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The city council met at the Groton Community Center Monday night. They are giving it a trial run for the month of February. Pictured around the table are Burt Glover, David Blackmun, Mary Flihs, Finance Officer Anita Lowary, Mayor Scott Hanlon, City Attorney Drew Johnson, Eddy Opp, David McGannon and Michelle Muilenburg. Also pictured are Shawn Lambert, Dwight Zerr and Terry Herron.



Dwight Zerr, waster water suprintendent, goes over his relining project this summer with Councilman David McGannon.

City back to trimming trees

The city will be back to trimming trees as it has in decades past. The tree trimming was halted when Marc Sippel came before the council to explain his displeasure of the way his trees were trimmed on the city boulevard around his house. Aaron Kiesz, a certified arborist from Aberdeen, was called to exam the trees.

Kiesz stated in his letter that the trees were not trimmed to ANSI (American National Standard Institute standards) which state "A pruning cut that removes a branch at its point of origin shall be made close to the trunk or parent branch without cutting into the branch bark ridge or branch collar or leaving a stub." He went on to say, "The trees do not show any signs of deterioration and or destruction do to the recent pruning. Many of the improper cuts can be corrected to avoid future problems that could occur from those cuts. In the future, once the cuts are

corrected, I see no reason these trees won't thrive in the future."

Sippel had allegedly said that the trunks had cracked because of the pruning. Kiesz addressed this concern as well by stating, "The vertical cracks seen in the bark on the trunk existed before the pruning cuts were made. These cracks exist because of a couple different conditions. Normally cracks similar to these are seen in trees with thinner bark, such as lindens. In the winter, the sun warms the bark and as the sun sets, and cold sets in the contraction in the bark forms frost cracks. This is why the cracks are normally seen on the south or south west side of trees as the sun is lower in the south and southwestern sky. There are some cracks near the branch crotches. Lindens tend to have a more vertical branching habit that can cause 'included' bark, bark that grows back into the crotch where the branch connects to the trunk.

because of the pruning. Kiesz disagreed. "In my opinion, these trees will not be negatively affected in future years growing seasons from the pruning cuts recently made."

Lowary gave a report from the arborist from Aberdeen, Aaron Kiesz, on the tree trimming issues at Fifth Street and 14th Avenue. Kiesz said that the trees should survive and the cracks in the trees were there prior to the tree trimming. Kiesz said in the letter that the trees should have been trimmed over the years instead of removing them all at one time creating the over pruned look.

Dwight Zerr talked about relining some of the sewer mains this year. The project is quoted at \$35,665 and the city budgeted \$40,000. The council gave the okay for the project.

Terry Herron presented the 2015 street chip seal project. The council budgeted \$80,000 this year and Herron expects the bid to come in under that bid, but his estimate is \$81,000. The council gave the okay to go to bid with an opening date of March 2. The bid opening will be held in the afternoon with the results being presented at the meeting.

Mayor Scott Hanlon talked about the condition of Fifth Avenue west of Broadway. He said that it was getting soupy when it thawed. Herron said it will get worse before it gets better - at least until the frost comes out of the ground.

The state is taking away the approach to the substation on Ninth Avenue in 2016. There currently are two approaches in that area and the state will give only one. That means the gate to the substation will be moved from the east side to the north side. Finance Officer Anita Lowary said she had assumed that Ninth Avenue west of Broadway was vacated in the 1960s, but there is no record of it. She said that she is going to go to the courthouse to do some more digging in the files.

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Foertsch named Volunteer of the Year

Joe Foertsch was awarded the Groton Area Chamber of Commerce annual Volunteer of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce Annual banquet on Friday January 9, 2014. Joe does many things for the community including donating his time to assemble the new playground equipment at the city park, helping with the swimming pool, assisting in moving the waterslide from Huron to Groton, donating cocoa to the ice rink and much more. Thank you Joe for all of your hard-work for our community! Mandy Boe is pictured presenting Foertsch with his award.

If these branches are not removed at a young age, the included bark can cause cracking down the trunk.

Trimming young trees should be done over time, not all at once as Kiesz stated, "The branches removed from these trees should have slowly been removed over the last several years instead of removing them all at one time. This would have alleviated the 'over pruned' look and also some of the cracks near the attachment points."

The attorney that represented Sippel at an earlier meeting, Kari Bartling, said that the trees will die



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Before the change in lights



After the new lights were installed



Above photo features Paul Kosel installing the bulbs in the new fixture. Below photo features Ward Gilchrist getting the next fixture ready for installation.

West Warehouse gets grant and new lights

The city of Groton recently upgraded lighting in one of their city shops from incandescent to T8s. Groton received a grant from Heartland Consumers Power District for \$1,500 to complete the project.

The city struggled with inadequate lighting and the upgrade to T8s provided better illumination as well as cost savings. The city replaced 8 300 watt incandescent fixtures with 14 6-bulb T8 fixtures, which is expected to provide annual cost savings of over \$600 with a simple payback of fewer than five years.

"Incandescent lighting wastes energy putting off heat," said Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland. "T8s provide much better light quality using far less energy. Heartland was happy to provide funding for such a worthy project."

Heartland is a non-profit, public power utility providing wholesale power as well as energy services and community development programs to the city of Groton as well as other communities and state agencies in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. The city of Groton then retails the power to its residents, businesses and industries. As part of their energy efficiency program, Power Forward, Heartland awards grants to its wholesale customers for projects that will improve energy efficiencies within the city.

Groton has recently made other energy efficiency improvements within the city including replacing street lights with LED fixtures and changing Christmas light bulbs out from incandescent to LED.



Pictured are Ann Hyland from Heartland, Paul Kosel and Ward Gilchrist who installed the lights, and Groton Finance Officer Anita Lowary.



City Council

Continued from front

Fourth Street from Railroad Avenue to Second Avenue water main needs to be changed out. Herron said he has the materials to do the job and hopes to get it done this summer. The water and sewer lines are too close together and does not meet state code.

Shawn Lambertz gave a report from the electric department. He had attended a few meetings and gave a report on them.

He also reported that as a possibility, instead of hiring someone for

the electric department when Ward Gilchrist retires, maybe getting in a contract with Northern Electric or Northwestern Energy to do the on-call.

Jim Stearns came before the council and stated he had no contract to move the mobile home at Third Avenue West and Washington Street. City Attorney

Drew Johnson said the city will move forward in removing the mobile home. Stearns offered no objection. Johnson said when the city gets the contractor line up, they will notify Stearns of the date of demolition.

David Blackmun gave the baseball committee report. He said the committee expressed it would not be interested in running the concession stand this year because of all of the work being done on the complex this year. Lowary reported that B.J. Clocksene has expressed an interest in running the concession stand this year. He has a food service certificate and has been a cook at Moccasin Creek Golf Course for five years.

Blackmun reported that the admission fee could be done with passing of a bucket instead of having a gate keeper. The baseball association would then keep the gate money and use the funds for repairs to the field.



This is a photo of the boxes of fixtures that were purchased with the Heartland Grant.

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Wanner inducted into football coaches Hall of Fame

Shaun Wanner

Shaun Wanner has enjoyed a very successful career coaching high school football for nearly three decades at three schools in northeastern South Dakota — Langford, Ipswich and Groton.

Wanner guided Langford from 1987 through 1991 and Ipswich from 1992 through 2001 before moving to Groton, where he completed his 28th season in 2014.

"I've truly enjoyed all my years of coaching football, teaching and coaching young players and meeting good people in the profession," he said. "The coaching profession has been truly a great experience for me."

During this time, Wanner's teams have compiled a record of 194-86 and won five conference titles — Langford (1988 and 1989), Ipswich (1992 and 1994) and Groton (2011).

Wanner guided back-to-back teams to state Class 11B runner-up finishes — Groton in 2007 and Groton Area in 2008. He earned regional Coach of the Year honors from the South Dakota Football Coaches Association in 1989 and 2011.

Wanner has also enjoyed coaching success in other sports — leading Ipswich to the 1994 state Class B boys track championship and also leading Ipswich to a third-place finish in the state Class A boys basketball tourney in 2000.

Doug Skeie

Once Doug Skeie figured out he didn't need to blow his whistle while coaching in games, he was able to piece together a notable 26-year high school football coaching career in South Dakota.

"In 1977 during my first game of coaching, I was nervous and I had my whistle in my mouth," Skeie recalled. "I blew it at the end of the first two plays. The refs came over and told me not to do that. They would ref and I should coach."

That's what Skeie did, coaching Pollock for five seasons (1977-1981), Herreid-Pollock for 18 seasons (1984-2002) and Sturgis for three (2002-2005).

He compiled a 175-67 career coaching record in both nine-man and 11-man football, winning nine conference titles and guided teams to six state semifinal appearances.

Two of his Herreid-Pollock teams advanced to state championship games — finishing second in Class 9A in 1988 and in Class 9B in 1991.

During his nine-man football coaching days, Skeie also served as a head track and field coach. His teams won a number of conference and region championships, highlighted by Herreid's girls winning the state Class B track championship in 1997.

Skeie received a number of coaching awards and honors during his career.

Tom Culver

If there's a list of the most successful nine-man football coaches in the history of South Dakota nine-man football — at least during the playoff era — Tom Culver of Avon would certainly be near the top.

Culver's coaching career is pushing the 30-year mark and has included 19 seasons as a head coach at Wakonda/Gayville-Volin and Avon. He also had stops as an assistant at Hanson, Grant-Deuel and Viborg.

Culver did guide Wakonda-Gayville-Volin to a state Class 9A runner-up finish in 1996 before turning Avon into a state nine-man power. He not only guided the Pirates to 11 Great Plains Conference titles in 13 years from 2001-2013, but also led those teams to eight state championship games — winning Class 9A titles in 2002, 2004, and 2008 and Class 9B titles in 2005 and 2013. Avon also finished second in Class 9A in both 2003 and 2009 and second in Class 9B in 2011.

His 2008 championship was especially memorable. After being deployed with his South Dakota National Guard unit to Iraq after the team's first playoff game in 2007, he returned home during the day of the team's final regular-season game in 2008 and the Pirates went on to win the state title.

Culver served as president of the South Dakota Football Coaches Association (2006-08) and has received numerous honors including SDFBCA Region Coach of the Year in 2001, 2006 and 2007. He was a 2010 AFCA Power of Influence nominee in 2010 and a finalist for the NHSACA Football Coach of the Year award in 2013.



Shaun Wanner, Groton Area, Doug Skeie, former Herreid-Pollock, and Tom Culver, Avon, were inducted into the South Dakota Football Coaches Hall of Fame this past weekend.

Lazy Farmers 4-H Meeting Minutes

The December meeting of the Lazy farmers was held on December 7, 2014, at the Jungle Lanes in Groton. The club was the host for this meeting. The U.S. pledge was lead by Ashlyn Sperry and the 4-H was lead by Tessa Erdmann. There were no talks or demonstrations. Before the meeting we bowled as a club. Our next meeting will be held on January 4, 2015, at the Stange farm.

Proudly submitted by Cassandra Townsend.

The January meeting of the Lazy Farmers was held on January 4, 2015 at the Stange farm. There were no hosts at this because we had a potluck. The U.S. pledge was lead by Lexi Osterman and the 4-H pledge was lead by Alex Stange. There were 3 talks and demonstrations given, Lexi Osterman did a talk on Milking Shorthorns, Faith Fliehs did a demonstration on how to show a cat, and Alex Stange did a demonstration on how to make easy bake horse treats. Before the meeting our club welded wreath hangers and painted towels. Our next meeting will be on February 1, 2015 at Rosewood Court in Groton for club talks and demonstrations. January 15, 2015 the club plans to ski and snow tube at Andes Tower Hills in Alexandria, MN.

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3.99-3.50: Ashley Gibbs, Maddison Colestock, Wyatt Larson, Matthew Knecht, Katherine LaMee, Jackson Doeden, Brittany Kjelden, Breanna Marzahn, Jocelyn Peterson, Danielle Schinkel, Alyssa Sippel, Kyler Ell, Christine Herr, Amanda Koens, Spencer Knecht, Tori Bjerke, Ethan Braun, Michaela Cutler, Sheldon Herr, Austin Merkel

3.49-3.00: Stormy Bahr, Landon Larson, Nicholas Dalchow, Logan Lane, Dylan Vogel, Zachary Crosby, Kiana Kokales, Alec Voss

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Maggie Simon, Marlee Jones, Martin Rygg, Megan Unzen, Lily Cutler, Hailey Hanson, Carly Wheeting, Emily Raap, Jasmine Schaller

3.99-3.50: James Thompson, Kelsey Iverson, Jaden Oliver, Kiernan McCranie, Dustin Denson, Mikaela Blumhardt, Adam Herman, Allison Weber

3.49-3.00: Aubray Harry, Laura Garcia, Jayleen Lier, Angela Locke, Kaili Aberle, Katie Miller, Kyle Miller, Brody Sombke, Christopher Zarycki, Brady Graf, Kari Hanson

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Kelby Hawkins, Landon Marzahn, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith, 3.99-3.50: Patrick Gengerke, Macy Knecht, Nathan Fjelstad, Paityn Bonn, Kate Helmer, Trey Wright, Nicholas Achen

3.49-3.00: Jessica Adler, Braiden Craig, McClain Lone, Gabrielle Kramer, Sean Schuring, Bennett Shabazz, Tevin Abeln, Shane Simon, Tage Taylor, Katelyn Koehler, Whitney Voss, Emily Locke, Alexis Harder, Katlyn Idt, Turner Webb

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Jenifer Fjelstad, Alexis Gustafson, 3.99-3.50: Madison Sippel, Madilyn Wright, Alexandra Stange, Marshall Lane

3.49-3.00: Anthony Sippel, Emma Donley, Brandon Keith, Hannah Lewandowski, Gia Gengerke, Emilie Crosby, Erika Herr, Mitchel Thurston, Hayden Pigors, Brenna Johnson, Jackson Oliver, Jessica Bjerke

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: AnneMarie Smith, 3.99-3.50: Ashley Garduno, Alexis Simon, Cassandra Townsend, Tylan Glover, John Achen, Taylor Holm, Wesley Jacobs, Emily Thompson, Kaitlyn Anderson

3.49-3.00: Jennie Doeden, Paige Snyder, Samantha Menzia, Maggie Crosby, Kaitlyn Kassube, Kylie Kassube, Shyla Larson, Micah Poor, Lucas Hinman

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Kayla Jensen, 3.99-3.50: Nicole Marzahn, Payton Colestock, Kaycie Hawkins, KaSandra Pappas

3.49-3.00: Ashley Fliehs, Kya Jandel, Rylee Rosenau, Katlyn Kyar, Tadyn Glover, Peyton Johnson, Kaylin Kucker, Grady O'Neill, Austin Jones, Madeline Schuelke, Gabriel Taylor, Cade Guthmiller

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Tanae Lipp, 3.99-3.50: Erin Unzen, Isaac Smith, Sage Mortenson, Samantha Pappas, Trey Gengerke, Alexis Hanten, Kale Pharis, Alexa Herr, Grace Wambach

3.49-3.00: Tessa Erdmann, Jasmine Gengerke, Brooklyn Gilbert, Lucas Simon, Jack Achen, Tiara DeHoet, Chandler Larson, Alyssa Fordham, Hailey Monson, Connor Lehman, Kaden Carda, Gabriella Merkel, Braden Freeman

Groton Boys beat Sisseton

Groton area had three double-digit players Thursday night in its 53-46 win over Sisseton. The game was played at Sisseton.

Kyler Ell had 14 points, Lucas Sternhagen had 10 points and Gabe Dohman had 10 rebounds.

The Tigers shot 40 percent from the field while the Redmen made 30 percent of its field goals. Spencer Knecht and Ell each had a three-pointer. Groton controlled the boards, 39-28. The Tigers made 17 of 29 free throws off of Sisseton's 23 team fouls. Sisseton was 12 of 19 from the line off of Groton's 19 team fouls.

Groton had 10 assists with Sternhagen and Knecht each having four, two blocks by Hunter Lerew and had 11 turnovers with six of them being steals.

Sisseton had seven assists, one block by Ethan Kranhold, and eight turnovers with six of them being steals as Knecht had two of them.

Others scoring for Groton Area were Knecht with nine, Lerew with eight, Dohman five, Bennett Shabazz with three, Landon Larson two and Chance Strom and Wyatt Larson each had one.

Kranhold led the Redmen with 18 points while Dominic White had 12, Nathan Nigg eight, Dustin Moshier six and Matthew Nieland had two points.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 46-29. Scoring for Groton were Bennett Shabazz with 16, Seric Shabazz seven, Sean Schuring, Adam Herman and Aaron Severson each had six, Brandon Keith had three and Frankie Wuestewald added two points.

106 Thomas Cranford Record: 3-11
Result, Opponent, School, How
Lost, Trey Fortin, Warner-Northwestern, Fall 0:40
Won, Tel Aspelin, Sully Buttes, Fall 0:49
Lost, Sterling Rausch, Webster Area, Dec 11-10

113 Trevor Pray Record: 23- 3 1st Place
Result, Opponent, School, How
Won, Johnny Schwartz, Huron JV, Fall 1:10
Won, Tate Haider, Wolsey/Wessington, Fall 0:55
Won, Cade Schoemaker, Webster Area, Dec 9-1

126 Wyatt Locke Record: 7- 8 2nd Place
Result, Opponent, School, How
Won, Ethan Ellingson, Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm, Fall 2:58
Won, Nick O'Connor, Watertown JV, M-Dec 18-5
Lost, Nathan Sowle, Huron JV, Fall 0:14

132 Kelby Hawkins Record: 23- 1 1st Place
Result, Opponent, School, How
Won, Jayden Hartford *, Watertown JV, Fall 0:59
Won, Colton Rall, Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm, Fall 0:59
Won, Dan Kliegel, Watertown JV, Fall 1:27

160 Tyler Scott Record: 17- 5 1st Place
Result, Opponent, School, How
Won, Jayden Harley *, Watertown JV, Fall 2:23
Won, Payton Smith, Canton, Dec 7-2
Won, Wyatt Nitschke, Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm, Fall 1:36

220 Brandyn Anderson Record: 15-10 2nd Place
Result, Opponent, School, How
Won, Austin Waite, Canton, Dec 7-3
Lost, Dylan Hines, Wolsey/Wessington, Dec 15-6

Groton Girls beat Sisseton

Courtney Kurtz put in 15 points Friday night as the Lady Tigers defeated Sisseton in girls basketball action held at the Arena, 44-34. The five starters scored all of the points with Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler each having nine, Carly Wheeting eight and Ashley Gibbs three.

Alyssa Magnuson led the Redmen with 11 points.

Groton made 32 percent of its field goals, was 15 of 22 from the line, had 31 rebounds with Wheeting having 12, eight assists with Kurtz having six, 20 steals with Gibbs having six, 21 turnovers and 16 fouls.

Sisseton made 31 percent of its field goals, was 10 of 16 from the line, had 27 rebounds, 26 turnovers, 20 fouls, 14 steals and five assists.

Sisseton won the junior varisty game, 38-16. Gia Gengerke led Groton with eight followed by Marlee Jones and Jessica Bjerke with three each and Alexis Stange added two.

Sisseton won the C game, 25-9. Madison Sippel, Gia Gengerke, Taylor Holm and Jenny Doeden each had two points and Lexi Gustafson added a free throw.

Hawkins wins both matches at Redfield Triangular

Kelby Hawkins scored the only win in Groton's dual with Redfield. Hawkins pinned Carter Wagner in 2:53 for the win at 138 pounds. Wyatt Locke, 126 pounds, was pinned by Barrett Wren, 2:59. Tyler Scott, 170 pounds, was pinned by Cooper Baloun, 5:39. Brandyn Anderson, 220 pounds, was pinned by Brett Christman, 1:29.

Groton picked up two pins and a forfeit to score 18 points against Deuel in the second match. Wyatt Locke won by forfeit at 126 pounds. Kelby Hawkins pinned Austin Anderson at 145 pounds, 1:30. Brandyn Anderson pinned Preston Shea at 220 pounds, 2:11. Tyler Scott was pinned by Jordon Lovere, 3:09, at 170 pounds.

The dual scores for the night were Redfield-Doland 66, Deuel 18; Redfield-Doland 78, Groton Area 6 and Deuel 42, Groton Area 18.

Kiwanis Club

Fourteen members were present for last week's dinner meeting of the Groton Kiwanis Club, at the community center. Sherry McKiver is the club's chef.

Lori Giedt was the program leader, and introduced three GHS queens, who spoke of their individual experiences. They were Allison Weber, Ice Carnival queen; Kaitlin O'Neill, Senior Snow Queen, and Jessie Bjerke, junior Snow Queen.

Larry Wheeting, president, led the brief business session, with reports on two successful projects, namely, potato bar at GHS, and the pancake brunch.

Next week's program chairman is Mike Ehresmann, followed by Jim Ackman, Steve Giedt and Lee Schinkel

Five Grapplers propel Groton to third place at Groton Invite

Five Groton wrestlers made it to the finals at the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday. The five wrestlers got enough points to put Groton in third place in a field of 13 teams and 134 wrestlers.

Trevor Pray, Kelby Hawkins and Tyler Scott all placed first while Wyatt Locke and Brandyn Anderson each placed second.

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Scott Peterson, an eighth grader from Canton JV, won the Glenn Sperry Pinner's Award. He had four pins for a total time of 4:03.

Doeden to attend Valley City State

The Office of Enrollment Services at Valley City State University is pleased to announce that Jackson Doeden, son of Toby and Liz Doeden, Groton, SD, has been awarded a VCSU Charlotte Van Houten Scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year. Jackson will graduate from Groton Area High School in June 2015.

Valley City State University scholarships are made available as a result of the generous support of alumni and friends of the university. Students are selected to receive these scholarships on the basis of their high school GPA, ACT score and their high school class rank.

Groton boys beat Britton-Hecla

Kyler Ell made three three-pointers as he scored 22 points to help Groton Area beat Britton-Hecla in boys basketball action Tuesday night in Britton, 63-41.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 21-9, 32-17 and 43-30.

Hunter Lerew added 14 points while Lucas Sternhagen had 10, Spencer Knecht six, Chance Strom five, Landon Larson four and Bennett Shabazz added two points.

Sternhagen had five of the team's 14 assists, Lerew had two blocks and Wyatt Larson had one, and Groton had 29 rebounds with Sternhagen having seven. The Tigers had 15 turnovers with eight of them being steals. Groton made 54 percent of its field goals and was three of four from the line off of Britton-Hecla's three team fouls.

Eric Wegleitner led Britton-Hecla with 14 points followed by AJ Andreson with 11, Cully Olesen had eight, Jared Rabenberg five and Logan Kann added three points.

The Braves made 32 percent of their field goals, was four of seven from the line off of Groton Area's 12 team fouls, had three blocks with two by Andreson, eight assists with three by Olsen and 23 rebounds with eight by Andreson. The Braves had 15 turnovers with nine of them being steals and Ell having four steals.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 47-20. Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Adam Herman with 11, Aaron Severson had eight, Bennett Shabazz five and adding two points each were Sean Schuring, Marshall Lane and Turner Webb.

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...of our friends and classmates.

Kids: color stuff in!



Happy Valentine's Day!

Good Fun and Good Business too!

Whew! I've been delivering Valentine surprises all day long. I'm tired, but happy because it's nice that so many people care about other people and want to send them nice Valentines!

Read these clues to fill in the crossword to discover the most popular gifts given on Valentine's Day:

- Poetry and fun Valentine stories will fly off store and library shelves.
- The first box, introduced by Richard Cadbury, had a painting of his daughter holding a kitten on its cover. Later, he created the first heart-shaped box.
- These used to be made by hand and delivered in person. Now they are machine-made and about one billion are mailed all over the world.
- These snuggly birds, along with doves, have been popular to give or use in designs for Valentine's Day. Fort Worth Zoo in Texas is offering to let people add a "wild child" to their family by buying a Valentine's Day (owl, penguin) or other adoption package. The money raised goes to care for the animals.
- People will sell a lot of pizza, doughnuts and other food items in this shape.

- Red roses are thought to be the most romantic and the most popular kind given on Valentine's Day.
- The first kind of this gift may have been made out of shells and bones. Ancient Egyptians gave this gift made out of gold with precious stones to kings.
- Some people will go to plays or comedy _____.
- These sugary messages were invented by Oliver Chase in 1847. Today, the Necco company makes about 100,000 pounds of these a day!
- People will create special memories attending parent/child or other family _____.
- Bakeries will sell cakes, cupcakes and Valentine _____.
- The oldest of these is thought to be the one discovered on a clay tablet written about 4,000 years ago (from a priestess to a king).
- People will enjoy this meal out.
- People will buy tickets to listen to romantic _____ at concert halls.

1. _____
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11. _____
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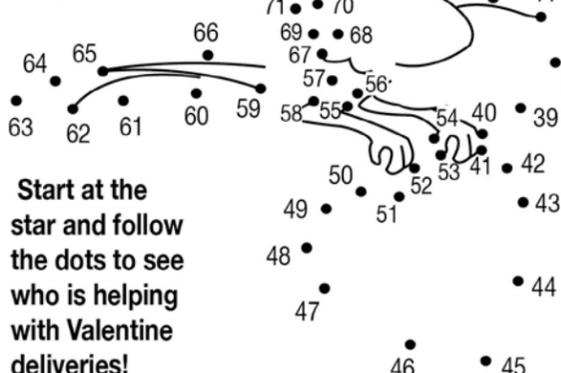
dances
dinner

Can you find and circle 12 or more words that have 3 syllables as in the word "Val-en-tine"?

Free Stuff!

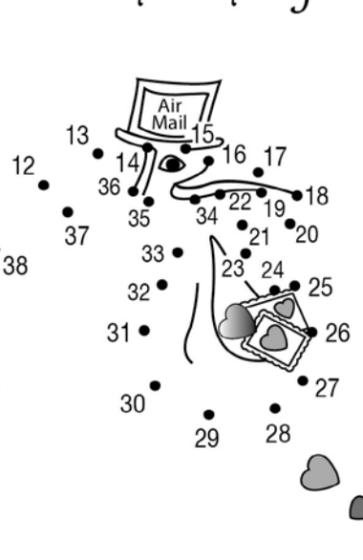
Print out free puzzles: Happy Valentine's Day, All About Reading, Presidents of the U.S., and our reading log set @ www.readingclubfun.com

There are so many special deliveries to be made on Valentine's Day that the Post Office gets extra help to bring the mail.



Start at the star and follow the dots to see who is helping with Valentine deliveries!

A Special Valentine Delivery!



Hearty Sayings!

Match these sayings to their meanings:

- change of heart
- cross my heart
- eat your heart out
- half-hearted
- heart of gold
- heart of stone
- have your heart set on something
- having a heart-to-heart
- take something to heart
- to your heart's content
- heart is in the right place
- heart skips a beat

A. is kind and caring
B. to want something a certain way and not be willing to work out a different way to do it
C. make an important promise
D. very uncaring
E. not giving something your full effort
F. take something very personally
G. to make someone jealous
H. frightened or excited
I. as much as you want
J. change your mind
K. meant well
L. have a meaningful talk

Friendly Messages!

Here are some fun Valentine messages. They each use a "play on words." Can you write the name of the animal that completes each pun in the blanks?

No kidding, I want to "_____ " to recess?
tuna

I'm your 'mane' man, and I'm not "_____."
steer

"_____ " wanted to be your friend.
whale

You make me want to sing a "_____."
goat

You're "_____ " above average.
lion

I'll "_____ " you in the right direction.
Owl

Hive

Frederick School Meeting Minutes



OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
 FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
 DECEMBER 8, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with all members present. Others present were Justin Downes, Deb Klapperich, Rick Downes and Rich Akin.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 14-44 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to approve the agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 14-45 Motion by Sumption second by Ellwein to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

Minutes
 Financial Statements as presented.

Bills, All aye, carried
 FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL, DECEMBER CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND: A & B BUSINESS, INC, BRIEF CASE, 43.67; BLICK ART MATERIALS, ART SUPPLIES, 95.83; CHURCHILL, MANOLIS, FREEMAN, KLUDT, HUB AREA REVIEW, 352.15; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 775.19; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS 10-3, 377.93; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; DUMIRE, JAMES, SUPPLIES, 95.20; EIDE BAILLY LLP, AUDIT, 13,000.00; FOREMAN SALES AND SERVICE, REPAIRS, 71.65; GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 558.69; GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 193.29; HUB AREA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, FEES, 1,718.00; HUETTL, ASHLEY, VB BOOK, 120.00; J.W. PEPPER & SON INC., SHEET MUSIC, 451.48; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 361.00; KESSLER'S GROCERY, FACS SUPPLIES, 78.12; LEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, VB DIST/REGION TOWN, 150.71; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 25.95; MAIN STREET STATION, REPAIRS, 210.00; MCLEOD'S PRINTING & SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 16.38; MENARDS ABERDEEN, BITS, 34.35; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 129.90; PLAYSERVICES, INC., PLAY SUPPLIES, 303.16; ROTO ROOTER SEWER SERVICE, FEES, 450.00; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 34.45; SIMPLEXGRINNEL, REPAIRS, 95.00; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, OI FEES, 104.56; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, BATTERY, 156.14; WEST RIVER FOUNDATION, FEES, 275.00; ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS, INC, AD, 246.11; COMMUNITY STORE, FACS SUPPLIES, 131.39; DOWNES, JUSTIN, MEALS, 56.00; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 45.57; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, LODGING, 132.00; KESSLER'S GROCERY, FACS SUPPLIES, 10.75; MAIN STREET STATION, REPAIRS, 75.00; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 26.45; SD HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSN., DUES, 31.00.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, RENT, 531.19; BONN EXPRESS, GAS, 72.50; DAKOTA OIL, DIESEL SUPP, 125.52; FARMERS UNION OIL ELLENDALE, GAS, 107.00; FOREMAN SALES AND SERVICE, 2006 53 PASSENGER BLUE BIRD, 22,500.00; HUB AREA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, FEES, 786.00; MCGRAW HILL COMPANIES, FACS TEXTBOOK, 114.41; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELECTRICITY, 2,725.49; MORLOCK, MARTY, GAS, 28.00; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, BUS FUEL, 1,566.50; RINGENBERG, JESSICA, LIBRARY BOOKS, 126.03; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 189.46; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, CAR GAS, 230.81; BONN EXPRESS, CAR GAS, 40.19;

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SOCIAL AGE, 16.52; LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF SD, FEES, 280.00;

Fund Number 51: CWD-ABERDEEN, FFVP FOOD, 4,508.76; KESSLER'S GROCERY, FOOD, 27.50; MAC'S INC., SUPPLIES, 27.98; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 41.26; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ED, PROCESSING, 76.67; BLUE RIBBON MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 184.91; COMMUNITY STORE, FOOD, 13.15..Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 83,752.07; Support, 11,910.43 SS & Med, 22,681.28. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 8,605.30; Delta Dental, ins. 1109.88; AFLAC, insurance, 321.26; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 336.22; SD District Benefit Fund, ins, 9606.11; VSP Vision, ins, 141.64; Security Benefit, retirement, 216.91; American Funds, retirement, 2449.88; Centerstone Ins., ins, 186.22; Caitlin Beckman, sub & line judge, 200.00; Scott Campbell, clock, 15.00; Jim Dumire, bus driving, 544.01; Jason Elliot, sub, 160.00; Jon Ellwein, board salary, 60.92; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 63.88; Ann Hegge, sub, 300.00; Wayne Haas, stats, 30.00; Lynnette Hertel, stats, 30.00; Marty Morlock, driving & ref, 145.00; Dan Nickelson, board salary, 55.00; Tamie Nickelson, driving, 10.00; Brock Pashen, driving, 10.00; Leroy Podoll, driving, 275.57; Carma Ruenz, sub, 350.00; Richard Scholsser, board salary & clock, 135.55; Eric Sumption, board salary, 63.88; Renata Winburn, sub, 120.00; Tonya Zinter, line judge, 15.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 13,861.17; Support, 3820.08; SS & Med, 3364.28; Delta Dental, ins, 141.84; SD District Benefit fund, ins, 1201.73; Security Benefits, retirement, 33.09; SDRS, retirement, 1303.98; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 150.00; VSP Vision, ins, 30.04; Ann Hegge, sub, 100.00; Carma Ruenz, sub, 100.00; Renata Winburn, sub, 80.00. Food Service: 3601.99; SS & Med, 965.84; SDRS, retirement, 411.71; VSP, ins, 14.04

The following reports were given at this time:
 Justin Downes – Superintendent/AD
 Rick Downes – Grounds and Maintenance
 Justin Downes – Athletic Cop
 Richard Scholsser – Hub Area Vo Tech

The board of the Hub Area Vo Tech passed a resolution to dissolve at their last meeting.

Action 14-46 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to appoint Richard Schlosser as the ASBSD LAN member. All aye, carried.

Action 14-47 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to accept the employment agreements for Ellen Schlosser, Highly Qualified Paraprofessional, \$10.50/hour and Renata Winburn, Study Hall Monitor, \$10.25/hour. 4 aye, Schlosser abstained, carried.

Action 14-48 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to set the meeting time at 6 pm for the January, February and March 2015 meetings. All aye, carried.

Superintendent Downes and other committee members reported on the last meeting of the strategic planning committee.

A report was given on the meeting held at Westport with Dakota Resources Consulting Group.

B. School finances and community needs were discussed.

An example showing scholarship criteria was reviewed. The board members will work from this example to develop the criteria for the Gelling and Ovid Stevens scholarships.

Superintendent Downes reported that the school has been selected this year for the NSLP review.

A discussion followed concerning the scheduling of the next financial audit. It was decided to wait until FY 2016 and have a two year audit at that time.

Superintendent Downes reported on the meeting that he had with Leola Superintendent Heupel concerning the hiring of a shared Counselor/AD beginning with the 2014-15 school year. He was instructed by the board to develop criteria for this position and to report on it next month.

Thank you and congratulations were read and will be posted on the school web site.

Action 14-49 Motion by Forsting second by Ellwein to adjourn. All aye, carried.

Chairman
 Business Manager

Frederick Town-Meeting Minutes



January Minutes
 City of Frederick

The Frederick Town Board meeting was called to order by President RS Campbell at 7:05 PM in the Community Center on Wednesday evening, January 7, 2015. Those present along with Chairman Campbell included Board Members Robert Smith and Thomas Meyer, Finance Officer Diane Bruns, along with UT Manager Rich Bakeberg, EBL Outgoing President Richard Osborn, Patron Craig Larson, and later FF V-President Krysti Mikkonen.

Minutes of the regular board meeting in December were reviewed and approved with a motion by Smith/Meyer. Motion Carried.

Minutes of 2nd Reading for Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance #193 meeting on December 15, 2014, were reviewed and approved with a motion by Meyer/Smith. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for December was approved with motion by Meyer/Campbell. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
 R. Bakeberg VA st/swr/wtr \$75; R. Bakeberg UT st/swr/wtr \$207.79; M. Cox EBL \$540.24; DENR 2015 Fee Lagoon \$250; Dependable Sanitation Garbage pickup 4th Qtr \$3649; D. Bruns Sup CC/Gen/FO \$72.14; D. Bruns CC \$143.14; D. Bruns FO \$965.85; Farmers Union Oil EBL/CC \$1278.05; FDC Econ Dev \$1200; Frohling Law Office Genl \$99; GDI Legals \$163.29; JVC Gen/EBL/FO/Wtr \$294.53; MDU St/CC/FO/S Park/Fire/Sewr/Water/B Park \$1134; M. Glarum EBL rent \$80; Menards sup FO/CC \$72.14; Prairie Builders lock CC \$195; R.S. Campbell Genl Adm \$46.18; R. Bakeberg Sexton, Cem 1st 1/2 \$207.78; R. Smith Genl Adm \$46.18; SD Dept of Health lab Wtr \$13; SD Dept of Rev S. Tax Garb \$70.20; T. Meyer Genl Adm \$46.18; US Treasury 941 4th Qtr \$1241.37; USDA-RD Wtr Repr AP \$475; WEB Water \$2206.79; Community Store Sup CC \$36.39. Total A/P \$14,808.24.

OLD BUSINESS:
 R. Bakeberg, UT Manager, presented to the Board Emergency Respond Procedures, to be implemented in the case of an emergency within the City of Frederick. He reported the pump under the Water Tower is working well and he contacted MDU to turn off electricity to the Christmas lights. An update of our Radix Reader and Connect Software was discussed. The Radix is 7 years old and this is the last year we are able to update our Connect Software. Campbell is going to check with an IT about replacing the current PC. Frederick board will again send Water and Lagoon tests to the SD State Health Lab in Pierre.

Frederick Forward - Krysti Mikkonen spoke about a lady whom talked at Frederick Forward from Dakota Resources explaining Strategic Planning for Frederick, along with neighboring communities. She asked if the city would be interested in contributing. No motion was made. A letter about the Christmas decorations and their age, was discussed. Mikkonen said they are working on finding other towns that may be

replacing their decorations and FF has some leads.

Frederick Historical Society - silent

Emma Burnham Library - Outgoing President Richard Osborn gained approval for incoming President Teresia Cox. Cox was approved with a motion by Smith/Meyer. Motion Carried. Osborn will remain on the Emma Burnham Library Board. Also discussed was the Water Heater in the Library. Osborn will get some estimates on that and, some for the refrigerator and stove in the Community Center.

Osborn also mentioned the Bingo and Soup Supper Fund Raiser for the Senior Citizen Nutritional Meals to be held in the Frederick Community Center Sunday, January 25, 2015, beginning at 2 PM. Bingo prizes will be awarded and a Silent Auction will be held.

Frederick Development Corporation - Requested a raise in the stipend received from 1 cent Sales Tax from \$1200/mo to \$1500/mo for Frederick Economic Development. Request was made in Nov and begins in February 2015.

Continental Western Insurance Co. - Review of recommendations from CWIC including the EBL roof and inside gas tank. Agent Campbell reported tank is now empty and will be moved outside in Spring; EBL Pres Osborn said roof is in process.

Frederick Ambulance Service - gave packet of information from SDML to EMT Scott Campbell about an Ambulance Service Bill. NEW BUSINESS:

EBL 4th Qtr/Annual Report was accepted as presented with a motion by Meyer/Campbell. Motion Carried.

Asked by Yvonne Taylor, Executive Director of the SDML to consider adopting 'A statement of support', for a local option additional penny Sales tax for infrastructure projects, the request was denied. A motion was made by Campbell/Meyer. Motion Carried.

Frederick employee salaries were next on the agenda. The salaries were presented as shown and raised as follows:

Board Chairman R. Scott Campbell \$25/mtg + \$25/Chairman - same

Board Member Thomas Meyer \$25/mtg, \$25 each extra meeting/mo - same

Board Member Robert Smith \$25/mtg, \$25 each extra meeting/mo - same

Richard Bakeberg, Wayside Cemetery Sexton \$450.00/annually raised to \$500.00/annually (2 payments)

Richard Bakeberg, UT Manager and Maintenance \$10/hr + \$100 base + \$75 Vehicle Allowance to \$11/hr + base + VA Diane Bruns, Community Center Maintenance and Scheduling \$8.50/hr + \$5/scheduling to \$10/hr + scheduling

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer \$1000/mo to \$1100/month

Mavis Cox, Emma Burnham Librarian \$9/hr to \$10/hr (requested in Nov by Pres R Osborn)

Edgar Head, Landfill Supervisor \$8.50 to \$10/hr

City mowing operators \$10/hr - same

Motion was made by Meyer/Campbell to accept all salaries for 2015 as presented. Motion Carried.

The Groton Independent Newspaper was designated as the Town of Frederick's official newspaper for 2015. Motion was made by Campbell/Meyer. Motion Carried.

The water Income and Expenses for the year 2014 was presented to the Board members for review. No action was taken.

The total gallons of water used by the community monthly and the total gallons charged to Frederick by WEB Water monthly, were also presented to Board Members for review. No action.

The Annual Report for the Frederick Community Center was reviewed, with no action, and will be sent out with a letter to surrounding Townships asking for their support of the Frederick Community Center along with an invite to Frederick's February monthly meeting where the Annual Report will be accepted with a motion. Making a motion to send out the letters with the report was made by Smith/Meyer. Motion Carried. Each Board Member signed the letters.

A Notice of Vacancy for the Municipality of Frederick was shown and will be published in the Groton Independent Newspaper. Frederick has 2 vacancies this election to be held the second Tuesday in April, a 1 Year Term and a 3 Year Term. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 30, 2015.

Deadline for filing petitions in the Frederick Finance Office is 5 PM on February 27, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An Annual Report Workshop will be attended by the Finance Officer in Aberdeen on January 22, 2015. This class includes all NE Finance Officers from Cities with less than \$600,000. in Revenue.

A State Legislative Dinner is being offered to all board members on February 3, 2015. Officials are invited to Pierre to watch the Legislature in action. Schedules did not allow any takers from Frederick.

Dakota Pump & Control and K&P Pump Repairs and Controls, LLC, are joining forces in Watertown, SD. An Inspection Agreement from Dakota Pump & Control was signed by Chairman RS Campbell to do an Annual Inspection of Frederick's Lagoon. Motion was made to sign the Contract by Campbell/Meyer. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Smith made a motion with a second from Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer Frederick, SD 57441
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Groton City West Side Street Project



2015 WEST SIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS
 GROTON, SD

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Groton, South Dakota until 2 P.M. local time on the 25th day of February, 2015 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. The City of Groton reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the office of the Finance Office, such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed by the City of Groton at a subsequent meeting of the Groton City Council.

The Project includes the following Work:

Street improvements and reconstruction for three blocks on 5th Ave. from SD Hwy. 37 west to Garfield Street in the City of Groton.

The project will include street excavation, storm sewer, geotextile fabric, drain tile, gravel base course, curb and gutter, approach pavement, filets, asphalt concrete pavement and associated seeding and erosion control.

Additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents.

Work performed on this Contract will be substantially complete by August 15, 2015

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed:

- City of Groton City Hall 209 N. Main St. Groton, SD 57445 Phone - (605) 397-8422
- Clark Engineering Corp. 2301 8th Ave NE, Suite 125 Aberdeen, SD 57401 Phone - (605) 225-3494
- Clark Engineering Corp. 114 1st Ave. N.W. Watertown, SD 57201 Phone - (605) 880-3122
- Clark Engineering Corp. Convention Center Plaza 1410 West Russell Street Sioux Falls, SD 57104-1328 Telephone - (605) 331-2505

The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Aberdeen, SD Builders Exchange; Rapid City, SD Builders Exchange; Sioux Falls, SD Builders Exchange; Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD; McGraw Hill Construction, Edina, MN; Construction Plans Exchange of Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, ND; or Construction Plans Exchange of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND.

An electronic copy of the Bidding Documents on a compact disc may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of Clark Engineering Corporation.

By:
 Anita Lowary
 Finance Officer
 (203.0210)
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Jack Dixon Estate Notice



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JACK DIXON, DECEASED
 06 PRO. 015- NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 22nd day of January, 2015, Kathy Holm, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Jack Dixon.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2015.

/s/ Kathy Holm
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Brown County Jan. 25 Meeting Minutes



JANUARY 26, 2015 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Remily, Ronayne, Rux, Swanson and Mayor Levsen. Council Member Slight-Hansen was absent. Present from County were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Sutton. Commissioner Feldheim was absent.

ORDINANCE #15-01-01/442: On motion by Rux and seconded by Johnson, the City unanimously voted to postpone the Hearing for possible first reading of Ordinance #15-01-01/442 to a February 23, 2015 Joint Meeting.

ORDINANCE #15-01-01/442: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to postpone the Hearing for possible first reading of Ordinance #15-01-01/442 to a February 23, 2015 Joint Meeting, Ordinance #15-01-01/442, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (R-2) Medium Density Residential District, (A-1) Agricultural District, and (R-5) Trailers, Trailer Parks and Planned Residential Area Trailers District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Outlot C in the NW 1/4 of Sec 26-T123N-64W and the East 1185' of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 26-T123N-R64W except Lot B and except the West 294' of the North 860', Brown County, SD (2130 12th Street South and adjacent land to South). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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 Delivery in the Groton area

	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal.	\$138,646.88	\$258,705.51	\$70,196.01	\$68,601.59
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$194,626.36	\$152,891.56	\$77,326.17	\$15,300.18
Local Sources	\$676.42	\$30.00		
Interest	\$27.42			
Federal & State	\$47,702.20		\$79.00	
Investments	\$823,431.64	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$110,504.61	\$20,386.24	\$15,825.57	\$0.00
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,094,606.31	\$431,670.23	\$387,950.66	\$129,091.00
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$93,109.19	\$275.09	\$2,087.51	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$4,869.70	\$0.00	\$6,986.23	
Disbursements	\$1,542.69	\$0.00	\$9,642.39	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$96,436.20	\$275.09	-\$568.65	\$19,090.52

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Brown County Jan. 27 Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 27, 2015 - GENERAL MEETING
Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley and Fischbach. Commissioner Fjeldheim was absent. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
CLAIMS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve the following claims:
Payroll: Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$7,410.31; Treasurer \$12,031.67; Data Processing \$7,604.92; State's Attorney \$15,169.69; Blood Draws \$350.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,422.07; Assessor \$13,104.50; Register of Deeds \$8,758.87; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$32,229.10; Jail \$33,338.73; JDC \$15,295.56; HD \$4,753.10; Welfare Office \$3,500.47; Museum \$7,194.96; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,390.44; Fair Board \$4,357.42; 4-H \$1,134.48; Weed \$1,213.44; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47;

Highway \$46,403.20; Communications \$21,160.32; Emergency Management \$3,331.32; Teen Court \$39.33; 24/7 \$2,827.79; Landfill \$11,045.39.
Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,469.84; Medicare \$3,851.80; Life \$675.78; Dental \$6,630.00; Health Insurance \$106,046.40; Retirement \$33,885.56.
Professional Fees: Adam Altman \$4,444.45; Kristi Brandt \$56.25; Colleen Brazil \$1,323.36; Dakotabilities \$200.00; Dependable Sanitation \$21,740.74; Chris Dohrer \$5,069.45; Victor Fischbach \$1,500.00; Kuck Law Office \$4,444.45; Midstates Printing \$75.00; Richardson, Wylly, Wise & Sauck Law Firm \$4,444.45; Ronayne Law Office \$4,444.45; Sanford Health \$4,424.43; SD Junior Point Show \$400.00; Christy Serr \$5,069.45; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$25.00; Sara Zahn \$54.40; Zylstra Investigations \$552.79.
Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$655.95; DakotaPress \$4,421.96; Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism \$101.00.
Rentals: Better Rentals \$300.00; Northern Electric Coop. \$1,200.00; SD Real Estate \$260.00; The LLC \$250.00; Zumba Property Mgmt. \$150.00.
Repairs & Maintenance: Biegler's \$8.20; Brown Co. Hwy. \$474.68; KONE \$65,900.00.
Supplies: A & B Business \$161.10; Crescent Electric Supply \$116.34; Dakota Supply Group \$354.12; Danko \$141.63; DPM Mercantile \$25.00; Fisher's Cleaning Service \$90.00; Gov-Connection \$2,628.43; Grafix Shoppe \$779.87; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel \$57.92; Kmart Pharmacy \$11.79; Knight Towing \$425.00; Lar-Jo's \$12.85; Leidholt Electric \$89.04; Marco

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Travel & Conference: Bureau of Human Resources \$56.00; Executive Mgmt. \$1,127.53; Leo Leshner \$224.66; Gene Loeschke \$131.13.
Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,648.70; NWPS \$6,473.62; Verizon \$2,269.77.
Other: Aberdeen Development Corp. \$20,000.00; Alexander Mitchell Library \$12,000.00; Area IV Nutrition \$1,500.00; Foster Grandparent Program \$1,000.00; Pizza Ranch \$103.44. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve the following employee step increases, effective February 1, 2015: Ben Smith @ \$20.74 per hour, Anthony Sorenson @ \$20.74 per hour, Kevin Ernst @ \$17.35 per hour, Christopher Schafer @ \$18.83 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve hiring Harmony Mattson as Blood Draw Technician, effective January 27, 2015 at \$50.00 per Blood Draw. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen to approve hiring Nicole Leslie as Jail Correctional Officer, effective February 17, 2015 at \$14.88 per hour. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL CASEWORK SERVICES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Agreement for Medical Casework Services with Potter County, whereby the Brown County Welfare Department personnel will provide Medical casework services in making recommendations/suggestions for Potter County's medical claims payment, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign agreement with Liebelts RV for lease of the Holm Expo Building from March 10 - March 22, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
PLATS: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #4-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "D & E Dinger Addition in the NW 1/4 of Sec 23-T128N-R61W 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 Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with GIS Workshop LLC for Director of Equalization Department, effective February 15, 2015 thru February 15, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abatement: GNG Inc @ \$1,006.63 (duplicate assessment). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
PARTIAL PAYMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to authorize Sheila Anderson, County Treasurer to accept partial payments for taxes (as authorized by SDCL 10-21-7) on the following property: \$200.00 per month on the W 280.5' of E 2490' of S 465' SE 33-124-64 (38460 130th Street), effective February 1, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
SDPAA: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign documentation for Brown County's participation in the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance for the 2015-2016 term. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
FAIR CONTRACT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign entertainment contract with Gary Allan Tours, Inc for Saturday, August 15, 2015 in amount of \$90,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
SERVICE ROAD: Gale Gunderson, Knight Trucking and Trailer Sales met to discuss a portion of service road along US 281 that Brown County acquired from the state of South Dakota. No action taken at this time.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) & (4) with Amy Scott, Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.
EXITING EMPLOYEE CHECKLIST: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the Exiting Employee Checklist for use by Departments, as submitted by Gary Vetter, Commission Assistant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL CHANGES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to authorize distribution of Employee Policy Manual Changes previously approved in minutes of December 30, 2014, as follows Sections A-1, A-2, A-5, C-1, C-2,

C-6, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-14, C-16, C-17, and D-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
COMMISSION ASSISTANT UPDATE: Gary Vetter, Commission Assistant discussed Treasurers location during Fair; permit fees; new hire background checks.
STATES ATTORNEY TEMPORARY ATTORNEY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize Larry Lovrien, States Attorney secure an additional Attorney on a temporary basis to assist with Magistrate Court and other duties to alleviate any backlog due to time involved in an upcoming criminal case. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
BID AWARD - CULVERTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to award low bid, submitted by TrueNorth Steel Company, Huron for furnishing and delivery of metal culverts and bridge material, as bid by Beadle County on January 6, 2015; and further reject bid submitted by Central Culvert Supply, Pierre. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
BID DATE SET - HIGHWAY SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT RENTAL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for the following items: Hot Mix on February 24, 2015 at 8:45 a.m., Gravel Material on February 24, 2015 at 8:50 a.m., Road Oil on February 24, 2015 at 8:55 a.m. and Rental Equipment on February 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent discussed current projects; long range planning session on Feb 3 at 11 a.m. at Highway Department; shredder building addition.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session to discuss contract, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.
RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until February 3, 2015.
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to elections pursuant to SDCL 46A-14-38.

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