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A little bit of hockey. A little bit of casual skating. A little bit of a skating clinic. All was being held at the skating rink on Friday as it opened for the first day this season.

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December...Warmer than Normal and Foggy

After a very cold November, December 2014 was much warmer than normal across all of central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Average monthly temperatures were anywhere from 2 to 7 degrees above normal. The low temperature departures were impressive across the region being up to 8 to 9 degrees above normal across the east. The big reason for the little fluctuation from daytime to nighttime temperatures was not only because of the milder and moist air mass over the region, but also because of the large number of days with fog and low clouds. The clouds and fog kept the temperatures from falling off much at night with little rise in temperatures during the day. In fact, all locations experienced many cloudy and foggy days throughout December with several of those days experiencing dense fog. Mobridge and Pierre experienced 16 days with fog while Aberdeen experienced 19 days with fog. Watertown experienced the most days with fog with a total of 23 days. In fact, Watertown showed some kind of fog from December 7th through the 28th.

Precipitation for the month was varied across the region from a quarter of an inch below normal to almost a half inch above normal. Snowfall amounts also varied from 7 inches below normal at Wheaton, Minnesota to 9 inches above normal at Kennebec. Wheaton only received a little over an inch of snow for the month while Kennebec received almost 16 inches. With the warmer temperatures, there were also a few rare days in December where the precipitation was all rain.

Moisture short in 2014

The average moisture for the Groton area is 21.72 inches. The area only received 13.99 inches, which is 64 percent of the annual average.



Pictured are Taylor Bird, Arlington, Miss South Dakota Outstanding Teen; Allison Weber, Groton, Miss Congeniality; and Meridith Gould, Sioux Falls, Miss South Dakota.

Weber named Miss Congeniality

Allison Weber, a junior at Groton Area, was voted as Miss Congeniality at a pageant held this past weekend at the Miss Northern Hill Pageant held in Sturgis. The awards given were Miss Gold Rush Teen and Miss Northern Hills Teen, in addition to Miss Congeniality.

"It was my first pageant that I did for fun," Weber said. Weber's platform at the event was Against Bullying. The pageant consisted of an on-stage statement of who you are, fitness routine, a six minute interview, talent performance, evening gown and walk, and on stage questions.

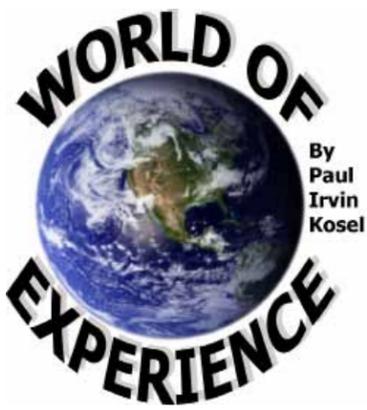
Weber said, "My friend, Amber Hulse, inspired me to start pageants. She was the 2014 Miss Gold Rush Teen. I met Meridith Gould and Taylor Bird at the pageant in Sturgis and they taught me so much. They inspired me to compete again later this year at the state fair."

Weber said that Hulse and Gould were mentors to her. "They have inspired me to continue to compete," Weber said.

Weber is the daughter of Mike and Lorrie Weber, Groton.



Electric Superintendent Ward Gilchrist, City Supervisor Terry Herron, Waste Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr and Police Chief Stacy Mayou gave their reports at Monday night's city council meeting. Also pictured is Shawn Lambertz. The council had decided that they would like to meet with the department heads on a monthly basis.



Happy New Year!
 It's hard to believe that just 15 years ago, the world was in turmoil about whether or not the computers were going to shut down with Y2K. It was as a scare that left people and corporations up in arms. But everything went smoothly and here we are, 15 years later, now worrying about cyber attacks and attacks on the nation's electric grid system. Last year was a challenge for Sony as it had a major hack attack. In addition, some major retail stores had breaches in their system and credit card numbers were stolen.

That was then. What will 2015 bring? Perhaps some new challenges in our lives. One thing we can start getting used to again is the run for the President of the United States. The campaigns

will start to get into full gear.

In amongst the hustle of every day life, we must not neglect our own well being. I know people will be making New Year's Resolutions to lose weight, only to fall off the scale after a few weeks. Losing weight is not a short-term solution - it's a life-long solution that will bring slow, but rewarding results. Setting goals means writing them down and reviewing them every day. It takes a commitment to achieve a goal, whether it's small or large.

One thing that our family will be facing in 2015 is a huge task of a church. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where I have been serving as pastor since 2003. It was a given that the church would be closed at the end of 2014. Then I came up with the brain storm idea of taking over the church. Owning a church is a no small task, but that is something we are gearing up for in 2015. Somehow, the Spirit moved me in that direction out of the darkness, so we hope the Light will shine upon our ministry. You may have noticed a New Year's Ad or our new Facebook Page - Heaven Bound Ministries. That is us, as we start the journey.

It is going to take some creative efforts to keep the church going, but at least, it will keep on going longer. We're looking for a name change for the church to look to the future.

We updated our webpage to reflect the new logo which is shown below and at HBM.Church. The logo represents the stairway to heaven with the star at the end reflecting God as the source of the Light. I didn't even know there was a web extension of .Church and was surprised when I randomly put it in for a search of available domain names.

So my life has changed much over the past several decades. In 1986, I bought the Groton Independent. In 2001, Tina and I got married. We bought the house we live in today in 2002. We had Julianna in 2003, Jeslyn in 2006 and now in 2015, we'll have our own ministry. All I

can say is "Thank You" to Tina and the girls for being a big part of my life, but above all, "Thank You God" for the journey You have put me on.

And don't forget to thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on you and your family. Remember, life is like a rose. It is a beautiful flower, but the thorns can prick you from time to time.

And now I'll close with a saying from Casey Kasem: "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars."



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The Life of Donley Raines

The funeral for Donley Raines, 91, of Groton, was held Tuesday, January 6 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery.

Don died January 2, 2015 at Golden Living Center, Groton. He had resided there for three years.

Donley Raines was born the son of Ralph Raines and Inez Rosheim Raines on December 22, 1923 at Dell Rapids, South Dakota. He grew up on farms near Dell Rapids and Flandreau, where he attended rural grade schools, graduating in Moody County. After attending two years High School in Eagan, he was graduated from Flandreau High School in 1942. After graduation, he worked at the L.G. Everist Quarry, Dell Rapids until joining the US Navy Seabees in July of 1943. His tour of duty lasted nearly three years, most of his duty was spent in Honolulu, Hawaii and he was discharged in May of 1946. He then attended South Dakota State for two years and graduated South Dakota University with a major in Accounting in spring of 1950. Upon graduation, he was employed June 1950 by the bank now known as Wells Fargo. On September 2, 1951 he married Marian Christenson Anderson. To this union two children were born-Lee Raines and Susan Raines. He was employed by Wells Fargo Bank for nearly thirty-two years during which he worked at Banks in Britton, Hecla, Mobridge, Groton and Aberdeen.

He enjoyed his family, fishing, camping and especially golf. At various times and at various locations, he was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Rotary and Lions organizations. While working in Britton he serves as Britton City Auditor, and served on city council in Groton. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Masonic Lodge and other organizations. Don was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Marian, his step-son, Dean Anderson, his children, Lee Raines of Austin, Texas, Susan (Peter) Jahraus of Pierre, grandchildren, Matt (Allison) Jahraus, Mike (Stef Mohl) Jarhaus and great-grandchildren: Dylan, Ryan and Jordan.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his sister, Elizabeth Smith.

Casketbearers were Ronnie Frericks, Roger Christenson, David Christenson, Scott Christenson, Mike Muth, Bryan Walz, Brad Christenson and Travis Christoffer.

Honorary Casketbearers were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton Transit, Groton Rescue or Aspire.

The Life of Duane Dobberpuhl



Memorial services for Duane Dobberpuhl, 60, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Rev. Jason Dignan will officiate. Inurnment will take place in the spring in Union Cemetery.

Duane Donald was born on February 13, 1954 in Aberdeen to Donald Duane and

Gladys Sophia (Gall) Dobberpuhl. He attended Sunshine Country School, later attending Ferny and graduating from Groton High School. Duane spent some time farming with his father before he began a career in trucking. He was united in marriage with Christy Schock on March 8, 1997. Duane enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Celebrating his life are his children: Randy (Kersten) Dobberpuhl of Sioux Falls, Amanda (Jason) Nagel of Aberdeen, Lindsey (Joe) Duprel of Sturgis, Stephanie (Brandon) Dana of Newport News, VA, Desiree Schock of Ipswich, Kristen Weisz (fiance Mike Artz) of Aberdeen, Candace Dobberpuhl of Aberdeen, Dannielle Dobberpuhl of Ipswich and Derrick Dobberpuhl of Ipswich.. Duane is also survived by his sister, Nancy (Butch) Radke of Groton and special friends, Loren and Pat Siefken of Conde.

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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Health Insurance Brings New Tax Headaches

By Trudy Lieberman,
 Rural Health News Service

Choosing an insurance policy either from your state's shopping exchanges or from an agent selling on the open market is nothing less than daunting, a tough, unwelcome chore most of us could do without. The task for shoppers is about to get even more complicated as tax time approaches.

Since most people must carry insurance or face penalties, and more than 80 percent of those buying from a state exchange received tax subsidies, taxes have quickly become linked to medical insurance.

This column offers a kind of primer to help sort through some of this year's new insurance challenges.

Exemptions. Who doesn't have to carry insurance? When Congress passed the Affordable

Care Act in 2010, it chose to increase the number of Americans with insurance by requiring nearly everyone to have coverage. At the time some 50 million Americans were uninsured. If they didn't have coverage from an employer or a government program, the so-called individual mandate required that they buy it themselves.

Because insurance is expensive even with the subsidies provided by the law, Congress created an escape hatch. An estimated 23 million people will qualify for exemptions in 2016.

For example, you don't have to buy a policy if you experienced domestic violence or the death of a close family member; if you filed bankruptcy in the last six months; if you would have been eligible for Medicaid under the new federal guidelines but your state did not expand coverage to include people in your income category. About half the states, including Nebraska, South Dakota, and Indiana are among those currently not expanding to cover additional people.

You also can apply for an exemption if your current individual plan was cancelled or changed and you think you can't afford policies in your state exchange. Don't expect filing an exemption to be a snap. In some cases you have to apply through the state exchange. But if you can't find affordable coverage that costs 8 percent or less of your household income, you'll apply via your tax return.

Once you get an exemption don't expect it to last forever. Healthcare.gov advises if the exemption is based on affordability, it lasts only for the remaining months in the year. If the exemption is based on a hardship like getting

a shut-off notice from the gas company, you'll get it only for the months the hardship lasts, the month before it began and the month after.

Penalties. To make the Affordable Care Act work, Congress chose to impose monetary penalties against people who refused or neglected to buy coverage. If you've been uninsured for more than three consecutive months, you may owe a penalty. "The enforcement of the individual mandate is a disaster that hasn't been appreciated yet," says one supporter of the law. Some 4 million people will pay penalties in 2016.

What happens if you don't get an exemption and still don't think you can afford insurance? Are you better off taking the penalty or buying cheap coverage? If you didn't carry insurance in 2014, the penalties are \$95 a person or no more than 1 percent of taxable income. But they will rise steeply by 2016 when they are \$695 per person or 2.5 percent of income.

It's worth noting that families with low incomes will generally pay the flat amount, which can't exceed \$2,085. If you will pay a percentage of your income, the penalty cannot be greater than the cost of a bronze plan in the state exchange---usually the cheapest option.

Reconciliation. This may be the biggest surprise of all. Last year's subsidies were based on 2012 income, and now they must be reconciled with what you actually earned in 2014. If the government overpaid taxpayers based on 2012 income, they'll have to return any overpayments or receive smaller refunds, which could pinch families counting on those refunds to pay big bills. If subsidies were too low, they'll get money back.

"People think of the tax credit as a discount on their premium. But realizing it can be something you repay a portion of is going to be a surprise," says Kathy Pickering, who heads H&R Block's Tax Institute.

Finding help may turn out to be the biggest challenge of all. The head of the IRS said in a recent speech that budget shortfalls have led to cuts in IRS employees meaning the agency can answer only about half of taxpayers' phone calls for help. Instead, he said, they will get a "courtesy disconnect."

The Affordable Care Act is basically a patch on the patchwork quilt that is the U.S. health insurance system. It was never meant to be simple, universal coverage. The frustrations and confusion consumers will face again in the coming months make that pretty clear.

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By Richard P. Holm M.D.

A New Mindset About Obesity

I need to tell you frankly that trying to encourage people to lose weight is like telling them they should stop growing older or advising men going bald to stop losing hair. Most heavy people would love to be thinner, but it seems once the weight comes on, it is destined to stay there.

People blame the American diet, excesses of labor saving devices and the addiction too many of our children have with video games. I believe that the epidemic of obesity in our society has something to do with the inactivity of our youth, but actually we don't know why some adults are heavy and some are thin. I will even go one step further in stating that until we truly understand why obesity happens, we will NOT have an effective non-surgical treatment.

One thing is for sure; obesity is not due simply to excessive eating alone. More than one study points out that many thin people eat more than many obese. The corollary is also true; simply deciding to eat less does not solve the problem, at least in the long run.

The most successful of commercial methods, like Weight Watchers or TOPS, apparently help only about one third lose significant weight. What's worse, only one third of those are able to keep it off one year, and then after five years, virtually all have regained their original weight.

Here is the good news next to all the bad.

Dunker Family Christmas Party

The annual Dunker Christmas party was held on Dec. 26, 2014, at the Brentford Fire Hall. The Williams families served as hosts for the evening. The forty-six family members who attended were Gordon and Dorene Nelson, Groton, SD; Gary and Carmel Willett and Nicholas, Carver, MN; Corey and Brenda Nelson, Hope and Isaac, Rochester, MN; and Christopher Willett and Cassie Kanzenbach, Coon Rapids, MN (Hazel Sager family); Dave and Roberta Olson, Brookings, SD; and Mick and Carol Osterman, Groton, SD (Inez Knickrehm family); Francis and Phyllis Halvorson, Aberdeen, SD; Bonnie Clemensen, Brentford, SD; Lew Borge, Aberdeen, SD; Ralph and Jan Borge, Aberdeen, SD; LeaAnn Flaagan and Jordan, West Fargo, ND (Evelyn Clausen family); Carol Dunker, Aberdeen, SD; Darlyne Johnson, Stratford, SD; Larry and Barbara Dunker, Mankato, MN; and Buzz and Linda Anderson, Eagan, MN (Ray Dunker family); Steve and Betty Dunker, Groton, SD; and Terry and Susan Ellingson, Aberdeen, SD (Dale Dunker family); and Don and Pam Kettering, Yankton, SD; Max Williams, Brentford, SD; Tas Tellinghuisen, Sioux Falls, SD; Colin Williams, Maddie and Henry, Brentford, SD; and Jenna Williams and Jack, Warner, SD (Millie Williams family). Dorene (Sager) Nelson was in charge of the program with Darlyne (Dunker) Johnson accompanying the Christmas carols. Each of the six of seven families present introduced themselves and announced news from their families.

There is new data, which shows that heavy people, who are able to significantly exercise gain in quality of life. These exercisers who are heavy have the same chance for a long and healthy life as do thin people.

We all need a new mindset. Instead of weight loss as the goal, which for the most part is unachievable, we should do all we can to bring people to exercise, and that goes double for our kids.

This is not to speak against a healthy diet. But let's get off that couch and get moving, even if it's limited at first. And then we should love ourselves for doing it, whatever weight we may be.

Transit Thank You

The Groton Transit would like to thank everyone for making the Transit Christmas Open House and Bake Sale such a success. The bake sale and Open House were great!

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A big thank you to Olde Bank Floral n' More for the beautiful Christmas floral arrangement. Arlis Doeden

Angel Tree Thank You

I would love to THANK everyone that helped make the Angel Tree a success again this year. I look forward to it again next year. You all made several family's happy and loved seeing the smiles on the kids faces every year. I would like to thank my helpers, also, for hosting the trees again. It means a lot to me that you make a space for our trees every year.

Thanks again.

Tina Kosel

May this holiday deliver peace on earth, goodwill toward men and contentment in your heart.

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Groton Community January Calendar

Tuesday, January 6

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

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

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pumpkin bar with topping, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Bill and Vicki Podoll

Birthdays: Alfred Tastad, Carla Ronning, Samantha Bunke, Zachary Townsend, Stephanie Luvaas-Jung

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

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

5:15pm: BBB at Milbank (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

Wednesday, January 7

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

School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, sweet tots, veg cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Eugene Brolin, Mary Finnesand, Rodney Kappes, Terry Herron

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:00pm: St. John's Lutheran LWML Ladies Aid

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

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

Thursday, January 8

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

School Lunch: Pizza, rice, green beans, tossed salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Steve & Audrey McKiver

Birthdays: Andrew Kappes, Dragr PJ Monson, Taylor Anderson, Wayne Hein.

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

5:00pm: Wrestling at Milbank (Sioux Valley, Ortonville, Milbank, Groton)

5:15pm: GBB hosts Milbank Area (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

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

Friday, January 9

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

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, fruit, carrots and dip.

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Birthdays: Charlie Cooper, JoAnn Krueger, Koni Sims, Vickie Weifenbach, Kelly Cutler Clark, Jeremy Wieseler

3:00pm: Grand Opening of the Farmer's Wife Boutique at 23 N Main, Groton.

6:30pm: Northern Plains Pastors meet in Aberdeen

Saturday, January 10

Birthdays: Dave Hunter, Edwin Tietz, Maycee Albrecht, Michelle Fliehs, Neil Gilbert

10:00am: 7th/8th BBB Jamboree in Groton (Britton-Hecla, Leola-Frederick, Webster, Groton)

10:00am: Wrestling at Miller Tourney

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Becky Lutz Bridal Shower

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

Sunday, January 11

Birthdays: Kayla Jensen, LaVonne Raap, Randy Padfield

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

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

9:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

9:30am: First Presbyterian Bible Study Time

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

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:00am: United Methodist School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship / Milestones

11:00am: First Presbyterian Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: United Methodist Worship at Golden Living Center

Monday, January 12

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

School Lunch: Chicken tenders, sweet tots, veg cups, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Allyssa Locke, Derrick Halsey, Renee Swisher

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Nursery Circle

5:15pm: BBB at Tiospa Zina (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 13

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

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

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

Birthdays: Adam Franken, Ben Schaller, Chuck Johnson, Elizabeth Abernathy, Ellen Leonhardt, Lance Hawkins, Monte McNickle.

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

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council (Potluck meal followed by meeting)

6:30pm: GBB hosts Webster Area

Wednesday, January 14

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

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

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

Anniv: Jay & Linda Johnson

Birthdays: Austin Anderson, Jesse Howard, Margaret Padfield, Jennifer Thompson.

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

8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Simmons

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

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

Thursday, January 15

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

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

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Alissia Gelhaus, Tonya Reich, Mark Abeln.

6:00pm: Wrestling in Groton (Sisseton, Webster, Groton)

6:30pm: GBB at Clark-Willow Lake

Friday, January 16

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

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

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

Birthdays: Glenna Remington, Hunter Bahr, Nicole Marzahn, Rachel Larson.

4:00pm: BBB hosts Clark-Willow Lake (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

Saturday, January 17

Anniv: Steve and Julie Schaller

Birthdays: Brina Chriss, Michael Patton.

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

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

Sunday, January 18

Birthdays: Aaron Nyberg, Kelly Fleming, Natalie Cassanova.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

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

9:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

9:30am: First Presbyterian Bible Study Time

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

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

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10:00am: United Methodist School
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion (SS Sings, Bless WELCA Leaders, Brief SS Teachers Meeting)
11:00am: First Presbyterian Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship at Golden Living Center

Monday, January 19

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

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

Martin Luther King Day

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

Birthdays: Gail Zeck, Ryder Smith.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
5:30pm: Groton Garden Club Meeting
6:00pm: JH BBB at Frederick (7th at 6:00, 8th at 7:00)
6:00pm: JH Wrestling at Redfield
7:00pm: City Council Meeting
7:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature

Tuesday, January 20

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

School Lunch: Mini corn dog, baked beans, carrots, fruit.

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

Birthdays: David Nilsson, Todd Anderson.

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Quilting
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:00pm: JH Wrestling at Aberdeen Central
6:30pm: BBB hosts Ipswich

Wednesday, January 21

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, 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: Ella Johnson, Landon Larson, Rachel Zoellner, Steve Young, Valerie Kavanaugh

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: United Methodist Confirmation
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

Thursday, January 22

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

School Lunch: Taco salad, tater tots, fruit, bread stick.

Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O

Birthdays: Mickie Locke Claeys, Trevor

Larson.

6:00pm: Wrestling at Britton (Britton, Groton, Clark-WL)

6:30pm: GBB at Webster Area

Friday, January 23

NO SCHOOL - Faculty Inservice
Senior Menu: Hot turkey combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, peach sauce.

Birthdays: Andre Bonn, Bruce Sippel, Collin Townsend, Jeff Flihs, Laura Schuster, Lori Westby, Mick Sippel, Monte Sippel

5:15pm: BBB hosts Webster Area (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

Saturday, January 24

Debate at Watertown
Robotics Tourney at GHS
Anniv: Ron & Doris Anderson
Birthdays: Curtis Furman, Jami Larson, Meta Pray
9:30am: Wrestling at Arlington
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, January 25

Birthdays: Debra Olson, Marc Hanson
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
9:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship
9:30am: First Presbyterian Bible Study Time
10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship
10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School and Annual Meeting
10:00am: United Methodist School
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
11:00am: First Presbyterian Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
2:00pm: Carnival of Silver Skates
6:30pm: Carnival of Silver Skates

Monday, January 26

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

School Lunch: Nachos, refried beans, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potato with ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
4:00pm: JH BBB hosts Warner (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00)
6:30pm: GBB hosts Britton-Hecla
7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 27

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

School Lunch: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, tea bun.

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

Birthdays: Jennifer Podoll, Kristie Hawkins, Marcia Blumhardt, Rhonda Millim, Wendy Cooper

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:00pm: BBB at Britton (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

Wednesday, January 28

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

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, veggie cup, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Audrey Miller, Deanna Hendrickson, Loren Locken, Ruby Luce

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: United Methodist Confirmation
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, January 29

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

School Lunch: BBQ Chicken on flat bread, lettuce salad, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Dorene Nelson, Glenda La-Mee, Loren Wheeler

5:15pm: BBB at Sisseton (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)
6:00pm: Wrestling at Deuel (Redfield, Groton, Deuel)

Friday, January 30

Debate at Yankton
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Mary Kay Houdek, Patty Baule, Trevor Harry

5:15pm: GBB hosts Sisseton (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

Saturday, January 31

Debate at Yankton
Birthdays: Ann Sheridan, Emma Jo Larson

10:00am: Groton Lions Wrestling Tourney
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

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Thurston agrees to license suspension

Tim Thurston had contacted City Attorney Drew Johnson and requested that his malt beverage license be suspended for the time being. Johnson reported to the city council Monday night that the council recommend to the state that the Red Dragon Salon's malt beverage license be suspended until his felony charge is resolved. "The suspension is a temporary situation until his court hearing," Johnson said.

The Safe Route to School sidewalk project is getting to be a "big joke." At least that's the way City Supervisor Terry Herron sees it after the recent meeting with the state. What once was 12 blocks of sidewalk is now reduced to three blocks, which may include doing the entire intersection of Fourth Avenue and First Street. Apparently the fillet sections do not meet to state code and the entire intersection would need to be dug up to change the storm sewer inlets and move fire hydrants. The cost of

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doing that will reduce the number of blocks that the \$200,000 in grant funds would do. The project was started in 2013 and was to be completed in 2015. The council did give the okay to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with the state which would extend the project to 2017, but the council will want further information from the state before any work is to begin. Signing the contact does not mean the city is obligated to do the project. Councilman Mary Flihs said, "I don't think we should sign it." Councilman Burt Glover questioned whether this was a good investment and wanted more information.

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Jan 16 to 19: Night at the Museum 3, PG
Jan 23 to 26: Hobbit; Battle of 5 Armies, PG 13

City Finance Officer Anita Lowary reported that the line of credit at the First State Bank needs to be paid by March 1 or it will have to be refinanced. So far, \$50,000 of the \$300,000 has been paid.

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