned tots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, peach sauce.

Birthdays: Brittany Ronning • Jason Warrington • Robert Meister • Alan Nierman

5:30pm: JHGBB hosts Redfield-Doland (7th at 5:30, 8th at 6:30)

Saturday, December 13

Robotics at Rapid City Stevens Tourney

UDFL Debate at Watertown

Birthdays: Jon Vedvei • Jessica Adler • Blake Flihs • Gabriella Merkel • Melissa Gilbert

10:00am: Wrestling at LaMoure

12:00pm: Santa Day at Groton Community Center

2:00pm: BB Doubleheader at Frederick (JVGBB at 2 pm, JVBBB at 3 pm, Varsity girls at 4:30, Varsity boys at 6:00)

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 14

Anniversary: Bob & Mary Ann Wehde

Birthdays: Sue Patton • Elda Stange • Carroll Dean

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Practice

10:00am: UMC School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship (SS Sings)

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship with SS Christmas Program: 3:30pm: All School Play at GHS Gym

5:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Christian Lit.

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, December 15

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

School Lunch: Nachos, refried beans, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham,

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Birthdays: Col Arthur Krueger • Marjae Schinkel • Janice Sombke

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
12:00pm: Groton Senior Citizens Christmas dinner and party at Community Center
4:30pm: JH Wrestling at Webster
5:30pm: Groton Garden Club meeting at the Golden Living Center

6:30pm: GBB hosts Tiospa Zina
6:30pm: JHGGB at Warner (7th at 6:30, 8th at 7:30)

7:00pm: City Council Meeting
7:00pm: United Methodist Charge Conference in Groton

Tuesday, December 16

St. John's Lutheran Quilting
School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Christmas nuggets, baked potato, corn, fruit, Tea buns.

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: John Sippel • Layne Howard • Sage Mortenson • Dan Schinkel
5:00pm: Wrestling Quad at GHS with Oakes, Watertown JV and EEK

Wednesday, December 17

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

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato, squash, pineapple strawberry Ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tammy Locke • Breanna Marzahn

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation
3:45pm: UMC Confirmation
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League
7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service
7:00pm: UMC Ad Council

Thursday, December 18

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

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, glorified rice, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Jean Harrison • Pastor Craig Grams • Jasper Pray
7:00pm: MS/HS Christmas Concert

Friday, December 19

Debate at Brookings
End of Second Quarter

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

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, Romaine salad, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Jeff Howard • Tim Thurston • Brad Waage

4:00pm: BB Double Header - Deuel is here (JV GBB at 4 pm, JV BBB at 6 pm, Varsity girls at 6:30 pm, Varsity boys at 8:00)

Saturday, December 20

Debate at Brookings
Birthdays: • Virginia Spencer • Lisa Adler • Jim Pray • Harvey Flihs III • Lexi Osterman

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

11:00am: NEC Wrestling at Sisseton
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 21

FIRST DAY OF WINTER
Birthdays: Kent Webb • Kayla Townsend • Ashley Flihs • Steve Giedt • Eva Ellis

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Christmas program practice

10:00am: UMC School
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship (SS Program, League Spuds 'N Berries)

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: Bethlehem Lutheran pastor at Golden Living Center

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, December 22

No School
Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, noodles Romanoff, lemon buttered broccoli, pineapple strawberry Ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Don Raines • Kristen Winther • Cameron Howard

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: GBB hosts Roncalli

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Program practice

Tuesday, December 23

No School
Senior Menu: Mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: Jerry & Joan Johnson • Jerry & Ramona Rossow

6:30pm: BBB at Roncalli

Wednesday, December 24

No School
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Merry Jo Ball • Holly Carlson • Carmen Craig • Brian Townsend • Christine Young • Katie Bull • Aaron Cobb • Michael Erdmann

Christmas Eve

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

4:00pm: Bethlehem Lutheran, Pierpont, worship

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

5:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Eve Children's Service

5:00pm: United Methodist Christmas Eve Service

8:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Thursday, December 25

No School
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

Birthdays: Angela Carlson • Scott Fordham: Christmas Day

Friday, December 26

No School

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, frosted brownie.
Birthday: Ben Peterson

Saturday, December 27

GBB at Parkston Classic
Birthdays: Rayne Baker • Raymond Alberts

1:00pm: James lowery birthday
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 28

Birthdays: Tracey Heidrich • Sharon Tullis
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, December 29

No School
Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Adam Herman, Barbara Stauch • Connie Stauch • Nicole Osterman • Delbert Hinkelman • Brady Keith • Melissa Locke

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Tuesday, December 30

No School
Birthday: Vera Osness

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

Wednesday, December 31

No School
Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

Anniversaries: Howard & Sue Felkey • Paul & Tina Kosel • Jake & Tiffany Unzen

Birthdays: Jill Cutler • Braiden Craig • Brian Koens

New Year's Eve

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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Tree trimming practices, form curb and gutter letters challenged at council meeting

Groton's City Council members found themselves on the defensive on tree trimming practices and the form letter sent out for curb and gutter projects.

Kari Bartling, attorney for Marc and Fran Sippel (who were also present at the meeting) discussed the tree trimming practices that the city has been doing. Bartling said that the six trees around Sippel's place "have been butchered and will now all die." Marc said three of the trees have split all the way to the ground. Bartling questioned who authorized the trimming of the trees. "Had my client been notified, they would have hired an arborist to come in and to trim the trees properly," Bartling said. "Under whose authority was this done? I have read through the minutes of your council meetings and no where does it state anything about tree trimming." Bartling was referring to the city ordinance about tree trimming. She said that the landowners are suppose to be notified of trees that need trimming.

Fran said that she was heartbroken when she came home and saw what was done to their trees. "I did some research and you're not suppose cut big branches off the bottom. It affects the integrity of the tree. Obviously whoever trimmed them didn't know how to do it."

Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "Our intentions are not to butcher them. The city employees are doing what they thought needed to be done."

Marc added that the council needs to oversee what the employees are doing and be aware of what is happening ahead of time, not after the fact.

The tree trimming was done because the street sweeper was unable to get close to the curb because of the branches. Bartling disputed that and showed the council a picture of her car parked under one of the trees that was not trimmed. Bartling said that it may be a city boulevard and if the city wants to take over mowing the grass, spraying the weeds and planting and trimming the trees, that is fine. But if the property owner is suppose to take care of it, then they need to be notified. "We need notice and opportunity to be heard," Bartling said.

"We're sorry," Hanlon said. "We didn't want to damage your trees. We will be letting people know that we will be trimming trees."

Bartling said that they will have an expert come out to evaluate the trees.

Stan Monson, Jr., returned to the city council to talk about the price of the approaches. Once again he said that the letter he received stated that the PROJECT would cost no more than \$37 a linear foot. He said that even if he had no control over the price of the approaches, he should have been notified that there is an additional 30 percent increase for the price of the approaches.

Don Weigel, office manager of Clark Engineering in Aberdeen, talked about the history of curb and gutter in Groton and how the city council has shifted from making approaches optional under the curb and gutter project to mandatory. "It's been the practice of the city and Clark Engineering since the second or third curb and gutter project to include the approaches in the project," Weigel said. "It has not been the practice of Clark Engineering to talk to all property owners in the project about approaches. What took place at his property is not different than what took place on other properties in previous projects."

It was clarified that the price was \$60 per square yard and not per square foot for the approaches.

"We're sorry that Mr. Monson did not understand what was going to happen to this property," Weigel said.

City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said that a form letter is sent out to those in the project area. The form letter is a letter of necessity for curb and gutter and has nothing to do about the approaches. "In all reality," she said, "we should be spreading the payments of curb and gutter over 10 years and making the people pay for the approaches up front. The council has been generous in being a bank and allowing property owners to spread their approach payments over 10 years as well." Councilman David McGannon said that the wording of the letter needs to be changed. Monson added, "You mean for 15 years you have required people to put in approaches but you have never told anybody

how much it was going to cost?" Lowary said the final cost of the project is not determined until after the project is completed.

After the discussion, the council approved the second reading of the 2014 special assessment role.

Lowary reported during the financial report that the city only received \$208,000 in property taxes as she was expecting \$250,000. She said that there may be more delinquents than usual and that's why the amount is lower. The city has borrowed \$300,000 and she said, "I'm not sure how we're going to pay that back by the end of the year."

During the bills, a question was asked about the price of the well that the city has been paying for at the golf course. So far, the city has spent \$7,800 on the well project, well below the budgeted amount of \$10,000.

The county has marked a three mile radius around the airport to notify the city whenever there are any building permits issued in this area. The city will send a letter to the state Department of Transportation to secure funds for new marking cones for the airport.

The DOT will be having meetings at the Groton Community Center December 3-4 to meet with individual property owners along the 2016 SD Highway 37 project going through Groton. It was mentioned that the school is facing to move the crows nest and the entire fence on the west side as it has infringed on the state's right-of-way.

There are several meetings and conferences that the council granted permission for city employees and councilmen to attend:

Midwest Assistant water school Dec. 16 in Sisseton. Terry Herron and Dwight Zerr were authorized to attend. Federal program through the EPA - first time program offered in South Dakota.

WEB Water annual meeting Dec. 6. There is a position for Brown and Dickey County for bulk rural users that no one has run for. Scott Hanlon and maybe Burt Glover.

Heartland Power Meeting December 16 at Flandreau. Shawn Lambertz and Anita Lowary.

JUTS 20-21-22 in Sioux Falls - Send Shawn Lambertz

City Council

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Liquor License Hearing - All of the licenses were renewed for 2015. It was also announced that Duane McDonald will be selling Duane's Sinclair effective January 1, 2015. Matt Amdahl of Webster will be buying the business and naming it MJs Sinclair. That means there will be a transfer for the beverage license at the December 15 council meeting.

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cil meeting.

The council supplemented the 2014 budget with \$287,920 for the general fund, \$8,370 for Bed, Board and Booze tax expenditures, \$6,340 for Curb and Gutter Debt Service, and \$74,250 for Curb and Gutter Capitol Improvement Fund for a total of \$376,980. This is the authorizing the expenditures that have already been paid.

The 2015 street project was presented by Ken Heir of Clark Engineering. It would entail Fifth Avenue West from Broadway to a little bit west of Garfield. Bids are to be let in February. The council gave the mayor authority to sign a contract with Clark Engineering for \$45,000.

The battle between Jim Stearns and the City of Groton will now go to court. The council gave City Attorney Drew Johnson the authority to file a civil suit against Stearns for the trailer house located at Third Avenue West and Washington Street. "This is a four and a half year fight," said Councilman David Blackmun. "To me, this is the same argument he made when he was down here," referring to a documented conversation between Lowary and Stearns.

The council agreed to move \$200,000 from the electric fund and \$50,000 from the water fund to the general fund and then pay for curb and gutter construction balance of \$46,360.06 from the general fund.

After an executive session, the council hired the following for the skating rink: Justin Olson as the manager at \$8.25 an hour, and workers Logan Lane, Carter Jondahl, Joe Groeblichhoff, Haley Unzen and Jamie Krueger at \$7.50 an hour and Katie LaMee at \$7.25 an hour. After January 1, 2015, Olson's hourly rate will go to \$9 and hour while all of the workers will go to \$8.50 an hour - the new state minimum wage.

Groton Coffee Cup
Team Standings: Ten pins 35, Jungle Lanes 25.5, Farm Girls 22.15, Ken's 21.5, James Valley 21, Golden Girls 18.4
High Games: Alice Severson 169, Vickie Kramp 166, Joyce Walter 160.
High Series: Alice Severson 471, Joyce Walter 454, Vickie Kramp 446.

Conde National
Team Standings: Mets 20.5, Giants 18.5, Colts 16.5, Braves 15, Pirates 13.5, Cubs 12.
Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckelburg 248, Charlie Dirks 186, Lance Frohling 184.
Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 583, Charlie Dirks 468, Larry Frohling 467.
Women's High Games: Alice Severson 184, Joyce Walter 169, Breanna Kuckelburg 163, Nancy Radke 163.
Women's High Series: Alice Severson 469, Breanna Kuckelburg 462, Joyce Walter 448.

Groton City Nov. 17 Meeting Minutes



ORDINANCE NO. 699
 An Ordinance entitled "The 2015 Salary Ordinance" to amend Ordinance No. 687, it being an ordinance regulating the salaries of the elective and appointive officers and employees of the City of Groton.

BE IT ORDAINED BY The City Council of the City of Groton that the 2015 salaries and time of payment are as follows for the elected and appointed officers and employees:

Mayor- 400.00/month- Monthly; Council Members- 1,200.00/year- Annually +30.00/special evening City Council meeting- Monthly; Board of Equalization- 100.00/year- Annually; Planning & Zoning Commission -25.00/meeting- Monthly; Finance Officer- 5,332.60/month-Semimonthly; Deputy Finance Officer- 19.58/hour- Biweekly; Assistant Finance Officer & Police Sec- 19.16/hour- Biweekly; Public Works Coordinator & Street & Water Supt- 26.57/hour- Biweekly; Wastewater Supt- 23.42/hour- Biweekly; Asst Street Supt- 21.53/hour-Biweekly; Technology Specialist- 22.84/hour-Biweekly; Public Works Laborer-Part-Time- 15.49/hour- Biweekly; Electric Supt- 38.85/hour- Biweekly; Electric Lineman- 34.03/hour-Biweekly; Police Chief- 4,731.65/month- Semimonthly; Police Officer & Asst. Chief- 4,238.60/month - Semimonthly; Police Officer Level 1- 4,074.25/month - Semimonthly; Police Officer Level 2- 3,590.77/month - Semimonthly

Elective officials will receive \$100.00 per full day and expenses and \$25.00 per evening and expenses for attending other meetings and events which are not City Council meetings and are authorized. All changes in elected officials salaries will be effective after May 1, 2015.

Employee family health insurance coverage will be reimbursed at cost. Full time permanent employees will be granted a \$260.00 per month credit toward optional family medical insurance.

Passed First Reading 11/10/14
 Passed Second Reading 11/17/14
 Published 12/3/14
 Effective 1/1/15

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Groton School Nov. 24 Meeting Minutes



UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
 REGULAR MEETING November 24, 2014
 President Smith called the

meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Nelson, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Harder and Kjelden. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Nelson, second Rix to approve the agenda with the following changes: under New Business Item #1a - hire Sandi Sippel as wrestling cheer coach and under Program Overview Presentations - NSU graduate student presentation. 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 presentations from Computer Education/Technology teachers Aaron Helvig and Cara Dennert and Business Education Teacher Brooke Lingbeck as well as NSU Graduate Students regarding a Community Needs Assessment Project.

There were no board committee reports given.

Administrators reported the following: Special Education Law Workshop, SDHSA Soccer Advisory Committee, Governor's Budget Address, State Superintendent's Meeting, Highway 37 meeting with DOT officials, elementary PAC book fair, Northern Electric Cooperative presentation, Coffee with the Counselor, graduate credit opportunities, Project Based Learning, ICU update, Middle School ineligibility, Teacher in-service, Internship Program and school audit.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to hire Adam Franken as AM route driver beginning December 10, 2014 for a total of \$2,860.80. Motion carried.

Moved by Hanson, second Rix to hire Sandi Sippel as Wrestling Cheerleader Coach for 2014-15 at \$720. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Hanson to amend the work agreement for Linda McInerney by .5 hours/day, Monday through Thursday, retroactive to October 7th for activity bus driving at \$9.25 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to amend the work agreement for John Lowary by 1 hour/day, Monday through Thursday, beginning November 24th for IEP bus driving at \$9.25 per hour. Motion carried.

The board held initial discussion on a potential District strategic planning process.

Moved by Hanson, second Rix to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:10 pm for Superintendent's evaluation. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:30 pm. Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager Steven R. Smith, President

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

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EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

CITY OF GROTON
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WHEREAS, Sylvia Campbell, has reached the milestone of her one hundredth birthday which only a few chosen people reach; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Campbell, has made many contributions to the community of Groton; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Campbell, has worked hard in various jobs throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Campbell, has remained active in her church; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Campbell, has been an important part of her family in her role as wife, mother, and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Campbell, has spent all of her one hundred years in Groton, South Dakota;

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Butler Town Nov. 4 Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR 2015
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 15th day of December, 2014 at the hour of 7:15pm in City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider the following transfer application for alcoholic beverage license to operate within the City of Groton, South Dakota for the 2015 licensing period, which has been presented to the governing body and filed on the Finance Office.
 From Duane McDonald, dba Duanes, Inc, 105 E Hwy 12, Retail (On/Off Sale) Malt Beverage To Matt Amdahl, dba MJs Sinclair, Inc, 105 E Hwy 12, Retail (On/Off Sale) Malt Beverage
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person, persons, or their representative may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present objections to any or all of the above applicants, if any objections there be.
 Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 1st day of December, 2014
 Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$7.30.

Butler Town Regular Meeting November 3rd 2014
 President Kristen Marko brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the James Marko residence. All members were present James Marko and Galen Sichmeller.
 A motion was made by Sichmeller and second by Marko to read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.
 A motion was made by Marko and second by Sichmeller to pay bills. Motion carried. The bills that were presented for payment were Northwester Energy for electricity was \$7.93; Dependable Sanitation, Inc. for garbage was 175.00. Groton Independent will be paid when invoice is received.
 Board received a cancellation form from Schwabach Insurance but will not send it back until a new policy is drawn up with Farmers Union Ins.
 Board discussed a new dumpster to be ordered and the cost. Also the board is checking on if it can be delivered or needs to be picked up. A motion was made on this issue by Marko and second by Sichmeller. Mo-

tion carried.
 A motion was made by Sichmeller and second by Marko to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.
 The next meeting will be at 7:00pm at the Kristen Marko residence on December 1st.
 Georgia Sichmeller Secretary

Brown County Light Fixtures Bid Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2014, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project- replacement of Light Fixtures in the first floor of the Brown County Courthouse Annex in accordance with specifications.
 Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope. "Lighting Replacement Project" to be opened on December 9, 2014.
 A Pre-bid walk thru will be held on December 1st and December 2nd at 8:00 A.M. Bidders should meet at west entrance of the annex. Bidders are encouraged to attend at least one pre-bid walk thru.
 Work related to this project will not begin until after January 1st, 2015, with a completion date of late April 2015.
PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or bank draft for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.
PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities of irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.
 Electronic Specifications are on file at Mettler Sichmeller Engineering, 801 Railroad Ave. SE Aberdeen, South Dakota. Please call 605-225-4344 to request a copy by e-mail.
 ATTEST:
 By Maxine Fischer
 Brown County Auditor
 (1125.1202)
 Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$43.60.

Brown County Columbia Fire District

NOTICE OF MEETING AND ELECTION
PROPOSED COLUMBIA AREA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 A Meeting and Election will be held on December 11, 2014 to determine if the proposed COLUMBIA AREA RURAL 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.
 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 standard time and continue until all present have voted.
 The meeting and election will be held at the Columbia Legion, Columbia, South Dakota.
 The area to be included in the proposed district is:
 Brainard Township: Sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Township 126N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M. and Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 126N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.
 Shelby Township: Sections 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 126N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M. and Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 126N, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;
 Westport Township: Sections 1 through 24 (except Town of Westport), Township 125N, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M. and Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, and 30, Township 125N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown

County, South Dakota;
 Garland Township: Sections 1-5, 8-17 and 20-29, Township 125N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., and Section 5, 6, 7 and 18, Township 125N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;
 Columbia Township: Sections 1-4, 8-17, and 19-36 (except the City of Columbia), Township 125N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M. and the W 1/2 and the NE 1/4 of Section 2; Sections 3-10; the NW 1/4 of Section 11; the W 1/2 and the NE 1/4 of Section 15; Sections 16-20; the N 1/2 of Section 21; the W 1/2 and the NE 1/4 of Section 29; Sections 30 and 31, all in Township 125N, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;
 Ordway Township: Sections 1 through 36 (except Prairiewood Township located in Section 33), Township 124N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., and Sections 31 and 36, Township 125N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;
 Cambria Township: Sections 1 through 36, Township 124N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;
 Town of Westport: Brown County, South Dakota.
 City of Columbia: Brown County, South Dakota.
 Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.
 Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
 Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$52.22.

Brown County Subdivision Regulations

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDING TITLE 5 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES
 A public hearing will be held before the Brown County Commission on the 16th day of December 2014 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota to consider amending Title 5 Second Revision Brown County Ordinances - Subdivision Regulations, as adopted March 12, 1997, as follows:
TITLE 5 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 5.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS
 5.0102 Jurisdiction. These regulations shall apply within the unincorporated areas of Brown County, South Dakota, including the incorporated municipalities of Claremont, Columbia, and Stratford, and Verdon, yet excluding areas of joint jurisdiction with Aberdeen, Frederick, Groton, Hecla and Warner.
 The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding any one of or all of the amendments to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to Title 5 - Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 5.01, Paragraph 5.0102. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of such ordinance number 087.
 Dated this 25th day of No-

ember 2014
 ATTEST:
 Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
 (120201209)
 Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$27.88.

Brown County FEM Electric Franchise Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, will hold a hearing at its regular meeting room in the Brown County Courthouse, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on the 16th day of December, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of giving consideration to the Application and Petition for Franchise filed with the county auditor by FEM Electric Association, Inc., of Ipswich, South Dakota, a rural electric cooperative, granting said applicant a twenty (20) year franchise pursuant to SDCL 31-26. A previous franchise has been granted to FEM Electric Association, Inc., and the time for renewal is now necessary according to the Application and Petition for Franchise.
 Any person, association, or corporation having objections to said Application and Petition for Franchise and the granting of said franchise may appear and be heard at the time and place above stated.
 This Notice is given pursuant to SDCL 31-26-13.
 Dated this 3rd day of December 2014
 BROWN COUNTY AUDITOR
 By: Maxine Fischer
 Published once at the total approximate total cost of \$11.83.

Groton City Gravel Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for the 2015 supply of gravel on December 15, 2014 at 7:30pm (local time) at City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be opened and read aloud.
 Bids are invited for 2014 supply of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of crushed gravel delivered to the City of Groton, South Dakota.
 The approximate quantity mentioned above are subject to increase or decrease. Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.
 The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.
 November 25, 2014
 Anita Lowary
 Finance Officer
 (1202.1209)
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NOVEMBER 25, 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, Fischbach, Kippley and Wiese. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of November 18, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$550.00.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$20,795.91; Black Hills Patrol \$324.00; BMI Music License \$330.00; Compass Counseling \$1,500.00; Chris Dohrer \$4,375.00; Gregory Reiss \$20.00; Krysten Stinger \$20.00; Kuck Law Office \$3,750.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$640.00; Lucy Lewno \$73.50; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$242.37; NE Mental Health Center \$2,080.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise \$3,750.00; Gina Rogers \$3,750.00; Ronanye Law Office \$3,750.00; Schreiber Law Firm \$44.68; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,145.00; SD DOT \$837.25; Christy Serr \$4,375.00; Wendy McKittrick \$200.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$440.00.

Transcripts: Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$90.00; Michelle Gaikowski \$144.40.

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Rentals: Danne \$140.00; Eisenbeis Mobile Home Court \$260.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Pump & Control \$450.00; Dakota Tree Co. \$645.00; Double D Body Shop \$1,972.00; G & K Services \$393.05; Graham Tire \$1,203.60; Grote Roofing \$803.21; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$83,395.85; House of Glass \$659.25; Lien Transportation \$830.00; LTK Heating & Cooling \$86.73; McFarland Supply \$60.68; SD Dept. of Public Safety \$103.00; SD DOT \$89,881.52; Walth Safety Service \$75.00.

Supplies: A & B Business \$57.18; A-1 Locksmithing \$20.00; Ameripride Services \$64.61; Best Business Products \$176.80; Cartney Bearing \$24.96; Center Printing \$291.79; Civil Air Patrol \$200.00; Crescent Electric Supply \$265.98; DSG \$262.08; Dept. of the Army \$1,250.00; Digital Ally \$180.00; DPM Mercantile \$3.95; DT Pharmacy \$1,715.79; Fastenal Co. \$211.66; Galls \$571.98; GovConnection \$1,309.09; GPS International Technologies \$180.00; Highway Improvement \$63,550.00; Kessler's \$397.50; Kmart Pharmacy \$50.98; Lang's \$694.99; Lar-Jo's \$266.21; Marco \$300.52; Matthew Bender & Co. \$86.08; Mckesson Medical-Surgical \$65.89; John McQuillen \$148.38; Menards \$47.56; Nat'l 4-H Council \$16.90; NCFE-Warner Elevator \$35,793.80; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$15,010.00; SD Bureau of Admin - State Flags \$53.36; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; Christy Serr \$351.19; Sherwin Williams \$34.77; State Bar of SD \$150.00; West Payment Center \$3,005.30.

Travel & Conference: Best Western Ramkota - Pierre \$541.95; Sue Gates \$194.58; Dale Kurth \$19.74; Leo Leshner \$117.03; Gene Loeschke \$121.73; Russell Metz \$190.82; Minnehaha Co. Auditor \$311.09; Ron Gronneberg \$313.99; Kathy Thompson \$18.00; Kendell Titze \$18.00; Mary Worlie \$103.08.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,447.67; Dependable Sanitation \$451.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$21.17; NWPS \$1,128.12; Verizon Wireless \$200.05.

Other: SD State Treasurer - Unclaimed Property \$49.60.

Bond Payments: Joop Bollen \$16,283.55; Pyush Patel \$16,283.55; Herman Schumacher \$8,142.35; Mark & Mary Volk \$6,513.63; Plains Commerce Bank \$248,490.83; FDM Revocable Living Trust \$16,283.55; Marlin Nilsson \$13,027.27; David & Jill Lehmann \$16,284.70; Don & Maxine Fischer \$1,953.80; Great Plains Bank \$19,540.90; Robert & Lora Larson \$3,256.20; Bruce & Lynette Durheim \$6,513.63; Kendall or Linda Peterson \$6,513.63; Peterson Securities Trust 2009 \$39,081.80; Darwin & Mary Bettmann \$1,954.09; John Kippley \$3,256.82. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve hiring Doreen Howell as 24/7 Program Employee, effective November 25, 2014 at \$11.94 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abatement: Jeffrey Johnson @ \$215.82, Stratford sewer assessment paid directly. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FEM ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC FRANCHISE: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to authorize advertising public hearing to consider approval of application of the FEM Electric Association Inc. for franchise for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity, the same to be sold to and/or used by the public, and the members of said cooperative for heat, light or power purposes, within the County of Brown, SD, and areas contiguous thereto, all in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota and under the direction and supervision of the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Electrification Administration thereof, to be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 16, 2014 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD - WEED & PEST PROGRAM VEHICLE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to award the following bid for the Weed & Pest Program Department: State Contract #16677 with Pierson Ford (matched state bid) for one 2015 F-350 Ford Truck in total amount of \$26,892.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY INVENTORY & VALUATION SURVEY: Based on the Property Inventory and Valuation survey conducted by Safety Benefits Inc in conjunction with the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, the following action ensued: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to increase several items to bring coverage to 85% of the replacement cost increasing estimated amount of contribution by \$1,077; and to increase several items to bring coverage to actual cash value increasing estimated amount of contribution by \$764. All mem-

bers present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to add coverage on several unscheduled items increasing estimated amount of contribution by \$511. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #78-14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Parkway Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of Sec 20-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. Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #79-14. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "D.A. Matern Subdivision in NW 1/4 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 of 1967, Chapter 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. Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #80-14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Russo's Outlot 2 in Government Lot 3 and Government Lot 4 in the NW 1/4 of Sec 1-T127N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL Chapter 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. Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #81-14. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Intake Wetland Conservation Easement Tract 1 in the N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 15-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 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.

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #82-14. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "M.J. Schott Subdivision in NE 1/4 Sec 12-T122N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 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.

ORD 087 - TITLE 5 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising public hearing to be held before the Brown County Commission on the 16th day of December, 2014 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD, to amend Title 5 Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 5.01 General Provisions, 5.0102 Jurisdiction excluding Verdon. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Reimbursement Terms and Conditions Agreement for State Homeland Security Program Grant Award Funding in amount of \$75,823.16, with expiration date of December 31, 2015 to finance the following projects: SDBA Tanks, MDT, Siren - Elm Lake, and Zodiak Boat. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to send the uncashed checks totaling \$49.60 from General Fund; \$14.75 from Sheriff Account; and \$345.15 from Jail Commissary to Unclaimed Property.

erty. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCUMULATION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to designate the \$200,000.00 stated in the 2014 Budget as Accumulation of funds for capital outlay purposes (Resolution #67-09). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COLONIAL LIFE: Colonial Life representatives Trevor McCaskell and Linda Wagner presented information about the following employee insurance options: Cancer Insurance, Accident Insurance, Short-Term Disability Insurance, Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance, Specified Critical Illness Insurance, and Term Life Insurance. No action was taken at this time.

COMBINING COUNTY OFFICES: As requested by the Commission, States Attorney Larry Lovrien provided information concerning the Commission's statutory authority and the legal process involved in combining two or more county offices. Once combined one person would be elected to perform the duties of that combined office. The terms of office of those elected officials holding separate offices that have been combined expire on the first Monday of January following the ordinance authorizing the combination. No action was taken at this time, but further research and discussions will follow.

FAULK COUNTY JAIL DISCUSSION: Faulk County Commissioners Steve Roseland, Roger Deiter and Auditor Kelly Toennies explained the need to outsource their County Jail inmates or build a new Jail. Brown County will still contract for inmate housing at Faulk County when all beds are full in Brown County, as budget constraints prohibit the construction of more space in Brown County.

DAV VAN: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to donate \$2,000.00 to DAV (Disabled American Veterans) for the purchase of a new van to transport Veterans to medical facilities, as requested by Chuck Webster, Al Ochsner and Amber Crouch. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY CONTRACT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to increase amount of the Attorney Contract from \$270,000.00 to \$320,000.00 (plus \$15,000 administrative fee) for purpose of defending all Court Appointed Legal Counsel cases; and further send letter to all interested parties with response due by 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent presented update on current activities and outline of preliminary plan for 2015.

BID AWARD - HIGHWAY VEHICLE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to award the following bid for the Highway Department: State Contract #16674 with Billion Auto (or local dealership, if match state bid) for one 2015 Chevrolet Silverado in total amount of \$26,387.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to discuss contract, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter and Doug Fjeldheim 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.

2015 SALARY INCREASE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve cost of living increase of sixty cent per hour (\$0.60) for all employees for 2015 and further approve 6% salary increase for States Attorney Chief Deputy Chris White and Deputies Ryan Vogel and Karly Winter. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until December 2, 2014.

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The Life of Dennis Pigors



Services for Dennis Pigors, 72, of Ferney will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 5 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Dennis died November 29, 2014 at Sanford Hospital in Webster.

Dennis Douglas was born on August 1, 1942 in Aberdeen to Elmer and Jeanette (Swenson) Pigors. He attended grade school in Ferney and graduated from Groton High School. Dennis married the love of his life, Judith Hagen on June 19, 1976 and together they made their home in Ferney. Dennis worked on the family farm, raising cattle and grain farming. He also managed Farmers Union in Ferney for 32 years.

Dennis was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he held many different offices over the years. He enjoyed spending time with his wife at their lake cabin in Big Stone, fishing, gardening and enjoying the great outdoors.

Celebrating his life is his wife of 38 years; Judith, his mother, Jeanette Pigors, sister, Diane Pigors and his in-laws: Deb Pigors, Joanne (Richard) Thorpe, Mike (Ruby) Hagen, Greg Hagen, Gary (Cindy) Hagen, Mark (Deb) Hagen, Deb (Bryan) Hawkinson, Dale (Deb) Hagen, Dan (Nancy) Hagen, Shelly (Steve) Kann, David (Judy) Hagen and Todd (Emily) Hagen. Dennis is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his father, two brothers, Richard & Corey and an infant sister.

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The Anne with Little James in the background.

"mate" on the original Mayflower, but stayed with the Mayflower on her return trip, only to permanently settle in America when he arrived on The Anne. The Anne journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean with a sister ship, the Little James. The people of the first ships are defined as all those who were once known as "Old Comers" or "First Comers" or "Old Planters" and are now known as "Pilgrims." Clarke died on March 24, 1967, in Plymouth, Mass., at the age of 98.

The lineage of Thomas Clarke is: James Clarke, Thomas Clark, Anna Clark, Abigail Ellis, Jabex Maxham, Gideon Maxham, Leonard Maxham, George Maxham, Carrie Maxham, Agnes Thompson, Irene Waters, Joyce Wright and her children, Michelle and Holly Walter.

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