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2015-16 School Calendar Approved

The start date of the 2015-16 school year is later than normal and that is thanks to a late Memorial Day in May, falling on the fifth Monday in 2016. School is scheduled to start August 26. Superintendent Joe Schwan said the only negative comment he heard was that the semester will end after Christmas vacation, on January 8. The board approved the 2015-16 school calendar as drafted.

Pernell Graf was hired as a custodian effective February 20th at \$11 an hour, and the resignation of Rose Long was accepted effective on the last day of school.

During the report of the policy changes, it was asked if college courses taken on-line would be weighted. Superintendent Joe Schwan said that each individual class would have to be evaluated. He said that if a college course is easier than a GHS course, and the GHS course is not weighted, then the college course is not weighted either. "Why should a college course be automatically be weighted just because it's taught by a doctor of education," Schwan asked.

There are around 16 cases of measles in South Dakota, all of them among unvaccinated children. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that there is only one student in the Groton Area School District that is unvaccinated. "Our kids are so well vaccinated," he said. He said there are two exemptions where children would not be vaccinated in South Dakota. One is for religious belief and the parents have to sign a waiver for that. The other is a doctor stating they child cannot be vaccinated and the doctor would have to sign that waiver.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that a family moved out of the district resulting in one less student in each the second, third and fifth grade. High School/Middle School Superintendent Anna Schwan also reported that the same family that moved had a student in each the eighth grade and the ninth grade. Allysa Harmon-Brown is a student teacher with Mrs. Zoellner's second grade class and Molly Coyle is a student teacher with Mrs. Eichler in the first grade.

Anna Schwan, high school/middle school principal, reported that Luke Smith was named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. "It is not a surprise," Schwan said. "He is such an amazing student."

The number of ineligible students has decreased over the years. In comparison for this week, there were 56 in 2012, 64 in 2013, 47 in 2014 and 22 this year.

Fisher Track had the only bid for the track resurfacing of the track. The bid came in at \$63,893. But it did not include any work on the base. Business Manager Mike Weber said it will be budgeted at \$70,000 to cover the base work. The board approved the bid.

The fee for the summer 2015 Driver's Education program will remain the same at \$250. Shaun Wanner's agreement for teaching Driver's Education at a rate of \$20 an hour plus the stipend for classroom instruction based upon enrollment figures not to exceed \$600.

Open enrollment applications were approved for a freshman, an eighth grader, a fifth grader, a seventh grader and a fourth grader, all from the Aberdeen School District. All of the students have been attending the Groton School for a couple of years, and have now moved to Aberdeen, but they want to keep the students in the Groton Area School.

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2015-2016
SCHOOL CALENDAR
Revised 2/9/2015

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AUGUST

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August 24 - Faculty Inservice
24 - Welcome Back Picnic (5:00 PM)
24 - PK-6 Open House (6:30 PM)
24 - 6th Grade Orientation (6:30 PM)
25 - Faculty Inservice
26 - 1st Day of School

JANUARY

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September 7 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
TBD - Homecoming Coronation
TBD - Homecoming

FEBRUARY

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October 12 - Native American Day - NO SCHOOL
19 - MS/HS Fall Family Night (6:00 PM)
23 - End of 1st Quarter (40)
23 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

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November 11 - Veterans Day
12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:30)
13 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
25-27 - Thanksgiving Break

MARCH

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December 21 - January 1 - Christmas Break

NOVEMBER

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January 4 - School Resumes
8 - End of 1st Semester (41/81)
22 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL

APRIL

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February 11 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:30)
12 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
15 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

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March 10-11 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
16 - End of 3rd Quarter (44)
25 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
28 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

MAY

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April 10 - Pops Concert (2:00 & 7:00)
22 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
23 - Prom
28 - FCCLA Style Show
29 - FFA Banquet

Month	C	N	T
August	4	2	6
September	21	0	21
October	20	1	21
November	17	2	19
December	14	0	14
January	20	0	20
February	19	2	21
March	19	0	19
April	21	0	21
May	14	1	15
Totals	169	8	177

May 2 - Kiwanis Athletic Banquet
3 - Elementary Spring Concert (7:00)
5 - MS/HS Spring Concert (7:00)
15 - SENIOR GRADUATION (2:00)
19 - End of 2nd Semester (44/88)
20 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
30 - Memorial Day

- Faculty In-Service
- No School
- Important Dates
- P/T Conferences
- End of Quarter

****All make-up days will be added on to the end of the school year.**

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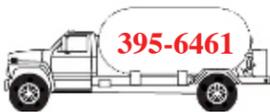


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Wednesday, February 11

Birthday: Julie Flihs

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding.

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

School Lunch: Pizza, rice, green beans, lettuce, fruit.

Small Group Music Contest at NSU, Aberdeen

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

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

Thursday, February 12

Birthdays: Ashley Ptacek, Brett Merkel, Yvonne Lorenz

Senior Menu: Roast beef, potatoes/carrots/onions, gravy, peaches, dinner roll.

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

School Lunch: Valentine nuggets, smile potato, corn, veg cups, fruit.

1:30pm to 8:00pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 13

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

Birthdays: Arlene Gibbs, Bradley Sheridan, Michelle Patton

Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Debate at Harrisburg

6:30pm: Girls Basketball at Britton-Hecla

Saturday, February 14

Anniv: Duane and Dodie Neumann

Birthdays: Brooklyn Clara Imrie, Derek Pfitzer, Diane Nilssen, John Neff, Joyce Krueger, Zach Kern

10:00am: Wrestling at Howard

2:00pm: Basketball Doubleheader at Moberge-Pollock (JV girls at 2 p.m., JV boys at 3 p.m., Varsity girls at 4:30 p.m., Varsity boys at 6 p.m.)

Sunday, February 15

9:00 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

10:15 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Open Gym (3-5 for JK-8, 5-7 for 8th grade and older)

3:30 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship at Golden Living Center (Confirmands serve)

Monday, February 16

President's Day - No School

6:30 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
Boys Basketball hosts Roncalli (7th at 3 p.m., 8th at 4 p.m., C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., Varsity at 8 p.m.)

7:30pm: Groton Fire and Rescue Annual meeting at the Fire Hall.

Tuesday, February 17

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

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

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

6:30pm: GBB hosts Tiospa-Zina

7:00pm: City Council meeting

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

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

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

School Lunch: Fish nuggets, French Fries, roman salad, fruit.

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten meal (WELCA executive board serves)

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

Thursday, February 19

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

School Breakfast: Cheese omlet, fruit, juice, milk.

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

Boys Basketball at Redfield-Doland (7th at 3 p.m., 8th at 4 p.m., C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., Varsity at 8 p.m.)

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Groton Area boys beat Hamlin

The Groton Area Boys Basketball team traveled to Hamlin Friday night and came home with a pair of wins.

The varsity team won, 57-43, and the junior varsity team won, 58-51.

Three players hit double figures for the varsity team as Kyler Ell led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Lucas Sternhagen with 12, Bennett Shabazz had 11, Chance Strom and Spencer Knecht each had five, Hunter Lerew had four and Gabe Dohman and Landon Larson each had two points.

Groton made 40 percent of its field goals while Hamlin made 35 percent. The Tigers were a perfect nine of nine from the line off of Hamlin's 13 team fouls. Hamlin was eight of 16 for 50 percent off of Groton Area's 13 team fouls. Groton Area outrebounded Hamlin, 33-27, with Lerew having 10 for Groton Area and EJ Drake having 13 and Austin Nieman 12 for Hamlin. Groton had more assists, 10-6, with Sternhagen having five. Groton had five blocks with Lerew having three. Groton Area had nine turnovers with five of them being steals (three by EJ Drake) and Hamlin had 11 turnovers with two of them being steals.

Groton Area outscored Hamlin in the fourth quarter, 19-11, to come from behind beat win the junior varsity game, 58-51. Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Sean Schuring with 15, Bennett Shabazz had eight, Aaron Severson seven, Brady Keith five, Brandon Keith four and Marshall Lane two.

Bryce Williams led the Chargers with 14 points and Cody Swenson had 11.

Groton Kiwanis Club

Mike Ehresmann was program leader for Kiwanis Club on February 4. Mike introduced Dale and Joyce Grenz, who showed slides and spoke of their recent trip to India. Their daughter, Julia, is a missionary there, where she lives and works in a childrens school. The president announced that May 4 is the annual GHS athletic banquet. Next week's program leader is Jim Ackman, followed Steve Giedt and Lee Schinkel.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 16, Coyotes 15, Foxes 15, Killer Chihuahuas 13 1/2, Pocket Gophers 13, Chipmunks 11 1/2

Men's High Games: Roger Spanier 234, Mike Siegler 212, Brad Larson 209, Doug Jorgensen 206, Brad Waage 205

Women's High Games: Dar Larson 182, Vicki Jorgensen 177, Vicki Walter 174

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 560, Roger Spanier 554, Doug Jorgensen 546

Women's High Series: Dar Larson 493, Vicki Walter 463, Vicki Jorgensen 442

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Gibbs' five three-pointers propel Groton past Roncalli

Ashley Gibbs had five three-pointers to propel her with 21 points and the Lady Tigers to a 56-23 win over Aberdeen Roncalli. The game was played Monday night in Aberdeen. Gibbs also had four rebounds and one steal. Courtney Kurtz had 13 points, two rebounds and two assists. Carly Wheeting had six points, 11 rebounds, four assists and one steal. Audrey Wanner added four points and had three rebounds and four assists. Katie Koehler had four points and had three rebounds and three steals. Adding two points each in the fourth quarter were Jessica Bjerke, Harleigh Stange, Marlee Jones and Gia Gengerke.

Taylor Morgan led Roncalli with six points followed by Cassie Kulm with four, Grace Imbery had three and adding two points each were Jami Ewart, Abby Vogel, Megan Streier, Leah Wipf and Mariah Winegar.

Groton made 50 percent of its field goals while Roncalli made 31 percent. The Tigers had 27 rebounds, five more than Roncalli. Groton had eight turnovers, two blocks, 11 assists and 10 team fouls.

Roncalli had 14 turnovers, nine fouls, three steals and six assists.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 30-24. Scoring for Groton were Alexis Stange and Taylor Holm with six each, Madison Sippel with five, Sam Menzia three and adding two points each were Hannah Lewandowski and Lexi Gustafson.

Rip 'N Ravel Extension Club

Rip 'N Ravel Extension Club met Feb. 2 at the home of Marie Sternhagen with 10 members answering roll call with "any questions or concerns to be brought up at the next Cracker Barrel session". Maralyn Hoops gave the lesson on the Cracker Barrel Session and also gave the club our 'Annual Government Quiz'. Next meeting will be at Merry Jo Ball's home on March 2nd.



Aberdeen Arborist reviews tree trimming with the city crew



Certified Arborist Aaron Kiesz (red jacket by tree) from Aberdeen, came to Groton Friday afternoon to review the cuts that were done at the Marc Sippel trees at Fifth Street and 14th Avenue in Groton. The Sippels have filed a lawsuit against the city for damage done to their trees. Kiesz said that the cuts are acceptable and will not do any damage to the trees. In the above photo, left to right, are Jim Gerdes, Councilman Eddy Opp, Shawn Lambert, Kari Bartling - attorney for the Sippels, Paul Kosel, Dwight Zerr, Branden Abeln, Terry Herron and Aaron Kiesz in the red jacket. Mayor Scott Hanlon was also present, pictured on the right side in the left photo. Kiesz was going to show the city crew on using a couple of tools he uses in Aberdeen and to shorten up some of the stubs, but Bartling said that on no uncertain terms were the trees to be touched and that they did not want the evidence tampered with until their specialists from SDSU, Brookings, has had an opportunity to also review the trees.

(Photos by Tina Kosel)

Fries' 30 points leads Langford past Groton

Bo Fries powered in 30 points to help lead the Langford Area Lions to a 64-51 win over Groton Area in boys basketball action last night in Langford.

Groton jumped out to a 16-14 lead after the first quarter, but then were outscored, 21-11, in the second quarter as the Lions took a 35-27 lead at halftime. Langford opened up a 20-point lead at one point in the third quarter before taking a 57-40 lead into the fourth quarter.

Lucas Sternhagen led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Bennett Shabazz with eight, Hunter Lerew had seven, Kyler Ell and Gabe Dohman each had five, Chance Strom four, Sean Schuring three and Spencer Knecht and Landon Larson each had two points.

Others adding to the Langford tally were Chance Olsen with 11, Jordan Carson seven, CJ Steiner six, Brent Ogren and Mason Larson each had four and Ryan Punt added two points.

The Lions made 52 percent of its field goals while the Tigers made 37 percent.

Groton was seven of 11 from the line for 63 percent off of Langford's 11 team fouls. Langford was 11 of 15 from the line for 73 percent off of Groton's 16 team fouls.

Groton had 10 turnovers, five of which were steals. Langford had six turnovers, five of which were steals with Sternhagen having two.

Groton outrebounded Langford, 31-22, with Dohman having 10 for Groton and Fries having nine for Langford.

Groton had 11 assists with Knecht having five and Langford had seven with Fries having three. Fries also had two of Langford's three blocks while Lerew had three of Groton's six blocks.

Langford Area also won the junior varsity game, 42-33. Seric Shabazz led Groton with 14 points followed by Bennett Shabazz with nine and adding two points each were Sean Schuring, Adam Herman, Aaron Severson, Frankie Wuestewald and Brandon Keith.

The Lions were lead by Ryan Punt with 10 points followed by Josh Punt with nine, Zac Fries and James Erickson each had seven, Brady Wieker four, Dylan Frey three and Garrett Knebel added two points.

Bowling

Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Golden Girls 25, Farm Girls 21, James Valley 17, Ten Pins 9, Ken's 7, Jungle Lanes 5.

High Games: Vicki Walter 198, Penny Stolle 193 and 176, Alice Severson 176.

High Series: Penny Stolle 490, Mary Jane Jark 460, Vickie Kramp 454.

Conde National

Team Standings: Braves 15, Giants 13, Mets 11, Colts 9, Pirates 8, Colts 4.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckelburg 235, 210, 204; Brandon Kakwitsch 212, 205; John Lowary 195.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 649, Brandon Kakwitsch 577, John Lowary 476.

Women's High Games: Alice Severson 188, 179, 177; Vickie Kramp 177, Mary Larson 172.

Women's High Series: Alice Severson 544, Mary Larson 499, Vickie Kramp 422.

Groton hoop teams win three of four games over Warner

Groton Area won three of four games on Saturday as the basketball teams hosted the Warner Monarchs.

The boys varsity team outscored Warner in all four quarters to post a 59-49 win.

Groton Area made 44 percent of its field goals compare to 41 percent for Warner. The Tigers were 11 of 18 from the charity stripe for 61 percent off of Warner's 18 team fouls. Groton's 17 team fouls netted seven of 16 free throws for Warner for 44 percent.

Groton Area controlled the boards, 34-24, with Gabe Dohman having eight rebounds for Groton and Derrek Tuszka having 10 for Warner. Both teams had 16 turnovers with Lucas Sternhagen having three of Groton's 11 steals and Tuszka having three of Warner's 11 steals. Hunter Lerew had the only block in the game. Sternhagen had five of Groton's 11 assists and Tyler Rozell had four of Warner's 10 assists.

Kyler Ell had one three-pointer and five free throws to propell Groton Area with 22 points while Hunter Lerew and Lucas Sternhagen each adding 10, Chance Strom had five, Spencer Knecht four, Gabe Dohman and Bennett Shabazz each had three and Wyatt Larson added two points.

Groton Area's boys junior varsity team had a 33-21 lead going into the fourth quarter and had to hold on for a 40-37 win.

Seric Shabazz led Groton with 16 points followed by Sean Schuring with seven, Brandon Keith had six, Bennett Shabazz five, Aaron Severson four and Brady Keith added two points.

Seric Shabazz had seven of the team's 29 rebounds, Schuring had three of the team's eight assists, Bennett Shabazz had four of the team's nine steals and Seric Shabazz had one block.

The Groton varsity girls had the lead for the first half, but Warner rallied in the second half and pulled away for a 47-35 win.

Courtney Kurtz led Groton Area with 12 points followed by Katie Koehler with eight, Audrey Wanner seven, Gia Gengerke four, Ashley Gibbs three and Carly Wheeting added a free throw.

Jaici Schlosser led Warner with 17 points while Ashley Rozell had 10 of her 12 points in the second half, Kaitlyn Boesl and Peyton Ellingson each had five, Alexis Boesl and Reily Fuhrman each had three and Makala Haule added two points.

Groton made 11 of 40 field goals for 28 percent, made seven of 12 free throws for 58 percent off of Warner's 12 team fouls, had 24 rebounds with Kurtz having six and Koehler five, six assists with Kurtz having two, and Warner had 13 turnovers, 10 of which were steals with Kurtz having three. Wheeting had one block.

Warner was 12 of 30 from the field for 40 percent, was nine of 15 from the line off of Groton's 18 team fouls with Wheeting fouling out, Groton had 15 turnovers with seven being steals, and 26 rebounds with Schlosser having 11.

The Groton girls won the junior varsity game, 31-28. Harleigh Stange led Groton with 12 points followed by Gia Gengerke with nine, Alexis Stange had four and adding two points each were Marlee Jones, Jessica Bjerke and Madison Sippel.

Earlier in the week, the Groton Area C team defeated Warner, 23-16. Gia Gengerke led Groton with seven points followed by Harleigh Stange and Jessica Bjerke with six each and Hannah Lewandowski and Jasmine Schinkel each had two points.

In game Friday night, the Groton Area girls lost to Hamlin, 51-49. Courtney Kurtz led Groton Area with 20 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 13, Audrey Wanner had six and Ashley Gibbs and Jessica Bjerke each had five.

Kennedy Noem led Hamlin with 14 pionts while Brooke Opdahl had 11 and Molly Koisti 10.

Wheeting had seven of the team's 27 rebounds, Kurtz had five of the team's 10 assists, Wanner and Bjerke each had one block, and Wanner had four of the team's nine steals.

Groton made 45 percent of its field goals while Hamlin made 48 percent. The Chargers had 32 rebounds with Roe and Noem each having six, 14 turnovers, 10 steals and 10 assists.

Hamlin won the junior varsity game, 34-26. Emily Locke had 10 points followed by Marlee Jones and Jessica Bjerke with five each, Harleigh Stange had four and Madison Sippel added two points.

Hamlin won the C game, 30-23. Hannah Lewandowski led Groton with 10 points followed by Lexi Gustafson with five, Madison Sippel four and Miranda Hanson and Jenny Doeden each added two points.

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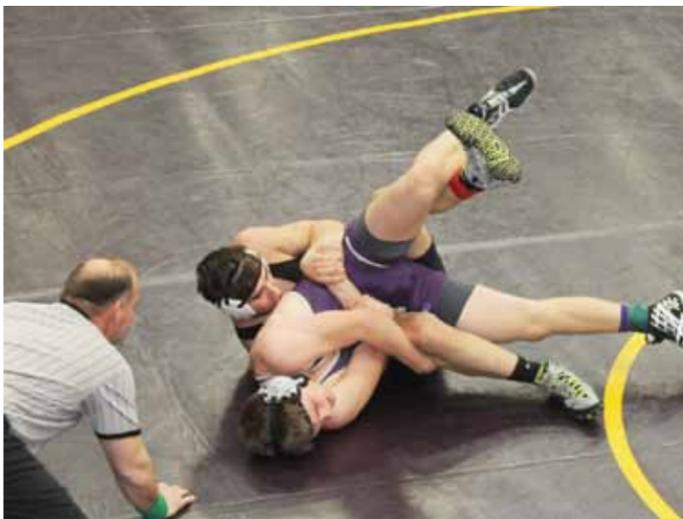
Trevor Pray had a tough match with Stanley County's Luke Heninger in the championship match. Heninger won in overtime, 5-3.



Kelby Hawkins won the championship match with a 9-2 decision over Brady Schatz.



Brandyn Anderson went on to pin Jakob Sorbell in 3:12.



Tyler Scott scored three near-fall points, but ended up losing to Kayleb Brozik of Winner, 12-5.

Four grapplers place at Stanley County tourney

Kelby Hawkins took first, Trevor Pray took second and Brandyn Anderson took third at the Stanley County wrestling tournament held Saturday. Groton Area placed ninth in a field of 19 teams at the tournament.

At 113 pounds, Trevor Pray had a first round forfeit win over a wrestler from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte. To took the mat in the second round where he pinned Colton Borah of Wolsey-Wessington in 48 seconds. In the third round, Pray scored three points in the first quarter to decision Colby Curtis of Winner, 3-0. It was a battle in the championship match as Pray faced Luke Heninger of Stanley County. Pray took a 2-0 first period lead and led, 3-0, after two periods. In the third period, Heninger got one escape point and two penalty points to tie the match at three, sending it into overtime, Heninger scored a take-down in the overtime to win, 5-3.

Wyatt Locke saw four matches at 126 points. He was pinned by Luke Smith of Potter County in 30 seconds. Then Locke came back to pin Tommy Redig of Chamberlain, 1:53, and he won the next match with a 5-2 decision over John Valdez of Todd County. In Locke's final match of the day, he was pinned by Alex Daum of Kimball/White Lake in 1:01.

Kelby Hawkins pinned his first two opponents in 59 seconds before advancing to the championship match at 132 pounds. Hawkins pinned Jaylon Graff of Wolsey/Wessington and Adam Hann of Bennett County. In the championship match, Hawkins went the distance to score a 9-2 decision win over Brady Schatz of Potter County.

Tyler Scott was just four points short of making it to the third place match at 160 pounds. He pinned Jason Gerry of Mobridge-Pollock in 2:44. Then he was decided by Kayleb Brozik of Winner, 12-5. In the wrestlebacks, Scott scored a major decision over Trig Olson of Harding County, 11-3. He then pinned Cameron McManingal of Lyman County, 2:39; and in the final match, he was decided by Paul Waring of Miller-Highmore/Harrod, 8-4.

Brandyn Anderson had a first round forfeit win over a wrestler from Bennett County at 220 pounds. Anderson then pinned Jakob Sorbell (PR) in 3:12. Anderson lost by a major decision to Dylan Hines of Wolsey/Wessington, 9-0. He came back to pin Hunter Curtis (PR) in 2:10. In the third place match, Anderson was pinned by Marshall Johnson of Marion/Howard in 2:51.

Groton will travel to Howard this Saturday before beginning post-season action with the regions in Groton on February 21.



Wyatt Locke got the escape, a two-point take-down and a two-point near-fall to decision John Valdez of Todd County, 5-2.



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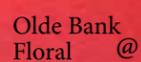
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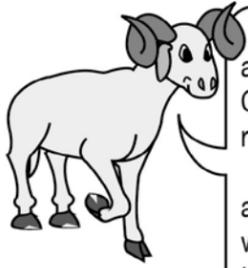
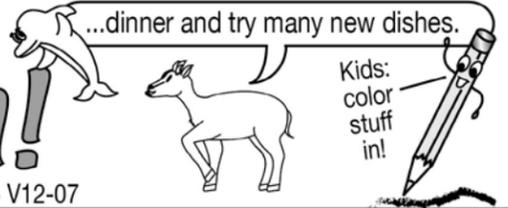
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This year, the Chinese New Year begins on February 19th and lasts for 15 days ending with the Lantern Festival. The Chinese Calendar has a 12-year cycle with an animal representing each year. This year it is the sheep or goat. Each day of this festival has its own traditional customs and events, and more modern ones too, depending upon where people live. Join in the fun by making a dinner or going to a parade or other event celebrating the Chinese New Year.

Read the clues to learn about some of the days of the Chinese New Year and to fill in the puzzle:

- On the first day, the New Year, people visit _____ members bringing small gifts of tangerines or oranges. Treats are served on a "Tray of Togetherness" – a plate with 8 (a lucky number) sections, each holding a different treat.
- People pay respects to Tsai Shen, the God of Wealth, on the second day. This day is the birthday of all dogs, so people _____ their pets and strays as well.
- The third day is filled with people visiting _____ of family whom have died.
- People welcome their gods into their homes on the fourth day by lighting incense and _____. People pay respects to their in-laws.
- On the fifth day all businesses reopen. People eat _____ to celebrate.
- People visit temples, family and friends on the sixth day. Some throw out old _____ to get rid of the 'ghost of poverty.'
- The seventh day is the birthday of all people (traditional) and everyone turns one year older. People eat fish and very long _____ that stand for a "long life"!
- On the eighth day large family _____ are held. People pray to the Jade Emperor at midnight.
- The ninth day is the birthday of the Jade _____ – people sing songs to honor him.
- On the thirteenth day, people eat no _____ and pay respect to Guan Yu, the God of War and Success.
- People get ready for the Lantern Festival, practicing _____ dances – a dance done by a team in a line, holding up the dragon's head and long body on poles. Shops sell lanterns.
- On the fifteenth day or the last day, the Lantern Festival, people watch fireworks, parades and dancing, and carry _____ throughout the streets.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

2015 the Year of the Goat

(Best Wishes and Congratulations) ☆

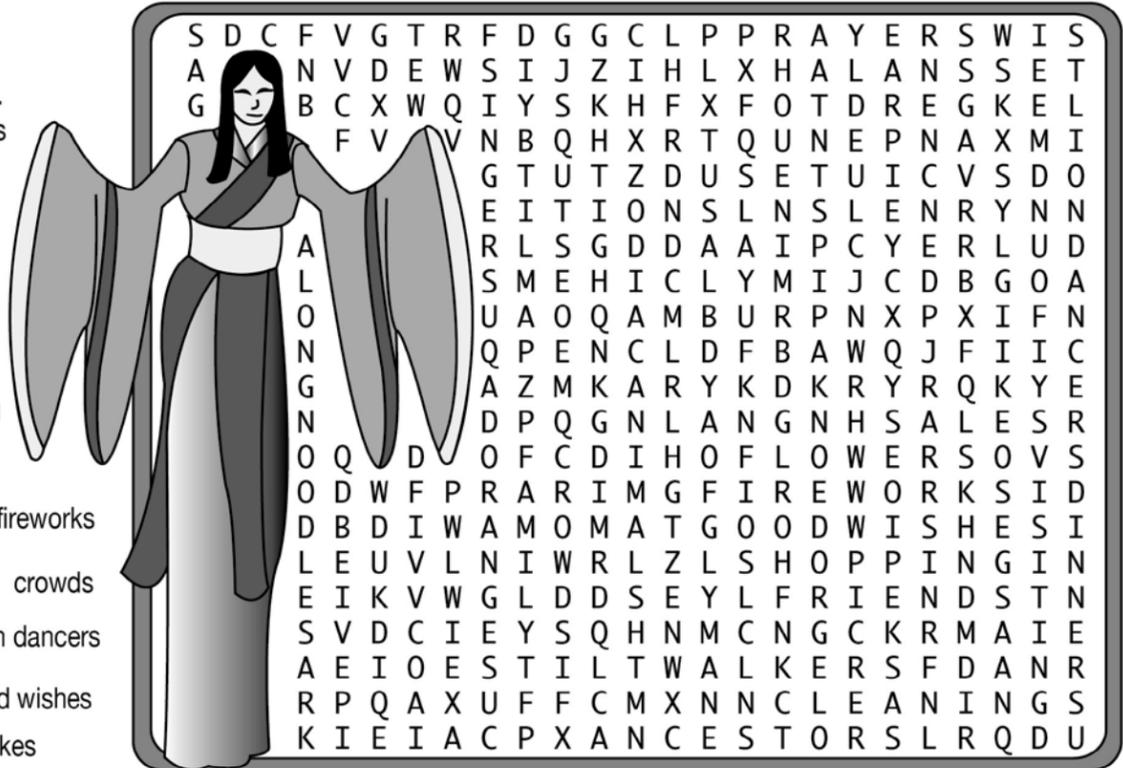
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Festivals, Food and Fun

The Chinese New Year is the longest holiday in China. Family, friends, fireworks and lots of fun – like stiltwalkers above the crowds – are all part of the festivities of the holiday. **Can you find and circle all these things that are important to families during this holiday?**

- red
- visiting
- fish
- stiltwalkers
- flowers
- gifts
- prayers
- cleaning
- dinners
- dragon dancers
- ancestors
- dumplings
- fireworks
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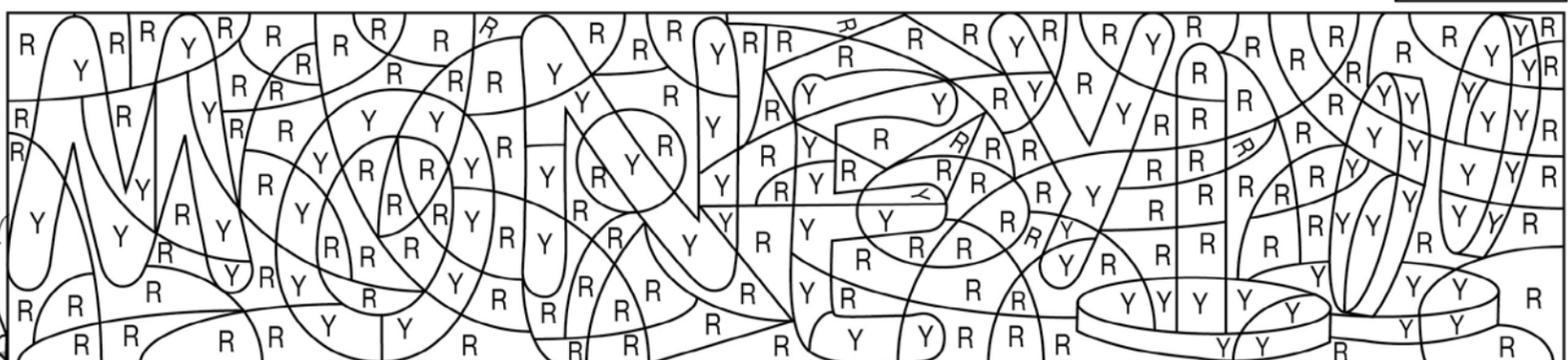


Good Wishes and Gifts

What gift is given for the New Year in little red packets or envelopes? It is called **Tao Hongbao** or **Lai See** and is given for good luck. Use the color key to see what it is:

Y = Yellow
R = Red

I love surprises, don't you?



Brown County Asphalt Bid Notice



NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 A.M., February 24, 2015. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

SDCL 58-6-62: POLICY TO BE WRITTEN THROUGH LICENSED RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AGENT-COUNTERSIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT - VIOLATION AS MISDEMEANOR. No authorized insurer may make, write, issue or place any policy, contract or insurance, or general or floating policy upon persons or property, or covering a subject of insurance or bonding to be performed in South Dakota unless the policy is written through a licensed resident agent, or a non-resident agent when countersigned by a resident agent.

If two or more insurers issue a single policy, it may be countersigned on behalf of all of them by one of the insurer's licensed resident agents in this state. Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS" to be opened on February 24, 2015 at 8:45 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Section 320.5 - Basis of Payment: "A" - Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0210.0217)

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Brown County Bid Rental Equipment



NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:55am on February 24, 2015. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2015. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and

said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened February 24, 2015 at 8:55am. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0210.0217)
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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, fillets, 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 (0203.0210)

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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.
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Groton City Feb. 2 Meeting Minutes



February 2, 2015
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Flihs, Opp, Blackmun, Mullenburg, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, representatives of the press, Shawn Lambertz, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, and Jim Stearns.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Mullenburg. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 369.40 salaries; Administrative Payroll 8,032.32 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 14,278.65 salaries; Public Works Payroll 24,492.27 salaries; Cult & Recr Payroll 918.35 salaries; First State Bank 8,005.42 ss & wh; Consol Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; City of Groton 672.70 dep ref, post, emp sav, util; US Post Office 206.59 postage; Wally & Darlene Fischer 29.69 dep refund; Drake Patterson 141.99 dep refund; Jordan Steen 196.23 dep refund; Collen Carmen 100.00 dep refund; Chase Visa 646.37 software, jacket, lights, off supp, meal; Clark Engineering 5,250.00 eng; Dakota Pump & Control 1,560.00 annual insp; Dakota Supply Group 1,748.52 repairs, lights, ballasts; Darrels 82.40 tire repair; Groton Chamber of Commerce 490.00 annual dues; Groton Independent 102.42 publishing; Scott Hanlon 89.60 mileage; Heartland Waste 6,140.85 garbage hauling; IRBY 60.02 testing; James Valley Tele 821.65 phones, internet; Johnson, Drew 1,575.00 legal serv; Locke Electric 197.24 materials; Anita Lowary 8.30 books; Menards 124.68 ice melt; Mid-States Organized Crime Center 100.00 dues; NW Energy 10.00 nat gas; S&S Lumber 303.68 supplies; SD Board of Certification 18.00 cert renewal; SD Dept of Health 30.00 testing; SD Retirement 10,215.71 retirement; Verizon 41.61 comm; WEB Water 10,243.19 water

Department reports were given.

Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt., presented the proposed sewer relining project for 2015. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to authorize Hydro Klean of Watertown to proceed with

the project. All members present voted aye.

Zerr leaves the meeting at this point.

Terry Herron, Public Works Supt., presented the proposed map for the 2015 chip/seal project. March 2 was set as the bid date on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the Hwy 37 project for 2016 and possible repositioning of the substation entrance; schools that were attended; needs for summer help, cemetery care, mowing, tree trimming, water main on 4th St, borings on Hwy 37, and the swimming pool slide.

Finance Officer Lowary was directed to start the advertisement process for summer laborers for a March 16 consideration date.

Herron leaves the meeting at this point.

Shawn Lambertz, Asst Electric Supt., reported on meetings he had attended, safety needs, wire replacements, and transformer change outs.

Lambertz leaves the meeting at this point.

At 7:52pm Jim Stearns came before the Council to report that he did not have a signed contract for the removal of the structure at 105 W 3rd Ave. Attorney Johnson declared that the City will proceed with removal and that Mr. Stearns will be notified of the exact date of the removal by the contractor.

Blackmun reported on the last baseball committee meeting, the need for the city to continue operating the concession stand, and progress on the field.

The Council was reminded that the circulation period for nominating petitions had begun.

At 8:08pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. At 8:48pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Groton City Seal Coat Bid Notice



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the resurfacing of City Streets in Groton, SD will be received by the City Finance Officer, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445-0587, until 2:00 PM, CST, March 2, 2015, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The work on this project includes the following:

Approximately 47,795 square yards of bituminous seal coat.

All work areas are located

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS are available at City Hall, 209 N Main St, Groton, SD or call 605-397-8422.

Anita Lowary
Finance Officer
(0210.0217)

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Columbia City Feb. 3 Meeting Minutes



Unapproved Minutes City of Columbia Council Meeting

February, 3 2015 7pm
CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Mayor Mitchell

ROLL CALL- E Kuschel-Harr, T Kampa, C Kampa, A Davis
Public attending- Ted Dickey
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING- Motion to approve, T Kampa, 2nd E Kuschel-Harr
FINANCIAL REPORT/WARRANT VOUCHERS Warrants: Parks/Streets: Kevin Hamilton, 767.39

Tyler Kampa, 94.26 Andrew Davis, 369.40 Corey Mitchell, 73.88 Sand Lake Tree, 400.00 Utilities:

James Valley Tecom 144.64 NorthWestern Energy, 650.95 Web Water, 24.58 Repairs/Supplies: CNHI, 1395.14, Runnings, 26.98 Full Circle AG, 188.45 Publishing: Groton Independent, 28.14 Finance Officer: Amanda Bisbee 271.91 Miscellaneous: SDML Workers Comp Fund, 611 Columbia Insurance Agency, 525 Sewer: NorthWestern Energy, 16.00 A Bisbee, 230.87

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Nuisances - tags were left on vehicles for tow, Letter to be sent to for yard cleanup
Streets- Parks- Lagoon/sewer- Sewer accounts- three overdue accounts
Rubble Site- need to burn
NEW BUSINESS

Ted Dickey with NESCOG with an application for USDA-RD funding for city shop. A public hearing will be held on March 3rd in reference to this matter.

A motion to authorize the mayor to sign applications was made by T Kampa, 2nd by C Kampa

2015 Budget proposal. A 2015 budget was proposed to the city council and was approved. A copy will be posted at the Post Office.

Motion to adjourn by C Kampa, 2nd by E Kuschel-Harr
The next meeting will be held on March 3rd at 7:00

NOTICE:
Notice that a public meeting for comments will be held to review the Town of Columbia's plan to file an application for Federal Assistance for the construction

Mud Creek Annual Meeting Notice



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BROWN COUNTY MUD CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF MANAGERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the Annual Meeting of the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District, will be held in the Groton Community Center, located at 109 N. 3rd Street, Groton, South Dakota on March 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., during which annual meeting the eligible voters in the district shall elect, by ballot, under the direction of the secretary of the district, managers to replace those whose terms have expired. Any party interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Managers for the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District shall file their written application with Grant Rix, Secretary of the Board of Managers, at the address above, at least thirty (30) days prior to elections pursuant to SDCL 46A-14-38.

All managers and candidates shall be eligible voters of the district or designees of eligible voters of the district as provided in SDCL 46A-14-15.1. Upon the election of the managers of the district, officers of the district shall be elected by the managers, except the secretary/treasurer shall be appointed by the managers; and any other personnel of the district may be appointed or hired by the managers.

Additionally, at such annual meeting any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and any other matters relevant to the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District.

Grant Rix, Secretary, Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District. (0203.0210)

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Brown County Feb. 3 Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 3, 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, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the Joint City/County Meeting minutes of January 26, 2015 and the General Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
CLAIMS: Moved by Hansen seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims:
Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$3,199.17; Child's Voice \$1,390.35; Becky Erickson \$150.00; Michelle Gaikowski \$26.60; Horizon Health Care \$46.95; Joan Kittelson \$30.00; Lucy Lewno \$288.00; Sanford Health \$65.31; Kristi Spitzer \$710.00; Karen Swanda \$30.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$241.75.
Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$50.31; Dex Media \$53.55; Groton Independent \$566.68.
Rentals: Aberdeen Housing Authority \$330.00; Builder's Mgmt. & Invest Co. \$150.00; Fifth Ave. Holdings \$310.00; Mary Gederos \$150.00; Golden West \$200.00; Timothy Reed

\$250.00.
Repairs & Maintenance: A & B Business \$511.66; Dakota Doors \$1,263.26; Dakota Pump & Control \$280.61; Dakota Tree Co. \$566.00; Marco \$86.40.
Supplies: 446-Praxair \$2,704.52; A & B Business \$177.96; Aberdeen American News \$188.00; Allegiant \$36,000.00; Bonnie Bitz \$508.00; Century Business Products \$52.70; Crescent Electric \$306.96; DPM Mercantile \$18.95; Kustom Signals \$6,756.00; Lucy Lewno \$11.48; Midstates Printing \$1,286.43; Diane Mielke \$21.99; Network Services \$782.89; Premier Biotech \$1,179.12; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$469.99.
Travel & Conference: Lynn Heupel \$144.83; Becca Tullar \$73.32.
Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,838.09; AT & T Mobility \$533.49; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; CenturyLink \$300.41; Dependable Sanitation \$286.00; Midcontinent \$309.70; NWPS \$11,785.53; Web Water \$67.86. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
PERSONNEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Mary Locken, as part-time Museum Employee, effective February 9, 2015 at \$12.21 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to authorize advertising public hearing to consider the following application for an Alcoholic Beverage License to operate outside of the Municipality, to be held at 9:05 A.M. on February 24, 2015: Dave Schumaker DBA Elm Lake

Resort. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
QUIT CLAIM DEEDS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit Claim Deeds for the following property acquired by tax deed to: Darrel L Napton - Lot 2, Block 1 Simmons Addition to Frederick, Brown County, SD; John P Hoyle - Lot 4, Keatts 3rd Subdivision in the NE 1/4 of Sec 22-T124-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Agreement for collection of a select list of delinquent poor relief/indigent council accounts for Brown County with Credit Collections Bureau. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to declare obsolete computer and related equipment surplus for disposal at the Brown County Landfill (complete list on file at the Auditor's Office). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
ABATEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abatement: Homes Are Possible Inc @ \$471.11 (holding pond). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
SHERIFF CLOTHING ALLOWANCE: Sheriff Mark Milbrandt and Deputy Tom Schmitt discussed clothing allowance for Sheriff Department, explaining that the allowance is calculated as a lump sum for the depart-

ment, not per employee; and further stated a written policy shall be prepared.
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize purchase of a new van (hard drive for information storage) for the County's technology infrastructure from EqualLogic (PS6210X 28.8TB) @ \$35,934.40, as recommended by Paul Sivertsen; rejecting quotes from HP (3PAR 29TB) @ \$45,302.78, EMC (VNX5200) @ \$59,769.54, Nimble Storage (27TB) @ \$57,521.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
MUSEUM ELEVATOR: Judy Dosch, Maintenance Supervisor and Sue Gates, Museum Director discussed the purchase of a fire alarm panel for the Museum elevator, recommending low quote submitted by ITS @ \$5,413.00; rejecting Midwest Alarm @ \$10,938.21. Board concurred.
PROBATION REMODEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve proposal from HKG for architectural services for the Probation Remodel Project in amount not to exceed \$6,700.00 (excluding printing costs). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
JAIL CELL DOOR PROJECT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign determination of factual basis document stating that Southern Folger Detention Equipment qualifies as a sole source equipment provider, as they are the only manufacturer of a replacement lock system for the cells at the Brown County Jail. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
BCCHC REPORT: DeAnna Kyburz presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for October - December 2014.
HB1179: Aaron Walberg, Veterans Service Officer met to discuss HB1179 and request permission to attend committee hearings in Pierre. Board concurred.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance; Auditor Fischer was asked to attend. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion.
ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Han-

sen to approve the following Abatements: Maxine Fischer @ \$308.00 (Solid Waste on vacant house); Ted Hatzembeller @ \$500.74 (assessment error); Brown County @ \$1,948.31 (tax deed); Alex Schaeffer @ \$118.49 (RLSD assessment error); Wagner Holding @ \$19,208.55 (assessment error); Russell Howe @ \$240.26 (assessment error); Kathy Ludwig @ \$84.00 (Solid Waste on vacant house); Student Loan @ \$2,991.31 (assessment error); Kevin Braun @ \$154.00 (Solid Waste single unit house). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
ZONING FEES WAIVED: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize the Planning/Zoning Administrator waive permit fees for the City of Aberdeen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
BACKGROUND CHECKS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to implement a background check procedure for all new employees, effective February 3, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
COMMISSION ASSISTANT REPORT: Gary Vetter, Commission Assistant discussed bonding for county; holiday schedule; potential location for housing work release program.
RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until February 10, 2015.
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent.
Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERIALS" to be opened February 24, 2015 at 8:50A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.
Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.
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Order of Business: This is the time and place for the annual election of Board members and a regular meeting of the Board.
All interested parties should attend.
/s/ Bruce Sippel
Bruce Sippel, Secretary
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Answers to Last Week's Puzzle

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1. change of heart
2. cross my heart
3. eat your heart out
4. half-hearted
5. heart of gold
6. heart of stone
7. to have your heart set on something
8. having a heart-to-heart
9. taking something to heart
10. to your heart's content
11. his/her heart is in the right place
12. heart skips a beat

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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

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90th Birthday
 Marie Gengerke of Groton will celebrate her 90th birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 17th. A card shower is requested. Greetings may be sent to 705 N. Sixth St. #3, Groton SD 57445.

Hahler named Wells Fargo Business Banking manager for Aberdeen, Groton and Redfield



Mark Hahler

ABERDEEN, S.D., Feb. 9, 2015– Mark Hahler has been named Business Banking manager for Wells Fargo in Aberdeen, Groton and Redfield.

In his new role, Hahler will lead a 14-member Business Banking team and work with business and ag customers to help meet their deposit, cash management and credit needs. He succeeds Rodney Kappes, who retired in January, and will be based at 204 S. 1st St. in Aberdeen. In addition, Hahler will serve as Wells Fargo's market president in Aberdeen, coordinating activity between various lines of business and focusing on growing market share.

Hahler first joined Wells Fargo in 1999 as a trust officer in Aberdeen. He then served as an independent investment representative for nine years before becoming regional sales manager for RDO Equipment. In 2012, he rejoined Wells Fargo as a business development officer.

Raised on a farm near Mansfield, S.D., Hahler and his wife, Jeanette, have lived in Aberdeen since 1981. An active community volunteer, he has served on the Aberdeen Chamber's ag committee and the board of the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Optimists Club and Habitat for Humanity.

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