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## Delinquent accounts given extensions

The city held its first delinquent utility hearing in a long time. Justin Fischbach showed up for the hearing and explained to the council that he is having some tough times right now. "I don't have any excuses," he said. He said he can pay \$200 on the 15th and get caught up in February when he gets his tax refund. The council agreed to grant the extension with the \$200 payment on December 15 and January 15 and then paid in full by the end of February.

Matt Anderson came before the council to talk about his payments. He fixed up a pickup and is trying to sell it to get some extra cash. And he added that he has missed some work while he was in the hospital. He gets paid on Friday, but said cash will be short because of missed work. He said he could commit to \$100 every two weeks and he said he hopes to be current by the end of the year. The council agreed to accept \$100 every two weeks and any extra that he has can be applied to the bill.

Kari Bartling came before the council to talk about the Duane Rudd estate. She said the probate is in the court system and the court will decide when the bills get paid. "If you trust me, we can get it paid in full. I'm going to go with what the judge told me because of the unique situation," Bartling said. "I think they would be willing to pay a few dollars in late fees than to spend \$200 an hour to get court approval to pay the bill." Bartling said there will be enough money to pay it in full. "I personally guarantee that it will get paid," she said. The council granted the extension.

Scott Fordham did not appear at the hearing, but had paid \$450 which paid for half of the bill and he promised to pay \$250 on the 15th. Councilman Eddy Opp said if the payment is not made the power should be turned off. The council agreed to the payment on the 15th.

The Charles Meister estate is also waiting for court approval before payment can be made.

Shawn Lambertz, electric superintendent, talked about changing out transformers and trimming service lines. He reported that the garbage truck hit a street light pole on Sixth Street and 14th Avenue. There is also a mitigation grant of \$309,000, but the engineers said unless the city can prove outages, justify the grant will be difficult to get. The city will not apply for the grant.

Terry Herron, city supervisor, reported there is no frost in the ice rink right now, so making ice will be in the distant future, if at all. Outside of the one snow removal, the city crew has been doing some maintenance on equipment. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said that Lien's Construction wanted to haul in 1300 tons of concrete to the rubble site. "I said no. That's too much for our rubble site," she said. Herron said the state inspector said concrete could be hauled to the old lagoon, but getting trucks in and out of there could be difficult. The city has been granted to discharge its lagoon, which started on Monday. It will take about a week to complete the process.

There was discussion on the snow removal ordinance, or lack there of. Lowary said the City of Baltic has a neat little ordinance that deals with snow removal. The city does not windrow the snow to the center of Main Street on the first go-round because the sidewalks are not cleared off at that time. Then the next day the city pulls the snow away and removes it.

Three vehicles were issued a warning during the past winter storm, according to police officer Jerry Bjerke. There is no tow truck in Groton so moving vehicles after a snow makes it difficult to enforce tickets. "After the first snow fall, it's not a big deal," Bjerke said. A Groton snow removal ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

The minutes were amended to clarify Burt Glover's comment about following the established protocol to administer the delinquent utility customers instead of strictly enforcing it.

Lowary reported a good financial report. "I am so pleased to hand you one that has no negative figures," she said. The city had received \$2.8 million in bond revenue and by Wednesday, she had paid out \$2.6 million. "I had a wonderful day," she said. "I have never made so many

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**A winter storm dumped 6 inches of snow on the Groton area last week. Groton Area School started two hours late for two days. The winter wonderland of white has since disappeared as above normal temperatures returned with daytime readings in the mid to upper 30s.**

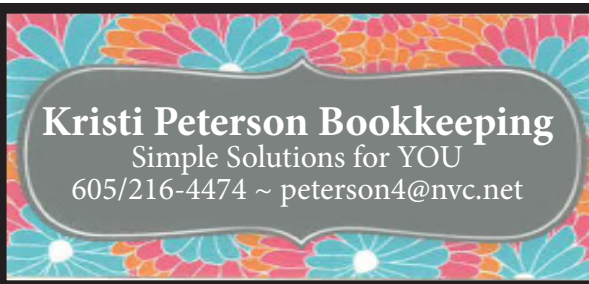


**The snow was slowly sliding off of the roof at the Eddy and Virginia Nehls apartment. With warm temperatures residents were on the lookout for snow quickly sliding off of roofs.**

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## Pray, Anderson are winners at Clark-Willow Lake Tourney

Trevor Pray and Brandyn Anderson both took first place at the Clark-Willow Lake wrestling tournament held Saturday in Clark.

Coach Dana Dargatz said, "Saturday's tournament showed good heart, determination, and talent when they took to the mat at the Clark invitational to start the year."

Trevor Pray wrestled at 120 pounds and he scored an escape in the third period to decision Britton-Hecla's Preston Jones in the first match, 3-2. Pray then held off a rally by Carsten McNeill of Redfield-Doland in his second match to win, 5-4. Dargatz said, "Trevor Pray competed at the 120 pound weight class which was the superior weight class of the day. Beating familiar foes from Britton and Redfield. It was really nice to see Trevor picking up where he left off last year. He is so talented and quick that makes him so fun to watch!"

Brandyn Anderson wrestled at 285 pounds and he won both of his matches by fall. He pinned Chase Sigdestad of Webster, 1:27, and he pinned Ethan Ninke of Webster in 1:30. Dargatz said, "Brandyn Anderson did as expected on the day winning the tournament deservingly so."

The only other wrestler was Thomas Cranford at 126 pounds. He was pinned in his first match by Joey Hubsch of Webster, 2:58. Cranford was pinned by Joe Woodring in his second match in 4:18. Dargatz said, "Thomas Cranford battled his opponents and showed a lot of growth from last year beings his first."

Dargatz said, "I'm really proud of how the boys competed. They have done everything I've asked of them thus far, and to see them where there at so early in the season pleases me because I know they only have good things to come."



**Brandyn Anderson wrestling Ethan Ninke from Webster Area. Brandyn won this championship match which also made him a 1st place winner.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)



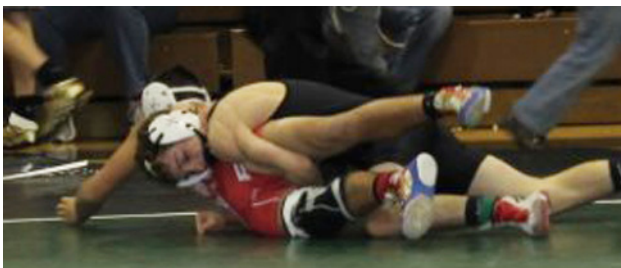
**Trevor Pray taking on Carsten McNeill from Redfield-Doland. Pray won both his matches so he took 1st place at this tournament.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)



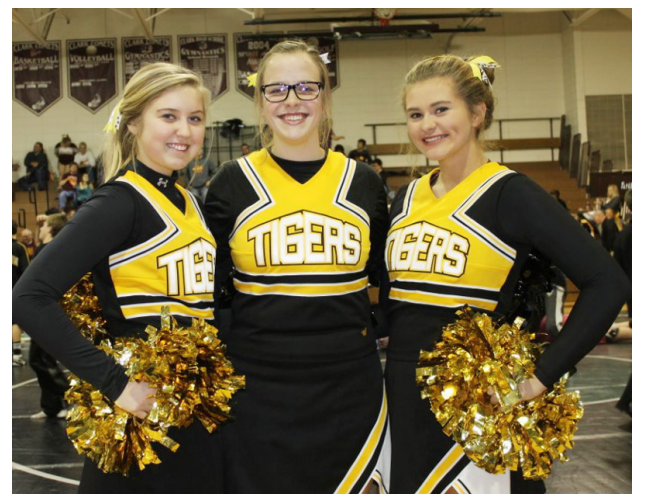
**Thomas Cranford wrestling Joe Woodring from Redfield-Doland.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)



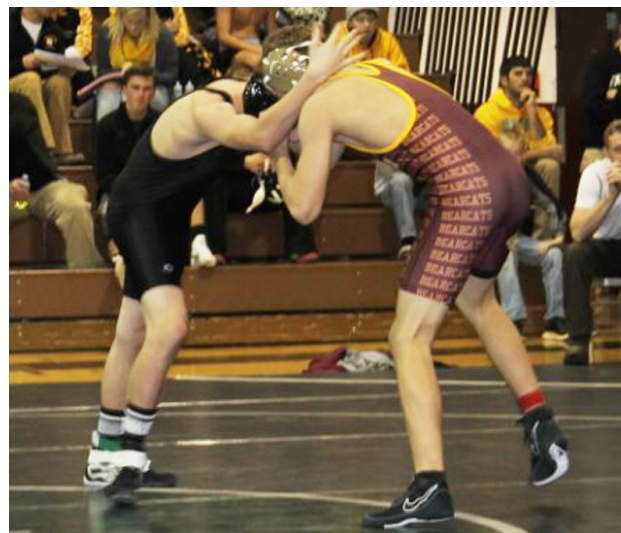
**Brandyn Anderson wrestling heavy weight against Chase Sigdestad from Webster.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)



**Trevor Pray, 120 lbs, wrestling Preston Jones from Britton-Hecla.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)



**Our awesome cheerleaders Brenna Johnson, Michaela Blumhardt, and Madison Sippel.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)



**Thomas Cranford wrestling Joey Hubsch from Webster, 126 lbs.** (Photo by Kara Anderson)

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In case you are wondering of where the wrestling co-op with Webster is at, the Groton Area/Webster Area wrestling co-op will be discussed at the December 10th Webster School board meeting.

### FCCLA News

The Groton FCCLA Chapter met on November 3, 2015 in the FACS room. FCCLA president, Hannah Webb, called the meeting to order, there were 34 members present. We opened the meeting with our opening ceremony, minutes if the previous meeting were read. No corrections were made. The Treasurer's report was read by treasurer, Lexi Harder. Unfinished business included having the fruit sales forms, and if dues aren't paid, no pizza party. New business included District meeting in Clark Friday, December 11. Each member needs 100pt. To go to state. The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony. The secretary's record was submitted by Kellyn Fluke. Snacks were provided by the officer of the month, Kellyn Fluke.

### Bahr Family News

On November 26 Roxanne and Mike Fey hosted Thanksgiving. Those in attendance were Julia Roberts, Fargo, N.D., Stephanie Fey and Steven Dahlman Rosholt, Marvin Bahr, Brookings, Alvin and Donna Bahr, Turton and Stevie and Nicole Fey, Ferney. They also celebrated Mike Fey and Marvin Bahr birthdays.

### Civil War Surgery By Richard P. Holm, MD



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



About 150 years ago, one in four fighting in the Civil War died, amounting to some 620,000 deaths. Two-thirds were due to disease, not injury, and a full half of non-traumatic deaths were from diarrheal illness, unknowingly due to contaminated water. The remaining non-traumatic deaths were from respiratory illness, particularly lethal because 90% of the soldiers were weakened by chronic diarrhea

and malnutrition.

That said, 1/3 of the deaths that came from injury would have been worse, had it not been for the surgeons that became experienced during the Civil War. There had been radical improvements in weaponry at the time with new rapid-fire rifled muskets, which caused cone-shaped bullets to spiral, giving impressive accuracy at a 300-500-yard range. In the face of such deadly weapons, smart soldiers hid behind trees, rocks, earth-works, but too often had exposed legs or arms. It's no surprise limb injuries accounted for 70% of all wounds. These bullets tore enormous easily infected wounds with shattered bones, pieces of clothing, and non-sterile skin pulled into the wounds.

Most trauma surgery had to be performed during the first 24 hours after injury in open air field tents. The value of sterility was not yet realized, and there was no understanding of clean instruments, clean wounds, or even clean hands. The world would have to wait ten more years before Joseph Lister popularized sterile surgical technique, and before the value of clean water was understood.

One war reporter wrote: "They would work for days without washing. As he waited for the next man to be placed on the table, the surgeon would stand back... holding his knife in his boot or even in his teeth." Another description: "The surgeons and their assistants, stripped to the waist and bespattered with blood... cut and sawed away with frightful rapidity, throwing the mangled limbs on a pile nearby as soon as removed." Without sterile technique to repair a wound, amputation actually provided a better chance of survival.

Although there was no sterility, anesthesia was available during the Civil War. Ether had been discovered in the 1840s, and by 1861 chloroform became popular by field surgeons because it was less flammable, less nauseating, and more portable. Records indicate that during the entire war, general anesthesia was given 80,000 times with only 43 recorded anesthesia deaths. Screams coming from surgical tents were not from anesthetized patients, but from wounded soldiers about to have surgery.

Then, as the war ended, some 15,000 experienced surgeons returned to their home communities all over the US. Who would have thought that from the horrors of war, lifesaving knowledge of anesthesia and surgery would spread throughout this country?

### C&MA Church Christmas Program is Dec. 13

The Groton Christian and Missionary Alliance Church will once again host their very special 18th Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 13th, beginning at 5:30 pm when they present their Christmas pageant, "Fact or Fiction; The CHRISTMAS Edition" created and arranged by Celeste and David T. Clydesdale. The pageant, featuring the church choir members and youth will be preceded by the Children's Nativity and Caroling program, and followed by the congregation sharing in serving their complete turkey/ham with all the trimmings Christmas dinner to everyone who attends as their gift to the community. The public is invited.

The pageant centers around a Game Show, "Fact or Fiction" and is very humorous, but has three important teachings that the composer couple wanted to emphasize in the presentation. Number One is stressing the importance of knowing God's Word in this day and age because "You can't stand on promises if you don't know what they are!" Secondly, in addition to KNOWING God's Word, we have to know how to APPLY it to our lives. As Dwight L. Moody, the famous 19th century evangelist used to say "The Bible was not given to INCREASE knowledge, but to change our lives!" Thirdly, the whole reason Jesus came to earth was to restore humanity to the LORD through forgiveness. During the performance the contestants on 'Fact or Fiction' and that "Nothing says Christmas like forgiveness!"

Celebrate 'forgiving as the LORD has forgiven us' this Christmas season with the congregation of the Groton C&MA Church on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at its church, located at 706 N. Main Street in Groton, across from the city park, and then return on Thursday, December 24th at 5 pm for its Candlelight/ Carol service and welcome into your hearts once again the Reason for this Season, Jesus the Christ, our LORD and Savior.

Pastor Doug Duncan and the congregation of the Groton Church welcome you in love.

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## Webster Theatre

Theatre opens at 7 pm with movies starting at  
7:30 pm, Friday through Monday.

**11/27 to 11/30 Goosebumps PG**  
**12/4 to 12/7 Spectre (007) PG 13**  
**12/11-12/14 Peanuts Movie G**

**Brown County  
Dec. 01, 2015  
Meeting Minutes**

DECEMBER 1, 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. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes and General Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**Payroll:** Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$6,983.27; Treasurer \$12,697.19; Data Processing \$7,171.88; State's Attorney \$16,237.08; Blood Draws \$600.00; SVA-WA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,477.05; Assessor \$13,136.51; Register of Deeds \$10,582.83; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$32,002.30; Jail \$34,612.66; Coroner \$1,200.00; JDC \$17,617.64; HD \$5,701.92; Welfare Office \$3,477.47; Museum \$7,683.74; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,648.08; Fair Board \$4,186.32; 4-H \$1,134.48; Weed \$139.84; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47; Highway \$43,539.92; Communications \$22,933.08; Emergency Management \$3,767.34; Teen Court \$593.81; 24/7 \$2,937.51; Landfill \$12,022.60.

**Matching Benefits:** FICA \$16,939.85; Medicare \$3,961.69; Life \$671.00; Dental \$6,487.20; Health Insurance \$94,434.78; Retirement \$34,054.87.

**Professional Fees:** Adamsoft \$150,000.00; Avera St. Luke's \$1,876.56; Certified Languages \$503.25; Midwest Cyber Solutions \$3,465.00; Rhodes Insurance \$30.00; SD DOT \$3,377.03; Kristi Spitzer \$1,135.00; UND \$2,000.00; Sara Zahn \$91.20.

**Publishing:** American News \$141.36; Les Frohling \$200.00; Groton Independent \$664.98; H & H Farms \$250.00; Ron Jacobson \$250.00.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$248.99; GCR Tires \$9,407.46; Nelson Sales & Service \$68.18; Woodman Refrigeration \$724.25.

**Supplies:** A & B Business \$112.50; Aberdeen Clean-All \$465.00; Allegiant Emergency Services \$1,924.02; Crescent Electric \$171.04; Great Plains Fire \$1,383.34; Menards \$187.17; NCFE - Warner \$8,292.19; Network Services \$715.00; Eugene Pence \$4.00; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; State Bar of SD \$150.00.

**Travel and Conference:** Aaron Walberg \$113.46.

**Utilities:** CenturyLink \$213.54; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$19.57; NWPS \$2,147.89; Web Water \$85.41. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee step increases, effective December 6, 2015: Russell Metz @ \$19.87 per hour, Lora Schaunman @ \$16.10 per hour, Sarah Swenson @ \$14.18 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID - LIGHTING PROJECT CONTRACT:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Contract Agreement with Ladner Electric Inc for labor and material for the Brown County Courthouse Basement and 1st and 2nd floor of the main Courthouse Lighting Improvement Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**GRANT AWARD-COURT SECURITY:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to acknowledge Court Security Grant Program award letter in amount of \$6,782.00 (50/50 match required) for labor and materials for access control security system for Court Services/Probation Offices. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENTS:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Abatements: Lonnie Mandel @ \$654.69 for 2014 and \$78.54 for 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LIEN DISCUSSION:** An individual made a request to pay one-half of a lien, with ex-spouse paying half. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to deny request to split lien between individual and ex-spouse. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HOSPITAL CLAIMS:** Moved

by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to deny payment of the following hospital claims: 55 year old male @ \$33,452.15; 52 year old male @ \$170,663.42; 22 year old male @ \$1,800.00; 53 year old male @ \$6,493.20; 34 year old female @ \$1,187.10; 37 year old female @ \$640.98, as the individuals have not provided sufficient information to determine if indigent. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent discussed request to lower various speed limits in Westport and at Elm Lake. Formal resolutions will be presented at a later date after additional discussions have taken place.

**GUARDRAIL ON BR351:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Right-of-Way Certificate and Letting Authorization for Project #P6525(03) PCN 0400 (Guardrail project on BR351). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter and Dirk Rogers 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.

**TIME CARD SOFTWARE:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve testing software in December for an electronic time sheet system for employees to record time worked, with full installation scheduled for January. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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**Summons  
Jack Dixon  
Estate**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN  
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COUNTY OF BROWN FIFTH  
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In the Matter of the Estate of  
Jack Dixon  
Deceased Plaintiff  
VS

Brown County, South Dakota;  
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Falls, South Dakota, City of  
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SUMMONS  
Defendants  
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DEFENDANTS:

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complaint of the plaintiffs which  
was filed in the office of the clerk  
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County, South Dakota, which  
complaint prays for a judgment  
vesting title in and quieting title  
to, and the determination of all  
adverse claims against the real  
property described in the com-  
plaint which is located in Brown  
County, South Dakota, to wit:

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(14), and Fifteen (15), Block  
Seven (7), Original Plat to Gro-  
ton, according to the plat thereof  
of record, Brown County, South  
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and to serve a copy of your  
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undersigned at his office at Gro-  
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thirty days after the service of  
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you fail to answer said complaint  
within the time period provided,  
the plaintiff will apply to the  
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which may be rendered against  
you for the relief demanded in  
the complaint.

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tember, 2015.

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**State of S.D.  
Duane Rude  
Estate Notice**

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COUNTY OF BROWN  
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TATE OF DUANE LARRY RUDE,  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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Notice is given that on the  
10th day of November, 2015,  
Joel Klinke whose address is  
105 NE 62nd Place, Gladstone,  
Missouri 64118, was appointed  
as personal representative of  
the estate of Duane Larry Rude.

Creditors of the decedent  
must file their claims within four  
(4) months after the date of the  
appointment of the personal  
representative on November  
10, 2015, or within sixty (60)  
days after the date of mailing or  
delivery of this written notice,  
whichever is later, or be forever  
barred.

Claims may be filed with the  
personal representative or may  
be filed with the Clerk of Courts  
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to the personal representative.

Dated this 12th day of Novem-  
ber, 2015.

/s/ Joel Klinke  
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**Brown County  
Dec. 01, 2015**

**Joint Meeting Minutes  
DECEMBER 1, 2015 - JOINT  
CITY/COUNTY MEETING**

The Brown County Commis-  
sion and the Aberdeen City  
Council met in joint session at  
8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's  
Chambers, Courthouse Annex,  
Brown County, SD. Present  
from City were Council Mem-  
bers Bunsness, Johnson, Ronayne,  
Slaight-Hansen and Mayor  
Levens. Absent Council Mem-  
bers Campbell, Remily, Rux and  
Swanson. Present from County  
were Commissioners Hansen,  
Kippley, Fischbach, Fjeldheim  
and Sutton.

**ORDINANCE #15-11-01/451:**  
On motion by Bunsness, seconded  
by Johnson, the City unani-  
mously voted to adopt Ordinance  
#15-11-01/451. Moved by  
Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim  
to adopt Ordinance #15-11-  
01/451, An Ordinance to amend  
Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone  
the following described property  
from its present zoning designa-  
tion of (A-1) Agricultural District  
to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural Dis-  
trict: Lot 27, Evelo's Outlots in  
the NE ¼ of Sec 2-T122N-R64W  
of the 5th P.M., Brown County,  
South Dakota (13649 Pontiac  
Drive). Roll call vote: Commis-  
sioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye,  
Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye,  
Sutton-aye.

**ORDINANCE #15-11-02/452:**  
On motion by Slaight-Hansen,  
seconded by Bunsness, the City  
unanimously voted to adopt  
Ordinance #15-11-02/452.  
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded  
by Fischbach to adopt Ordinance  
#15-11-02/452, An Ordinance  
amending the Aberdeen City

Code regarding changes to the  
downtown facades and signs or-  
dinances. Roll call vote: Commis-  
sioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye,  
Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye,  
Sutton-aye

The City Council adjourned  
and the County Commission  
continued in regular session.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County  
Auditor

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**Brown County  
Ord. 451**

**Sauvage Rezoning  
ORDINANCE #15-11-01/451  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1164**

**TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-  
SCRIBED PROPERTY**  
BE IT ORDAINED by the  
Brown County Commission,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota, that  
the Petition to Amend Ordinance  
No. 1164 to rezone the following  
described property filed by Josh  
Sauvage is hereby granted and  
Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby  
amended to change the zoning  
on the following described  
property from (A-1) Agricultural  
District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural  
District, said property is  
described as follows:

Lot 27, Evelo's Outlots in the  
NE ¼ of Sec 2-T122N-R64W of  
the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD,  
(13649 Pontiac Drive)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by  
the Brown County Commission,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota, that  
the zoning official for the County  
of Brown is hereby authorized to  
change the official zoning map  
for the County of Brown to reflect  
this Ordinance.

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12 & 18, 2015

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**Brown County  
Ord. 452**

**Aberdeen Signs/Facade  
ORDINANCE #15-11-02/452  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE ABERDEEN CITY CODE  
REGARDING CHANGES TO THE  
DOWNTOWN FAÇADE AND SIGN  
ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of  
the City of Aberdeen is charged  
with providing for the health,  
safety, and property of its citi-  
zens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council  
has determined that the follow-  
ing ordinances will benefit the  
health, safety, and property of  
its citizens.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE  
BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
CITY OF ABERDEEN THAT THE  
FOLLOWING CHANGES AND  
ADDITIONS SHALL BE MADE  
TO THE ABERDEEN CITY CODE:

Sec. 60-58. C-3 central busi-  
ness district. \* \* \* \*

(f) Aberdeen Commercial  
Historic District. A permit for any  
construction or exterior altera-  
tion of any building or structure  
shall not be granted along His-  
toric Main Street; until or unless  
the following conditions have  
been complied with:

(1) A materials list for all new  
bare lot construction must be  
submitted as part of the city  
planning commission approval  
process. The materials list must  
be reflective of the historic  
nature of the surrounding area  
and buildings. Rough-sawn  
wood, rustic shingles, aluminum,  
steel, or vinyl siding or obvious  
imitation materials will not be  
permitted.

(2) All new construction or  
renovation/alteration to a build-  
ing's facade, including buildings  
with dual frontage, shall meet  
all of the requirements set forth  
in the National Historic Preser-  
vation Act (NHPA), South Dakota  
Codified Law: Chapter 1-19A  
"Preservation of Historic Sites",  
and Chapter 1-19B "County and  
Municipal Historic Preservation  
Activities."

(3) All newly constructed  
buildings must be constructed to  
meet the zero property line set  
back, so that the new building  
is in line with the other existing  
structures. Accessory structures,  
such as sheds, garages or car-  
ports will not be permitted.

(4) All building entrances must  
meet the requirements of the

Americans with Disabilities .Act  
(ADA).

(5) All signage will be required  
to adhere to section 60-340 of  
the sign ordinance.

Sec. 60-340. District regula-  
tions. \* \* \* \*

(h) C-3 central business dis-  
trict. In the central business  
district all signs must comply  
with the following;

(5) Aberdeen Commercial  
Historic District, which is bor-  
dered by 6th Avenue SE/SW on  
the south, Railroad Avenue SE/  
SW on the north, the public al-  
ley right-of-way between Main  
Street S. and 1st Street S. on the  
west, and the public alley right-  
of-way between Main Street S.  
and Lincoln Street S. on the east.

(a) Characteristics. This dis-  
trict was created with the goal of  
preserving the historic nature of  
the Aberdeen Commercial His-  
toric District while maintaining  
overall economic health within  
the district.

(b) General provisions applic-  
able to entire district.

(1) Signs must be directly at-  
tached to the building and will be  
permitted .only on main street  
frontages, side street frontages,  
and alley entrances.

(2) No sign shall be located  
above the roofline of any building  
within the district.

(3) The allowance set forth in  
subsection 60-341(1) shall not  
apply to the Aberdeen Comm-  
ercial Historic District as no sign in  
the district shall .. be internally  
illuminated.

(4) No sign shall include  
changeable copy.

(5) Signs shall not include  
electronic components, such as  
message boards, video and  
graphic displays, or any electri-  
cally driven mechanical move-  
ment.

(6) Signs shall not have wind-  
blown moving components, such  
as pennants, ribbons, stream-  
ers, spinners, flags, banners or  
strings of light bulbs.

(7) No sign shall swing or  
otherwise noticeably move as a  
result of wind pressure.

(8) Building names or desig-  
nations are also permitted on the  
building provided they are part  
of the architecture of the build-  
ing façade: ex. McQuillen Block,  
Capital Building, VanSlyke Block.

(9) Total signage, not includ-  
ing alley signage and under  
canopy signage, may equal 20  
percent of the building face area  
or 100 square feet, whichever is  
greater.

(10) Off-premises signs as  
defined by section 60-341 are  
prohibited within the Aberdeen  
Commercial District.

(11) All signs must adhere to  
the regulations set forth in sec-  
tion 60-341.

(c) Permitted Signs. The  
following sign types may be  
permitted without further review  
as long as they meet all listed  
criteria for the district and des-  
ignated sign type.

(1) Blade signs.  
i. Blade signs shall not exceed  
16 square feet.

ii. The bottom edge of the  
blade sign shall be located be-  
tween 8 feet and 20 feet above  
the ground.

iii. The near edge of a blade  
sign shall be no more than 12  
inches from the wall of the build-  
ing to which the sign is attached  
and shall not extend more than  
60 inches from the wall in total.

iv. Only one blade sign will be  
permitted per building frontage  
or business bay, as in a multi-  
tenant building.

(2) Channel Letter Signs.  
Channel letter signs may be  
mounted on a raceway, provided  
that the raceway shall not ex-  
tend beyond the beginning and  
ending letter of the sign and is  
painted or otherwise finished to  
closely match the color of the  
wall or the letters to which are  
attached. Allowable illuminated  
signs are subject to the regula-  
tions set forth in subsection 60-  
341(e).

(3) Wall signs. All wall signs  
must include a multidimensional  
element (i.e. decorative fram-  
ing, raised lettering, etc.) that  
protrudes at least 1 inch from the  
flat portion of the sign.

(4) Other Allowable Signage.  
i. Alley Entrance Signs. One

4' x 4' wall sign will be permit-  
ted per each building's alley  
entrance and must be located  
directly above the alley entrance  
and may only be utilized as a  
directory of the occupants of  
the building. A sign permit will  
be required for each alley en-  
trance sign, but the sign will not  
be included in the total square  
footage requirements for build-  
ing signage.

ii. Under Canopy Signs. One  
6" x 36" under canopy sign  
may be attached to the bottom  
of a canopy at each principal  
entrance providing access. The  
under canopy sign must be at  
least eight feet above the  
sidewalk and one foot from the  
outer edge of the canopy. A sign  
permit will be required for each  
canopy sign, but the sign will not  
be included in the total square  
footage requirements for build-  
ing signage.

iii. Window Signage. Window  
signage is allowed on up to  
25% of the available window  
area. Window signage does not  
require a sign permit.

iv. Temporary Window Art.  
Temporary window art may cover  
up to 50% of available window  
area and is allowed only for  
decoration purposes. Window art  
shall not be used for commercial  
advertising. All window art shall  
be removed entirely one week  
after the promoted holiday and/  
or event. Temporary window art  
does not require a permit.

(6) Premises located in the  
Aberdeen Commercial Historic  
District shall not be required  
to conform to the provisions of  
subsection 60-340(h)(5) unless  
there is a change in size, shape,  
location, content, or design of  
signage.

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Phase III Jail  
Project Bid Notice**

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sioners at Commissioners Cham-  
bers, Brown County Office Build-  
ing, Aberdeen, South Dakota  
until 8:50 A.M., C.T., December  
22, 2015, for labor and material  
required for the Brown County  
Jail Phase III 2016 Renovations,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

All divisions of work shall be  
included in one prime construc-  
tion contract. Bids shall be  
submitted in a sealed envelope  
with the name and address  
of the bidder clearly identified  
on the envelope. Faxed bids  
will not be accepted. Bidders  
are cautioned, mail will not be  
delivered to Board of County  
Commissioners before the 8:50  
A.M. opening of bids.

Copies of the plans and speci-  
fications are on file at the Office  
of the Brown County Auditor, Ab-  
erdeen, South Dakota; Builders  
Exchanges listed in the Instruc-  
tion to Bidders; and at the office  
of HKG Architects Inc., AIA, P.O.  
Box 55, Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
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architect's office by bidders.

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panied by a certified check,  
cashier's check or draft in the  
amount of 5% of the base bid  
plus all add alternates, or a  
10% bid bond issued by a surety  
authorized to do business in the  
State of South Dakota and made  
payable to the "Board of County  
Commissioners, Brown County,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota".

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## SDSU announces

### scholarship recipients

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Dec. 4, 2015 – South Dakota State University announced the following students will receive scholarships this academic year. They are:

- Kathleen Groebelinghoff, Groton, Yellow and Blue Scholarship; and
- Logan Lane, Groton, Al and Veronica Fergen Scholarship and Jim and Mildred Larson Scholarship.

Groebelinghoff is the daughter of Matthew and Joni Groebelinghoff. She is a freshman pharmacy student.

Lane, a freshman majoring in civil and mechanical engineering, is the son of Jim and Melodee Lane.

## Very Warm November

November 2015 was a very warm month across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Monthly average temperatures ranged from 3 to almost 9 degrees above normal across the region. It was interesting that Aberdeen, Sisseton, Watertown and Wheaton, Minnesota were nearly as warm or warmer than Kennebec and Pierre in central South Dakota. This does not happen very often for anytime of the year. As a result, all locations in northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota had one of their top ten warmest Novembers of all-time. Watertown tied for the fourth warmest while Sisseton had their ninth warmest November on record. Wheaton had its sixth warmest November while Aberdeen had its tenth warmest November on record. Some record highs also occurred at Aberdeen and Mobridge on November 14th. The warmer temperatures were due in part to the lack of snow cover across the region along with El Nino.

The monthly precipitation across the region was generally from a quarter of an inch to three quarters of an inch above normal. Most of the precipitation was rainfall, which, for our region, would normally be snowfall. Timber Lake was the only location with below normal precipitation. An intense surface low pressure area brought good coverage of rainfall on the 18th and 19th along with very strong northwest winds. Many locations received from a half inch to over an inch of rainfall with high wind gusts from 50 to nearly 80 mph. The snowfall mainly came at the end of November into the first of December as a large upper level pressure system affected the region. This snowstorm brought anywhere from 3 to 10 inches of snow across the region.



## September Students of the Month

The September Students of the Month are sixth grader Stella Meier, seventh grader Jack Achen, eighth grader Kaycie Hawkins, freshman Devan Howard, sophomore Madilyn Wright, junior Kate Helmer and senior Megan Unzen.

**Stella Meier** is a sixth grader and lives in Groton. Parents are Anna and Brett Schwan and Nicholas Meier. Siblings are Lydia Meier, Ryder Schwan and Ivan Schwan. Her activities include band, piano, MathCounts, basketball, volleyball and softball. Stella has placed first on a DARE report and MathCounts competition and has earned 1,000 AR points in her fourth grade. She is interested in music, reading and sports. Her favorite subject is math. She plans to be a doctor or vet some day and her role model is J.K. Rowling.

**Jack Achen**, seventh grade, from Aberdeen. His parents are Craig and Cindy Achen. Siblings are Jessica, Emily, Jacob, Rachel, Roxann, Annie, Christy, Nicholas, John and Joe, and one niece Penny. Jack plays football, basketball, track, is in church group and showed cows on the national level. His accomplishments are showing cattle and dairy, judging cattle and having all As and Bs in all his classes ... so far. His interests are sports, dairy cattle, making new friends and working on the dairy. Jack's favorite subject is Social Studies with Mrs. Johnson. His current future plans are to show cows all over the United States. His role model is his mom. She works so hard on the dairy farm and for making supper for a big family.



**Back: Stella Meier (6th grade), Megan Unzen (12th grade), Kaycie Hawkins (8th grade), Devan Howard (9th grade)**  
**Front: Madilyn Wright (10th grade), Jack Achen (7th grade), Kate Helmer (11th grade)**

**Kaycie Hawkins** is an eighth grader from Groton. Parents are Lance and Kristie Hawkins. Siblings are Katelyn, Kylie and Kelby. Her activities include basketball, volleyball, softball and track. Her accomplishments are being on the honor roll and winning the state in softball. Kaycie's interests are playing sports, being outside and hanging out with friends and family. Her favorite subject is math and she plans to attend college after high school. Her role model is her mom.

**Devan Howard** is a freshman from Groton and parents are Yves and Lauri Baka and Jesse Howard. Siblings are Maddie and Cameron Howard. Devan is involved in soccer she was the youngest varsity goalie. Her interests are soccer, cooking and animals. Her favorite subjects are art and English and plans to be a vet tech. Her role model is her sister.

**Madilyn Wright** is a sophomore from Houghton. Her par-

ents are Lynn and Stephan Wright and her brother is Nathan Wright. Madilyn's activities are show choir, FFA, volleyball, track, and 4H. Her accomplishments are Reserve Champion Angus Steer at the State Fair, student of the month for multiple years and getting a 100% on the math Dakota Step test in the fifth grade. Her interests are hanging out with friends, reading, showing livestock and snowmobiling. Her favorite subject is English. Madilyn is not certain of her future plans, but whatever they are, she wants something to do with agriculture. Her role model is her brother, Nathan.

**Kate Helmer** is a junior from Andover. Her parents are Loren and Alicia and siblings are Josey and Riley. Her activities are FFA, high school rodeo, 4-H and showing cattle. Her accomplishments are being on the honor roll and being a national FFA Horse judge. Her interests are rodeo, agriculture, vet and animals.

Kate's favorite subject is Ag and she plans to attend SDSU, Brookings, to be a vet. Her role model is her dad, Loren Helmer

**Megan Unzen** is a senior from Groton. Her parents are Tiffany and Jake Unzen. Siblings are Haley-19; Erin-13; and Nathan 8. Her activities are Future Business Leaders of America, yearbook staff, FCA, C&MA youth group, Adopt-A-Grandparent and tutoring. Megan's accomplishments are being on the 4.0 honor roll, selected as student of the month, being on the national honor society, honorable mention on national Spanish exam, vice president of FBLA and treasurer of Adopt-A-Grandparent. Her interests are reading, writing, painting, volunteering, watching movies and hanging out with friends. Her favorite subject is algebra and her future plans are still undecided, but she is currently leaning to Disaster Response. Her role model is her grandpa, Dale Kurth.

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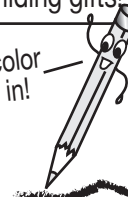


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Kids: color stuff in!



## Christmas is Coming!

Dear Santa,  
I've been  
very good  
this year...

Christmas is coming and I've hung  
up my stocking. Now I'm writing my  
letter to Santa Claus! Have you?

Can you find and circle the items  
below that might fit nicely into a stocking?

N L L O D K E T J B I O Y  
A N S E F N T O P K N E R  
B H N E T T E D V D C M J  
V N C O I J U G B N T E S  
H G O A N C E G N A R O K  
B N U I K N K O U T R E S A  
G F R N L J D E K O O B T E  
O I H S J G B Y I Y R A Z I J  
F G I T M A G I C T R I C K S I H G  
N H T F D A P O I J K N C A J H  
M U Y G F B N G R D A R S P I P  
S G S A Q U H E P Y A P I T F  
T U C S P D G B N Y R U V X A  
M Y T J I N U O K H Z O U  
G H U N C N N K J U Z Q C  
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E F R G T A I O E Q N  
K L P Y T R D M T  
N P E

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nuts  
candy cane  
orange  
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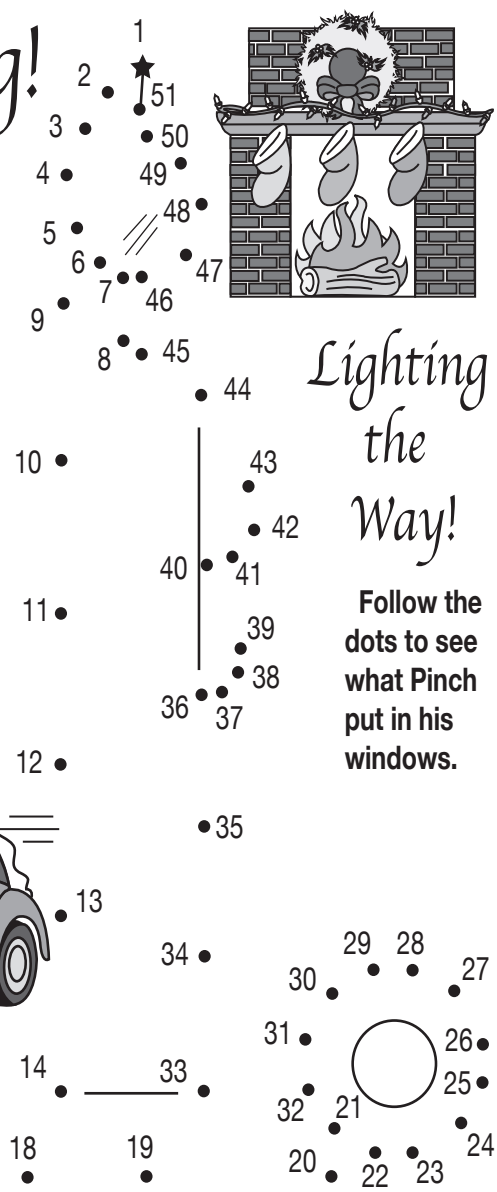
Every year, while waiting for Christmas, people around the world place glowing candles in their windows. Lights are hung on houses and trees. Cheerful fires are lighted in fireplaces. Bonfires and Yule logs blaze. Candlelight services are held in churches.

Burning candles and colored lights show our joy and hope. Candles in windows show a welcoming home and hearth. Lights remind some people of stars in the sky. All kinds of light can send a message of warmth and peace to all.



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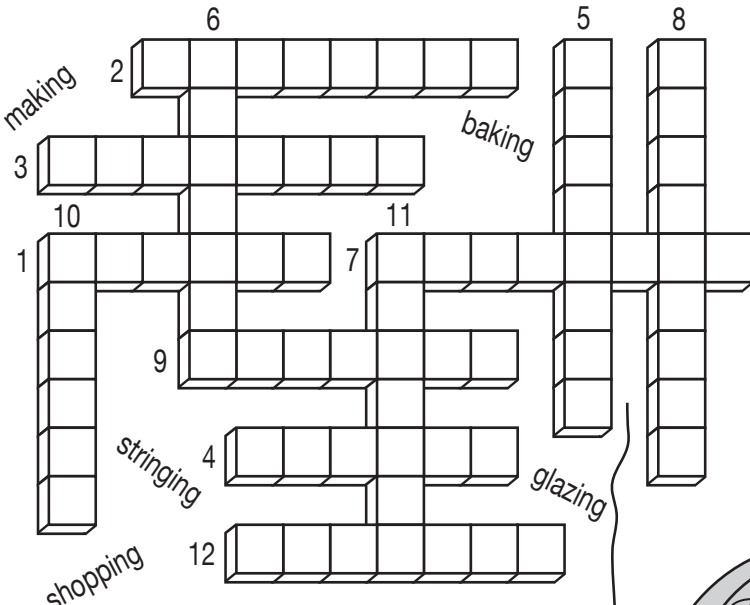
## Holiday Hustle and Bustle

Wow! There's so much to do at holiday time.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle and see what families are doing:

- \_\_\_\_\_ and tasting Christmas cookies
- \_\_\_\_\_ for the perfect gift until your feet hurt
- \_\_\_\_\_ in long lines to take photos with Santa
- \_\_\_\_\_ and hanging wreaths and garlands
- \_\_\_\_\_ through the woods to find and cut down the perfect Christmas tree
- \_\_\_\_\_ ornaments and stockings
- \_\_\_\_\_ and hiding gifts
- \_\_\_\_\_ up outdoor lights and putting Santa and Reindeer in the yard
- \_\_\_\_\_ a giant ham and baking it
- \_\_\_\_\_ plane tickets and packing suitcases
- \_\_\_\_\_ greetings and sending Christmas Cards
- \_\_\_\_\_ carols and sipping hot chocolate

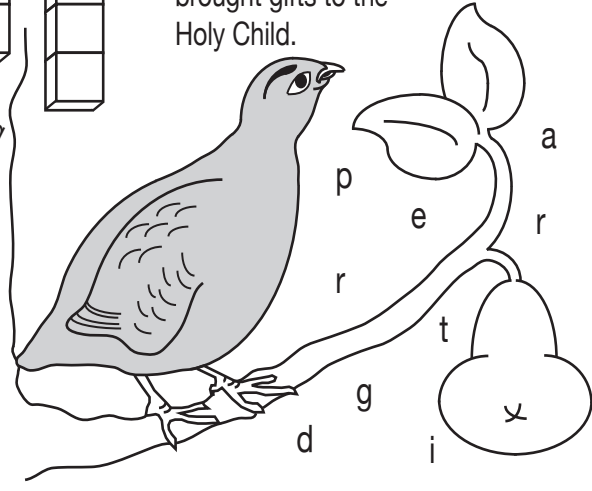
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On the first day of Christmas,  
my true love gave to me...

... a \_\_\_\_\_  
in a pear tree!

Most people start shopping and wrapping gifts after the Thanksgiving holiday and continue until Christmas Eve. The well-known song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" tells about gifts given and received from December 25th until January 5th. The next day is January 6th, the day Christians believe the Three Kings brought gifts to the Holy Child.



## Symbols of Christmas

There are symbols of Christmas all around us, but what do they mean or stand for?  
Use the letters in the word "Christmas" to fill in the blanks in the words below:



- \_\_andle\_\_ = light, joy, peace
- c\_\_rol\_\_ = music, cheer, friendliness
- S\_\_nta Cl\_\_us = gifts, generosity, magic
- sto\_\_k\_\_ngs = tradition, wonder, surprises
- b\_\_ll\_\_ = church, Santa's sleigh, merriment
- w\_\_ea\_\_hs = neverending circle of life, growth,
- mis\_\_l\_\_to\_\_ = love, fun, decoration
- re\_\_nd\_\_er = Christmas eve, Santa, sleigh
- \_\_in\_\_el = excitement, shining, Christmas tree
- ang\_\_l\_\_ = joy, messages, peace
- \_\_ard\_\_ = friends, greetings, photos
- t\_\_ee\_\_ = evergreen, end of winter, pine scent



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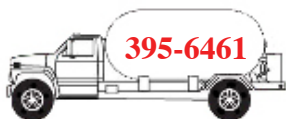
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### Wednesday, December 9

**School Breakfast:** French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Hot dogs, baked beans, broccoli and dip, fruit.

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

**Birthdays:** Traci Davies, Shelby Tietz, Ann Rix, Brooklyn Gilbert, Doris Anderson, Sydney Holmes, Wesley Morehouse

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study  
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center  
12:30pm: MathCounts at Aberdeen Roncalli Middle School

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation  
7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

### Thursday, December 10

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

**School Lunch:** Turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

**Senior Menu:** Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, oatmeal raisin cookie.

**Birthdays:** Lincoln Lane, Jerrica Loeschke, Steve Schaller, Miranda Blumhardt, Skylar Bonn

4:00pm: GBB hosts Ipswich (7th grade at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm, JV at 6:30 followed by varsity)

### Friday, December 11

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

**School Lunch:** Super nachos, French fries, lettuce, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin orange sauce.

**Anniversary:** Dave & Connie Nilsson

**Birthday:** Carly Guthmiller

### Saturday, December 12

Conference Debate (location TBD)

**Birthdays:** Brittany Ronning • Jason Warrington • Robert Meister • Alan Nierman

9:00am: Santa Day at Professional Management Services

9:00am: Robotics at Rapid City Stevens

10:00am: Wrestling Tourney at Lamoure

2:00pm: Double Header hosts Leola-Frederick (Girls JV at 2 pm, Boys JV at 3 pm, Varsity girls at 4:40 pm and boys varsity at 6 pm)

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

### Sunday, December 13

**Birthdays:** Jon Vedvei • Jessica Adler • Blake Flihs • Gabriella Merkel • Melissa Gilbert, Dean Townsend

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pier-

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10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Program practice  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship/SS Sings  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
3:00pm: 3:00 pm: Open Gym (JK-8th grade 6th grade - 12th grade 5-7 pm)  
5:30 pm: C&MA Christmas program

### Monday, December 14

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

**School Lunch:** Submarines, potato chips, carrots and drip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Bob & Mary Ann Wehde

**Birthdays:** Sue Patton, Elda Stange, Carroll Dean, Lincoln Shilhanek

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: GBB at Tiospa Zina

6:30pm: JHGBB at Warner (7th at 6:30, 8th at 7:30)

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

### Tuesday, December 15

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

**School Lunch:** Pizza, green beans, lettuce salad, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Col Arthur Krueger • Marjae Schinkel • Janice Sombke

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, December 16

**School Breakfast:** Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Soft shell tacos, refried beans, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** John Sippel • Layne Howard • Sage Mortenson • Dan Schinkel

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

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# City Council

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checks - \$2.6 million worth of them. Seventeen bonds were paid off with one bond." The loan payment for next year will be \$308,660.35. In 2017 the payment will be \$288,498.60, in 2018 it will be \$286,198.60 and in 2019 it will drop

down to \$264,889.79 with the annual payments to be less in 2020 thereafter because the three other loans will be paid off.

The council discussed the electric rates and the increase in cost to the city from Heartland Consumers Power District. Lowary reported that the city will see an increase of \$34,000 a year in rates. The city rate is 9.7 cents per KWH to its customers. Lowary said raising the rate 3.3 percent would bring the rate to 10 cents per KWH. However, Councilman David McGannon said, "I think making 50 percent profit is enough. I think we should look at what we are spending our money on instead of raising the rates. I feel we really don't have to raise our rates. That's my opinion."

Lowary said that Groton is higher than Aberdeen and rural cooperatives, "and that bugs a lot of people." McGannon said the city's dual fuel rate (5 cents) is even higher than the surrounding area.

Lowary said Heartland should look at its own structure. She said that people at Heartland are getting paid triple or double of what she is making in Groton and she has been here for 35 years.

The city is looking at accepting credit cards for payments. Lowary said she is hoping to have a recommendation soon and to have it

up and going in January.

The city authorized to pay the annual fee to the Northeast Council of Government which will be \$1,533.89, up from \$100 from last year. Councilman Jay Peterson said if the city is going to do just routine business, then why spend the money on it. City Attorney Drew Johnson said NECOG is a liaison between the cities and the government in Pierre. "They do lobby for us in Pierre," he said. Peterson said, "It looks like it's a good insurance policy."

The city authorized to donate a lightbar found in the old jail to the Groton Fire Department.

The council gave first reading to a supplemental budget to balance all funds by the end of the year.

Some of the funds from the Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner were given to the city to buy new, light-weight tables for the community center. The amount given was \$1,200.

At the last council meeting, councilmen questioned the purchase of two batteries for a police vehicle. The Tahoes are equipped with two batteries. Both vehicles have two batteries.

After an executive session, the council hired the following warming house personnel: Justin Olson as attendant and manager at \$9.25 an hour; and the following as attendants at \$8.50 an hour: Tara Telkamp, Jamie Krueger, Joe Groeblichhoff, Landon Marzahn, Taylor Holm

and Hunter Monson.

Second reading was given to the salary ordinance and city employees will be given a 2 percent raise in 2016.

The city office and public works department will close at noon on Christmas Eve.

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