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City applying for tree grant, gets \$900 from Groton Garden Club

The City of Groton is currently applying for a federal tree grant where, if approved, the city would get \$1,000 towards the purchase of new trees. Bev Sombke from the Groton Garden Club met with the city council Monday night and informed them that the club has \$900 that they would like to give to the city to be earmarked for new trees. The federal grant is a matching grant so the \$900 would be applied to the city's share part and the remaining \$100 will come from the general fund. The council graciously accepted the gift.

Twenty-one evergreen trees were moved at the Groton Cemetery and moved to the north side at \$75 each. It was well under budget.

In the department reports, Police Chief Stacy Mayou reported that the blower fan went out in the newer police vehicle. There were a couple of other minor repairs.

Terry Herron reported that the metal for the pool slide should be done by next week. It is sandblasted at the Hutterite Colony and then they transported it to Watertown to be powder coated. He said that a lot of time will be spent putting it all together.

Dwight Zerr and Shawn Lambertz also gave their department reports.

Spring clean-up was set for May 2-9. Dumpsters will be set up at the city shop at 10 East Railroad Avenue.

It will be about two weeks before normal garbage pickup will resume. The frost is just starting to bubble up through the streets. "It's going to take time," Herron said.

Curt Schumak was hired as a cemetery caretaker at \$12 an hour and Chuck Padfield was talked into doing the baseball concession stand this year at 75 percent of the net profits.

Peterson appointed to council

Jay Peterson will be the new council representative from Ward 1. He will replace Michelle Muilenburg who recently moved out of town. Peterson will fill a two-year term.

Jay and Jean Peterson moved to Groton in 2005. Jay has worked for the United States Fish and Wildlife Services and is the manager of the Sand Lakes National Wildlife Refuge near Columbia. He is also a Federal Law Enforcement Officer for the USFWS. His major from North Dakota State University is a Wildlife Biologist.

Jay and Jean have three children: Alexis, Justin and Carlie. They also have two grandchildren.

"We like Groton a lot," Jay said. "I have an interest in Groton and keeping up with what's going on in the community."



Jay Peterson

Ken's of Groton is expanding

According to Lionel Bruemmer, manager of Ken's Food Fair of Groton, the Groton store will be adding 4,000 square feet of store space. The C store will be expanded and the frozen and fresh food areas will also be enlarged. He said that 17 additional freezer doors will be added. "It's going to be real nice," Bruemmer. "Groton has a real nice grocery store."

Part of the Crossroads Plaza was purchased with most of it being added to the Ken's store. "There is a small section left over that someone can rent," Bruemmer said. The grocery store and C Store areas will be separated in the new design. The grocery store part will be closed off in the early morning and late evening hours. Some essentials like milk and bread will be available in the C store area.

"We're waiting for the equipment," Bruemmer said. The flooring will be done and a fresh coat of paint will be done. The process will take six to eight weeks to complete.

Your water is safe to drink!

It is no surprise that the city has good drinking water. Even though it comes from WEB Water, the city still has to maintain safe drinking water standards by having a good infrastructure. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has recognized the City of Groton for 14 consecutive years of good drinking water. The awards were presented at the City Council Meeting Monday night.

Top left features Finance Officer Anita Lowary presenting Mayor Scott Hanlon with the award. Top right features Terry Herron receiving the award from Mayor Scott Hanlon. Bottom right features Dwight Zerr receiving the award from Mayor Scott Hanlon.



POPS Concert is April 12th

The Groton High School Music Department will present its annual POPS Concert on Sunday April 12th with shows at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The program will feature the jazz band, show choir, and various other acts performing popular music from across the decades to today! Complimentary pop and popcorn will be served as usual. There will also be a silent auction to benefit the show choir and their activities. Advance tickets are available at the high school business office or at Lori's Pharmacy; otherwise they may be purchased at the door. Doors will open at 1:00 for the 2:00 show, and at 6:00 for the 7:00 show. There will be no reserved seating. Please make plans to attend this huge production and enjoy an evening of great music performed by our many hard working students in the music department!



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Very Dry and Warm March

March 2015 was a very warm and dry month across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Average temperatures were from 4 to 7 degrees above normal for the month. The average high temperatures across the region were from 7 to 13 degrees above normal. Locations in central and north central South Dakota were among the top ten warmest on record. Pierre had their second warmest average high temperature for March along with Timber Lake. Mobridge and Kennebec had their third warmest average high temperature on record. There was a large range from the highest to the lowest temperatures for March with below zero readings early on to the very warm readings in mid and late March. Differences between the high and low temperatures across the region ranged from 80 to over 100 degrees. Kennebec had a difference of 102 degrees with a low of 19 below zero on March 5th and a high of 83 degrees on March 15th.

The area was also very dry throughout March with precipitation departures across the region generally from three-quarters to an inch below normal. As a result, moderate drought conditions expanded across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota throughout March with abnormally dry conditions spreading out west. Several locations had one of their top ten driest March's on record. Aberdeen and Mobridge tied for the tenth driest while Timber Lake had their fourth driest March on record. Timber Lake and Mobridge also tied for their second and third least snowfalls on record, respectively, with only a trace of snowfall.

Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Merry (Duerre) Lone

JobWise what are you doing today? I'm an independent insurance agent with the Jacobson agency and a real estate broker with ML Real Estate

How long have you been working at the current job? I have been with the Jacobson agency since 1995. I was an associate broker with the Jacobson agency since 2005. In 2014, I became a real estate broker and opened my own agency, ML Real Estate.

How did you get your current job? When my teaching position was cut in Bristol, my brother told me that his insurance agent was looking to expand his agency. I met with Audrey and Clint Jacobson and we entered into an agreement that I would operate an insurance agency in Bristol.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.

I began my career as a high school English, Spanish teacher and librarian at Elm Valley school district in Frederick from 1987-1991. I then took a teaching position in Bristol from 1991-1995.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? I went K-12 at Bristol school and graduated in 1983.

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? I attended one year at USD and then transferred to Northern State and graduated with a BS in Education, majoring in English with minors in Spanish, speech and library.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Say what you do and do what you say. In other words, commit and complete your commitments.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. I'm proud that I completed college and had the opportunity teach wonderful students for eight years. My teaching position was cut due to downsizing. When that dream ended, I felt like my world had ended. But everything happens for a reason. I was able to embark on a new career, in which I could work out of my home and raise my children. I was able to have them at home with me with the help of my parents. They did not have to go to day care. It meant a lot to Garry and I. We sacrificed a lot in those early years, but



Garry and Merry Lone



Olivia and McClain Lone

it was all worth it!

Married Life: I started dating Garry Lone in 1990. We started talking at the Bristol all school reunion, even though he graduated from Langford. I had known him since high school because the Langford guys would always hang around Bristol. We married in Las Vegas, February 13, 1993 with 35 friends and family attending.

Do you have any children? Olivia is 19 and is a freshman at SDSU. McClain is 16 and a sophomore at Groton area school.

Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? My educational experience was so memorable. I had many great and influential teachers throughout my high school and college years. Education is never a waste. It is time well spent.

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etables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

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

School Lunch: Submarine, French fries, veggie cups, fruit.

8:00am: Mock Crash Exercise

11:00 am: Girls Golf at Madison

4:00 pm: JH Track Meet at Sisseton

Friday, April 17

Birthdays: Bernice Flihs, Dan Felkey, Morghan Waage, Aaron Delzer

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

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

School Lunch: Chicken patty, baked chips, romaine salad, fruit.

Saturday, April 18

Birthdays: Dylan Vogel, Emily Sippel, Merrie Ather-ton, Tammie Hanson

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Wednesday, April 8

Birthdays: Amanda Wheeler, Julia Grenz, Lori Gelhaus, Mitch Hanson, Tammy Erickson

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower and pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.

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

School Lunch: Softshell taco, refried beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

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

7:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00 pm: Human Trafficking Seminar at Methodist Church

Thursday, April 9

Birthdays: Becca Monson, Carla Smith, Dale Grenz, Debra Tietz, Lance Larsen, Melissa Connolly, Roxie Merkel, Sydney Rossow

Senior Menu: Hot roast beef combination, carrots, mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.

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

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn, romaine salad, fruit, tea buns.

3:30 pm: Track at Milbank

Friday, April 10

Birthdays: Amber Farmen, Martha Miller, Pauline Luce, Cody Herron, Matthew Hinds

Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.

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

School Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, veggie cups, fruit.

State Student Congress at Pierre T.F. Riggs High School.

Saturday, April 11

Anniv: Art & Linda Gengerke

Birthdays: Mason Dinger, Mitchel Thurston

Sunday, April 12

Anniv: Bruce & Vickie Sippel

Birthdays: Brandon Spanier, Dee Kieso-Stange

9:00 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

9:15 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00 am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship in Pierpont

10:15 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

2:00 pm: POPS Concert

7:00 pm: POPS Concert

7:00 pm: Carnival of Silver Skates meeting at the Warming House

Monday, April 13

Birthdays: Jessica Morehouse, JoAnn Nehls, Nancy Cutler

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, orange sherbet.

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

School Lunch: Chicken tenders, tiny potato, lettuce salad, fruit.

6:30 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:30 pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

Birthdays: Aloise Brolin, Toby Dobbins, Becky Hearnen

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

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

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, carrots and dip, fresh fruit, apple sauce.

Noon: Track Meet in Groton

7:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Wednesday, April 15

Birthdays: Brady Graf, Wayne Wienk, Sam Thorson



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Editorial by Larry Littrell

When Governor Daugaard said that he thought it would be an affront to the voters if the state legislators changed the minimum wage law just passed in the fall election, I thought we had someone in Pierre that listened to the voters. I sure read that wrong.

The more the legislators try to justify their actions the less sense they make.

First they say that the bill will save the state \$27,000. That is about \$3 a year for every resident. The 17 & under group loses that in half of a day. They even took away the cost of living increase, a whole whopping 12 ¾ cents an hour.

Next they told us the 17 year old does not need the raise because most live at home. We did not vote based on where they lived. What makes the legislators think 17 years old don't need that money? All of them do not have rich parents who buy them anything they want. Most have cars they need to drive to and from work. They pay for the car, gas, insurance, work clothes, prom, yearbooks, etc. Most of them also try to save for college or vocational school where they will pay for tuition, books, room and board, and gas. Saving this money lowers or eliminates the need for a student loan.

The topper was the statement that "the bill was directed at the 14 & 15 year olds, not the 17 year olds." If this is true, why don't you exempt the 15 and under group and give the 16 & 17 year olds their hard earned money back?

In the next election, there will be 150,000 voters (those that voted for the increase) remembering how their vote was ignored. We will also be joined by a new group of voters called the young and first time voters.

Thank you.
 Larry Littrell
 Warner

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Maryn Howard, Kathleen Groebelinghoff, Luke Smith, Natalia Dohman, Matthew Knecht, Kasey Waage, Maddison Colestock, Gabriel Dohman, Taylor Gustafson, Jacob Milbrandt, Rachel Blackmun, Haley Unzen, Jocelyn Peterson, Lucas Sternhagen, Kennedy Clark, Sydney Thorson, Courtney Kurtz, Alyssa Sippel, Nicole Lewandowski

3.99-3.50: Kyler Ell, Wyatt Larson, Katherine LaMee, Kaitlin O'Neill, Ashley Gibbs, Christine Herr, Brittany Kjelden, Jackson Doeden, Kiana Kokales, Stormy Bahr, Austin Merkel, Danielle Schinkel, Breanna Marzahn, Spencer Knecht, Zachary Crosby, Sheldon Herr

3.49-3.00: Tori Bjerke, Chance Strom, Dylan Vogel, Michaela Cutler, Amanda Koens, Ethan Braun, Nicholas Dalchow, Alec Voss, Landon Larson

Juniors

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

3.99-3.50 Kelsey Iverson, Jayleen Lier, Jaden Oliver, Kiernan McCranie, Mikaela Blumhardt, Katie Miller

3.49-3.00: James Thompson, Laura Garcia, Aubray Harry,

Groton Honor Roll

Dustin Denson, Adam Herman, Kari Hanson, Brody Sombke, Kyle Miller, Angela Locke, Allison Weber, Magnus Jensen

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Kelby Hawkins, Landon Marzahn, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith

3.99-3.50: Patrick Gengerke, Macy Knecht, Paityn Bonn, Nathan Fjelstad, Alexis Harder, McClain Lone, Jessica Adler, Kate Helmer, Trey Wright, Katelyn Koehler, Nicholas Achen, Gabrielle Kramer, Whitney Voss

3.49-3.00: Sean Schuring, Braiden Craig, Shane Simon, Tage Taylor, Colton Hokana, Kellyn Fluke, Turner Webb

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Jenifer Fjelstad, Alexis Gustafson, Madilyn Wright

3.99-3.50: Madison Sippel, Alexandra Stange, Marshall Lane, Lisa Taylor

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

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: None

3.99-3.50: AnneMarie Smith, Alexis Simon, Tylan Glover, Emily Thompson, Ashley Garduno,

Paige Snyder, John Achen, Kaitlyn Anderson, Cassandra Townsend

3.49-3.00: Maggie Crosby, Micah Poor, Taylor Holm, Jennie Doeden, Kaitlyn Kassube, Kylie Kassube, Shyla Larson, Samantha Menzia

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Kayla Jensen

3.99-3.50: Nicole Marzahn, Payton Colestock, Kaycie Hawkins, KaSandra Pappas, Rylee Rosenau, Katlyn Kyar, Kya Jandel, Madeline Schuelke

3.49-3.00: Kaylin Kucker, Gabriel Taylor, Ashley Fliehs, Austin Jones, Indigo Rogers, Tadyn Glover, Peyton Johnson, Grady O'Neill, Caitlynn Barse, Cade Guthmiller, Cole Johnson, Thomas Cranford, Mu Law Eh

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: None

3.99-3.50: Erin Unzen, Tanae Lipp, Kale Pharis, Isaac Smith, Alexis Hanten, Samantha Pappas, Trey Gengerke, Grace Wambach, Sage Mortenson, Tessa Erdmann, Jasmine Gengerke, Chandler Larson

3.49-3.00: Lucas Simon, Brooklyn Gilbert, Alexa Herr, Kaden Carda, Steven Paulson, Grace Wiedrick, Jack Achen, Dragr Monson, Alyssa Fordham, Connor Lehman, Tiara DeHoet, Braden Freeman

The Life of Gary Lenling

Services for Gary Lenling, 64, of Claremont will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 8th at the Claremont United Methodist Church. Pastor Gwen Mader will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Hufton Cemetery.

Gary died in his home April 4, 2015 of natural causes. Gary was born on June 30, 1950 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. His family moved to Claremont when he was 5 years old and he continued to live there until his death. He met Marian Ness when he was 10 years old and Marian was 7 years old. They were childhood playmates, teenage sweethearts and they finally became lifelong mates as husband and wife on July 27, 1971.

Gary and Marian, along with their two daughters, made their home in Claremont. Gary bought both his home and his plumbing/ electrical business from Russel Beaver, his mentor and surrogate father. Gary was a tireless worker who was always on call at his job, even on holidays.

Gary served in the South Dakota National Guard and helped during the Rapid



City flood. He was recognized for his service during that natural disaster. Gary was an active community member in Claremont belonging to the American Legion, the Claremont Rural Fire Department, and serving on the Claremont Town Board for nearly 30 years.

Gary loved Claremont so much that he even went out of his way to testify in Pierre before state representatives to obtain funding for the town of Claremont to reconstruct substructures damaged during flooding. During later flooding, he drove Governor Dennis Daugaard through the three feet of water surrounding Claremont to attend an emergency meeting. The meeting in Claremont was attended by the Governor as well as many Brown County Commissioners to find a solution to the submerged roads surrounding our little town.

When Gary wasn't working he was busy with one of his many hobbies including gardening, cooking, yard work, and designing and building creative woodworking projects. Gary also enjoyed fishing. That was the only time he could truly sit down and relax. He would happily sit all day long with a line out even when the fish weren't biting.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Marian of Claremont, his daughters, Wanette Lenling of Claremont, and Corinna Lenling of Escondido, California; two sisters, Ardell Saylor of Claremont and Deb (Ron) Dell of Mina Lake; and his sister-in-law, Barb Lenling of Redfield.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Elden and Elizabeth (Betty) Lenling, brothers, Larry & Myron, a sister-in-law, Loreen Lenling and brother-in-law, Don Saylor.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Don VanderVorst, Dean Haselhorst, Roger Schuller, Ron Dell, Gerry Saylor, Jason Lenling, and all of Gary's other nephews and nieces.

Casketbearers will be Steve Cutler, Sherm Cutler, Wayne Lenling, Arnie Lenling, David Saylor, Matt Schuller and David Traylor.

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Silver Skates meeting is Sunday

We are currently looking for a chair, co-chair, and a communications director for the 2016 Carnival of Silver Skates. If we DO NOT fill these positions by April 12th, there will NOT be a Carnival next year. If you want this wonderful tradition in your community to continue, you need to step up and volunteer. If you are willing to volunteer your time, we will hold a special Board meeting on Sunday, April 12th at 7:00 PM at the Warming House. Remember, if you don't volunteer, there will NOT be a Carnival of Silver Skates in 2016.

Kiwanis Club

Larry Wheeting, president, led the short business session, for last week's dinner meeting.

Upcoming events are the track meet the end of April, and the athletic banquet, in May.

Lee Schinkel was program chairman, and introduced Robert Webb, and Major David Womack, who told of the work the Salvation Army does, even in Groton.

Groton Coffee Cup League

Team Standings: Golden Girls 39.5 (winners of 2nd half), James Valley 32, Ten Pins 21, Ken's 20.5, Jungle Lanes 19.

High Games: Vickie Kramp 213, Sandy Sippel 176, Mary Jane Jark 174.

High Series: Vickie Kramp 543, Gert Erickson 455, Joyce Walter 452.

Conde National League

Team Standings: Giants 33 (Season champions), Braves 29, Pirates 22, Mets 22, Colts 21, Cubs 17.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckelburg 246, 221, 211; Brandon Kakwitsch 235, 234; Bryce Dargatz 204, Larry Frohling 200.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 678, Brandon Kakwitsch 648, Bryce Dargatz 480.

Women's High Games: Brianna Kuckelburg 215, Vickie Kramp 199, Nicole Kassube 195.

Women's High Series: Brianna Kuckelburg 556, Jackie Thorson 489, Mary Larson 462.

Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Jesse Kurtenbach

JobWise what are you doing today? CRNA is Spearfish SD

How long have you been working at the current job? 2.5 years

How did you get your current job? Waited for a job opening and applied.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Sioux Falls Sanford Health RN 2004-2007; Sioux Falls Specialty Hospital CRNA 2010-2013

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? GHS, 2000

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? Mount Marty, BSN

What advice would you give the high school students today? As much as you think life is boring after high school it really only begins!

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.

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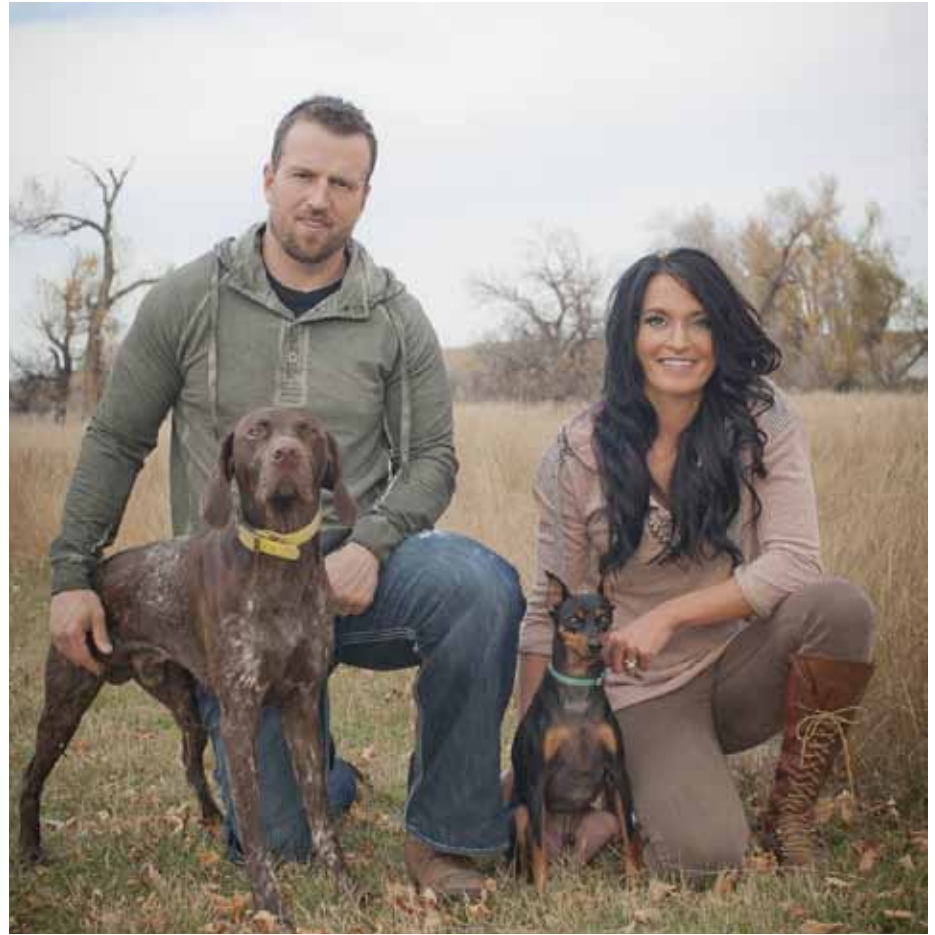
Mount Marty Baseball Hall of Fame

Are you married? Ashley (Van Den Top) Kurtenbach- Rock Valley Iowa

How did the two of you meet? Ribfest in Sioux Falls

Do you have any children? None yet

Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? Very much so, but both will only take you as far as the work and effort you put into them!



Jesse and Ashley Kurtenbach



Essay and Poem Winners

Groton American Legion Auxiliary chose their essay and poem winners for 2015. The 6th graders wrote poems titled "Because of the Brave." The 7th and 8th graders wrote essays titled "What Freedom Means To My Family." Diane Kurtz is the English teacher for grades 6th - 8th, and submitted the work.

Winners Left to Right:

1st place - 8th grade: AnneMarie Smith

2nd place - 8th grade: Tylan Glover

1st place - 7th grade: Payton Colestock

2nd place - 7th grade: Kaycie Hawkins

1st place - 6th grade: Erin Unzen

2nd place - 6th grade: Tanae Lipp

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Bevitized: An Appliance With An Attitude



by Beverly Patterson

There is really no way to ever know just exactly what your day will bring. Sometimes I begin my day by dropping everything I attempt to pick up. Sometimes I oversleep. Sometimes I hit the snooze button several times and sometimes I actually get up before the alarm goes off. Yes, that has actually happened. Maybe like 3 times if you must know, but they count!

And then there was a morning, not long ago, when I thought I was ready to surprise Don with a hot steamy cup of fresh coffee. He usually makes his own but I thought he might like not having to wait for it to brew. I planned this little surprise the night before so that all I would have to do is crawl out of bed, walk down the hall and push the button on Mr. Coffee. When Don finished showering I knew his nose would lead him into the kitchen with a silly smile on his sleepy face murmuring the word "cooooofffefeeeee" with every step. The sweet surprise took a rather unexpected turn and that was the day I learned Mr. Coffee had an attitude. I found out that he prefers the carafe to be in a certain position and if it's not, he will pump all of the water in his water holding area onto the counter rather than allowing it to flow over the coffee grounds and into the carafe. Now I'm not the type to scream and yell and throw things. I'm the type that gets upset, utters a few choice words about product quality to the hypothetical manufacturer that is located somewhere near the ceiling and then I walk away. On this particular occasion I'm quite sure Mr. Coffee thought he had won. I'm quite sure he was already thinking about trying this again. He had no idea that my "Kodak" moment was developing and that it would force him to be sorry. You might be thinking revenge but I prefer to call it "a plan to defuse" in this case, a rather devious appliance.

I knew my plan would be most successful if implemented when I was home alone. Lucky for me, Don's work schedule was going to require him to be gone for a few days when Mr. Coffee and his attitude were still very fresh on my mind. I waited for Don to roll his suitcase across the deck and when I heard the pickup door shut and the engine start I knew it was time to put my plan in motion!

I peeked around the corner from the living room and I could see Mr. Fussypants sitting there on the counter. He was all cocky with his aqua lighted time displayed on the sleek black display panel. His water chamber was empty so he wasn't able to pull any of his hi-jinks on me but I know he wanted to. He knew the guy he made coffee for had left and perhaps he didn't like me because I don't like coffee. Maybe it was personal. For a brief second I felt a bit of compassion for him. Maybe I made him feel bad and maybe I should put an end to my plan and apologize to him. Thankfully those thoughts were extinguished by the memory of the pile of wet towels we used to clean up his mess on the morning he decided to have an attitude!

I hope this won't change how you perceive me but I walked up to the counter. I took hold of the plug on the end of Mr. Coffee's cord and I gave it a rather rapid tug and before he knew what had happened, he was rendered lifeless! His aqua lighted time displayed on his sleek black display panel faded away. That little dab of electricity he was so used to sipping on throughout the day was gone! I huffed a bit of breath onto my fingernails and buffed it away and said to him, "I guess it's safe to say you won't be having any more "light bulb" moments

on how to mess with me now that I have removed your power!" This comment was followed by a rather devious bout of laughter as I walked out of the room....bahahahahaha! When I was a safe distance from Mr. No-Coffee I said, "I win!" and then I laughed again!

When Don returned home he noticed the coffee pot was unplugged and asked, "What's up with this?" I told him I had trust issues with that devious machine and then I winked at Mr. No-Coffee and headed down the hall to get ready for bed.

One-third of teaching candidates placed outside South Dakota

One out of three teaching candidates who graduated from a South Dakota college or university recently took an out-of-state position.

The latest collection of data from South Dakota's higher education institutions by the South Dakota School Administrators (SASD) revealed 260 of the more than 770 graduates who obtained an education related degree were placed in a position out-of-state.

SASD's latest survey comes after a study in November found the number of South Dakota teachers eligible for retirement exceeds the number of students enrolled in teacher education programs.

"This information is scary," SASD Executive Director Rob Monson said. "We suspected this to be true, but now the data shows we're losing potential teachers to other states. We already know we don't have enough candidates to replace retirees. When you look at over 1,100 educators eligible for retirement, 726 in the teacher pipeline, and 1/3 of those being placed out of state, we are in trouble in preparing our K-12 students here in South Dakota for their future, and the future of the South Dakota workforce."

An additional 52 graduates chose to do something besides teaching, according to the figures provided.

"Nearly forty percent of our new graduates aren't going into South Dakota classrooms," Monson said. "South Dakota is running out of teachers."

SASD began compiling data last year on the teacher shortage facing South Dakota school districts, finding that one in five schools started the school year without a teacher in a classroom and 1/2 of S.D. districts cited salary, relocation – many to districts in other states – or a change in profession as reasons given by teachers who left South Dakota schools.

"Who's going to educate our kids? That's the question we need to be asking right now," Monson said. "The data continues to show we've reached a critical point where we need to address that question."

The K-12 community will have help answering that question when Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Blue Ribbon Task Force convenes.

"Gov. Daugaard's previous studies of adult and juvenile justice, as well as roads produced impactful legislation and we're optimistic the Blue Ribbon Task Force will do the same," Monson said.

The task force will examine the teacher shortage, as well as school funding and student achievement, and will be comprised of stakeholders in education.

"We have a crisis in our schools," ASBSD Executive Director Wade Pogany said. "We need everyone to come together and commit to finding solutions for the shortage. Our schools can't afford for us to wait any longer."

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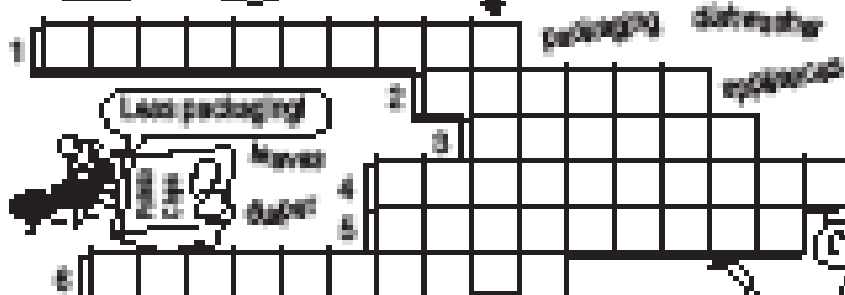
Earth Day 2015: The Earth's 3 R's

This year is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. We are celebrating it on Wednesday, April 22nd.

The 3 R's studied in school are sometimes called "reading, riding and 'tilt-n-tilt." They are studied to help us prepare for our future careers. Today, students also learn about the Earth's 3 R's: reduce, reuse and recycle, which if practiced will help us keep our future environment safe and clean.

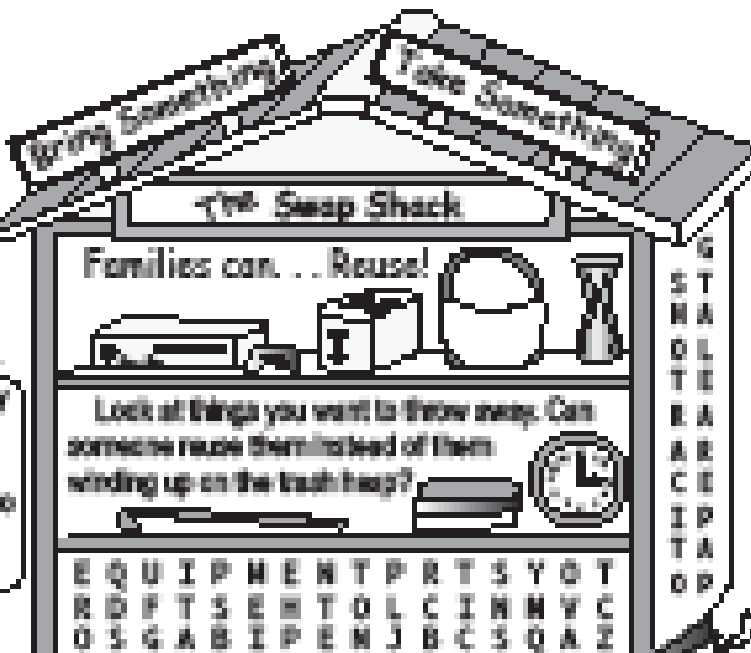
Families can do a lot to lessen the amount of trash that's created. When you fill in this puzzle, one of the "3R's" of the Earth's 3 R's will appear below the arrow.

Families can... Reuse!



- run the washing machine and the _____ for full loads only.
- put _____ grass clippings, vegetable and fruit scraps into a pile, cover with dirt and start a compost pile.
- think "green" for a baby's _____ needs - use ones that are 'biodegradable', meaning they 'break down' over time in the trash
- use some compact _____ or LED lights to save energy, money.
- buy items with little or no _____
- have _____ repaired instead of buying new ones.

It's a great day to get together with others to pick up litter or to plant new trees and flowers.



- Families Can Reuse by ...
- giving clothes and toys in good shape to younger children.
 - bringing cloth or net bags to carry groceries home.
 - using both sides of a piece of paper.
 - fixing up your bike and sporting equipment to use again.
 - growing plants from seeds in milk cartons.

Come print out free puzzles: Earth Day, 'Sgt. Squirrel Special, Myths of History, Springtime Log Set © www.readingclubfun.com

Families can... Recycle!

Recycling is the third 'R'. Collecting items so that they can be crushed, melted and made into new products is called recycling. Can you match the beginnings below with the correct endings?

- bring bottles
 - sort out glass, newspapers, etc.
 - collect branches and Christmas trees
 - plastic items
 - old tires
- to be turned into woodchips that can be used on paths, around bushes, in gardens
 - back for deposits (in some states)
 - for bins and recycle centers
 - can be recycled and turned into "new" ones or playground surfaces
 - have codes or numbers on them telling how to group the different types for recycling

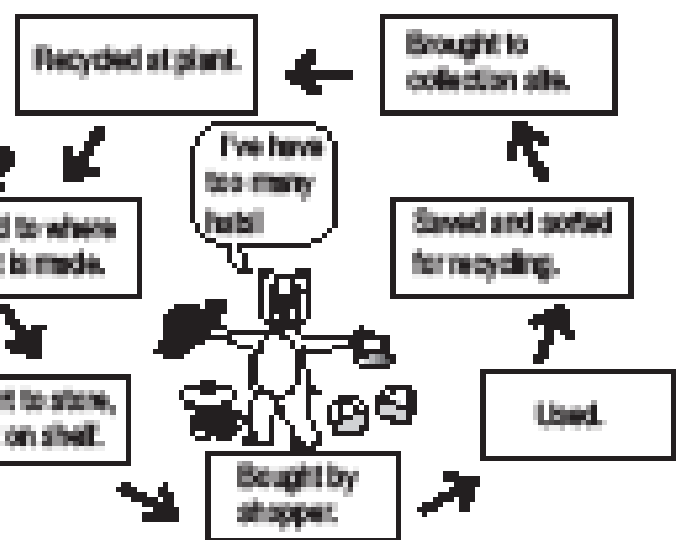


Can you find and circle 15 or more words that have 3 or more syllables?



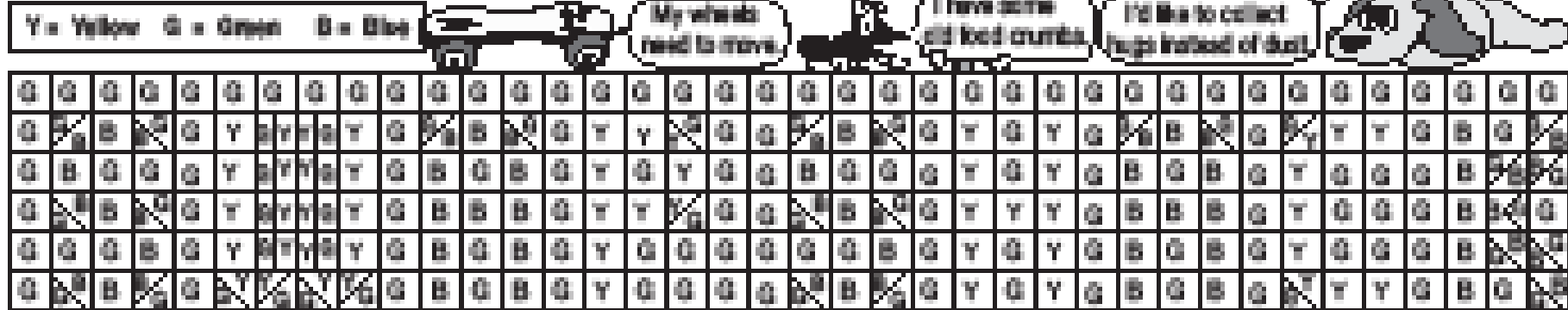
Why Bother to Recycle?

Follow the arrows to see how recycling works for us!



- What happens if we recycle?
- We waste precious time sorting items.
 - We help save our planet's natural resources.
 - We dirty the air and pollute the water.

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