



**Museum looking for board directors**

The Dacotah Prairie Museum is currently seeking people interested in serving on the museum board of directors.

The board meets monthly to oversee the operation of the museum and set policy.

Board members are appointed for a three-year term by the Brown County Commission upon recommendation by the museum board's executive committee. Potential members should have an interest in history and/or education and must be residents of Brown County. New members will begin their terms in January 2016.

For more information or to request an application please contact Sue Gates 605-626-7117 or sue.gates@browncounty.sd.gov

**Board grapples with wrestling program**

The future of the Groton Area wrestling program is in limbo because the numbers have dropped to an unsafe level. Coach Dana Dargatz, along with parents Todd and Kara Anderson, Chad and Chanise Pray and Wendy Monson, and wrestling Trevor Pray, came to talk about the future of the sport at GHS.

When practice started last Tuesday, 12 showed up for practice. This past Thursday, only six showed up with one being a sixth grader.

An emotional Dargatz pleaded with the board to pursue quick action to keep these athletes out for wrestling and to keep them in the Groton Area School District. "It's not feasible for a 150 pound or 120 pound wrestler to practice with a kid 200 plus pounds. It doesn't work," Dargatz said. "We need a resolution as soon as possible."

Dargatz said, "I do not have the resources to supply them adequately with what they need. That's a tough one to swallow."

One suggestion is to co-op with Webster Area. The big draw-back to that is enrollment. The combination would move Webster from Class B wrestling to Class A wrestling and that is a move that would likely be rejected by Webster, and understandably so. Another option is to co-op with Aberdeen Central. "Aberdeen Central would be too much of a cultural shock," Dargatz said, "It would be overwhelming. They are three to four deep in every weight class." Dargatz said the three Groton wrestlers that could go to Webster would help fill Webster's roster as they have those weight classes open. A third option is to disband the Groton wrestling program and allow the kids to go where ever they want to go, basically, to open enroll in another school. Even with that, there would be a 45-day waiting period.

Even with all of these options, the final decision rests with the South Dakota High School Activities Association. To co-op with Webster and to ask for a waiver to remain in Class B seemed unlikely, but nevertheless, the Groton board agreed to try that avenue any way. They directed Superintendent Joe Schwan to contact the Webster Superintendent and athletic director. The Webster School Board would have to approve a co-op. Since it is past the allowed time for co-ops, the SDHSAA board of directors would have to meet in special session and offer an emergency option not only to co-op with Webster, but to also remain in Class B.

Dargatz stated that with his own kids and the fact that Groton will have only three wrestlers in the next six years that his return next year is very unlikely. In fact, he said if the board wanted to disband the program, he would turn in his resignation immediately to help get the ball rolling. "These kids love Groton and there are other kids that have jumped shipped and I don't believe in that," Dargatz said. "We should try to help these young people out as much as possible."

Trevor Pray said, "Brandyn (Anderson) and I have made a pact that we will not leave the Groton School. There are other sports I participate in and I want to stay in Groton."

Everyone agreed that co-oping with Webster and staying Class B is "Nothing short of a long shot," but as Board Member Kelly Kjelden said, "At least we tried."



**Schinkel awarded excellence award**

At the November meeting of the Groton Lions Club, Lee Schinkel was awarded the Excellence Award from the state Lions, for bringing in ten or more members into the Groton Club, last year, 2014-2015. Pic. L-R is Chris Frost, Groton president, making the presentation, and Lee Schinkel.



**Ken Fiedler, Aberdeen, owner of the Ken's supermarkets, visited the Groton Ken's Food Fair store recently to look over the recent remodeling that was done. He is deep in thought, looking things over to make sure everything is just right. Ken's son, Kevin, is the vice president and general manager of the Ken's supermarkets, is pictured on the left in the right photo with Groton store manager Lionel Bruemmer. The Groton FoodFair/Shell Express store is located at the junction of US12 and SD37.**



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# Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 42nd in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

## Stephen Duncan

**JobWise what are you doing today?** Youth Pastor at Richland Church, Mina, SD  
**How long have you been working at the current job?** 2 ½ years

**How did you get your current job?** After we moved to Ipswich, we began attending Richland. A few years later, after being a volunteer with the youth group for a time, I was asked to begin considering taking the leader position.

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

Midstates Printing – Assistant Web Press Operator 2007-2008

Lang's TV and Appliance – Delivery and installation 2008-2010

Holy Cross Catholic Church and School – Custodian 2010-2014

**What year did you graduate from high school?** GHS 2004

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** Northern State University (3 years) as an Elementary Education major. I dropped out do to the fact that I realized it wasn't for me.

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Don't waste your life on trivial things and cheap thrills. Look to the One who can ultimately save you and give you everlasting life. That is the only place you will EVER find hope.

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

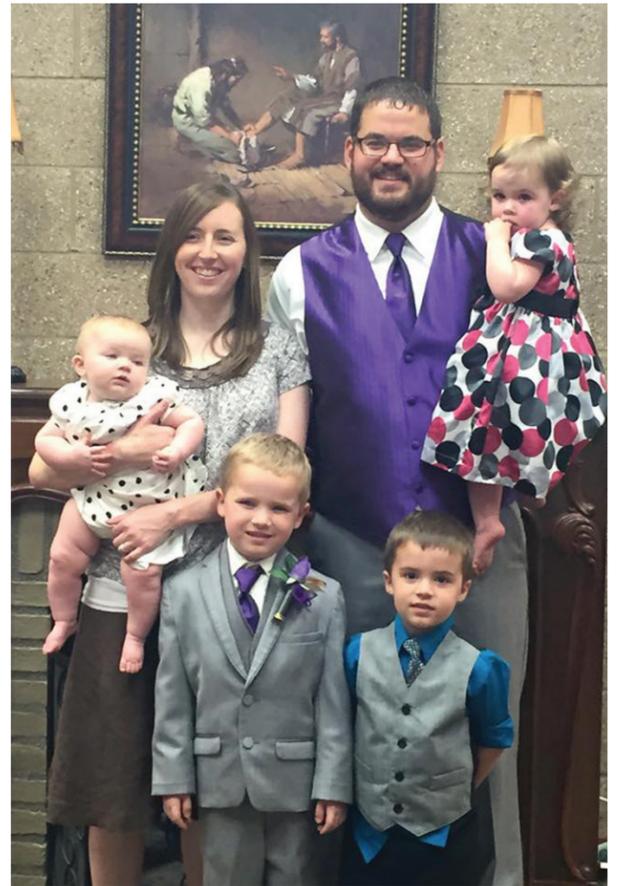
Learning to be more obedient to God and what He wants of me. That is a process that will be ongoing. I am thankful for His grace and mercy.

Marrying the most beautiful woman inside and out and having the privilege of being married to her for nearly eight years as of December 2015.

Having four children; 2 boys and 2 girls. How cool is that?

**Your Spouse:** Valerie from Wilmot, SD

**How did the two of you meet?** We met at Northern. I saw a girl wearing a Zelda shirt from across the room and knew she had to be awesome. As usual, I was correct. She was worth the student loans.



In back are Daisy, Valerie, Stephen and Lucy; in front are Lincoln and Samuel.

**Do you have any children?**

4 Children:  
 Lincoln – 6 years old  
 Samuel – 4 years old  
 Lucy – 2 years old  
 Daisy – 1 year old

**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** I feel that without the experience of it, I would be a different person. I think much of education is "filler" and could be thrown into the waste category. Does that mean it is a waste and should be skipped? No. We need to be educated for the things we do; it's just working to find that balance is tough, especially when the system is the problem.

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4. giftwrap
5. shirts
6. hats
7. models
8. sneakers
9. stones
10. tie bags
11. aprons
12. school boxes

Did you match these too?  
 1. rubber stamping, inking, gluing glitter  
 2. painting, personalizing, gluing felt to the bottom  
 3. writing, promising, helping  
 4. melting, coloring, scenting wax, dipping string  
 5. drawing 12 seasonal pictures of times with your family, dates, days

Did you match the activities to the gifts that will be made?  
 A. tic-tac-toe, checkers  
 B. decorative hangers  
 C. wrapping paper  
 D. box to hold change, keys, watches  
 E. favorite cookies, candy

A. brick book ends  
 B. candles  
 C. calendar  
 D. pop-up cards, writing paper  
 E. book with coupons that can be "turned in" to get extra help with chores

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## Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met on Nov. 1st at the Claremont Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by President Hannah Sumption, The American pledge was led by Dylan Frey and the 4-H pledge led by Jakob Sumption. There were 27 members who answered roll call which was favorite Halloween candy. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved as given. There was no old business. For new business Leader Mike Frey discussed the Newshound and Christmas party. The meeting was adjourned by Braden Boe and seconded by Clay Crawford. Talks and demonstrations were given by Madilyn Wright on Yard Yahtzee and Andrew Marzahn on Football cards. Lunch was served by Jonathon, Hannah, Jakob, and Madelyn Sumption.

-Submitted by Colin Frey, club reporter

## North Area Honor Band

The 25th Annual South Dakota North Area Honor Band will present their concert on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Thomas F. Kelly Theatre on the campus of Aberdeen Central High School. Mr. Bob Goheen, retired band director from Brandon Valley, South Dakota, will be the guest conductor at this year's Honor Band.

The South Dakota North Area Honor Band was created when area band directors began expressing an interest in providing a regional opportunity for their experienced instrumental musicians. Upon nomination by their band director, students who auditioned for the 2015 South Dakota All-State Band are seated first in the ensemble, and additional students of high caliber complete the sections. It remains the goal of the directors to increase the interest in instrumental performance and to provide a top level learning experience for the more advanced high school band students of this area.

Representing twenty schools, approximately ninety students have been selected to participate in the Honor Band. Participating schools and their directors are Aberdeen Central - Jerome Letcher & Jeremy Schutter;

Aberdeen Roncalli - Kimberly Carda & John Patzlaff; Castlewood - Vicki Bjerke; Clark, Lola Bartels; Eureka - Dale Batie; Gettysburg - A.J. Roberts; Great Plains Lutheran - Eric Martens; Groton Area - Desiree Yeigh; Henry - Deanna Martens; Hoven - Elizabeth Bengs; Huron - Larry Petersen; Ipswich - Becky Nierman; Langford - Kelly Wieser; Leola - Nancy Kindelspire; Milbank - Susan Karels; Northwestern - Wendy Thorson; Rosholt - Buffy Kemnitz; Selby Area - Sam Glantzow; Sully Buttes - Erica Guthmiller; and Webster Area - Patty Baule.

Admission prices for the concert are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The following students from Groton Area were selected: Josie Doeden, Jaden Oliver, Maggie Simon, Garrett Stene, Ashley Garduno, Tylan Glover, Kylie Kassube, and Emily Thompson.

## A Warm 2015-16 Winter Weather Forecast

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Based on the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center's outlook released this week, a strong El Niño continues to affect the U.S. as warmer than average temperatures are forecast for South Dakota and the northern states this coming winter season (December 2015 through February 2016).

"The current observations in the Pacific Ocean rank the current El Niño as the second or third strongest since 1950, and this is projected to have impacts on our wintertime climate in the U.S. El Niño is expected to reach its peak intensity in the next two to three months," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Across northeastern South Dakota in December, Edwards said there is a 50 percent likelihood of above average temperatures, with 33 percent chance of near average and 17 percent chance of below average temperatures. "The rest of the state is favored to have warmer than average temperatures, with slightly less likelihood in the month ahead," she said.

The precipitation forecast for December is leaning towards drier than average for the northern tier counties. The remainder of the state has equal chances of above, below or near average precipitation for the month.

Looking further ahead - through February - there continues to be an increased chance of warmer than average temperatures across all of the northern states, from coast to coast. "This is consistent with a strong El Niño climate pattern that we have seen in the past, and many of the long-range computer climate models are forecasting that the same will hold true in winter of 2015-16," said Dennis Todey, South Dakota State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Specialist.

The precipitation forecast for the three months ahead sets South Dakota in between an area that is favored to be drier to our north and west, and wetter to our south in Nebraska. "The last two winters with similar El Niño conditions were in 1982-83 and 1997-98. In both of those years, South Dakota wintertime precipitation was near to slightly below average," he said.

Todey added that it is possible that South Dakota could experience storm events which bring rain or snow to our state this winter. "Particularly if we get a surge of moisture from the south or southwest," he said. "But it is also possible that many areas could have an open winter, with little to no snowcover for much of the season."

The implications of an open winter are both good and bad, Edwards explained. "Less snow cover could make winter wheat more susceptible to frost and freeze damage," she said. "The same situation could be positive for cattle and livestock operations who prefer drier conditions."

Currently, the risk of major spring flooding is low.

This is due to the fact that soils are not saturated and there is some capacity to take in rain and snowmelt this winter. Also, drier than average conditions are favored upstream along the Missouri and James Rivers, and some western tributaries as well.

Edwards and Todey explained that this dry pattern in the northern Rockies and the surrounding area is also consistent with El Niño impacts in the U.S.

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**Adeline Kotzer** is the daughter of Nicole Kotzer. She is thankful for eating dinner with her family.

**Donavon Sealey** is the son of Hope Block. He is thankful for his family because they give him food.

**Abby Fjeldheim** is the daughter of Ryan and Susan Fjeldheim. She is thankful for her mom because she lets her go on rides at the fair.

**Novalea Warrington** is the daughter of Neal and Amy Warrington. She is thankful for her grandma because she came to stay with them when mom and dad were gone.

**Zachary Flihs** is the son of Jeff and Bridget Flihs. He is thankful for his daddy because he plays toys with him.

**Samuel Crank** is the son of Thomas and Rachael Crank. He is thankful for his mom because she lets him go to the park.

**Baby Shower for Eva Roy Olson, daughter of Nick and Stephanie Olson, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eva was born October 7, 2015. They are registered at Target.**

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**Jordan Schwan** is the son of Joe and Jodi Schwan. He is thankful for his dad because he can fix the TV and clean the gutters.



**Ian Kutter** is the son of Ryan and Carol Kutter. He is thankful for his dad because he plays football with me.



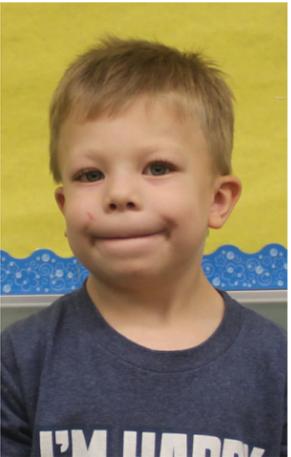
**Brooklyn Spanier** is the daughter of Roger and Darci Spanier. She is thankful for her mommy because she plays cards with her and she is thankful for her daddy because he takes her bowling.



**Porter Jones** is the son of Jarrett and Stacey Jones. He is thankful for his family and playing with them at his house.



**Drake Dosch** is the son of Jeremy Dosch and Kelsie Ehresmann. He says he is thankful for family, space and iPads.



**Luke Gauer** is the son of Will and Jordi Gauer. He is thankful for his semi because it's brand new and he plays with it at recess.



**Bridger Bliese** is the son of Kevin and Kristi Bliese. He is thankful for his friends because they color together.

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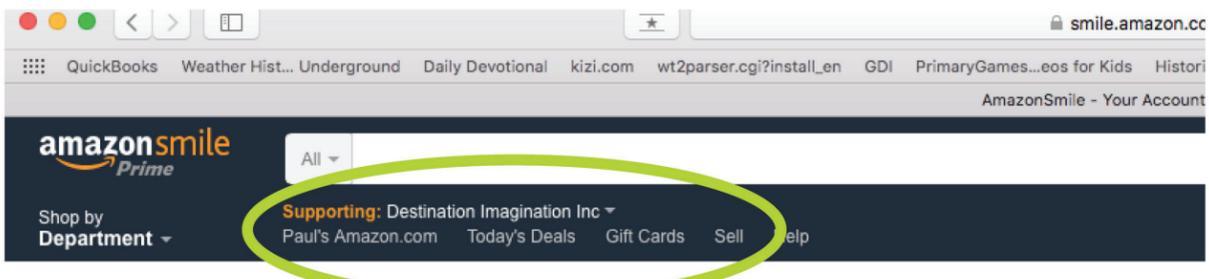


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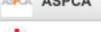
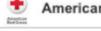


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**Groton School**

**Nov. 9**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING November 9, 2015

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: M. Harder, L. Hanson, K. Kjeldsen, D. Nelson, G. Rix, S. Smith and M. Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Official M. Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under Consent Agenda #4 – remove transportation and school lunch report approval, under New Business #2a – add request for gym use with fee rental and under New Business #2b – add request from SEAS Catholic Church for use of school bus. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop School of Record items, October 13th and 27th minutes, district bills, financial report and agency report. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 166,467.57; FIT – 18,270.71; Medicare – 6,325.50; FICA – 27,046.42; Sun Life Suppl. – 510.46; American Funds – 702.40; Washington National – 98.40; SDRS – 27,549.12; First National Bank – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,216.54; Horace Mann – 318.51; Thrivent – 205.80; AFLAC – 2,223.35; Delta Dental – 4,226.10; SD Supplemental Retirement – 1,230.80; SDSBF Basic Life – 71.82; GASD Health Ins. Deferral – 114.48; Wellmark BCBS – 55,847.00; A&B Business – supplies, 31.98; Academy Trophy – trophies, 300.00; Acme Tools – services, 20.00; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 28,346.51; Automatic Building Controls – service call, 503.88; City of Groton – utilities, 11,165.59; Cole Papers – supplies, 3,046.62; R. Colestock – fb ref, 45.00; Dakota Brush – supplies, 597.42; Dakota Outdoors – repairs, 416.92; Dakota Supply Group – bulbs, 131.12; Decker Inc – signs, 351.89; Demco – supplies, 222.51; Dependable Sanitation – services, 1,254.50; J. Doeden – vb ref, 65.00; G&K Services – rug serv, 390.90; G. Gengerke – vb ref, 20.00; GASD Food Serv. – supplies, 344.02; GASD – patron funds tfr, 30.00; Groton Chiropractic – physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Independent – legal notices, 126.01; Groton Ford – repairs, 314.83; J. Hanson – fb ref, 85.00; Hillyard – suppl/services, 874.75; Howard Johnson – lodging, 819.00; JW Pepper – music, 663.72; James Valley Telecomm. – services/cap.credit, 61.96; M. Jones – vb ref, 75.00; K. Koehler – vb ref, 25.00; Locke Electric – services, 4,984.03; M. Lock – fb ref/clock, 235.00; Mathcounts Foundation – subscription, 215.00; Matheson – supplies, 116.73; Menards – supplies, 471.90; Mid-American Research Chemical – supplies, 302.54; G. Milbrandt – soccer announcer/clock, 250.00; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 753.95; Pauer Sound & Music – repairs, 44.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 3,378.08; S. Schaller – soccer clock, 25.00; A. Schuring – fb clock, 175.00; Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair – boiler service call, 2,814.74; A. Schwan – mileage/meals, 193.69; SD Dept of Public Safety – certify scales, 56.00; SDASFAA – registration, 25.00;

SDIAAA – conference fee/dues, 140.00; J. Seibel – supplies, 14.56; Sewer Saver – serv/repairs, 710.42; M. Sippel – vb ref, 40.00; P. Snyder – vb ref, 80.00; Subway – supplies, 126.00; C. Swanson – meals, 22.37; Taylor Music – suppl/services, 740.17; M. Weismantel – fb ref, 85.00; D. Winburn – supplies, 9.16; T. Woods – fb ref/scorer, 50.00; Zep Sales & Service – supplies, 152.11. Total General Fund - \$379,159.56.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Acme Tools – tape measures, 42.86; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 644.87; Everwhite – whiteboards, 1,059.75; Follett School Solutions – lib. books, 281.02; Knowbuddy Resources – lib. books, 188.70; Krueger Brothers – gravel, 307.67; Marco – copier leases, 1,978.17; Wells Fargo Securities – hs addn pmt, 110,913.15. Total Capital Outlay - \$115,416.19.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 25,705.48; FIT – 2,407.54; Medicare – 974.18; FICA – 4,165.64; Sun Life Suppl. – 157.12; SDRS – 4,428.70; Waddell & Reed – 250.00; AFLAC – 448.33; Delta Dental – 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement – 200.00; SDSBF Basic Life – 14.63; Wellmark BCBS – 11,666.00; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 42.30; Avera St. Luke's – services, 9,964.11; Behavior Care Specialists – consultation, 579.76; GASD Parent – mileage, 670.32. Total Special Ed - \$62,519.33.

BOND REDEMPTION: First National Bank – arena bond pmt, 200,613.75.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 6,436.41; FIT – 368.29; Medicare – 224.58; FICA – 960.30; SDRS – 694.28; AFLAC – 54.22; SDSBF Basic Life – 2.66; Wellmark BCBS – 1,372.00; Agency Fund – adv pmt, 1,297.76; CWD – 2,907.72; Dean Foods – dairy products, 1,938.48; Earthgrains – bakery products, 300.90; G&K Services – linen service, 168.69; Mid-American Research Chemical – supplies, 257.78; Reinhart – food/suppl, 4,035.62; Speedy Foods – food, 1,994.20; Sysco – food/suppl, 2,395.66; US Foods – food/suppl, 4,117.30; Woodman Refrigeration – repairs, 741.46. Total Food Service – \$30,268.31. OST Net Salary – 1,796.09; FIT – 73.97; Medicare – 61.28; FICA – 262.08; SDRS – 163.68; AFLAC – 77.99; SDSBF Basic Life – 1.33; Wellmark BCBS – 604.00; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 457.82; Menards – snacks, 133.33. Total OST – \$3,631.57. Total Enterprise - \$33,899.88.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$59,758.01.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 53,954.60; Other Local Sources – 96,023.12; County Sources – 4,275.63; State Sources – 5,763.00; Federal Sources – 10,184.61. Total Receipts - \$170,200.96.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

There were no committee reports given.

The following issues were discussed in administrative reports: Blue Ribbon Task Force update, ASBSD Delegate Assembly, Gallagher Access System installation, school safety presentation, elementary school water leak, Developmental Screening, PAC monthly staff feature, Veteran's Day Assembly, Dual Credit, "Stay Put" drill, CTE meeting, ICU update and school audit.

Mike Hubbard from Johnson Controls was present to discuss long-term facilities planning with regards to energy efficiency in both schools. No action was

taken. Superintendent Schwan reviewed the Fire and Life Safety Inspection Report and Corrective Action Plan. The plan included suggestions for immediate fixes, intermediate-term fixes and long term fixes. The District will submit a Corrective Action Plan. Schwan read a letter from Kara Pharis requesting the use of school facilities to hold a basketball camp for 6th graders. The letter included a request to waive the school rental fee. Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to allow the use of the facility with the fee waived on the assumption that the camp will be open to all 6th grade students. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Weismantel to allow SEAS Catholic Church the use of a school bus to attend a youth rally in Brookings with normal school charge for use of the bus. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjeldsen, second Rix to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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**Brown County Nov. 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

NOVEMBER 17, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Fischbach was absent. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015, with correction that Paul Sivertsen was in attendance during a portion of the executive session via telephone. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$6,414.13; Treasurer \$12,924.07; Data Processing \$7,171.88; State's Attorney \$16,279.44; Blood Draws \$650.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,313.56; Assessor \$13,136.51; Register of Deeds \$9,349.67; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$31,404.70; Jail \$42,256.67; JDC \$16,496.22; HD \$5,375.28; Welfare Office \$3,477.47; Museum \$7,683.74; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,179.09; Fair Board \$3,407.85; 4-H \$1,113.60; Weed \$1,483.62; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47; Highway \$46,475.70; Communications \$20,826.35; Emergency Management \$3,767.34; Teen Court \$283.14; 24/7 \$3,050.37; Landfill \$12,097.74.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,835.43; Medicare \$3,937.31.

Professional Fees: Adam Altman \$349.80; Avera St. Luke's \$4,611.27; BMI \$335.00; Brick's TV & Appliance \$5,203.75; Denise Cody \$37.50; Faulk Co. Sheriff Dept. \$10,560.00; HKG Architects \$16,470.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$640.00; Lucy Lewno \$310.50; LexisNexis \$51.60; Pollard Law \$198.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$8,465.62; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$138.80; Karen Swanda \$37.50; Yankton Co.

Sheriff Office \$50.00. Publishing: American News \$382.63.

Rentals: Danne \$330.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: 446-Praxair \$65.83; Asphalt Zipper \$68.63; Farm Power Mfg. \$386.00; GCR Tires \$649.84; Newman Signs \$21.03; Steven Lust Automotive \$61.89; US Bank \$1,039.69; Walth Safety Services \$7.95.

Supplies: Account Services Exchange \$850.00; Allegiant Emergency Services \$294.20; Ameripride \$351.62; Asphalt Zipper \$401.90; Bob's Photo \$4,033.00; Carlsen Funeral Home \$336.84; Civic Research Institute \$179.95; Cole Papers \$1,807.19; Crescent Electric \$135.00; Ecolab \$94.19; Farm Power Mfg. \$1,753.13; GCR Tires \$314.24; Keeley's \$2,711.00; Rodney Kirschenmann \$1,000.00; Lar-Jo's \$564.13; Lucy Lewno \$12.98; LexisNexis \$90.08; Lien Transportation \$13,132.02; Marco \$25.64; Mid-states Printing \$369.00; Network Services \$250.76; Newman Signs \$308.30; Pollard Law \$2.00; Pro Ag Supply \$215.54; Sewing Shoppe \$6.00; Share Corp. \$300.00; Tractor Supply \$26.47; Tri-State Water \$26.00; Universal Hospital Services \$30.00; US Bank \$13,565.89; Web Water Bottling Co. \$49.00; West Payment Center \$3,132.83.

Travel and Conference: Leo Leshar \$347.80; SD Assoc. of Fairs & Celebrations \$250.00; SD Sheriff's Assoc. \$295.00; US Bank \$2,571.54; Winner Police Dept. \$67.60.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$278.73; City of Hecla \$159.33; Economy Propane \$296.75; North Star Energy \$129.80; Northern Electric \$1,118.03; NWPS \$115.35; US Bank \$659.52. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CATHERINE LINDEMANN: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to close all Brown County Offices able to close to the public from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2015 to honor the memory of Catherine Lindemann, employee at the Register of Deeds Office from February 1, 1996 to present. Some offices may stay open to the public with minimal staffing, at the discretion of the office head. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve employee status changes for Nicole Leslie Tveit from full-time Corrections Officer to part-time Civil Process Assistant, effective November 30, 2015 @ \$14.18 per hour; and for Brian Marcuson from part-time Correctional Officer to part-time cook, effective November 30, 2015 at \$14.12 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign agreement with Carla Janjula-Sperry for lease of the Club House on September 5 & 6, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR: Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill, (Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 4, Mansfield, 32-121-64). Marge Frohling DBA The Connection (Lots 13, 14, & 15, Block 2, Houghton, 31-127-61). Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney,

31-122-60). RETAIL (ON-SALE) AND SUNDAY LIQUOR: Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill (Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 4, Mansfield 32-121-64). Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60). Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, 33-124-63). Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort (Lot 1 Elm Lake Subdivision in the SE ¼ of 8-128-65). Stacy Gossman DBA Big Fella's (Lot 1B Gossman 1st Addn S ½ of 15-123-63). Dennis O Jones DBA Dakota River Ranch/Tacoma Park Place (5 acres in NE corner of NW ¼ of 23-124N-62W). PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort Subd Lt 1, Subd OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2). RETAIL (ON-OFF-SALE) WINE: ARR LCC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Russo's OL 1 NW ¼ 1-127-62). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve the following October 2015 Sheriff Report: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED SALE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to authorize advertising the following described property to be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on December 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., and further to declare property surplus for purpose of sale: Aberdeen City: Lot 8 Blk 16 Hagerty & Lloyd Addition (509 N Penn Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 097 – FIRST READING: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve First Reading of Ordinance #097, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.10 (R3) Lake Front District: Lots 7 & 8, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lots 12 & 13, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lots 1-5, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lot 6, Block 1 RO-JU-OS Park; Lot 2, Block 1 Graham Oster Addition to RO-JU-OS Park; Lot 3, Block 1 Graham Oster Addition to RO-JU-OS Park; and a tract 60' N & S by 175' E & W adjacent to Lot 1 Hart Family Subdivision to RO-JU-OS Park located in the S ½ of SE ¼ of Sec 8-T128N-R65W, Brown County, SD (10186, 10194, 10176, 10184, 10172, 10174, 10160, and 10164 RO-JU-OS Place). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent presented an update on current department activities; announced open discussions for purpose of public input in regard to the 5-Year Highway Plan in compliance with Senate Bill #1 will be held during the Commission meeting on November 24th and at the township officials meeting on November 18th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 25-2-1(3) 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:

CONCERNED CITIZEN: Area citizen Matt Deilke asked the following in regard to the grievance

responses: The basis for determining the salary is reasonable? The Chairman stated an on-line list was reviewed. Who owns the on-line fair ticket program used in 2015? Sivertsen Technology. Is there a formal agreement for the donation of the use of the ticket program between the owner and the County? A draft was prepared and reviewed by the State's Attorney but was never acted upon.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County Tandem Semi Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO TRUCK DEALERS Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 until 8:50A.M. on December 8, 2015. At that time and place, all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners, for furnishing and delivery of "One (1) New Current 2017, In Production, Tandem Axle Semi Tractor". Delivery shall be made F.O.B. to Brown County.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Court House Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401. Bids are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid on One (1) New Current Model 2017, In Production, Tandem Axle Semi Tractor" to be opened on December 8, 2015 at 8:50 AM

Proposal Guaranty: The proposal guaranty required and which must accompany each bid is a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft certified by a national or state bank, and payable at sight to Brown County, South Dakota, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, or in lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond for ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota, and payable to Brown County, South Dakota.

Price and quality are the determining factors in awarding contracts. In determining the successful bidder, the lowest or most advantageous price upon grade, quality, or quantity and general conditions specified, shall be the determining factors.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office, and the Brown County Highway Department Office, and may be obtained at no charge.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (117.1124)

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**Brown County Deed Sale on 509 N Penn St.**

NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on December 7, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MINIMUM BID

ABERDEEN CITY, LOT 8 BLOCK 16 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADDITION, \$20,000, 509 N PENN ST

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (1124.1201)

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MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6										
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending October 31, 2015										
	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for District	
<b>1. Beginning Balance</b>	<b>1,567,543.80</b>	<b>32,052.21</b>	<b>714,564.64</b>	<b>210,021.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>147,255.99</b>	<b>65,435.66</b>	<b>209,042.29</b>	<b>2,945,916.07</b>	
a. cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
b. securities invested	1,567,543.80	32,052.21	714,564.64	210,021.48	0.00	147,255.99	65,435.66	209,042.29	2,945,916.07	
2. Transfers in										
3. Revenue to date	772,672.72	0.00	26,266.10	37,435.03	4,389.73	4,187.73	104,847.27	230,183.18	1,179,981.76	
4. Total accounted for	2,340,216.52	32,052.21	740,830.74	247,456.51	4,389.73	151,443.72	170,282.93	439,225.47	4,125,897.83	
5. Transfers out										
6. Expenditures to date	1,032,824.84	0.00	527,760.19	151,245.66	0.00	0.00	88,262.11	270,623.87	2,070,716.67	
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
b. disbursements	1,032,824.84	0.00	527,760.19	151,245.66	0.00	0.00	88,262.11	270,623.87	2,070,716.67	
<b>7. Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,307,391.68</b>	<b>32,052.21</b>	<b>213,070.55</b>	<b>96,210.85</b>	<b>4,389.73</b>	<b>151,443.72</b>	<b>82,020.82</b>	<b>168,601.60</b>	<b>2,055,181.16</b>	
a. cash	1,200,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200,200.00	
b. securities invested	107,191.68	32,052.21	213,070.55	96,210.85	4,389.73	151,443.72	82,020.82	168,601.60	854,981.16	
October Receipts	47,418.33	0.00	17,340.83	9,138.81	2,702.14	2,636.46	32,402.40	58,561.99	170,200.96	
October Expenses	357,917.44	0.00	54,634.60	53,257.57	0.00	0.00	30,391.13	59,758.01	555,958.75	
Agency Cash on Hand	0.00									
District Savings	854,981.16									
Certificate of Deposit	0.00									
District Cash on Hand	1,200,200.00									
<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,055,181.16</b>									

**Groton City  
Nov. 16**

**Meeting Minutes**

November 16, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Peterson, Flihs, Blackmun, Opp, McGannon, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeier.

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

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 7,095.18 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 950.00 emp savings; Office of Child Support 344.31 emp child support; 1st State Bank 9,233.74 15 C&G loan; 1st State Bank 15,252.32 14 C&G loan; AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; Border States 1,066.16 tools; Car Quest 580.99 oil, filters, parts; Dacotah Bank 63,482.37 swim pool payment; Dearborn National Life 88.00 life ins; Fastenal 69.79 bolts; Full Circle Ag 271.75 weed killer; Guardian Ins 233.63 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 26,463.78 power; Hydro Klean 11,489.80 sewer cleaning; Kens Food Fair 765.25 supplies; Paul Kosel 163.41 med flex; MJs Sinclair 819.37 gas, battery; Nelson Sales 487.01 mower repairs; RDO 173.08 mower repairs; Sanitation Products 153.50 sweeper shoes; SD State Treasurer 7,082.35 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement 1,100.00 emp retirement; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 26,952.74 power

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to approve renewals of the following liquor licenses for 2016. All members present voted aye.

City of Groton - On-Sale Retail Liquor - American Legion - Orig. Plat, Bk 11, Lots 22-25 City of Groton - On-Sale Retail Liquor - Jungle Lounge - Orig. Plat, Bk 5, Lots 11,12,&13 City of Groton - On-Sale Retail Liquor - Olive Grove Golf Course - Land bounded on the East by US Hwy 12, on the South by Railroad Ave.(Brown County Road E12), on the West by the Chicago & Northwestern RR grounds, and on the North by E 5th Ave., Section 19, Township 123, Range 60W

City of Groton-Off-Sale Package Liquor - American Legion -Orig. Plat, Bk 11, Lots 22-25 City of Groton-Off-Sale Package Liquor - Jungle Lounge -Orig. Plat, Bk 5, Lots 11,12,&13 City of Groton-Off-Sale Package Liquor - Kens Food Fair - Fiedler&Rix 1st Subdiv Lot1 City of Groton-On & Off Sale Retail Wine - Olde Bank Floral N More -Orig Plat, Bk 6, Lots7&8

And if payment of real estate taxes is done by Dec 21 - City of Groton-On-Sale Retail Liquor - Red Horse Inn, Rest. & Lounge -Youngs Outlot 1

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Dan Sunne to attend to attend JUTS in Sioux Falls, SD on Jan 19-21. All members present voted.

Mitigation grants are now available for storm damage prevention. Discussion was held on parts of town that would benefit from power line burial. The topic was tabled until engineering prices could be obtained.

Discussion was held on procedures for certifying the airport; progress on bond issuance; and Heartland Power rates rising.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to strictly enforce delinquent utility collections. All members present voted aye.

At 7:53pm Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matters on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:30pm.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to give 1st Reading to Ordinance No. 701, 2016 Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
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**Rip 'N Ravel Club**

CFEL Rip 'N Ravel Club met Nov.2 at the home of Darlene Finnesand. Seven members answered roll call wit "experiencing an extreme weather condition.

Merry Jo Ball reported on the Fall Council Meeting.

Members voted to contact the City Office for an available family for our Christmas project.

Merry Jo presented the lesson on Weather Extremes.

Next meeting will be December 7th with Linda Gengerke as hostess. Members will exchange a handmade gift.

**THINKING ABOUT HEALTH**

**Obamacare Policyholders Question Rising Deductibles**

**By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service**

Is health insurance really affordable? That's the question thousands of Americans who signed up for policies under the Affordable Care Act are beginning to ask as third year open enrollment gets underway.

A few weeks ago a 63-year-old woman, a reader of these columns, contacted me about the health insurance policy she had bought through the Illinois exchange. She lost her coverage after her husband died and had been uninsured for nearly two years before Obamacare came along. She had some health problems and worried, she said, that she was "playing the odds." She was just the person the law was intended to help.

Realizing she could lose everything if she had a serious illness, she signed up for a Blue Cross Blue Shield bronze plan, the kind with the lowest premiums and highest deductibles. Her monthly premium for the first year was an affordable \$93 because her low income—about \$25,000 a year working part time at an insurance agency—qualified her for a tax subsidy of \$451.

The catch, of course, was the \$6,000 deductible. She also had to pay the full price of her drugs, which didn't count toward the deductible, although once other medical bills exceeded the deductible, drugs were covered in full. She didn't use the policy because she didn't "have \$6,000 lying around" for some recommended tests.

The second year the premium zoomed up to \$258—tougher to pay but she still managed to "squeak by." She needed knee surgery. But because of the large deductible, she had to pay the first \$6,000 out-of-pocket, and for most of the year she made monthly payments of \$240 to the hospital. Counting the premium and another \$100 or so for drugs, the monthly outlay for medical expenses totaled about \$600, more than a quarter of her monthly income.

This year when the premium increased to \$406, still with the same subsidy, she said no, and filed a new application hoping to find something cheaper that would also let her continue to see the doctors she liked. Luckily she discovered she had been paying smoker rates but was not a smoker. The new premium based on non-smoker rates is \$216, about the maximum she can afford.

A new study from the actuarial firm Milliman just confirmed what the Illinois woman and others already know. Next year's premiums have increased overall compared to 2015 for a variety of reasons such as higher costs for medical care, especially prescription drugs, and lower payments to insurers from the government to cushion the impact of covering lots of sick people.

Milliman compared the second lowest cost silver plans for a 27-year-old and found increases varied with some states like Mississippi and Indiana experiencing decreases and others like Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska experiencing increases, some significant. In South Dakota, for example, the average increase was 25 percent.

States with fewer insurers tended to have higher increases. That's hardly surprising since competition in health insurance does seem to keep premiums somewhat lower.

No one buys exactly the average policy, of course, or pays exactly the average premium. But it's clear that large numbers of Obamacare policyholders will be paying more next year, and that worries researchers, government officials, and supporters of the health law.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Urban Institute recently reported that only 35 percent of people eligible for a subsidy—like the one the Illinois woman received—had signed up for a policy last year, and most of them were individuals and families with the lowest incomes. About 80 percent of those with low incomes had chosen policies while only 30 percent with middle incomes in the \$40,000 to \$60,000 range did not.

"People are looking at this and saying 'Man, I can't afford it,'" says Washington insurance consultant Robert Laszewski. He has long argued policies are too expensive and deductibles too high for all except those who get the highest subsidies—in other words, those with the lowest incomes.

Laszewski predicts even higher increases for next year along with higher deductibles and a smaller choice of doctors and hospitals. That's what the Illinois woman is afraid of.

"I didn't expect these kinds of increases year after year," she told me. "It was like the first year was a big come-on. Everybody gets in and the second year they sock it to you."

And for next year? "Who knows," she says. "Still counting down to Medicare." What kind of rate increases are you seeing? Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com)

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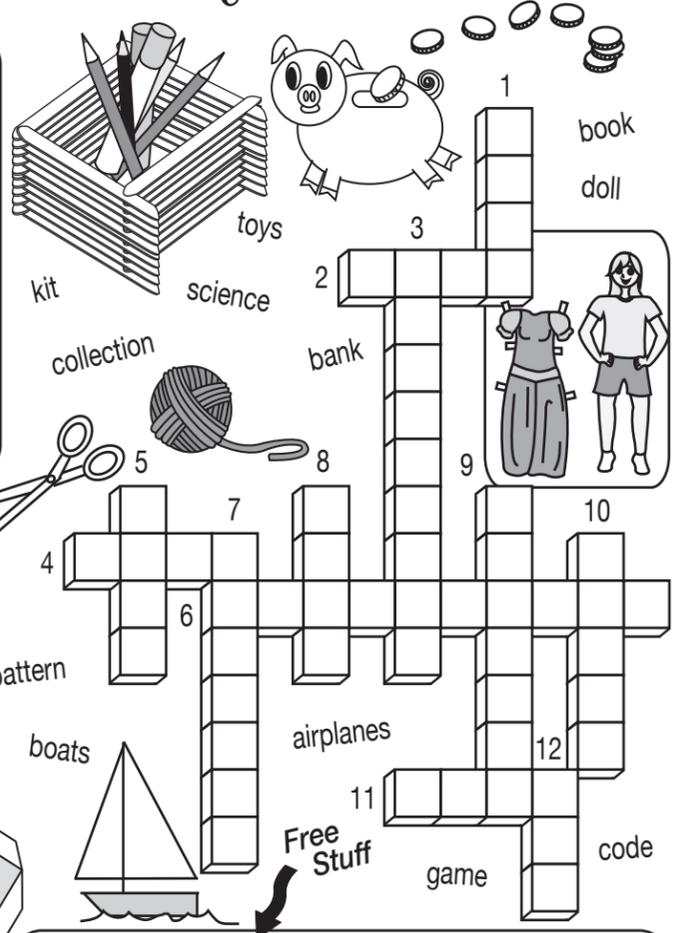
Plan and make your gifts ahead so you won't get crushed in the holiday rush!

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

1. write a mystery and create a secret \_\_\_\_\_ to solve it
2. design and make a board \_\_\_\_\_
3. cut, fold, decorate a set of paper \_\_\_\_\_ to fly
4. put together a box or basket with small \_\_\_\_\_ in it: cars, dinosaurs, or farm animals
5. cut and draw to make a flip \_\_\_\_\_ of "moving images"
6. start a \_\_\_\_\_: baseball cards, miniatures, badges
7. make a \_\_\_\_\_ box: a small magnifying glass, items to study - yarn, leaf, a dust ball, a rock, a flower
8. draw and cut out a paper \_\_\_\_\_, make clothes with tabs to fit
9. use a ruler or computer to create a simple \_\_\_\_\_ that can be folded, made into a toy
10. turn milk cartons into paddle \_\_\_\_\_ that really float
11. make a \_\_\_\_\_ - be a sport and put a few coins in it
12. gather buttons, old jewelry, ribbons, colored string, etc., to put in a "\_\_\_\_\_ to make stuff"

## Gifts From The Heart

Wow! I went to the library and stood in front of the "do it and make it yourself" section of books. I had no idea how many books there are, each filled with ideas for making presents. You need some basic skills for some of the ideas, such as knitting, sewing or woodworking. Some gifts require a few small purchases. But, most of these books offer ideas for plenty of gifts that anyone can make with stuff around the house. So...not much money for gifts this holiday season? No excuses anymore - get to work on these gifts from the hands *and* heart!



Come to print out puzzles: *Make Your Own Gifts From Your Heart and Hands* crossword puzzle and matching reading log/certificate set: [www.readingclubfun.com](http://www.readingclubfun.com)

## Gifts For Family and Friends

**Match the activities in each set to the gifts that will be made.**

1. printing, painting, coloring
2. measuring, mixing, baking
3. tying ribbons, gluing beads
4. covering with paper, foil separating sections inside
5. making your own pieces to play with on the board

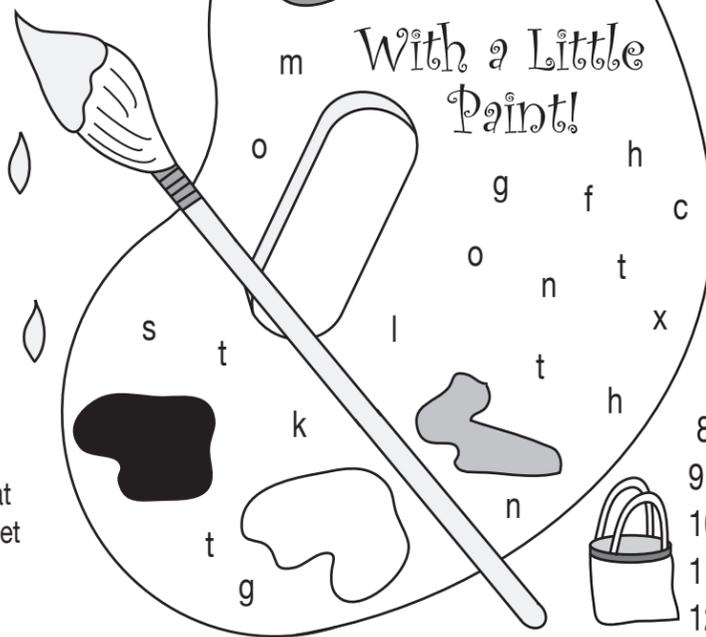
- A. tic-tac-toe, checkers
- B. decorative hangers
- C. wrapping paper
- D. box to hold change, keys, watches
- E. favorite cookies, candy

1. rubber stamping, inking, gluing glitter
2. painting, personalizing, gluing felt to the bottom
3. writing, promising, helping
4. melting, coloring, scenting wax, dipping string
5. drawing 12 seasonal pictures of times with your family, dates, days

- A. brick book ends
- B. candles
- C. calendar
- D. pop-up cards, writing paper
- E. book with coupons that can be "turned in" to get extra help with chores



You can make most of these gifts yourself. But, a few require adult supervision... so ask first!

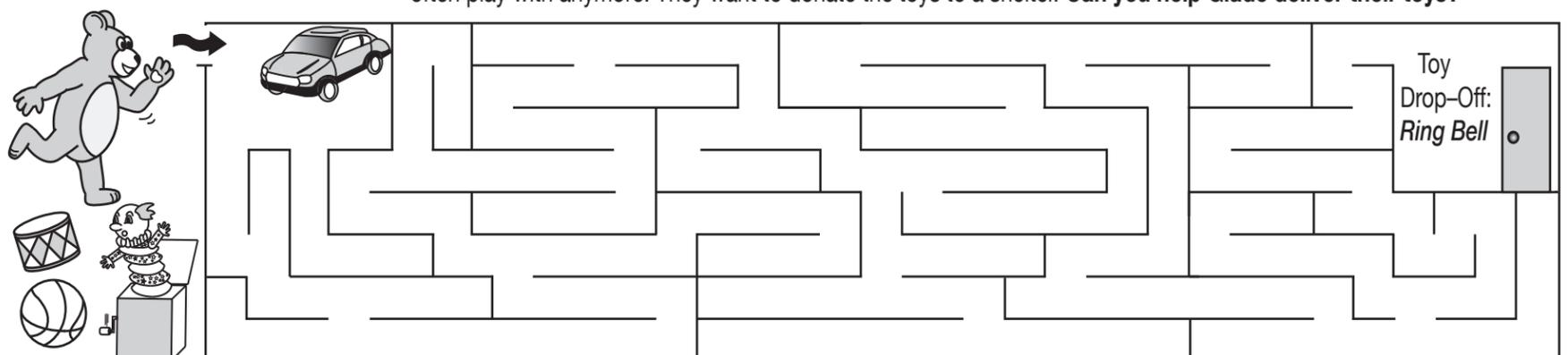


It's always fun to paint something. There are so many things that you can decorate! **Fill in the list of items below with letters from the paint palette:**

1. b \_ rdh \_ use
2. fo \_ ts \_ ool
3. lu \_ ch ba \_ s
4. gi \_ t w \_ ap
5. s \_ ir \_ s
6. \_ \_ t s 
7. \_ ode \_ s
8. \_ nea \_ ers
9. s \_ o \_ es
10. to \_ e ba \_ s
11. a \_ ro \_ s
12. s \_ hool bo \_ es

## Toys For Others

Forest and Glade went through their closets and found toys that are in very good shape, but that they do not often play with anymore. They want to donate the toys to a shelter. **Can you help Glade deliver their toys?**



# Community Calendar

**GROTON VET CLINIC**  
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**Groton Coffee Cup League**  
**November 17 Team Standings:** Jungle Lanes 22, Ken's 21, James Valley 20, Ten Pins 17.  
**High Games:** Vicki Walter 181, 171; Vickie Kramp 181; LaVonne Raap 169; Arlowyn Spencer 166  
**High Series:** Vicki Walter 509; Vickie Kramp 492; Arlowyn Spencer 423

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**Conde National League**  
**November 16 Team Standings:** Mets 18 1/2, Cubs 16, Braves 14, Pirates 12, Giants 12, Colts 11 1/2  
**Men's High Games:** Lance Frohling 183, 174; Bryce Hargatz 181; John Lowary 175  
**Men's High Series:** Bryce Dargatz 517; Lance Frohling 484; Larry Frohling 460  
**Women's High Games:** Mary Larson 179, Deb Fredrickson 178, Joyce Walter 178, Vickie Kramp 166  
**Women's High Series:** Joyce Walter 468, Vickie Kramp 467, Hope Dargatz 417

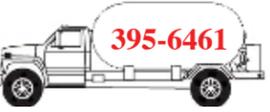
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10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm: 7th GBB host Clark/Willow Lake  
7:30pm: 8th GBB host Clark/Willow Lake

**Wednesday, December 2**

**School Breakfast:** Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.  
**School Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, romaine salad, breadstick, fruit.  
**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.  
**Birthdays:** Leonard Garness • Liz Doeden • Cade Guthmiller • Meri Erickson

**Wednesday, November 25**  
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break  
**Senior Menu:** Ham/ raisin sauce, sweet potato, California blend veggies, crazy cake.  
**Birthdays:** Emery Sippel • Kari Hanson • Angela Falk • Penny Herther • Devan Howard • Arielle Schaller  
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study  
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center  
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

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6:00pm: Baby Shower for Eva Roy Olson at Emmanuel Lutheran  
6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League  
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

**Thursday, November 26**  
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break  
Thanksgiving Day  
**Birthday:** Dawn Imrie  
11:30am: Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Groton Community Center

**Thursday, December 3**

Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA Joint Bible Study Potluck Meal  
**School Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.  
**School Menu:** Pizza crunchers, sweet potato fries, carrots and dip, fruit.  
**Senior Menu:** Roast pork, mashed potato and gravy, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.  
**Birthdays:** Brook Anderson • Jeff Merkel • Dennis K Larson • Anthony Sippel • Jamie Rossow  
6:00pm: 7th GBB at Redfield  
7:00pm: 8th GBB at Redfield

**Friday, November 27**  
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break  
**Anniversary:** Marty & Ellie Sippel  
**Birthday:** Christopher Loutsch

**Saturday, November 28**  
**Anniversary:** Bill and Jana Duncan  
**Birthdays:** James Washnok • Amanda Geist • Britany Raap • Sharon Zoellner • Sylvia Campbell  
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

**Sunday, November 29**  
**Anniversaries:** Curtis & Janice Sombke • Chuck & Carrie Cole  
**Birthdays:** Audrey Thurston • Melinda Eikamp • Travis Swisher • Aubray Harry • Gene Loeschke  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
7:00pm: Snow Queen Contest at GHS Gym

**Monday, November 30**  
**School Breakfast:** Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.  
**School Lunch:** Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fruit.  
**Senior Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.  
**Birthdays:** Tanner Johnson • Jesse Anderson • Denny Davies  
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
7:00pm: Winter Sports Parent-Athlete Meeting

**Tuesday, December 1**  
Lisa Sippel Novice Debate in Groton after school Practice ACT at GHS  
**School Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.  
**School Menu:** Meatballs, baked potato, tea buns, mixed vegetables, fruit.  
**Senior Menu:** Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O.  
**Birthdays:** Darrel Hendrickson • Ahmad Shabazz Jr • Kevin Raap

**Thanks to everyone who bought Legion tickets from me and for attending the Groton Legion Turkey Party. Your support is greatly appreciated!**

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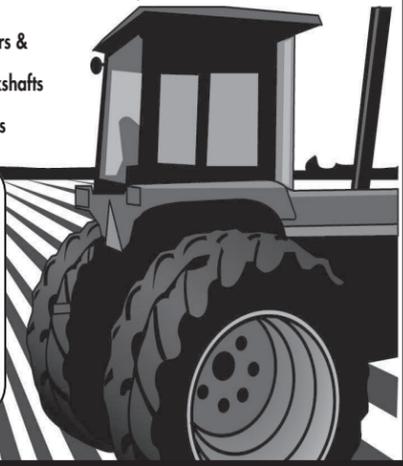
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