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Carnival of Silver Skates will go on!

The Carnival of Silver Skates will go on. Several people were on hand for a special meeting Sunday evening at the Skating House to fill out the slate of officers.

The officers are: Rachael Crank, chairman; Tasha Dunker, co-chairman; Pam Barse and Bridget Flihs, costumes; Tina Kosel, treasurer; Coralea Wolter, skating instructor; Sue Fjeldheim, city liaison/communications; Deb Schuelke and Dawn Imrie, public relations; Kristi Flihs, secretary; Traci Davies and LeAnn Weidrick, members at large.

The next meeting for the Carnival of Silver Skates committee will be held Sunday, April 26, 7 p.m., at the Groton Dairy Queen. The date for next year's performance will be set at that meeting.

Blood Drive is Thursday

The Groton Blood Drive is set for Thursday, April 16, noon to 6 p.m. at the Groton American Legion. Contact June Ackman at 397-8369 or Carol Osterman at 397-8498 to make an appointment.

Mock Crash Thursday

Brown County Emergency Management will present a mock DUI crash simulation the morning of April 16. It will start at 8:30 a.m. in the arena parking lot. Careflight and other emergency vehicles and personnel will participate.

Teacher pay having a direct impact on music department as Johnson submits his resignation

Deb Jensen had first submitted her resignation/retirement notice, then the music department took a double blow as Reid Johnson submitted his resignation. "I know this may be a surprise to many people," Johnson wrote in his letter to the board. "I believe we have a great school and I'm proud to have been affiliated with the district." Johnson has been the band director for eight years and has been instrumental in bringing the Festival of Bands to Groton. Johnson stated in his letter that he had been offered a job with a different company and felt he had to do what was best for his family.

Melinda Eikamp, Beth Gustafson and Paul Kosel all spoke about the music department and hoped the board would continue to keep the same level of music education. Eikamp said, "As a wife of a band director (the late Leonard Eikamp was a band director in Groton) and a parent of two daughters, I have seen the strength in the music department." She emphasized that the high rates in parades and musicians in all state band and all state orchestra is made possible with the private lessons that the district has offered over the years. "You may not see a difference right away if you make a cut," she said, "but you will in four to five years. The students and staff did a tremendous job with the POPS Concert. I urge you to continue with the level we have right now." Both of Eikamp's daughters were in All State Band and one was in All State Orchestra.

Beth Gustafson echoed much of the same thoughts as she has two girls in band. "I've paid for a trumpet and a trombone. My kids are getting the lessons to excel. She said that students are taking lessons in the summer so they can get better. "You can't ask for a teacher better than Reid Johnson," she said. "The man loves music. It's his heart and soul and he's

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POPS Concert is filled with action



Dillon Freeman had his hands full of popcorn and pop as he helped with the serving at the POPS Concert. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Marlee Jones and Katie Groeblichhoff were the Masters of Ceremony. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kiana Kokales sang, "Arms Around Me." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Jazz Band played six selections - three at the start of the POPS Concert and three after the intermission. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Groton boys win Oakes Track Meet

Larson breaks 3 school records, Bjerke and Larson qualify for state

Landon Larson wasted no time smashing records from where he left off last year in track. In the first meet this year at Oakes, Larson broke two of the records he set last year and placed himself in another record by beating out Rick Koehler's 1977 100-meter dash record. In addition, Larson has already qualified for state in the 100m dash, the 200m dash and the 400m dash.

Tori Bjerke also qualified for state for the girls with a qualifying distance in the shot put.

Also placing first were the 3200m relay team of Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Brandon Keith and Sean Schuring, and Nick Dalchow took first in the discus as the boys team won the team title in the 16-team invitational.

Carly Wheeting took first in the discus and Gia Gengerke was first in the high jump. Overall, the girls placed fourth as a team.

Boys Division

The Groton Area boys track team edged out Lisbon, N.D., at the Oakes, N.D., track meet held Friday. Groton won the meet with 76 points followed by Lisbon with 73, Oakes had 58, Central Cass 52, Griggs County 35, Ellendale 34, Frederick 32, M-W-L 31.33, South Border 23, Lamoure 22, Medina-PB 21, Edgeley-Kulm 20, Hankinson 18.33, Sargent County 10.33 and Montpelier 0.

110m Hurdles: 2, Jackson Doeden, 18.15.

100m Dash: School Record: (Old Record 1977 by Rick Koehler, 11.0) 1, Landon Larson, 10.86 (State Qualifying time); Jackson Oliver, 13.02; Tyler Iverson, 14.72.

200m Dash: School Record: (Old record set by Larson in 2014) 1, Landon Larson, 22.72 (State Qualifying time); Tyler Iverson, 31.15; Jackson Oliver, 28.14.

400m Dash: School Record: (Old record set by Larson in 2014) 1, Landon Larson, 50.9 (State Qualifying time); Frank Wuestenwald, 1:01.37; Bennett Shabazz, 57.52.

800m Run: 5, Sean Schuring, 2:21.63; 6, Brandon Keith, 2:22.44; 7, Martin Rygg, 2:22.94.

400m Relay: 3, (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Adam Herman), 48.08.

800m Relay: 3, (Jackson Doeden, Jackson Oliver, Trevor Pray, Landon Larson), 1:38.87.

1600m Relay: 5, (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Sean Schuring, Frank Wuestenwald), 4:02.31.

3200m Relay: 1, (Bennett Shabazz, Martin Rygg, Brandon Keith, Sean Schuring), 9:22.14.

Long Jump: 5, Adam Herman, 17-8; Frankie Wuestenwald, 16-11.75; Bennett Shabazz, 16-9.

Triple Jump: Adam Herman, 37-0.75.

Discus: 1, Nick Dalchow, 138-4; Luke Thorson, 101-6; Stevie Fey, 99-4; Chris Zarycki, 94-3.5; McClain Lone, 93-9; Hunter Lerew, 87-5.

Shot Put: Nick Dalchow, 41-3.25; Stevie Fey, 41-3; McClain Lone, 41-2; Hunter Lerew, 40-6; Chris Zarycki, 35-3.5; Luke Thorson, 32-3.

Girls' Division

The Groton Area girls placed fourth as a team at the Oakes Invitational Track meet held Friday. Lisbon won the team title with 100 points followed by M-W-L with 84, Wahpeton 74, Groton 58, Central Cass 51, Sargent County 35, Oakes 27, Griggs County 20, Ellendale 19, Hankinson 18, LaMoure 17, Frederick 16, Medina -OB 8, Edgeley -Kulm 7, South Border 3 and Montpelier 0.

110m Hurdles: Katie Koehler, 21-41; Josie Doeden, 19.59.

300m Hurdles: Josie Doeden, 54.93; Audrey Wanner, 53.46.

100m Dash: 5, Harleigh Winther, 13.34; Mckenzie Menzia, 14.18; Jasmine Schinkel, 15.25; Kari Hanson, 15.93.

200m Dash: Harleigh Winther, 29.32; Jasmine Schinkel, 33.31; Kari Hanson, 34.76.

400m Dash: 5, Gia Gengerke, 1:07.38;

Maggie Simon, 1:13.14; Brenna Johnson, 1:34.06.

800m Run: Maggie Simon, 2:59; Hannah Lewandowski, 3:09.

1600 Run: Hannah Lewandowski, 6:45.48.

400m Relay: 3, (Courtney Kurtz, Heather Lone, Harleigh Winther, Mckenzie Menzia), 54.00.

800m Relay: 2, (Courtney Kurtz, Heather Lone, Harleigh Winther, Mackenzie Menzia), 1:55.75.

1600m Relay: (Gia Gengerke, Josie Doeden, Katie Koehler, Mckenzie Menzia), 4:55.53.

High Jump: 1, Gia Gengerke, 4-11.

Long Jump: 2, Audrey Wanner, 15-7.75; Katie Koehler, 14-6.75; Kari Hanson, 12-4.25.

Triple Jump: Audrey Wanner, 28-5.5.

Discus: 1, Carly Wheeting, 109-8; Alyssa Sippel, 103-3; Marlee Jones, 89-1; Tori Bjerke, 86-6; Jessica Bjerke, 79-1; Madilyn Wright, 73-2; Madison Sippel, 70-3; Allison Weber, 65-9.

Shot Put: 2, Tori Bjerke, 36-0 (State Qualifying distance); Marlee Jones, 31-4; Carly Wheeting, 31-2; Jessica Bjerke, 28-9; Madison Sippel, 26-4; Allison Weber, 24-5; Madilyn Wright, 23-5.

Friends . . . Near and Far

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

Name: Kristi (Jensen) England
JobWise what are you doing today? Also list title if you have one. I am a family physician at Affiliated Community Medical Centers in Marshall, MN

How long have you been working at the current job? Almost 8 years

How did you get your current job? Lots and lots of schooling and residency prepared me for this job. After that praying for direction and the right doors opening to bring me a little closer to home.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Nothing significant

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? Langford High School, 1996

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? University of Minnesota - Morris, graduated in 2000 with a BA in chemistry. I then went on and graduated from the University of South Dakota with my MD in 2004. I then completed a 3 year Family Medicine residency at the Siouxland Medical Education Foundation in Sioux City, IA in 2007.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Study hard, but also make sure you enjoy and put effort into extracurricular activities as those help you be well-rounded. More than anything, a person's character is what counts most. How we treat others is what really matters in the long run. Having our priorities straight (God first, then family, then careers) and making decisions around that will give the most satisfaction and fulfillment in life.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. Happy marriage, Good career, Debt-free (except mortgage), Ran a marathon ;-)

Are you married? Yes, Richard England

How did the two of you meet? We met at Campus Crusade for Christ at USD

Do you have any children? We have 3 children, Maksim (8), Sophia (5), and Arabella (4)

Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? Yes



Rich holding Sophia, Max, Kristi holding Bella

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

Friday, April 24

Birthday: Taryn Rossow
Senior Menu: Meat loaf, baked potato with sour cream, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

No School. Faculty inservice

Saturday, April 25

Birthdays: Charlie Pray, Rachel Blackmun, Rick Schauer

10:00 a.m.: Track at Ipswich (moved from May 2nd)

Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministires worship in Pierpont

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11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Kumla dinner at Pierpont church

3:30 p.m.: Heaven Bound Ministires fellowship at Golden Living Center

Monday, April 27

Birthday: Terry Schwabe
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: BBQ, sweet tots, romaine salad, fruit.

Wednesday, April 15

Birthday: Brady Graf, Wayne Wienk, Sam Thorson

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot-dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream and apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

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

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

10:00am: NSU Math Contest
7:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:45 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League Milestones

Thursday, April 16

Birthdays: Amy Briggs, Charles Raap, Clark Gibbs, Connor Smith, Cooper Smith, Jeff Larson, Kristi Peterson, Leslie Dohman, Marvin Bonn, Rodney Boehmer, Tom Tietz

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, 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 paty, baked chips, romaine salad, fruit.

Saturday, April 18

Birthdays: Dylan Vogel, Emily Sippel, Merrie Atherton, Tammie Hanson

ACT Testing at GHS
DI Run for Globals starts at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

10:00 am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

6:00pm: LSS Benefit at the DEC
8:00 pm: GHS Prom

Sunday, April 19

Birthday: Virginia Nehls
9:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministires worship in Pierpont

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion

3:30 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (Sarah Circle serves)

Monday, April 20

Anniv: Chuck & Marcia Blumhardt

Birthdays: Blake Harris, Cole Lewandowski, JoAnn Flihs, Karen Leonhardt, Marlys Rodman

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

School Lunch: Italian dunkers, tater tots, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

3:45 pm: Junior high track at Milbank

Tuesday, April 21

Birthdays: Jean Tastad, Lee-Roy Weisenberger, Justin Hanson

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

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, romaine salad, fruit.

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

10:00 a.m.: Girls varsity golf at Milbank

10:00 a.m.: Track at Redfield

Wednesday, April 22

Birthdays: Ali Pasteur, Dwayne Coon, Lance Leonhardt, Samantha Delzer, Janice Hoffman

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

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, corn, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.

7:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran confirmation and league.

Thursday, April 23

Birthdays: Jim Meister, Troy Larson, Jaxon Koshney

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

School Lunch: Super nachos,



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Adam Herman sang, "L.O.V.E." with four girls holding up the letters. They are Kaitlin O'Neill, Rachel Blackmun, Brittany Kjelden, and Chance Strom taking the letter "E" away from Kari Hanson. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)

POPS Concert full of entertainment



Laura Garcia sang, "See You Again." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



The percussion ensemble performed, "Tico Tico." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Macy Knecht sang, "Greatest Love of All." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Sydney Thorson sang, "American Pie" with three others playing their "air" instruments. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)



Kari Hanson sang, "All That Jazz." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



The Flute Choir performed, "My Favorite Things." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 11th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.



Kaitlin O'Neill performed "Dance With Me Tonight" with her tapping shoes.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Austin and Hilary Suther

Austin Suther

JobWise what are you doing today? I am currently working at Schuneman Equipment which is a John Deere Dealership in Watertown, SD. Also list title if you have one. I am the Aftermarket Sales Representative.

How long have you been working at the current job? I have only been with Schuneman Equipment since mid March when I decided to take the next step in my career.

How did you get your current job? Saw it listed on their website and decided to apply for it.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. I was with Titan Machinery for a little over 2 years.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? I graduated from Langford High School in 2008

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? Northern State University. I have a B.A. in History with a Business minor.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Work hard, have high goals, and don't stress too much.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. Graduating high school, graduating college, completing four years of college track, finding a successful career in a field that I enjoy, and recently getting married.

Are you married? Yes. **If so what is your spouses name and where was she from?** Her name is Hilary Suther and she was from Estelline, SD.

How did the two of you meet? We both ran Track at NSU.

Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I think that education helped me prepare for my post education life; it is one thing that the outcome is reflected by your work ethic. When combined with sports it helped me learn how to balance my priorities and how to use my time wisely. In college the trips and assignments were longer so I always had to stay one step ahead and take advantage of the off days. With my current position in Agriculture I have to stay on task and be flexible and able to change plans all of the time.



Audrey Wanner sang, "Uncharted." (Photo

by Julianna Kosel)



The Chamber Choir sang, "Bridge over Troubled Water." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



The Show Choir concluded the POPS Concert with, "Carry On, Wayward Son," "Johnny B. Goode," "We Built This City," "We're Not Gonna Take It," "Faithfully" and "Any Way You Want It." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Bevitized: The Drop-Off Plan



by Beverly Patterson

My sister and I have come up with lots of great weight loss ideas together. We've tried lots of different things but the best idea to date was back in 2005 when we decided to give Weight Watchers a whirl. The program was easy to follow and we both enjoyed admirable results. We've both slipped a bit since then like almost every person that ever loses weight but I've been able to keep 110 pounds off for nearly ten years now. Although this makes me very happy I still have an ongoing desire to unleash the pounds that searched endlessly until they were able to find me once again. My knees and hips have had a very hard time understanding why losing a parent and going through a divorce and moving a couple of times in the past several years should have had anything to do with making myself so incredibly visible to those nasty pounds I hoped I had lost forever. I realize I will probably need to re-join the "accountability" team eventually but the exact date of that decision has not yet been determined. I will never forget some of the ideas for shedding unwanted pounds that have surfaced over the years and the first one, I remember, was created by the "sister and me" team.

We were both living in the same town at the time and we decided we would meet at the bank corner and go for a walk together, every morning. It was a sure fire way to get our bodies in fat burning mode for the entire day. It was going to be the perfect plan and we knew it. We could almost feel those unwanted pounds falling off our bodies on Day One as we snapped off our alarm clocks and hopped out of bed. I laid my walking clothes out the night before so it wasn't long and I was heading down the road to meet my sister. Day One went great! This was such a wonderful plan. The only thing that bothered us is why we hadn't thought of it sooner.....then Day Two arrived.

One would think Day Two would arrive with at least 50% of the adrenalin that Day One had produced but that didn't seem to be the case. Becky and I were both a lot fonder of the evening hours part of a day than we were with the morning hours part of a day but she had a couple of small children so she had somewhat adapted. I, on the other hand, had not. I will most likely never forget how Day Two began. Apparently I had stayed up a little later than I should have at the end of Day One and I distinctly remember what woke me up and it wasn't my alarm clock. Unfortunately it was my sister standing at the foot of my creaky old brass bed asking me if I had any immediate plans of GETTING OUT OF IT!!!! It's safe to say, the getting up and meeting Becky part wasn't going to be 100% reliable so I took about 13 years off before coming up with another weight loss and fitness plan.

Every day my husband would drive 9 miles to work. I decided that if I got up and rode with him and had him drop me off a few miles from town that my only choice would be to walk if I wanted to get back home. This plan was most likely going to be the one I would end up discussing with Oprah when my success story hit the airwaves. I envisioned Oprah paging through the brightly illustrated "Get Dropped Off and Drop The Weight" manual I would create and witness the moment when she said everyone in her audience would be going home with their very own copy of my brightly illustrated weight loss and fitness guide! I have these "Walter Mitty" type moments quite often and this was surely one of them.

The plan really did seem quite amazing. What I didn't know is there would be a glitch. There was a farmer that lived on the outskirts of town that we passed every day before my "drop off" point and he had cattle. The place he lived on was a sight for sore eyes and rumor had it he did a fair share of his mechanic type tinkering while seated at the kitchen table. He wasn't a bad guy but there were quality issues with nearly everything he touched. One of those issues included his ability to build a fence that actually kept cattle in. I'm not sure how much time you've ever spent around cattle but they're curious creatures and when they notice something a bit different during their day, they will investigate. Unfortunately I was that "something different" when I started walking past their field of vision and they investigated. What I didn't realize is that several of those cows had new calves and due to the fact that the fence was not meeting "keep the calves in" standards I had a calf following me down the road. There were cars meeting me and an uncomfortable number of the drivers were pointing and laughing as they strolled by. Initially this made me feel a bit more self conscious than usual but eventually the BALLER I heard from behind helped me to realize I had picked up a little friend that had a mother that was not one bit impressed with the fact that her baby fit through the hole in the fence but she didn't!

It's safe to say my plan for weight loss and fitness had flopped again. I don't have a lot of fears but unfortunately being chased by a cow is one of them and I wasn't willing to risk being joined by momma cow when the fence completely failed had I continued with my "Drop Off" plan.

Unfortunately I'm still carrying some extra weight that will eventually come off. I've learned that taking small steps each and every day help tremendously in the long run. I may be willing to revisit the "Drop Off" plan someday, after all, what are the chances of being chased by a cow again while out for a walk? I must say this experience fostered significant growth in my spirituality. In my mind I was being followed by a 2500 pound bull but in reality it was a very spunky, fun loving calf that wanted to play. It sort of puts a lot of things about life in perspective. We almost always tend think the worst first and often times use prayer as a last resort. Experiences like this have a way of shifting your thought process into one that knows the worst has definitely not happened yet but the possibility exists and saying a prayer is the first thing that will pop into your head! Everything turned out fine and I can honestly say it helped me to be just a bit more trusting when it comes to who's in charge!

Officials Urge Seat Belt Use

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Department of Public Safety officials say so far in 2015, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of motor vehicle fatality victims who were not wearing seat belts.

Of the 18 fatalities reported in motor vehicles crashes as of April 9, 15 victims were not wearing seat belts. That is about an 83 percent average. The average in years past has been around 60 percent.

"Bottom line, not wearing a seat belt increases your risk of being thrown from a vehicle," said Department of Public Secretary Trevor Jones. "That heightens the chance of severe injury or death."

The Highway Patrol and the Office of Highway Safety continue their educational efforts to encourage motorists to wear seat belts.

Highway Patrol Superintendent Colonel Craig Price says state law requires drivers and front seat passengers to wear seat belts. But he says anyone in a motor vehicle should be properly restrained. All passengers under 18 years old must be properly restrained regardless of their seating position in the vehicle.

"We can never stress enough the importance of seat belts," Price said. "You can't put a value on someone who is seriously injured or loses their life."

Department officials also emphasize that it is not just the person who is not wearing the seat belt that is impacted. A new Office of Highway Safety commercial focuses on how not wearing a seat belt can bring suffering and sorrow to a crash victim's loved ones.

"It is not just family and loved ones who have to deal with the senseless tragedy," said Office of Highway Safety Director Lee Ax Dahl. "It is all the first responders, law enforcement, fire fighters and those who are the first on the scene. They see the results of people who didn't believe they had to wear a seat belt."

Jones said while motor vehicle crashes will happen, those involved can further protect themselves by wearing a seat belt. "Give yourself a chance by wearing a safety restraint," he said. "The numbers indicate that your odds of being killed or injured in a vehicle crash are reduced by half by when wearing a seat belt."

For more information on the state's seat belt laws, click onto https://dps.sd.gov/enforcement/highway_safety/safety_belt_use_law.aspx

To watch the commercial and find other facts about seatbelt use in South Dakota, visit <http://drivesafesd.com/buckleup/>

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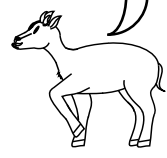


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...to plant seeds for radishes and flowers.



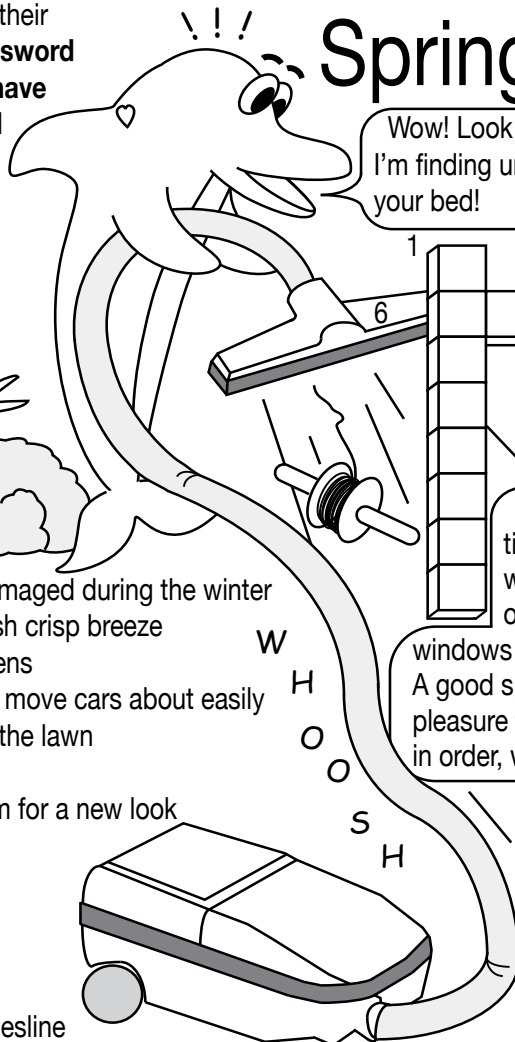
Kids:
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There are many jobs to be done after a long winter. People in the city, town and country all do spring cleaning and chores based on their needs. **Read the clues to fill in the crossword with chores. How many of these jobs have you seen people doing? How many did you help to do?** (Hint: use a pencil to fill in the clues below first. This is tricky!)

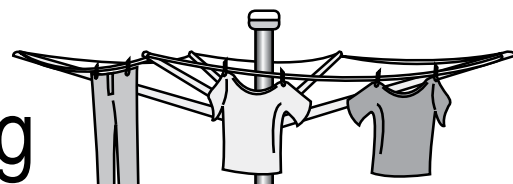
- _____ messy closets
- _____ your warmer weather clothes that have been in storage
- _____ seeds so you can watch things grow
- _____ flowers to give the house some color
- _____ sidewalks that have gathered sand and dirt
- _____ fences that have been damaged during the winter
- _____ out your house with a fresh crisp breeze
- _____ storm windows with screens
- _____ driveways so that we can move cars about easily
- _____ the overgrown grass on the lawn
- _____ weeds from the garden
- _____ the furniture in your room for a new look
- _____ the dust out of rugs
- _____ soot from the chimney
- _____ the overgrown bushes
- wash and _____ the car
- _____ clean the dirty carpet
- _____ laundry to dry on a clothesline

It's Time for... Spring Cleaning



Wow! Look what I'm finding under your bed!

It's that time of year when we can open the windows and freshen everything! A good spring cleaning after winter is almost a pleasure to complete. Then, once our homes are in order, we can enjoy summer to the fullest!



brush 4 rearrange 5 organize unpack
repair
hang 11 sow
air 17 steam
pull 12 13 trim beat sweep
14 15 16 replace water 18
mow pave Free Stuff polish

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Have you ever heard of "slang"? It is a way of talking that is a little different from the standard English in books. For example, if I say, "Boy, we really cleaned up at the garage sale," I am telling you that we made a lot of money, not that I put away all the things we had for sale.

Can you match these slang expressions to their meanings?

1. clean sweep	<input type="radio"/>	A. to stay out of trouble
2. clean out	<input type="radio"/>	B. to win everything
3. clean hands	<input type="radio"/>	C. innocent, has done nothing wrong
4. come clean	<input type="radio"/>	D. to take everything, empty
5. keep one's nose clean	<input type="radio"/>	E. confess, tell the whole story

Can You Clean Up These Messes?

How many of these DUST KITTIES did I find under your bed? Look around the whole page. Put your answer in the biggest bubble.

- What things might you use to clean up? Can you find these items in the scrub brush and circle them?
- | | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------|---------|
| vacuum cleaner | brush | ladder | rake |
| paper towels | pail | broom | mop |
| trash barrel | soap | water | hose |
| hedge clippers | wax | rags | sponges |

SOAP

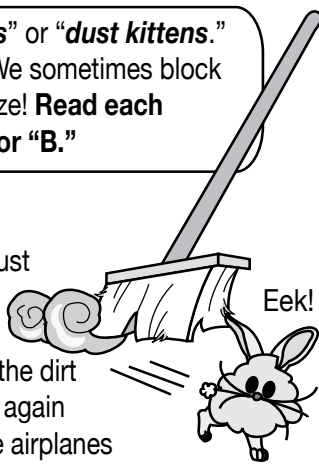
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H E D G E C L I P P E R S

Busting Dust!



Little, fluffy, grey balls of dust found under the couch or behind the door are called "**dust bunnies**" or "**dust kittens**." We are usually made up of skin cells, hair and tiny pieces of dirt. To people, we can be a nuisance. We sometimes block air filters, get into computers or just gather together under your furniture. We can make people sneeze! **Read each numbered word or phrase below. Next, choose the correct definition by circling the letter "A" or "B."**

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1. dust | <input type="radio"/> | A. tiny pieces of dirt, skin, hair | <input type="radio"/> | B. tiny flower seeds |
| 2. dust bunnies | <input type="radio"/> | A. bunnies that clean your house | <input type="radio"/> | B. little clumps of fluffy, grey dust |
| 3. an item is "collecting dust" | <input type="radio"/> | A. isn't being used anymore | <input type="radio"/> | B. putting dust into a bag |
| 4. the flies "bit the dust" | <input type="radio"/> | A. died | <input type="radio"/> | B. ate dust for their lunch |
| 5. the lead runner left the others "in the dust" | <input type="radio"/> | A. was far ahead of the others | <input type="radio"/> | B. knocked other runners into the dirt |
| 6. I'm going to "dust off" my hobby box | <input type="radio"/> | A. put the box into the closet | <input type="radio"/> | B. take it out of storage to use again |
| 7. when she works she "makes the dust fly" | <input type="radio"/> | A. she works with lots of energy | <input type="radio"/> | B. the dust balls jump into little airplanes |



Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 12th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.



Heidi and Michael Schmit
Austin, Landon and Kenley

Michael A. Schmit

JobWise what are you doing today? I am a Project Engineer at Helms and Associates in Aberdeen, SD.

How long have you been working at the current job? I've been here for 7 Years

How did you get your current job? After I graduated from SDSM&T, my wife and I wanted to move back to the Aberdeen area to raise our family here. I interviewed with local Engineering firms and agencies ultimately accepting a position with Helms and Associates.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. I was a Combat Engineer in the U.S. Army for 4 years from 2000-2004 which included a year in Korea and an 11 month deployment to Iraq. I was also a Student Engineer with the Pennington County Highway Department for 2 years from 2006-2008 while attending SDSM&T.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? I graduated from Frederick High School in 2000.

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? I received a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in May 2008.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Don't take the easy way out. Set goals for your future and keep a steady path. The

only roadblock in achieving those goals is usually yourself. It may not be instantaneous, but the rewards for your hard work and sacrifices will come.

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

1. Operation Iraqi Freedom Combat Veteran.
2. I'm the first one in my immediate family to receive a Bachelor's Degree.
3. Receiving my Professional Engineering License.
4. Designing and overseeing the Realignment of the Runway at the Brookings Regional Airport. This project involved land purchases, re-routing a creek, extensive grading, paving, relocating the instrument Landing System, new airport electrical system, etc.). This was a very complex project that was over 8 years in the making with the planning, environmental clearance, engineering, and construction.
5. Most importantly, I have been blessed with my wife who followed me through my time in the U.S. Army (including a 11 month Deployment to Iraq), supported me through college, and today we raise our three kids in the very place we've always called "home".

Are you married? If so what is your spouses name and where was she from? I am married to my wife, Heidi, who is from Ipswich, SD.

How did the two of you meet? Heidi and I met at a street dance in Columbia in 1999.

Do you have any children? Heidi and I have 2 boys (Austin – 7 yrs. & Landon – 4 yrs.) and and 1 girl (Kenley – 3 months)

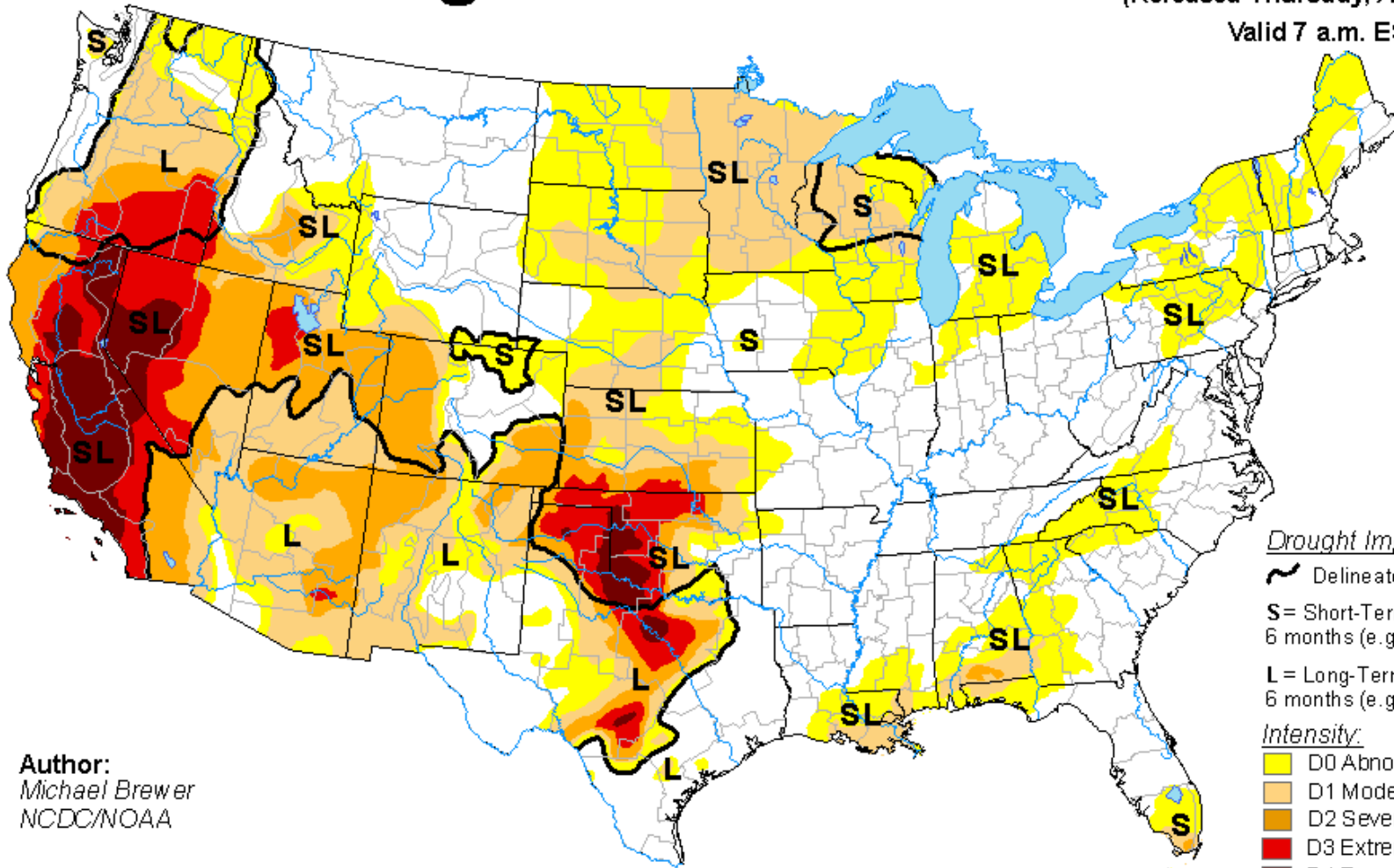
Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? Yes and No. Academically, the level of education at the High School level provided at a small school like Frederick Area High School was exceptional. The student to teacher ratio ensures kids have access to teachers if they are struggling ultimately preparing them for the next level. The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is continuously listed as one of the nation's best college buys and the average starting salary of the graduates exceeds that of the graduates of Harvard. However, my experiences found that once you entered the work force, that is where you "really" learn how to do your job. Don't get me wrong. There is absolutely no way I could do my job without the education I received; however, they cannot possibly teach you everything you need to know at the High School or College levels. The moral of the story is that you can never stop learning. Every day is a learning process as jobs and tasks evolve and change.

U.S. Drought Monitor

April 7, 2015

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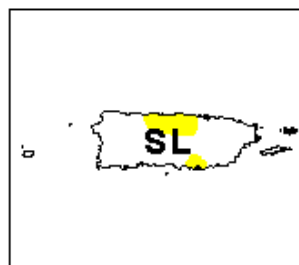
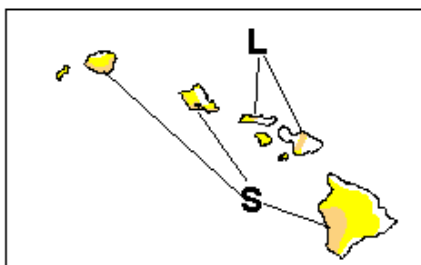
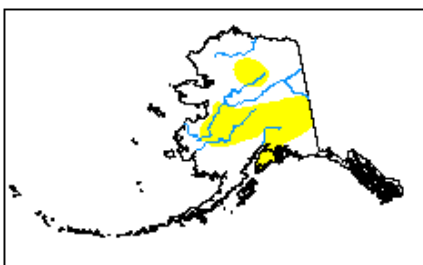
Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S= Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L= Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



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Teacher Pay Continued from front

leaving because of money. It's heart wrenching to see the program take a hit like this. We want you to know how we feel."

Kosel also talked about the future of the program. "I have a daughter that is playing flute. We're making payments on her flute, but if the lessons are no longer going to be available, we will have to take a second look at the investment. Groton has had many students make it to middle school All State Band and high school All State Band. I sure would hate to see that change."

Board President Steve Smith said he doesn't want to see a change in the music department either. "No decisions have been made, but we have to look at applicants." Board member Kelly Kjelden said that he appreciated hearing the input very much.

The issue facing Groton isn't that they want to make any cuts. It's the availability of applicants. "It's a real issue," said Superintendent Joe Schwann. "The teacher shortage is for real. The state legislature need stop address this." Schwann said he has seen four educators leave the profession that they love and went on to do something else because of the money issue. There was only one applicant for Jensen's position.

In a report recently published in the Independent, 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."

Business Manager Mike Weber said, "It's the same thing every year. Just a different name." Schwann said that Groton is better off than many other schools in the state. Former Senator Chuck Welke of Warner echoed the same thoughts. "It is a terrible crisis that they (the legislature) continue to ignore," Welke said. "Maybe this will be the year they do something. The Blue Ribbon Task Force is their answer but they should have done something years ago. Groton has had their share of lost teachers due to this problem but they are better off than most of our schools."

There was a long pause before the board accepted Johnson's resignation. "I'd rather skip this," Smith said when the agenda item came up. "If we vote nay, does this mean he has to stay?" asked board member Lars Hanson, who of course knew they could not force Johnson to stay, but expressed his reluctance to see Johnson go.

The board also approved the resignation/retirement for Connie Stauch.

Then to add fuel to fire, Schwann reported on the Health Care Plan that the district is enrolled in. He reported that the current Health Fund program is, well, a big mess. It is currently \$8 million in debt with another \$4 million in outstanding bills that have not been submitted yet. A big part of the administrative costs comes from managing 268 plans among 68 entities in South Dakota that have start times in various months. To get out of debt, the Health Care Fund is making some drastic changes. The first is to reduce the total number of plans down to six. Another is to set the rates and there will be no room to negotiate. The Health Care Plan is going to be enrolled in Wellmark. Had it stayed with the Avera plan, the premiums would have gone up 30 percent. Sanford did not offer a plan. Under Wellmark, the premiums would go up 11 percent.

All entities will have a start time of July 1 and all plans will have to be prepaid. Currently, the district pays for April's premium at the end of April. The premiums will need to be paid at the beginning of the month.

Weber said that is going to be a problem for some people. "Some staff are working for their insurance. Some on the family plan are paying \$900 out of their check for premiums. In June, we're suppose to draw that twice. Some will not see a paycheck at all in June." Weber suggested spreading the second payment over two or even three months to help with the transition.

Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 10th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.



Aaron Delzer and Gayli DeBoer

Aaron Delzer

JobWise what are you doing today?

Today I am a full-time student at SDSU in Brookings, SD. I hope to graduate with a degree in History. My dream is to someday work at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC as an archivist in the early American history department. I work part time at miscellaneous bars in downtown Brookings as a bouncer. I have been an on and off bouncer for the better part of three years. I got my job by becoming a loyal customer at Pints & Quarts and Sully's Irish Pub and also by becoming good friends with the owners.

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

Previous employments since graduating high school include the following: United States Marine Corps (active duty) (2008-2012), *Veterans Affairs Office, Peer Coordinator at SDSU's campus (2012-2014) *I helped incoming service members and veterans adjust to campus life and helped them get their educational benefits in line and processed.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? I graduated from Groton Area High School with the class of 2008.

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? SDSU- I'm still currently pursuing a bachelors degree in History.

What advice would you give the high school students today? My advice to high school students today would be; never give up what you are passionate about, don't let negative influences become part of who you are, and that life is too short to stress over the small things in life. Whatever you decide on doing in life NEVER give up and NEVER do something unless you are willing to put your all into it.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. Graduating high school, Marine Corps with two tours overseas, enrolling into college and continuing my education.

Girl Friend: Not married-have a girlfriend though. Gayli DeBoer, 26, of Freeman, SD who is currently in the process of changing jobs from Counterpart (Brookings) to be an administrative assistant at Daktronics (Brookings). She has an associates degree in business administration from Southeast Tech in Sioux Falls, SD.

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Brown County April 7 Meeting Minutes

APRIL 7, 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 Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$7,466.39; Treasurer \$12,612.49; Data Processing \$5,803.38; State's Attorney \$16,169.69; Blood Draws \$400.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,449.28; Assessor \$13,104.51; Register of Deeds \$8,758.88; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$33,508.43; Jail \$33,272.27; Coroner \$1,050.00; JDC \$14,941.23; HD \$5,052.30; Welfare Office \$3,500.47; Museum \$7,658.94; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,815.24; Fair Board \$2,960.08; 4-H \$1,113.60; Weed \$709.71; Planning and Zoning \$2,226.47; Highway \$50,416.52; Communications \$20,748.51; Emergency Management \$3,331.32; Teen Court \$369.66; 24/7 \$2,834.05; Landfill \$11,064.24

Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,800.78; Medicare \$3,929.23.

Professional Fees: Image and Sound Forensics \$600.00; Aberdeen Advance Care Ambulance \$97.50; AMG University Psych \$2,104.16; Assn of SD Weed & Pest \$150.00; Avera St Luke's \$190.77; Kristi Brandt \$126.50; Bricks TV and Appliance \$691.25; Clark Engineering \$34,500.00; Compass Counseling and Assessment \$1,500.00; Harmelink, Fox & Ravnsborg Law \$135.00; Lacroix Law Office \$198.00; Linda Marcuson \$80.00; Midstates Printing \$75.00; Pollard & Larson \$315.00; Gwen Rinde \$20.00; Sanford Clinic \$108.20; Sanford Health \$76.40; SD Assoc of Co Commissioners \$5,614.34; SD Assoc. Of Co Weed & Pest \$50.00; SD Assoc of County \$3,082.17; SD Dept. of Revenue and Regulation \$3,909.26; Spot Freight \$1,585.00; Tammy Stolle \$75.00; Yankton Co Sheriff Office \$50.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$462.82.

Rentals: Danne Inc. \$225.00; Carol Diaz \$200.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: 446-Praxair Distribution Inc. \$25.80; Adamsoft \$500.00; Asphalt Zipper \$124.00; Crawford

M S & F \$138.60; Crawford Trucks and Equipment \$27.72; Dakota Electronic \$32.50; Great Western Tire \$6.00; HF Jacobs & Son Const. \$6,539.25; Mattern Electric \$35,495.88; Power-Plan \$3,537.11; Volk Upholstery \$150.00.

Supplies: 446-Ptraxair Distribution Inc. \$438.39; A & B Business 161.10; Ameripride \$307.72; Asphalt Zipper \$2,984.00; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Bonnie Blitz \$192.00; Bricks TV and Appliance \$289.25; Br Co Treasurer \$55.13 Crawford M S & F \$299.18; Crawford Trucks and Equipment \$2,132.12; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$178.88; Dakota Electronics \$94.00; Dakota Fluid Power \$1,439.99; Digital Ally \$395.00; DPM Petty Cash \$52.80; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$105.05; Farm and Home Publishing \$290.00; Fastenal \$545.49; Gardner Blacksmithing \$65.00; Graham Tire \$183.50; Great Western Tire \$1,252.46; Harmelink, Fox & Ravnsborg Law \$8.00; J Gross Equipment \$73.86; LaCroix Law Office \$11.63; Lang's TV & Appliance \$75.00; Larry Becker \$378.93; Mary Locken \$20.46; Mac's \$204.67; Marco Inc. \$89.18; Matthew Bender and Co \$44.44; National Public Safety Info. \$144.00; NCFE Warner \$3,099.46; Network Service Co \$404.04; Pollard & Larson \$6.00; Running's \$157.20; Sanders Sew-N-Vac \$23.96; Share Corp. \$320.00; Sherwin Williams \$319.50; Taylor Laundry \$98.00; Ryan Vogel \$7.41; Volk Upholstery \$55.00; Western Printing \$480.00; Zones \$809.12.

Travel and Conference: Executive Mgmt. \$1,199.50; Duane Jark \$50.76; Troy Knecht \$36.66; L.G. Everist \$6494.76; SDAAO \$500.00; SDSWMA Annual Conference \$390.00; Dennis Wiedebush \$33.84.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$970.17; AT&T \$223.35; BDM Rural Water System \$30.00; Midcontinent \$334.85; Northern Electric Coop \$59.80; NVC \$436.63; NWPS \$8282.96; Town of Frederick \$33.25; Web Water \$66.55.

Other: David Poor \$874.31.

Improvements Other Than Buildings: Vosika Fencing \$10,953.30.

Machinery & Equip.: Beck Motors \$30,625.00.

Jury: Peggy Abeln \$11.48, Julia Backous \$11.48; Tanner Baird \$11.48; Brian Beard \$154.44; Barbara Bell \$194.40; Michael Bockorny \$15.92; Ronald Bolduan \$11.48; Reece Bomberger \$11.48; Gina Brist \$11.48; Matthew Burst \$11.48; William Carter \$11.48; Jonathan Dabney \$12.22; Jon Damaska \$11.48; Renee Dey \$13.70; Ryan Dix \$11.48; Oscar Fieldler \$11.48; Joshua Finer \$11.48; Christopher Fischbach \$24.80; Stacy Fischer \$11.48; Wayne Fischer \$11.48; Kaitlyn Gehring \$154.44; Louie Genzler \$11.48; Dennis Geranen \$28.50; Rene Graf \$11.48; Tanya Grau \$11.48; Andrew Grode \$154.44; Michael Harry \$36.64; Sandra Hauck \$11.48; Caylee Holmes \$154.44; Ronald Hoops \$32.20; Michael Hoose \$11.48; Lucas Hoover \$154.44; Michelle

Huber \$11.48; Jeremy Iverson \$183.30; Lynn Jerke \$154.44; Hollis Johnson \$32.20; Donald Johs \$11.48; Mavis Jundt \$11.48; Derek Kiefer \$24.80; Brittany Konda \$11.48; David Kono \$11.48; Diane Kost \$11.48; Trent Kramer \$11.48; James Lee \$13.70; Diane Lehr \$11.48; Joshua Leonard \$11.48; Philp Livermont \$154.44; Irene Luft \$11.48; Joseph Malsam \$11.48; Cody Martens \$11.48; Shirley Meister \$24.80; Tyler Menzia \$11.48; Greg Milbrandt \$24.80; Stephanie Morgan \$11.48; Dale Mork \$11.48; Darrell Nerby \$15.18; Robert Newell \$11.48; Amy Nilson \$11.48; Aubrey O'Connell \$154.44; Daniel Ohara \$11.48; Jessica Olson \$11.48; Roger Overacker \$25.54; Ronald Patton \$17.40; Michelle Peck \$17.40; Steven Petrik \$11.48; Kenneth Reed \$24.80; Kellan Ryan \$11.48; Darcy Schock \$11.48; Derek Schoenfelder \$19.62; Richard Schrenk \$11.48; Bryan Schroeder \$154.44; Patrick Schumacher \$154.44; Michael Storley \$11.48; Jeremy Skoglund \$48.48; Gary Sperle \$11.48; Maria Strom \$24.80; Edmund Suchomel \$11.48; Lisa Sumption \$32.20; Gail Swanston \$11.48; Larae Syhre \$11.48; Steven Thithavong \$11.48; Laura Thomas \$12.22; Jodi Tichy \$158.88; Robin Truebenbach \$205.50; Margaret Unser \$11.48; Shawn Van Cleave \$11.48; Anthony Wachs \$11.48; Gary Warne \$11.48; Chad Wilkie \$24.80; Kari Zinter \$11.48. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following employee step increases, effective April 12, 2015: Jeff Kirnan @ \$18.47 per hour, Diane Mielke @ \$17.80 per hour, Jo Forsting @ \$16.35 per hour, Kristin Barstad @ \$15.74 per hour, Patricia Kendall @ \$14.18 per hour, Jon Roberson @ \$13.91 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring Austin Hoffman as full time equipment operator at the Landfill, effective April 9, 2015 at \$15.91 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 15-04-01/443 SET HEARING: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to set public hearing for Ordinance #15-04-01/443, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lots 1 and 2, Sunrise Estates Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Sec 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2330 Brown County 19N and 4220 24th Ave NE), to be held in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street at 5:30 p.m. on April 27, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with Native American Church of God for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on July 13-17, 2015. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

CROW CREEK STRUCTURE PAY REQUEST #1: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Crow Creek Control Structure Project Pay Request #1 (total bill \$12,865.50), as follows: James River Water Development District @ \$6,432.75 (50%); SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources @ \$5,146.20 (40%); County match @ \$1,286.55 (10%). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the March 2015 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$16,723,300.30 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$29,725.21, Dacotah Bank @ \$526,196.06, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$16,161,579.03). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROBATION OFFICE RENOVATION CONTRACT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract with JDH Construction, Inc. for furnishing labor and material to complete the Brown County Probation Office Renovations. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS HAY CUTTING BID: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for hay cutting at the Fairgrounds (approximately 26 acres). Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to award bid, submitted by Lee Sumner in amount of \$115.00 per acre (\$2,990.00) for hay cutting at the Fairgrounds (approximately 26 acres); rejecting bid, submitted by Sheryl Erickson in amount of \$92.00 per acre (\$2,390.00). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE/WINE LICENSE APPLICATION HEARING: Time and place, as advertised to consider applications for a Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage License and Retail (on-off sale) Wine License. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following applications: Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage License and Retail (on-off sale) Wine License: ARR LLC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge, 39931 106th Street, Hecla, SD 57446 – Russo's OL 1 in the NW ¼ of Sec 1-T127N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE DAY: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: Resolution #20-15. Brown County Day of Recognition for National Service: April 7, 2015. WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and WHEREAS, the nation's counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet county needs; and WHEREAS, participants in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the most pressing chal-

lenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and WHEREAS AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, including 57 in Brown County, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our county's economic and social well-being; and WHEREAS, more than 400 national service participants of all ages and backgrounds serve in Brown County, providing vital support to county residents and improving the quality of life in our county; and WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; including more than \$20,000 in Brown County and WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with county executives nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National Association of Counties and county executives across the country for the County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Duane Sutton, Chairman of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to declare the following property surplus and authorize Gary Vetter hold an open house on April 25, 2015; and further authorize advertising sale of property by sealed bids, to be opened at 8:45 a.m. on May 12, 2015 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD: Lots 31 and 32 Lutgen and Davis Richmond Lake Development in the NE ¼ of Sec 25-T124N-R65W, Brown County, SD (379704 S Shore Drive, Aberdeen, SD). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EB5 UNPAID BANK FRANCHISE: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution RESOLUTION #21-15. Resolution Urging the South Dakota Department of Revenue To Collect All Unpaid Bank Franchise Taxes From EB5 Lending WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission passed Resolution #59-14 on September 9, 2014 urging the South Dakota Banking Commission to investigate EB5 related tax evasion and money lending; and WHEREAS, the South Dakota Division of Banking ruled in response to our resolution that SDRC Inc., a private company set up by Joop Bollen in Brown County to lend money in the EB5 immigration investor program, must pay the bank franchise tax per letter dated March 25, 2015 by said division of banking; and WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Revenue is now responsible to collect unpaid bank franchise taxes; and WHEREAS, public estimates show SDRC Inc. and its related entities formed in Brown County may have been liable to pay South Dakota \$2.4 million in bank franchise tax; and

WHEREAS, Brown County may have been entitled to a share of bank franchise taxes evaded by said SDRC Inc. and its related entities; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Brown County Commission requests that the South Dakota Department of Revenue collect all unpaid bank franchise taxes from past years owed by SDRC Inc. and its related entities to South Dakota and the citizens of Brown County. Dated this 7th day of April 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

INTRANET: Paul Sivertsen, IT Manager explained the new Intranet System installed on the shared drive for use by County personnel.

ANNUAL ASSESSOR REVIEW: Mary Worlie, Director of Equalization came before the Board for annual review, per SDCL 10-3-14, and gave an update on equalization activities.

SICK BANK: Andrea Sjomeling and Tom Schmitt met to discuss the employee sick leave bank and presented amendments to the bank rules to consider for adoption. After discussion, no action was taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Scott Meints, Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with open discussion following in regard to request for Emergency Management personnel salary adjustments and request for an additional employee. No action was taken at this time.

PROPERTY USE BY CITY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to allow Aberdeen City the use of a 2005 Dodge Durango not in service by the Sheriff's Department until such time that the City acquires a new vehicle, upon condition the City maintain proper insurance and maintenance on the vehicle. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-4(1); and contract, per SDCL 1-25-4(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.

ADJOURN: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County City of Aberdeen Rezoning

NOTICE
 Application has been made by the City of Aberdeen to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2015 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.34 Municipal, State and County Use District (M), described as follows: The N ½ of the SW ¼ of Sec 15-T124N-R63 W and Outlot 1 in the S ½ of the SW ¼ of Sec 15-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12668 391st Ave).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 092.

ATTEST:
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NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

REGARDING PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 27th day of April 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, First Floor of the Municipal Building, to consider the Petition filed by Mark F Wattier to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, Sunrise Estates Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Sec 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2330 Brown County 19N and 4220 24th Ave NE)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-04-01/443 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 7th day of April 2015.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(0414.0421)

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**Groton
City
April 6
Meeting
Minutes**



April 6, 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: Blackmun, Flihs, McGannon, Opp, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, representatives of the press, Stacy Mayou, Terry Herron, Shawn Lambertz, Dwight Zerr, and Jay Peterson.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll 958.14 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,485.89 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 12,367.37 salaries; Public Works Payroll 17,234.21 salaries; Cultural & Recr Payroll 320.70 salaries; First State Bank 7,355.95 ss & wh; City of Groton 688.90 postage, dep ref, util; Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; US Post Office 1.24 postage; Jim Gerdes 100.00 Santa; Branden Abeln 9.00 meal; Dwight Zerr 9.00 meal; Paul Kosel 469.00 med flex; Anita Lowary 75.90 mileage; SD Supplemental Retirement 60.00 emp retirement; Scott Hanlon 23.00 mileage; Matt Tollifson 133.11 dep refund; 1st State Bank 20.00 NSF chgs; WEB Water 10,375.19 water; Luverne Baseball Assoc 275.00 Legion Tourn; 1st National Bank 2,985.04 2nd St sewer loan; 1st National Bank 2,207.95 NE sewer loan; 1st National Bank 7,670.84 Main St water loan; 1st National Bank 5,287.72 EPA loan; 1st National Bank 960.99 07 flooded sewer

loan; 1st National Bank 4,344.69 RR crossing sewer loan; 1st National Bank 7,670.84 Main St sewer loan; 1st National Bank 6,975.69 west sewer loan; April Abeln 526.50 dep & med flex; Badger Meter Inc 237.00 meter comm; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Chase Visa 739.52 postage motel, supp, fees, bk, meal; Chief Supply 82.93 uniforms; Clark Engineering 483.75 engineering; Dakota Tree Co 1,575.00 move trees; Darrels 18.00 repair; Galls 65.73 uniforms; Gary's Engine & Repair 76.92 repairs; Groton Ford 852.71 repairs; Groton Independent 202.57 publishing; Harry Implement 15.23 filter; Heartland Waste 6,121.27 garbage hauling; Hydro Klean 8,398.72 sewer insp & cleaning; James Valley Tele 694.40 phones, internet; Johnson, Drew 1,200.00 legal services; Ken's Food Fair 207.68 supplies; Locators & Supplies 76.06 handles; Anita Lowary 308.70 med flex; Menards 42.99 coffee pot; NWPS 4,442.08 power delivery; NW Energy 10.00 nat gas; RDO-John Deere Credit 375.82 edges; Sanitation Products 340.00 broom; S & S Lumber 196.91 supplies; SD Dept of Health 30.00 testing; SD Retirement 7,829.36 retirement; Specialty Manufacturing 34.51 metal; Tammy's Upholstory 104.00 repairs; United Lease & Finance 15,482.07 transformer lease; Verizon Wireless 41.61 gate comm.; WEB Water 9,041.99 water

Police Chief Mayou reported that the 2012 police vehicle has been taken Steven Lust Automotive for repairs again. Mayou left the meeting after his report.

Terry Herron, Public Works Supt, reported that the pool slide was taken to Hutterville for sandblasting and they would be taking it to Watertown for powder coating. It should be complete at the end of the week. The cemetery cleanup was started. Blackmun thanked the Public Works Department for all their work at the baseball complex with the backstop and fence.

Wastewater Supt Zerr reported that A-Tech had been in town televising the sewer mains on the 5th Avenue street reconstruction project and he has started the street sweeping for 2015.

SD Dept of Environment and Natural Resources presented awards for continued operation of a safe drinking water system for the last fourteen years. Also Mayor Hanlon presented Terry Herron and Dwight Zerr with their DENR awards for operating and maintaining the water system.

Asst Electric Supt Lambertz reported on changing transformers and crossarms.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to have Groton Spring Cleanup Week from May 2-9. All members present voted aye.

Zerr and Lambertz left the meeting at this point.

Street conditions were discussed. Since the frost is not out of the ground sufficiently, truck restriction for garbage and delivery trucks will continue for at least 2 more weeks.

Herron leaves the meeting at this point.

Councilman Opp suggested that Peddlers Licenses be reinstated in Groton. They were removed in 1980s because national and state laws struck down Green River Ordinances, but several concerns for safety, updating sales tax information, and discouraging traveling merchants from taking sales from local businesses were discussed. The idea was tabled until the next meeting to get feedback from citizens.

Bev Sombke enters the meeting at presented information from the Groton Garden Club. The Garden Club has \$900 available for tree planting. Also the Arbor Day tree needs a location for planting. The new tree grant, which was being applied for, that would double the investment in tree planting up to \$2,000 was discussed. A location in the City Park will be found for the Arbor Day tree planting. Council expressed thanks for this thoughtful gift.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to authorize the following persons to attend the following meetings: Anita

Midwest Masonry & concrete Pumping
Greg Heilman, owner
405 E 1st Ave., Groton
Greg: 253/929-9137
Mike: 605/492-7041
midwestmasonry1@yahoo.com



Lowary to the Heartland Annual Meeting on April 10 in Madison and the Human Resources and Finance Officers School on June 9-12 in Pierre; David McGannon to the Code Enforcement School on May 6-7 in Mitchell; and Burt Glover or a Chamber member to attend the iGrow ? Small Business Seminar on April 24 in Sisseton. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to extend the current Pepsi Cola exclusive contract for the baseball complex for one more year. All members present voted aye.

At 7:49pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel on a motion by Opp and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye. Jay Peterson was also asked to stay to be interviewed. At 8:08pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to hire Curt

Schumack as cemetery caretaker at \$12.00 per hour and to hire Chuck Padfield as baseball concession stand manager at 75% of the net profit. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to appoint Jay Peterson to the Ward 1 Council position, replacing Michelle Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Camille Sippel named High Scholar

Camille Sippel of Groton, S.D., is among more than 1,800 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who will be honored during the All-University Honors Convocation at 2 p.m. April 12 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.



Sippel, a freshman **Camille Sippel** in the College of Business Administration, is a High scholar.

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The youth of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church performed the Living Stations on April 1. They include front row: Hannah Lewandowski, Sydney Thorson, Sean Shuring, Nicole Lewandowski and Erin Smith. Middle Row: Jessica Bjerke, Erika Herr, Emily Locke, Jackson Oliver, Shane Simon, Landon Marzahn and Katie Groeblichhoff. Top row: Sheldon Herr, Tori Bjerke, Michaela Cutler, Rachel Blackmun, Luke Thorson, Breanna Marzahn, Maggie Simon, Joe Groeblichhoff. Dylan Miles, Luke Smith and Gabe Dohman. (Courtesy Photo)

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Friends . . . Near and Far

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



Gov. Dennis Daugaard

JobWise what are you doing today? Governor of South Dakota

How long have you been working at the current job? This is my fifth year serving as governor.

What are some of the most challenging parts of your job? Managing the schedule is always a challenge. The first year was the most difficult because I tended to overcommit myself. As governor, you want to be able to say yes when South Dakotans invite you to their town to come to their event or tour their business but you have to realize your limitations. I have since become better about scheduling office hours and not overcommitting myself to travel.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. I worked a number of jobs throughout high school and college. I washed dishes, waited tables, welded on the Load King assembly line and painted water towers for Maguire Iron. During law school I held jobs as a bus driver, law clerk, and security guard. After law school I practiced law in Illinois for three years. I then went on to work for what is now US Bank in Sioux Falls for about nine years. Following that, I worked at the Children's Home Society, served in the Legisla-

ture and became lieutenant governor.

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? I graduated from Dell Rapids High School in 1971.

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? I earned a bachelor's degree in government from USD and my law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Today you can't just get any degree and expect to get a job in your field, you have to get the right degree. Consider pursuing a career in the technical fields where there is high demand for workers. We lack skilled workers in certain areas like accounting, engineering, information technology, health care, and the trades. Many of these jobs pay well.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. I'd say marrying Linda and raising our three children are my biggest accomplishments.

Spouses name and where are they from? Linda Daugaard, Dell Rapids

How did the two of you meet? In eighth grade.

Do you have any children? If so what's their names and ages and if they are no longer staying at home where are they at and what are they doing today. Laura, (31), is married, has two children, and works for Lawrence and Schiller. Sara, (29), is also married with two children and she works as an electrical engineer. Chris, (27), is married and he works for Ernst Capital.



Cutler, Hughes Engaged

Sophie Cutler and Alex Hughes are engaged and are planning a June 19 wedding. The parents of the couple are Tom and Nancy Cutler and Keith and Jeanette Hughes all of Groton. Alex will graduate in May from SDSU and Sophie will continue her education also at SDSU. The couple will make their home in Brookings.

Rip 'N Ravel

Rip 'N Ravel CFEL Extension Club Met April 6th at Rose Waage's.

Fourteen baskets were made for the Easter project. President Beverly Sombke delivered them to the Brown County Extension Office in Aberdeen.

Spring Council and Recognition Tea is April 23 at Brown County Courthouse community room starting with registration at 12:30 pm.

A donation of \$50 was given to the 4H Foundation Fund.

The lesson "History of Aberdeen" was given by Darlene Finnesand. Also, an informational DVD was shown.

Next meeting will be May 4th at the Carol Dohman residence.

Sirens sound in Groton

Thursday evening the sirens were sounding in Groton and people were wondering what was happening. The sirens will sound if there is a call for more firemen. Normally, pages are sent out to the members of the Groton Fire Department, but if there is not enough firemen on hand, the sirens will then sound. There

was a fire in the Bath area and according to scanner reports, it was a tree pile that was on fire. Currently, there is a fire ban in Brown County due to the dry conditions.

Last question: do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? High school and college certainly helped with that preparation. I think the experience I gained from working different jobs throughout my academic career were just as valuable.

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BRIDAL SHOWERS

Open House Bridal Shower honoring Jessica Hoscheid, bride-to-be of Zach Harry, April 25, 2015, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The couple is registered at Target, Inspire and Menards.

Bridal Shower for Ashley Larson, bride-to-be of Austin Fordham, Saturday, April 25th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, S.D. Registered at Target and Herbergers. (2t)

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Thank you to all the people of the community that gave money to Lori's Pharmacy for our shower gifts we received so many beautiful gifts.

Sophie Cutler and Alex Hughes

EMPLOYMENT

The Groton Area School District is seeking applications for a GRASP OST Coordinator/Paraprofessional. This position includes summer months and offers competitive salary and benefits. This position closes on April 17, 2015. Questions should be directed to Mr. Dan Dalchow, Elementary Principal. Applications can be found at www.grotonarea.com. (0407.0414)

The Groton Area School District is seeking applications for a Business Office Assistant. This position includes summer months and offers competitive salary and benefits. This position will remain opened until filled. Questions should be directed to Mr. Joe Schwan, Superintendent. Applications can be found at www.grotonarea.com. (0407.0414)

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The Life of Arthur Bahr



Services for Arthur Bahr, 85, of Ferney were held Saturday, April 11 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiated. Burial with military honors followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Art died April 9, 2015 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Arthur Ernest Bahr was born on August 20, 1929 in Ferney to Ernest Carl and Emma (Stange) Bahr. He attended school in Ferney and began helping on the family farm. He enlisted in the US Army in 1953, serving in the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to South Dakota and farmed with his brother, Alvin. Art was united in marriage with Jeanne Anderson on October 22, 1955 in Minnesota. To this union, four children were born. Art continued to farm on his own for many years prior to retiring in town.

Art was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. He also belonged to the Groton American Legion, Post #39. He enjoyed playing cards and spending time with his family.

Celebrating his life are his children, Kristine (John) Clay of Mesa, Arizona; Dean (Tammy) Bahr of Timber Lake; Jeannine (Todd) Elmquist of Federal Way, Washington; Diane Lewandowski of Langford, his brother, Alvin (Donna) Bahr of Turton, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife in 2007, two infant siblings and his sisters: Lydia Nowak and Julia Knapp.

A few other notes from the school board meeting

Last day of school is May 19, 2015.

The spring middle/high school concert date will not change. It will be Monday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Emily Eichler, Anne Zoellner, Julie Erdmann and Lynette Grieve all completed their masters program at Northern State University.

Elementary Track and Field Day/Health Fair will be held May 8 with grades 3-5 in the morning and K-2 in the afternoon.

The high school food service inspection was held April 9 with a score of 96.

Appointed Grant Rix to review the banking fees with administrative staff.

The cross walk on Broadway will be moved to Fifth Avenue as part of the SD Highway 37 project. In addition, the school zone will be adjusted to run from Fifth Avenue to Ninth Avenue. There will be a switch at the

elementary school to control the flashing light. Signage of 15 mph will be changed to "when lights are flashing" instead of "when children are present."

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Tombstone 12" Original Pizza **3 for \$10**

It's Time for... Spring Cleaning

Did you match these slang expressions to their meanings?

- clean sweep
- clean out
- clean hands
- come clean
- keep one's nose clean

A. to stay out of trouble
 B. to win everything
 C. innocent; has done nothing wrong
 D. to take everything; empty
 E. confess, tell the whole story

Busting Dust!

- dust
- dust bunnies
- an item is "collecting dust"
- the flies "bit the dust"
- the lead runner left the others "in the dust"
- I'm going to "dust off" my hobby box
- when she works she "makes the dust fly"

Can You Clean Up These Messes?

Wow! Look at what he's finding under your bed!

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