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Wheeting chosen as DAR Good Citizen Award

Carly Wheeting, a Groton High School senior, has been chosen as the 2015-2016 Groton DAR Good Citizen. The Groton faculty and the senior class selected her for this award.

The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must show leadership and patriotism in home, school, and community to an outstanding degree. Carly competed in the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Contest by completing an application and writing an essay. The DAR Good Citizen candidate from each school competes in a state-wide competition. State winners will compete in geographical and national competitions for scholarships ranging up to \$2000.

Carly Wheeting, senior, is the daughter of John and Chris Wheeting, Groton. Her top awards are being on the honor roll, National Honor Society, All NEC Basketball Team for two years, MVP thrower for track and Round Robin Champion at the Brown County Fair. She is involved in basketball, volleyball, track, FFA and 4-H. She has volunteered as a grade basketball coach, with Farm Safety Week, at the Ag Fair and at church. She worked at the Potting Shed and she plans to attend a four-year school, but is undecided about a major right now.



Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

- 1) Rick & Sherri Koehler – \$75
- 2) Paul & Tina Kosel – \$50
- 3) Bob & Shirley Meister – \$25
- 4) Randy & Sue Stanley – \$10

Frederick Forward receives grant

South Dakota Community Foundation Awards More Than \$128,000 in Community Innovation Grants

The South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) chose 13 South Dakota non-profits to receive \$128,263 through its Community Innovation Grant program. Offered in partnership with the Bush Foundation, the Community Innovation Grant program supports efforts to find breakthrough solutions to community challenges across the state. These recipients were selected during the third and final grant round of 2015.

Frederick Forward (Frederick): \$9,866 The communities of Frederick, Barnard and Westport will work with the Community Engagement process developed by Dakota Resources to expand community capacity for strategic decision-making now and in the future. They will organize the community, conduct community listening sessions, and create Initiative Teams to work on the areas and priorities identified.



**Merry Christmas from the Groton Independent!
Tina, Paul and Julianna; and Jeslyn Kosel
along with Jake.**

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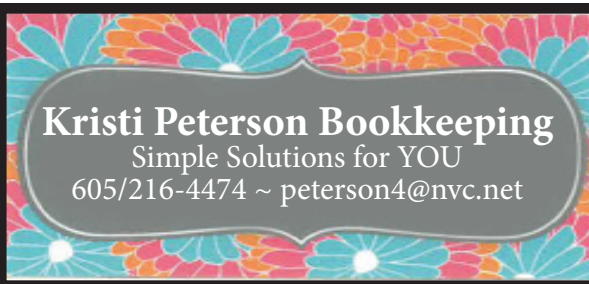
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The cast left to right in front Tylan Glover, Anne Marie Smith, Gabrielle Kramer, Erin Smith, Maddy Schuelke, Jerick Hanson. In back are Sarah Stange, Trey Wright, Brody Sombke, and Hayden Anderson. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Erin Smith and Tylan Glover. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Jerick Hanson and Erin Smith. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Brody Sombke, Tylan Glover, Erin Smith, Trey Wright, Jerick Hanson, and Hayden Anderson. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Trey Wright, Brody Sombke, Jerick Hanson, Hayden Anderson. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Erin Smith, Jerick Hanson, Hayden Anderson. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Gabrielle Kramer, Hayden Hanson, Anne Marie Smith, Trey Wright, Tylan Glover, Brody Sombke, Jerick Hanson. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Giving flowers to Seth Honerman were Madeline Schuelke, Sarah Stange, Gabrielle Kramer, Brody Sombke, Trey Wright, Erin Smith, Anne Marie Smith, Tylan Glover, Hayden Anderson and Tylan Glover. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Schinkel on Aberdeen Area Men's Chorus
 Lee Schinkel has been caroling with the Aberdeen Area Mens Chorus at several nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Aberdeen, in December. Lee sponsored Joshua Heitz, of Groton; as a new member in the chorus.

Wyatt Wambach, son of Richal and Jason Wambach, Groton, it feels great, it's about Jesus and giving gifts

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Brayden Barrera, son of Tasha and Beltran Barrera, Groton, it is about toys and clothes and games

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Taryn Thompson, daughter of Mark and June Thompson, Groton, Seeing Santa Claus.

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Sydney Locke, daughter of Matt and Tammy Locke, Groton, spending time with my family

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The Groton Middle School and High School Christmas Concert was performed Thursday, Dec. 17, at the GHS Gym.



Jerick Hanson, Korbin Blackmun, Dustin Fish and Garrett Stene started off the Christmas Concert with a SLN skit.



The junior high choir, with Joy Voss as accompanist and directed by Cody Swanson, sang, "Jingle Bell Dash," "A Bell Carol," and "On With the Snow." Tucker Carda and Alexis Hanten were the soloists.



The Sixth Grade Band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, performed, "Jingle Bells/Have A Holly Jolly Christmas / Up On the Housetop," "Saxes We Have Heard On High" featuring the Alto Saxophone Section," and "All I Want For Christmas."



The sixth grade choir sang, "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," and "Who Put the Christmas Presents Under the Tree."



The Junior High Band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, performed, "A Cartoon Christmas," "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" with Erin Unzen doing a trumpet solo, and "African Bell Carol."



Emily Raap on flute and Kari Hanson on Piccolo had soloists parts during, "Celtic Carol."

Bottom Right Photo: The High School Choir, under the direction of Cody Swanson, sang, "The Holly and the Ivy" with Gabbie Kramer and Maggie Simon as soloists and Jaden Oliver on percussion, "Noel Peace Canon," and "Baby Born in Bethlehem."



Chesney Weber, daughter of Jeremy and Samantha Weber, Groton, fun, cool and gets toys



Easton Weber, son of Jeremy and Samantha Weber, Groton, is getting presents and singing songs



Ryelle Gilbert, daughter of Jerrica Loeschke/ Brooks Gilbert, Groton, likes getting presents and seeing Santa Claus



Owen Sperry, son of Ryan and Amanda Sperry, Aberdeen, Christmas is about God.



Keiyonna Williams, daughter of Joshiah and Tina Williams, Groton, getting toys and shoes

Merry Christmas!

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The Chamber Choir, under the direction of Cody Swanson, sang, "Mary Did You Know?"



The High School Band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, performed, "A Christmas Festival," "Scherzo for Santa," "Holy Night, Silent Night," and "Celtic Carol." Soloists were Emily Raap on flute, Kari Hanson on Piccolo and Maggie Simon on Bongos."



The entire music department then had a Holiday Sing-a-Long with, "Deck the Hall," "Jingle Bells," "O Christmas Tree," and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Shih Tzus 19, Chipmunks 18, Pocket Gophers 14, Jackelopes 13, Coyotes 12, Foxes 8

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 236, Brad Larson 235, Steve Giedt 198, Tony Waage 198

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 170, Vicki Jorgensen 169, Dar Larson 168, 164

Men's High Series: Brad Larson 618, Brad Waage 602, Roger Colestock 536

Women's High Series: Vicki Jorgensen 474, Dar Larson 479, Vicki Walter 453

Groton Coffee Cup League

Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 29 winners of first half, James Valley 28, Kens 26 1/2, Ten Pins 20 1/2.

High Games: Joyce Walter 189, Penny Stolle 176, Vicki Walter 171

High Series: Joyce Walter 484, Vicki Walter 470, Penny Stolle 567

Owin Alsleben, son of Alex and Jennifer Alsleben, Bath, being nice and getting presents

Addison Hoeft, daughter of Tiffany and Travis Hoeft, Bath, it is about Jesus' birthday. That shepherds watched the star that made them know their way to Jesus' stall

Merry Christmas!

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Jaxon Khali, son of Djamel and Kristen Khali, Groton, it means friends and family

John Bisbee, son of Tony and Amanda Bisbee, Columbia, is Jesus' birthday

Shaydon Wood, son of Shad and Darcy Wood, Stratford, friends and family and getting presents

T.C. Schuster, son of Tom and Sarah Schuster, Bath, Jesus' getting born

Troy Nickeson, son of Lee and Sharla Nickeson, Groton, having fun, nice and getting presents

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Groton Area Kindergarten Students Featured about meaning of Christmas



Braeden Fliehs, son of Lance and JoAnn Fliehs, Groton, Christmas means Jesus' birthday and it is about having a great time.



Baron Fischbach, Groton, son of Justin Fischbach, Christmas is setting up our Christmas tree and putting ornaments. You can put lights on the wall and on the Christmas tree.



Quinn Cogley, son of Steve and Michele Cogley, Claremont, Christmas is all about joy and having fun and presents.



Journey Zieroth, daughter of Mike and JoAnn Nehls, Groton, Christmas is about giving presents and Jesus' birthday.



Kayli Hardell, daughter of Ceslie Veurink and Keith Wipf, Groton, Jesus' birthday.



Mya Feser, daughter of Tom and Jessica Feser, Claremont, Christmas is about baby Jesus' being born and giving presents to other people makes me smile.



Kamryn Bickel, daughter, of Jason and Chelsie Bickel, Andover, it's about Jesus' birthday and giving presents



Arabella Clark, daughter of David and Carla Clark, Bristol, Jesus' birthday comes on Christmas. Jesus' birthday has kings, shepherds and animals.



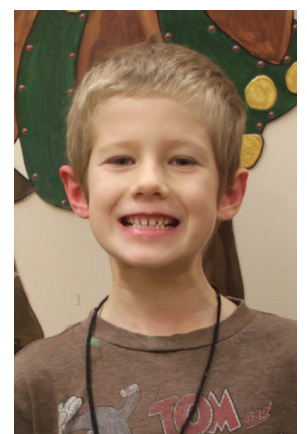
Zachary Fisher, son of Ryan Fisher, Groton, it is about Jesus, presents and toys.



Raelynn Feist, daughter of Peggy Feist, Groton, Santa is nice to me and gives me presents and I like him.



Treyton Smith, son of Jeremy and Missi Smith, Claremont, it is about Jesus' birthday, getting presents and Santa Claus.



Thomas Aalseth, son of Kurt and Amy Aalseth, Columbia, Christmas is about Jesus' birthday.

Destin Pardick son of Tina and Jerrid Pardick, Conde, Christmas holiday and Santa Claus, and getting toys

The rest of the kindergarten students are featured in various Christmas ads in the paper.

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Damion Myburgh, son of Andries and Jodi Myburgh, Groton, Christmas is about Jesus' birthday and it's about getting snow, too

Camille Craig, daughter of Desiree and Casey Gonsoir, Groton, it is about presents and Christmas trees

Merry Christmas!

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Dee Eh June Say, daughter of Hay Nay EhH and Dee Say, Groton, I love santa, I also love getting toys, my mom and dad plus Santa

Alex Abeln, son of Isaac and Nikki Abeln, Columbia, Christmas is really fun. It is about toys and gifts.

Merry Christmas!

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Schwan, Daly graduate from USD

Two Groton Area students have graduated from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, at its winter commencement. They are Shannon Lorraine Daly with a BS in Education and Anna Marie Schwan with a doctor of education degree and a first major in educational administration. Schwan is the Groton Area middle/high school principal.

Lucas Bible, son of Brandon and Vanessa Bible, Andover, it is all about presents

Rylie Rose, daughter of Ian and Karen Rose, Groton, it is about Jesus' birthday

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Ryder Schelle, son of Ryan and Jennifer Schelle, Groton, having fun and getting toys

Meleana Hagen, daughter of Anthony and Parmalie Hagen, Aberdeen, Santa comes

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Ethan Kroll, son of Joel and Jessica Kroll, Groton, is grandpa and grandma coming over for Christmas



Ella Kettner, daughter of Alex and Kendra Kettner, Columbia, getting presents



Gracie Pearson, daughter of Lucas and Trish Pearson, Groton, Santa brings presents

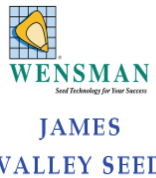


Jace Johnson, son of Jerry Ray and Becky Johnson, Groton, Jesus' birthday



Jack Crosby, son of Evan Crosby and Cindy Leonard, Groton, getting presents and Santa goes down the chimneys and Christmas trees and Santas clothes.

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Updated Volunteer Work Agreement for all 4-H Volunteers

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The 2015 4-H Volunteer Work Agreement has been updated.

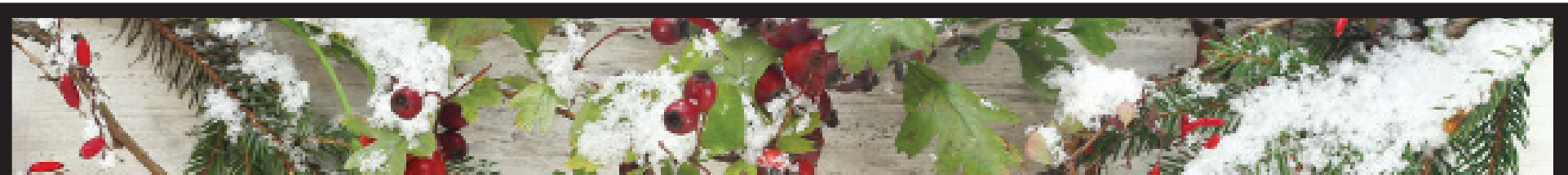
All new 4-H volunteers need to fill out the form and turn it in at their local SDSU Extension county office. The updated form is available either at the county office or online at <http://igrow.org/4h/>.

"These forms are important because background checks must be completed on all volunteers," explained Audrey Rider, SDSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Field Specialist.

Rider further explained that SDSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development program has adopted high standards for screening and selection of staff and volunteers that will have ongoing contact with 4-H youth. "The process is designed to reassure 4-H parents because it protects their children and maintains standards of excellence for 4-H staff and volunteers," she said.

The 4-H Volunteer Work Agreement form and cost recovery fee (\$10 annual minimum) need to be submitted to the local SDSU Extension county office. The form only needs to be filled out the first initial year of volunteering, but the \$10 is an annual fee paid each year to keep your records and volunteer status updated.

To get more information on this topic, please contact your local SDSU Extension county office.



Bradyn Wipf, son of Keith Wipf and Ceslie Veirink, Groton, likes Christmas and we get presents



Brysen Sandness, son of Brock and Julie Sandness, Groton, Jesus' birthday



Aimee Heilman, daughter of Greg and Danielle Heilman, Groton, likes spending time with my family.



Cameron Feist, son of Jason and Danielle Pullan and Cory Feist, Groton, likes the Christmas trees and presents



Daylynn Voeltz, daughter of Tiffany Bohn and Dylan Voeltz, Groton, is a joyful and pretty fun time with my family and my grandma

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Roncalli MathCounts

The Roncalli Invitational MathCounts Countdown Competition was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Students from Aberdeen area schools participated in the event, which was sponsored by 3M of Aberdeen. Four separate countdown competitions were held simultaneously in the gymnasium.

Groton's seventh grade team placed first: Samantha Pappas, Kale Pharis, Isaac Smith, and Grace Wambach. Seventh grade individuals were also awarded certificates in their respective brackets: Isaac Smith (first), Grace Wambach (second), and Samantha Pappas and Kale Pharis (fourth). In the eighth grade competition, Kaycie Hawkins placed first and Noah Poor placed second in their respective divisions.

MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics. Simmons hosts the next junior high competition on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

Conde National

Dec. 21 Team Standings: Mets 29 1/2, Cubs 26, Giants 25, Pirates 22, Braves 22, Colts 19 1/2

Men's High Games: Troy Lindberg 236, 184; Bryce Dagartz 176, 169; Chad Furney 167; Charlie Dirks 167.

Men's High Series: Troy Lindberg 578, Bryce Dagartz 511, Larry Frohling 473.

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 189; Vickie Kramp 180, 157; Joyce Walter 155.

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 490, Mary Larson 474, Joyce Walter 430



Groton's 7th Grade team winners were, front row from left; Groton, 1st place, Samantha Pappas, Kale Pharis, Isaac Smith, and Grace Wambach. Back row from left; Holgate 2nd place: Drew Comstock, Melanie Jacobs, Carsten Johnson, and Haley Weber.



Kaycie Hawkins earned first place in the eighth grade individual division.

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Karson Frohling, son of Jesse and Kristi Frohling, Bath, it is when you gather up your family and open presents and Jesus' birthday

Makenna Krause, daughter of Kayla and Pat Krause, Groton, it is about Jesus' birthday and it is happy and joy together Christmas is the family being together.

Merry Christmas!

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**Brown County
Dec. 15, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

DECEMBER 15, 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 Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$7,534.95; Treasurer \$12,782.28; Data Processing \$7,171.88; States Attorney \$16,126.89; Blood Draws \$550.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,462.76; Assessor \$13,136.50; Register of Deeds \$8,130.87; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$32,148.39; Jail \$37,598.33; JDC \$16,624.74; HD \$5,606.95; Welfare Office \$3,477.47; Museum \$7,683.74; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,414.45; Fair Board \$4,081.10; 4-H \$1,113.60; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47; Highway \$44,542.19; Communications \$22,744.77; Emergency Management \$3,767.34; Teen Court \$503.36; 24/7 \$2,962.59; Landfill \$11,489.78.

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Network Services \$812.50; Newman Signs \$825.45; Pierson-Ford \$719.13; PowerPlan \$346.36; Productivity Plus \$208.12; Rowman & Littlefield \$36.96; Running's \$535.95; SD Dept. of Public Safety \$103.00; Taylor Laundry \$131.00; US Bank \$8,253.13; Walth Safety Service \$47.25; Web Water Bottling Co. \$65.50; Zones \$1,168.91.

Travel and Conference: Barry Kusler \$32.43; Gerald Lehrkamp \$209.00; Leo Leshner \$399.03; Gene Loeschke \$203.51; Pennington Co. Jail \$1.75; Derek Ricci \$241.62; Sanford Health Occupational \$70.00; US Bank \$3,293.81; Mary Worlie \$162.34.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$307.46; AT & T \$380.93; CenturyLink \$3,677.62; Economy Propane \$777.15; James Valley Telecommunications \$454.10; Midcontinent \$185.30; Northern Electric \$1,498.30; NVC \$56.52; NWPS \$30.13; US Bank \$660.16; Verizon \$2,808.76.

Other: JRWD \$29,363.30; US Bank \$2,147.43. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee step increases, effective December 20, 2015: Sarah Jesz @ \$18.55 per hour, Charles Gruenstein @ \$17.35 per hour, Jared Embury @ \$15.54 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve request to fill vacancy for a part-time cook at the Jail. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – MARKET STREET ENTRANCE PROJECT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing labor and material for the Market Street Entrance Project (remove existing doors and steps and replace with enclosed (option 1) or open (option 2) handicapped ramp and entrance), to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 a.m. on January 12, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Subordination Agreement for a Poor Relief Lien with Aberdeen Federal Credit Union on Kane

Addition in the SE ¼ of Sec 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following November 2015 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSION ASSISTANT REPORT: Gary Vetter discussed options for the Jail laundry during the upcoming construction. Quotes will be obtained for presentation at a later date.

REGIONAL TRAINING: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the Brown County Community Room as host site for regional training by Tyler Technologies INCODE Financial users, with cost to Brown County being snacks and drinks for all attendees (registration fee for county employees waived), to be held February 23, 24 & 25, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONCERNED CITIZEN: Matt Deilke presented questions and information on the following topics: 1) 2015 fair ticket sales; 2) Grievance response; 3) DOE Copier quotes; 4) Employee survey. No action was taken.

BID AWARD – BR218 ON COUNTY ROAD 5: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to award bid, submitted by Industrial Builders Inc, Fargo, ND in amount of \$1,669,690.26 for completion of the 2016 County Road 5 – Bridge Replacement (BR218) Project; rejecting the following: Grangaard Construction, Watertown, SD @ \$1,692,110.50, Duinick Inc, Prinsburg, MN @ \$2,481,530.40. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Gary Vetter and Mark Milbrandt in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion.

2016 SALARY INCREASE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize a 3% increase across the board for all county employees, except authorize a 5% increase for all Sheriff Field Deputies and Investigators, effective December 20, 2015 (beginning date of first payroll paid in 2016). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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**Brown County
Dec. 15, 2015
Joint Minutes**

DECEMBER 15, 2015 - JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission 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 Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Ronayne and Mayor Levsen. Absent Council Members Remily, Rux, Slight-Hansen and Swanson. Present from County were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach, Fjeldheim and Sutton.

RESOLUTION # 15-12-01R/453: On motion by Ronayne, seconded by Bunsness, the City unanimously voted to approve Resolution # 15-12-01R/453 (County Resolution #87-15).

RESOLUTION TO VACATE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #87-15. RESOLUTION #15-12-01R/453. RESOLUTION TO VACATE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. BE IT RESOLVED by the

Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota that the Petition to Vacate the Public Right-of-Way filed by Duane Hunt, Linda Hunt, and Virginia Woken is hereby granted and the public right-of-way is hereby vacated for the following described areas: Twenty-First Avenue, NW Public Right-of-way commencing on the West Side of North Fifth Street Public Right-of-way and continuing West to point of termination including 50' Radius Cul-De-Sac in the NE ¼ of Sec 11-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2319 5th Street N). BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota that a certified copy of the this Resolution shall be filed for record and duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Brown County. Dated this 15th day of December 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. The City Council adjourned and the County Commission continued in regular session.

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**Westport Town
Wastewater, Storm
Water Project Notice**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

for the Westport Wastewater and Storm Water Improvement Project

The Town of Westport is seeking up to \$650,000 of funding from the Board of Water and Natural Resources for improvements to the wastewater treatment and storm water system. These improvements include placing rip-rap at the lagoon and replacing the lift station. The project will also add in some additional storm water system. The funds could be either a grant from the state Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program or a loan from the Clean

Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. The Clean Water SRF loan terms are 3.25% for 30 years, and the Board of Water and Natural Resources may forgive all or a portion of loan principal. The amount, source of funds, and terms will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at City Hall on December 29, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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Groton School Dec. 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING December 14, 2015 President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: M. Harder, K. Kjelden, D. Nelson, G. Rix, S. Smith, and M. Weismantel. Absent: L. Hanson. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Manager M. Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda as proposed. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Nelson to approve all consent agenda items as follows: North Central Special Ed Coop school of record agenda items, November 9 and 23 District minutes, bills, financial report, agency report, transportation report and school lunch report. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 165,639.15; FIT - 18,409.81; Medicare - 6,301.66; FICA - 26,944.96; Sun Life - 501.01; American Funds - 702.40; Washington National - 98.40; SD Retirement - 27,436.54; First National Bank HSAs - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,216.54; Horace Mann - 318.51; Thrivent - 205.80; AFLAC - 2,204.01; Delta Dental - 4,226.10; SD Supplemental Retirement - 1,230.80; SDSBF Basic Life - 74.48; Wellmark BCBS - 55,847.00; A&B Business - supplies, 95.55; Agency Fund - advance payments, 20,512.02; Bob's Piano Service - tuning, 315.00; Carquest - supplies, 463.54; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, etal - legal services, 278.10; City of Groton - utilities, 11,693.33; Cole Papers - supplies, 1,181.65; Dakota Brush - shovel, 60.00; Dakota Supply Group - bulb, 207.84; Days Inn Brookings - lodging, 183.80; Days Inn Mitchell - lodging, 251.00; Days Inn Sioux Falls - lodging, 225.96; Dependable Sanitation - services, 1,238.00; Eide Bailly - audit services, 10,400.00; G&K Services - rug service, 430.06; GCR Tires - tires, 634.14; Kristen Gonsoir - meals, 33.07; Groton Area School Dist. - Weiszhaar salary donation, 374.06; Groton Daily Independent - supplies, notices, 121.31; Groton Ford - fuses, 3.16; Harlow's - repairs, 510.27; Harry Implement - filter, 20.20; Hauff Mid-America Sports - ath. supplies, 893.39; Jolene Herr - background ck fees, 43.25; JW Pepper - music, 267.77; James Valley Telecomm. - phone service, 861.99; Jostens - diploma covers, 297.27; McLeod's - checks, 456.06; Menards - bulbs, 28.02; Mike-n-Jo's Body-n-Glass - van repair, 1,563.50; Northwestern Energy - natural gas, 2,514.42; Pauer Sound & Music - speaker repairs, 54.00; Productivity Plus - filter, 117.00; Rivar's - blazers, 802.50; Anna Schwan - supplies, 81.46; SDTEA - registration, 55.00; Ashley Seeklander - meals, 12.83; Sewer Duck - services, 177.00; Jodi Sternhagen - meals, 26.73; Cody Swanson - supplies, 29.99; Taylor Music - horn repairs/supplies, 1,253.22; Twin Valley Tire - repairs, 2,171.59; Vermillion Music Boosters - entry fee, 250.00; Weber Landscaping - materials, 325.77; Mike Weber - gas, 31.86. Total General Fund - \$373,003.85.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Acme Tools - miter saw, 578.15; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 3,964.06; Michael Frederick - library books, 70.00; Hauff Mid-America Sports - uniforms, 2,119.96; House of Glass - door repairs, 15,499.70; Marco - copier leases, 1,978.17; MidAmerica Books - lib books, 208.45; Subscription Services of America - magazines, 194.65; Taylor Music - horns, 5,158.00. Total Capital Outlay Fund -- \$29,771.14.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 25,842.66; FIT - 2,472.29; Medicare - 981.80; FICA - 4,197.96; Sun Life - 152.92; SD Retirement - 4,514.14; Waddell & Reed - 250.00; AFLAC - 409.66; Delta Dental - 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement - 200.00; SDSBF Basic Life - 14.63; Wellmark BCBS - 11,666.00; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 349.95; Avera St. Luke's - services, 9,610.66; William Duncan - mileage, 13.99; Patron - parent mileage, 299.88. Total Special Education Fund - \$61,821.76.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 6,524.93; FIT - 370.96; Medicare - 227.32; FICA - 972.10; SD Retirement - 687.82; AFLAC - 54.22; SDSBF

Basic Life - 2.66; Wellmark BCBS - 1,372.00; A&B Business - supplies, 11.31; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 474.00; CWD - suppl/food, 1,611.71; Dean Foods - dairy products, 1,742.41; Earthgrains - bakery products, 227.20; G&K Services - linen services, 302.99; myOncore.com - subscription, 700.00; Reinhart - food/suppl, 1,820.73; SD DOE-CANS - processed commodities, 411.81; Sysco - food/suppl, 1,383.06; US Foods - food/suppl, 4,476.87. Total Food Service - \$23,374.10. OST Net Salary - 1,631.10; FIT - 54.17; Medicare - 55.42; FICA - 237.14; SD Retirement - 160.88; AFLAC - 136.00; SDSBF Basic Life - 1.33; Wellmark BCBS - 604.00; Agency Fund - adv pmt, 268.59. Total OST - 3,148.63. Total Enterprise - \$26,522.73.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$44,665.17. RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 1,481,393.92; Other Local Sources - 101,177.53; County Sources - 3,709.17; State Sources - 4,763.00. Total Receipts - \$1,591,043.62.

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 District's Wrestling Program was discussed in regards to building the program for the future. The board agreed to look for a middle-school assistant coach who could help build the program. No other action was taken.

Following topics were discussed in administrative reports: State Superintendent's Meeting topics, education funding proposals, meeting with District 2 legislators, elementary heating/cooling unit failure, Building Needs Assessment update from Johnson Controls, elementary math curriculum, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), OST update, Teachscape/Teacher Evaluation update, Elementary PAC update, 3-year old Developmental Screening, Instructional Leadership Training, student internship process, Student Council update, 8th grade Algebra I update, bond refinancing update and state comprehensive salary survey.

President Smith appointed Kjelden as Legislative Action Network (LAN) representative for the 2016 legislative session.

Superintendent Schwan presented a Notice of Election and Nominating Petition for any board members who may want to serve on the South Dakota Retirement System Board of Directors.

The board discussed the 2016-17 school district calendar draft. No action was taken.

Moved by Harder, second Nelson to go into executive session at 8:25 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for discussion of personnel. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 8:54 pm.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to adjourn. 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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Frederick School Dec. 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 DECEMBER 14, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with all members present. Others present were Knute Reiersen, Jessica Ringgenberg, Deb Klapperich and Bob Bergan.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 15-41 Motion by Sump-tion second by Forsting to approve the amended agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 15-42 Motion by Sump-tion second by Ellwein to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- A. Minutes
B. Financial Statements as presented.

Bills. All aye, carried. FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL, DECEMBER CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND: COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 718.61; CWD-ABERDEEN, SUPPLIES, 277.84; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; DAKOTA OIL, REPAIRS, 189.87; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS , 19.64; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POSTAGE, 9.18; FUGEMAN, TIMOTHY , FEES, 30.00; GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 82.33; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, LODGING, 57.00; J.W. PEPPER & SON INC., MUSIC, 79.98; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 250.81; KESLIER'S GROCERY, SUPPLIES, 3.95; LANGFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEES, 62.70; LEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1/2 DIST/REG VB TOURN, 247.14; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 49.05; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 70.98; MORLOCK, MARTY , TRAVEL, 230.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 18.39; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 138.10; PODOLL, LANCE , MILEAGE, 309.12; RINGGENBERG, JESSICA , SUPPLIES, 64.94; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, FEES, 260.00; SUMPTION, STACEY , SUPPLIES, 21.25; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, REIMBURSEMENT, 104.84; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, REPAIRS, 277.45; ASBSD, FEES, 9,111.00; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 642.11; JAMES DUMIRE DBA MAIN ST STATION, REPAIRS, 52.50; MARC, SUPPLIES, 542.22; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 21.98

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, PRINTING, 561.59; BONN EXPRESS, GAS, 26.50; DAKOTA OIL, BULK OIL, 1,297.00; ESTELLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28-2, COMPUTER CART, 100.00; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELECTRICITY, 2,658.01; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, FUEL, 5,172.06; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 222.56; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, REIMBURSEMENT, 149.10; SCHOLASTIC, INC., BOOKS , 50.00; SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 2,643.00; ASBSD, FEES, 650.00. FOOD SERVICE: BLUE RIBBON MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 191.90; CWD-ABERDEEN, FOOD, 2,868.37; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 108.48; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT

OF ED, PROCESSING, 451.32; ASBSD, FEES, 300.00. Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 91,413.20; Support, 12,949.44; SS & Med, 24,020.32. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 8860.43; Delta Dental, ins. 1163.25; AFLAC, insurance, 319.86; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 357.50; SD District Benefit Fund, ins, 59.47; VSP, Vision, ins, 132.68; Security Benefit, retirement, 250.00; American Funds, retirement, 1182.50; Sun Life Financial., ins, 145.16; Wellmark, ins, 13,397.78; Janelle Barondeau, bus driving, 78.82; Justin Brotzel, driving, 210.00; Jim Dumire, bus driving, 281.50; Jon Ellwein, board salary, 61.72; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 65.08; Ann Hegge, sub, 300.00; Wayne Haas, FB book, 30.00; Deb Klapperich, line judge, 90.00; Marty Morlock, driving, 71.60; Dan Nickelson, board salary, 55.00; Brock Pashen, driving, 11.26; Seth Petersen, sub, 40.00; Caitlin Podoll, driving, 22.52; Leroy Podoll, driving, 72.38; Carma Ruenz, sub, 600.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary & clock, 181.30; Michelle Sumption, sub, 160.00; Tonya Zinter, line judge, 60.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 10,104.72; Support, 4267.92; SS & Med, 3480.44; SDRS, retirement, 1363.246; AFLAC, insurance, 15.99; Delta Dental, ins, 146.99; SD District Benefit Fund, ins, 7.13; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 250.00; VSP, insurance, 29.73; Wellmark, ins, 1251.21; Carma Ruenz, sub, 150.00. Food Service: Support, 3920.92; SS & Med, 1042.80; SDRS, retirement, 450.05; VSP, insurance, 45.11.

The following reports were given at this time: A. Knute Reiersen - Superintendent/AD Enter Justin Brotzel at 7:12 PM A. Jessica Ringgenberg - Building Manager B. Bob Bergan - Grounds and Maintenance C. Knute Reiersen - Athletic Co-op D. Richard Schlosser - Hub Area Vo Tech Action 15-43 Motion by Sump-tion, second by Nickelson to appoint Richard Schlosser as the LAN representative. All aye, carried.

Action 15-44 Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to set the monthly board meeting time at 6 pm for the months of January, February and March in 2016. All aye, carried.

Action 15-45 Motion by Sump-tion, second by Forsting to declare the items listed on 12-A-15 as surplus and authorize the business manager to dispose of them. All aye, carried. Justin Brotzel presented information concerning the need

to upgrade the filtering system for the laptops and iPads. After reviewing the proposals he presented, it was determined to proceed with the purchase of Lightspeed from Connecting Point.

Discussion was held concerning the annual maintenance contract for the geo thermal system. Deb Klapperich presented information about finding a new company for the school credit card. The change will be made to the ASBSD P-Card.

Continued discussion on the purchase of the TV for displaying the school composites was held. Richard Schlosser stated that the alumni association will make a donation to this project. He also stated that they would make a donation towards the purchase of new stage curtains. Jessica and Deb will research past quotes and secure new quotes as well.

Thank yous and congratulations were read and will be posted on the school web site.

Action 15-46 Motion by Sump-tion, second by Forsting to enter into executive session at 8:08 pm to discuss student and personnel matters. All aye, carried.

Chairman Schlosser declared executive session out at 8:37 pm.

Action 15-47 Motion by Forsting, second by Ellwein to adjourn. All aye, carried.

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Columbia City Dec. 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Minutes City of Columbia Council Meeting

December 1, 2015 7pm CALL MEETING TO ORDER Mayor Mitchell

ROLL CALL- T Kampa, C Kampa, A Davis, E Kuschel-Harr Public attending- Andrew Murray

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING- Motion to approve A Davis, 2nd T Kampa FINANCIAL REPORT/WARRANT VOUCHERS- Motion to approve C Kampa, 2nd A Davis Warrants:

Parks/Streets: Brown County Treasurer, 73.60 Clark Engineering Corp, 738.45 Kevin Hamilton, 767.39

Utilities: NorthWestern Energy, 501.70 Web Water, 36.28 Repairs/Supplies: CNHI, 197.23 Publishing: Groton Independent, 16.22 Council Wages: C. Mitchell, 498.69

A. Davis, 387.87 E. Kuschel Harr, 350.93 T. Kampa, 350.93 C. Kampa, 313.99 Finance Officer: A. Bisbee, 230.87 Miscel-

laneous: Brown Co Hwy Dept, 241.80 First State Bank, 149 SD State Treasurer, 10

Sewer: Dept of Revenue, 150 Dept of Revenue, 58 NorthWest-ern Energy, 20 A. Bisbee, 230.87 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nuisances - Several complaints of barking dogs, Complaint of shooting guns with in city limits

Streets-Parks- Lagoon/sewer- Sewer accounts- Rubble Site- The next meeting will be January 4th at 7:00

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Brown County Budget Supplement

NOTICE OF HEARING 2015 BROWN COUNTY BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 29th day of December 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, SD to consider supplementing the 2015 fiscal year budget, as follows: Brown County Fair Sponsorships #101-5.524.426.80 @ \$40,000.00, to be funded by sponsorships received #101-4.345.53 @ \$40,000.00; Brown County Fair Entertainment #101-5.524.422.73 @ \$60,000.00; Court Appointed Attorney #101-5.153.422 @ \$170,000.00; Maintenance #101-5.161.425 @ \$170,000.00, to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in the General Fund #101-5.101.99 @ \$400,000.00. The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the supplements. ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (1215.1222) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$19.77. (11753)

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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 November 30, 2015. Table with columns: General Fund, Restricted Gen Funds, Capital Outlay, Special Education, Pension Fund, Bond Redemption, Enterprise Fund, Agency Fund, Total for District. Rows include: 1. Beginning Balance, a. cash, b. securities invested, 2. Transfers in, 3. Revenue to date, 4. Total accounted for, 5. Transfers out, 6. Expenditures to date, a. encumbrances, b. disbursements, 7. Ending Balance, a. cash, b. securities invested, November Receipts, November Expenses, Agency Cash on Hand, District Savings, Certificate of Deposit, District Cash on Hand, Total for District.

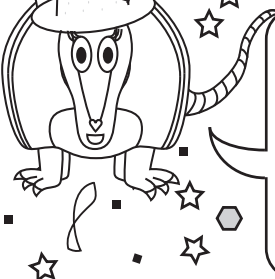
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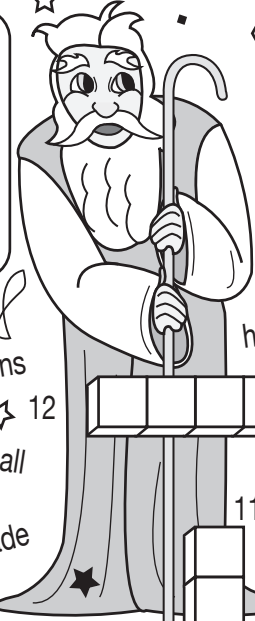
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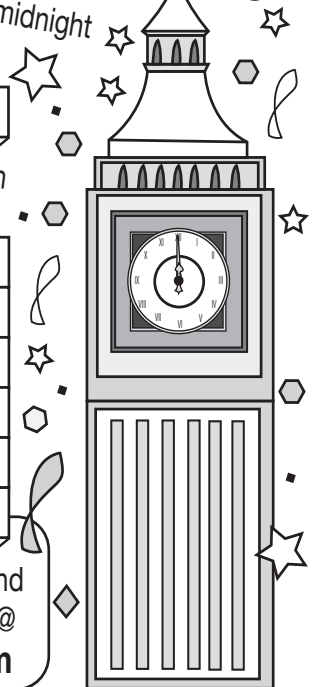
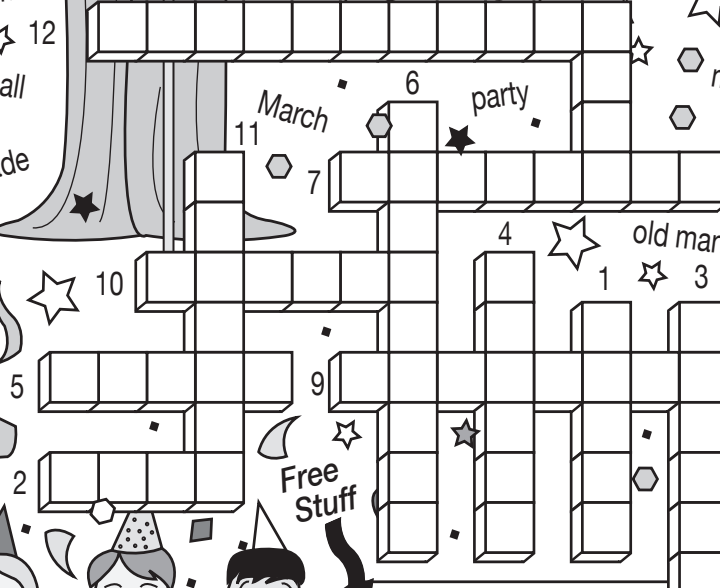
I **really** like the New Year celebration. It comes around and gives me a new chance **every** year to do a little better or start doing something in a new way. What do you know about the celebration of the new year? **Read these clues to help you fill in this New Year puzzle:**



A happy, healthy New Year to you and your family.



1. in Ancient Rome, the new year started in _____ because the month of January did not exist yet
2. to represent the birth of a New Year we use a newborn _____ dressed in a top hat and a sash
3. by the end of the year the child grows into a wrinkled _____
4. _____ time is used to represent the passage of years; he usually carries an hourglass
5. to celebrate the new year many people gather to eat, drink and dance at a _____; the biggest is in New York City in Times Square
6. _____ light up the sky in celebration; they can be seen behind the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower and the Forbidden City in China
7. the new year officially begins when the clock strikes _____
8. everyone's favorite New Year's _____ is "Auld Lang Syne," which means 'old long since'
9. after the parties of New Year's eve, many people relax by watching the big _____ game, "The Rose Bowl"
10. after the game people line the streets to watch the "Rose _____," which takes place in California
11. friends wish each other a happy, _____ New Year
12. people use the start of a new year as a way to better themselves through New Year's _____



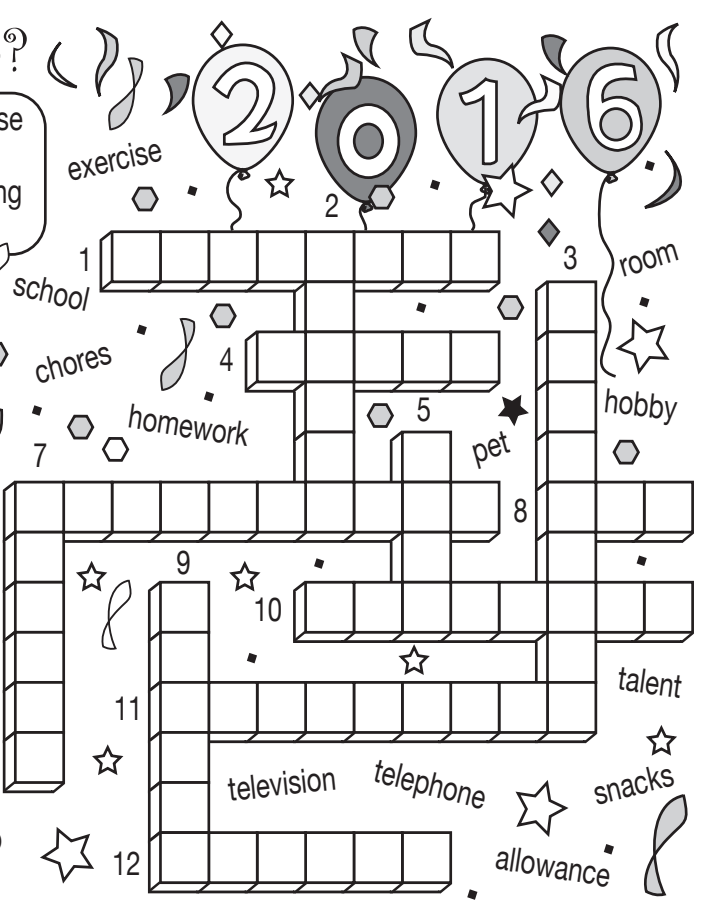
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What's a New Year's Resolution?

Have you ever heard of a **New Year's resolution**? It is a promise you make to yourself to change something or add something to your life. My New Year's resolution is to do my chores without being reminded by my Mom. What will be **your** New Year's resolution?

- This 2-part puzzle has ideas that **you** might like to try. **First, read the clues and fill in the crossword puzzle. Next, match each resolution to its 2nd part that would "kick it up" a bit.**
1. get more fresh air and _____
 2. finish all your _____
 3. spend less time talking on the _____
 4. try out a new _____ or sport
 5. clean your _____
 6. watch less _____
 7. develop a new, special _____ (singing, dancing, juggling)
 8. feed your _____
 9. think about how to make yourself healthy _____
 10. do your _____ well before it is due
 11. save up your _____
 12. get to _____ on time
- A. and invite friends and family over instead
 - B. and help your brother and sister with theirs
 - C. and put on a show for your family to enjoy
 - D. and take on a few extra little jobs without being asked
 - E. and choose an exciting book to read instead
 - F. and spend it on someone else
 - G. and make a chart of your progress
 - H. with clean clothes and a clean you!
 - I. and help your parents shop and pick out fruits you like
 - J. and help with the rest of the house too
 - K. and play with it every day, and keep it clean too
 - L. and become the best you can at it

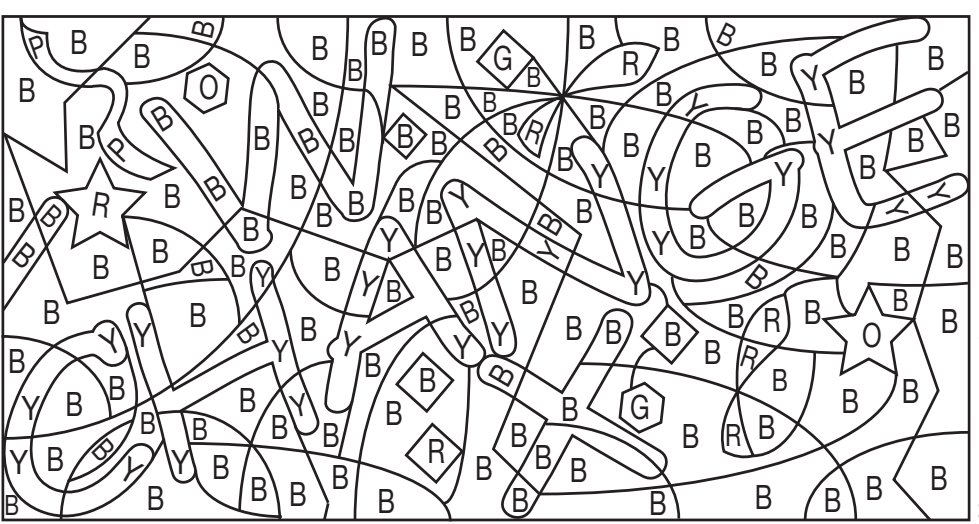


Forecast for a New Year!

Circle "yes" if you think an item could happen in the new year and "no" if it is just silly:

1. People will be talking about and voting for the next President of the United States. yes no
2. We will build a colony on the moon and live there. yes no
3. Art shown on computer displays as well as canvases. yes no
4. Cars will travel on the roads with no one driving them. yes no
5. An entire meal will fit into one tiny pill. yes no

Follow the color key to see one thing you can count on next year:
Color Key: B = Blue R = Red O = Orange Y = Yellow P = Pink G = Green



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Birthdays: Adam Herman, Barbara Stauch • Connie Stauch • Nicole Osterman • Delbert Hinkelman • Brady Keith • Melissa Locke
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 23

No School
Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar.
Anniversaries: Jerry & Joan Johnson, Jerry & Ramona Rossow, Marc & Fran Sippel
Birthday: Diane Lewandowski, John Padfield
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
6:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Program practice

Wednesday, December 30

No School
Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.
Birthdays: Alec Oleson, Alex Graf, Breslyn Hinman
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

Thursday, December 24

No School
Christmas Eve
Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower/pea salad, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Merry Jo Ball, Holly Carlson, Carmen Craig, Brian Townsend, Christine Young, Katie Bull, Aaron Cobb, Michael Erdmann, Kenley Johnson
5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
5:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Eve Service
8:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Thursday, December 31

No School
New Year's Eve
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.
Anniversaries: Paul & Tina Kosel, Jake & Tiffany Unzen, Ralph & Virginia Breitreutz
Birthdays: Jill Cutler • Braiden Craig • Brian Koens

Friday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY!
No School
Birthdays: Angela Carlson • Scott Fordham
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

Friday, January 1, 2016

No School
New Year's Day
Anniv: Kevin & Sharolyn Jondahl
Birthdays: Lauren Harrison, Patricia Larson, Stephen Duncan, Tyler Kolb.

Saturday, December 26

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

Sunday, December 27

Birthdays: Rayne Baker, Raymond Alberts, Jane Johnson, Emily Overacker, Karla Pasteur
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran texts and carols
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
1:00pm: James Lowery birthday
3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

Monday, December 28

No School
Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, waldorf salad, sherbet.
Birthdays: Tracey Heidrich, Sharon Tullis, Jaden Dobbins, Meredith Anderson
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Tuesday, December 29

No School
Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Swisher is one of state's top corn yield winners

Travis Swisher, Groton, was one of the top corn yield winners in South Dakota, as entered in the National Corn Yield Contest. Winning entries came from a wide geographic area, stretching from Elk Point to Chamberlain to Groton.

In non-irrigated land, Scott McKee of Hawarden, Iowa (farms in South Dakota), planted Pioneer Seed and yielded 288.31 bushels per acre. Dean Bosee of Elk Point planted Pioneer and yielded 276.99 bushels per acre, and Ronald Johnson, Alcester, planted Pioneer and yielded 269.21 bushels per acre.

In no-till/strip-till non-irrigated land, Scott Biskeborn, Chamberlain, took first and second with Deklab seed and 276.29 and 270.71 bushels per acre. Travis Swisher, Groton, planted Dekalb and had 242.39 bushels per acre.

On irrigated land, KOry Standy, Platte, planted Dekalb netted 281.50 bushels per acre, Steve Breeding, Chamberlain, with Dekalb netted 280.34 bushels per acre, and Bob Creasey, Geddes, planted Pioneer and netted 266.59 bushels per acre.

On no-till/strip till irrigated land, Joey Waldner, Huron, planted Pioneer and netted 288.62 bushels per acre, Bennett Waldner, Huron, planted Pioneer and netted 284.96 bushels per acre, and Randy Svendsen, Yankton, planted Dekalb and netted 280.06 bushels per acre.

Stocking stuffing ideas that will make dad happy!



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June Lockhart Remembers "A Christmas Carol"

By Nick Thomas

The 1938 version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" has long been a favorite seasonal TV movie.

"It's a short film, only about an hour, so there was no premiere when it first came out," recalled June Lockhart, who made her film debut at the age of 13 as Belinda Cratchit in the Christmas classic. "The studio just put it out as a program filler with their feature Christmas movie for that year."

"A Christmas Carol" is especially memorable for Lockhart because her father and mother also appear in the film.

"I thought my parents were wonderful as the Cratchits, and it was just great fun to see how a film was made," said Lockhart. "I loved the Victorian costumes."

Prior to filming, Lockhart was very familiar with the story.

"We used to perform it every Christmas at home for our dinner guests," she recalled. "So I had already appeared in it, with my parents, in our living room for many years prior to doing it for MGM. We read from a script that my father had prepared from the original story. We would have wonderful actors like Doris Lloyd or Walter Kingsford playing parts and Leo G. Carroll would play Scrooge. In the film, Scrooge was played by Reginald Owen who was just a lovely, lovely man."

Carroll, who portrayed Mr. Waverly in the '60s TV spy series "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.," was a close friend of the Lockhart family and always "Uncle Leo" to young June. He was cast as Marley's ghost in the movie.

A decade later, when Lockhart made her 1947 Broadway debut in "For Love or Money," for which she won a Tony Award, Carroll visited her dressing room after the first matinee.

"Standing at the door in a great coat with big black collar, cane, homburg hat, gloves, and with his blue eyes sparkling, he said 'Oh June, much better than I expected!'" recalled Lockhart. "Coming from him, it was a great accolade."

Today, "A Christmas Carol" is a favorite of Lockhart's family who are fond of quoting her first scene.

ing her first scene.

"My daughter, Junie, and granddaughter, Christianna, have never let me forget that the first words I ever spoke in movies were: 'I know, I know - sausages!'" laughed June. "It's become a family joke and we all shriek with laughter when we watch it now. Watching the film has become a family tradition each year. And now, to be able to watch it with my grandchildren - well, who gets to do something like that?"

However, the film did leave Lockhart with one unpleasant memory.

"One thing I do remember was feeling quite nauseated on the set one day from something I had eaten the night before," she recalled. "Then they placed a bowl of mashed parsnips in front of me during the Christmas dinner scene.

The stench made me so ill, the prop man had to replace the dish with potatoes. I've avoided parsnips ever since!"

Lockhart went on to star in several TV series including "Lassie" and "Lost in Space." Her father, Gene Lockhart (1891-1957), was one of Hollywood's most recognizable character actors throughout the '30s and '40s. And her mother, Kathleen Lockhart (1895-1978), had a 26 year movie career appearing in 40 films, about half alongside her husband.

But "A Christmas Carol" was the only time June appeared on film with either of her parents.

"So it always had a sweet spot in the hearts of the Lockhart family," she said. "It's grand to see it on TV every year and it certainly lives on as a charming little picture."

"A Christmas Carol" (1938) is scheduled to air on TCM on Dec 24.

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala., and has written features, columns, and interviews for over 600 magazines and newspapers.



Meeting to Focus on Growing Field Peas in South Dakota Jan. 14

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Growing field peas will be the focus of an upcoming SDSU Extension meeting to be held Jan. 14, 2016 in Pierre.

"With the pending startup of a new pea processing plant in central South Dakota, there may be new interest in field pea production. Interested producers and industry representatives who would like to learn more about this expanding crop may want to consider attending this meeting," said Ruth Beck, SDSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist.

Agenda

The agenda will include a presentation from Chris Graham, SDSU Extension Agronomist. Graham runs the SDSU field pea and lentil variety trials in South Dakota. He will discuss the trials and results. Dwayne Beck, manager of the Dakota Lakes Research Farm will share some basic production and agronomic information. Ruth Beck, will share some of the common disease concerns associated with field pea production.

Special guest speaker will be Dr. Brian Jenks, weed specialist from NDSU, who will discuss weed control concerns and management in peas. The last part of the day will include a grower panel consisting of experienced field pea and lentil growers from South Dakota.

This meeting will be held at the Econolodge (formerly The Kings Inn) located at 110 East Sioux Ave in Pierre. It will start at 10:30 a.m. and run through to 3 p.m. There will be a catered noon lunch included.

To accommodate for the lunch an RSVP is requested by Jan. 13. Anyone interested should contact the SDSU Regional Extension Center in Pierre by calling 605-773-8120 or email aletha.scott@sdstate.edu.

There will be a \$10 registration fee collected at the door. We cannot accept credit cards.

This project is made possible with funds from The South Dakota Pulse Growers, Inc., SDSU Extension and the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture through grant 12-25-B-1487.

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Pray is NEC Champion, Anderson claims third

Trevor Pray and Brandyn Anderson wrestled at the Northeast Conference Tournament held Saturday in Milbank with Pray coming home with a first place finish and Anderson a third place finish.

"The Groton wrestlers had varsity competition at the NEC tournament in Milbank," said Coach Dana Dargatz, "while the younger grapplers were at a junior high tournament in Water-



Brandyn Anderson (far right) placed third at the Northeast Conference Wrestling Tournament. (Courtesy photo)



Trevor Pray is the NEC Wrestling Champion at 126 pounds. (Courtesy photo from Facebook)

town this past Saturday."

Pray wrestled at 126 and he decisioned Joey Hubsch of Webster, 14-6, then he went on to pin Jordan Pollock of Milbank in the championship match, 5:09. "Trevor Pray was wrestling up a weight class at the conference tourney, but that did not slow him down," Dargatz said. "He defeated a scrappy Webster wrestler in the semis by maj. Decision 14-6 and pinned another defending conference champ in the finals."

Brandyn Anderson wrestled at 285. He was decisioned in his first match by Braxton Fuller of Deuel, 5-1. Anderson then went on pin Kaeden Metz of Sisseton in 42 seconds and he decisioned Tate Shape in the third place match, 5-1. "Brandyn Anderson in the heavyweight division had a good day on the mat bringing home the third place medal," Dargatz said. "He lost a close opening round match, then battled his way back to earn third place."

The two Tiger matmen have had challenges, but are facing them head on and Dargatz said, "We started the day slow then got down to business and picked things up a bit. We went into the day trying new moves and expanding on what we do, both Trevor and Brandyn did this with ease and gained confidence in their arsenal. Going into Christmas break we're sitting putting good, and looking forward to getting back at it after break."

Milbank Area won the team title with 159 points followed by Webster Area with 153.5, Sisseton 135, Deuel 96, Clark-Willow Lake 79, Britton-Hecla 57 and Groton Area 29. Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament receiving the Ken Keck award was Braxton Fuller of Deuel.

Varsity teams come up with wins at Deuel

Three players hit double figures as the Groton boys defeated Deuel in varsity action, 63-54 in overtime.

Groton Area held a 16-15 lead after the first quarter and a 32-31 lead at half time. The Cardinals took a 48-40 lead into the fourth quarter and Groton rallied to come back and tie the game at the end of regulations at 53. Deuel scored only one free throw in the overtime while the Tigers racked up 10 points for the win. Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Sean Schuring with 12, Bennett Shabazz had 11, Brandon Keith eight, Aaron Serverson six, Adam Herman four and Hunter Lerew three. Groton Area had 12 team fouls with Lerew fouling out. Groton Area made 31 of 63 field goals for 49 percent, and made eight of 23 three-pointers. The Tigers had 33 rebounds with Lerew having 10 and Bennett Shabazz eight, three blocks with Lerew having two and Herman one, 12 steals with Bennett Shabazz having five and Seric Shabazz three, and 14 assists with Bennett Shabazz having five and Seric Shabazz three.

Groton Area made 15 of 20 free throws. Those making three-pointers were Sean Schuring with three, Bennett Shabazz and Brandon Keith with two each and Seric Shabazz added one.

Deuel made one of four free throws and had 11 three-pointers with Sayer Fritz having four, Brandon Longstreet and Preston Homan with three each and Ben Witte adding one. Deuel had 20 team fouls. Scoring for the Cardinals were Sayer Fritz with 18, Preston Homan with 12, Brandon Longstreet had 11, Ben Witte seven and Levi Schmahl added six. Deuel only had 10 on the varsity roster and only the starters scored. The Cardinals made 22 of 43 field goals for 33 percent, 11 of 18 three-pointers, had 32 rebounds, 10 turnovers, nine assists and three blocked shots. Deuel is 0-2 on the season, losing previously to Castlewood, 58-48.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 42-23. Scoring for the Tigers were Anthony Sippel with 16, Truitt Rogers 12, Brandon Keith 10, Johnny Doeden and Tylan Glover with two each.

The girls also won, 52-41. Carly Wheeting led the Tigers with 28 points followed by Audrey Wanner with 10, Katie Koehler had seven, Miranda Hanson three and Jessica Bjerke and Emily Locke each had two points. Wanner, Koehler and Hanson each made one three-pointer. The Tigers were 20 of 44 from the field for 45 percent, three of nine with three-pointers and nine of 20 from the line for 45 percent. Groton Area had 35 rebounds with Koehler having 10, 10 steals with Wanner having three, 15 team fouls and 15 turnovers.

Aavne Kielty led the Cardinals with 19 points.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 26-22 in overtime. Miranda Hanson led the Tiges with eight points which included five of eight free throws in overtime. Payton Maine added six points followed by Jenny Doeden with five, Taylor Holm four, Gia Gengerke two and Madison Sippel one.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Shih Tzus 10, Coyotes 7, Jackelopes 7, Chipmunks 6, Foxes 3, Pocket Gophers 3

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 234, 206, Doug Jorgensen 200, Mike Siegler 199

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier 189, Dar Larson 180, 178, Vicki Walter 178

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Tigers rally from 17 points down, but fall by two to Roncalli



Seric Shabazz being guarded by Roncalli's Braden Sommers.

Two last seconds shots would not fall in and the Aberdeen Roncalli Cavaliers held on to hand Groton Area its first loss of the season, 47-45. Despite the close score, most of the game was dominated by the Cavaliers. After Groton tied the game at seven, the Cavaliers jumped out to a 16-7 lead and then wen on a seven point run to take a 23-9 lead. The Cavaliers led, 14-7, at the end of the first quarter and 26-16 at half time.

Aberdeen Roncalli did not miss a shot for the first half of the third quarter and the Tigers were one of six as the Cavaliers took a 17-point lead, 37-20. Sean Schuring hit back-to-back three-pointers at the end of the quarter and it was 37-29 going into the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers showed signs of being worn down in the fourth quarter and the Tigers were making the move. Hunter Lerew made two free throws with 51 seconds left and it was a 47-45 game. The Cavaliers missed their shot and the Tigers

had 12 seconds to try and score, but two shot attempts refused the drop and Roncalli held on for the two-point win.

Hunter Lerew led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Sean Schuring with 11, Seric Shabazz and Brandon Keith each had nine and Aaron Severson added three. The Tigers made 33 percent of their field goals while the Cavaliers made 38 percent. Both teams had 12 turnovers and the Cavaliers had the edge on the boards, 29-28, with Gus Reede having six rebounds for Roncalli and Lerew having seven for Groton Area. The Tigers were 12 of 15 from the line off of Roncalli's 16 team fouls. Roncalli was nine of 12 from the line off of Groton Area's 11 team fouls. Roncalli had seven assists while Groton Area had three. Lerew had three blocks for Groton Area and Logan Karst had one for Roncalli. Both teams had five steals with Bennett Shabazz having two for Groton Area and Gus Reede and Branton Sommers having two each for Roncalli.

Gus Reeded led the Cavaliers in scoring with 15 points followed by Connor Fiedler with eight, Logan Karst had seven, Brady Morgan six, Bronson Heice and Branton Sommes each had four and Sam VanOrman added threee.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 54-15. Brandon Keith led the Tigers with nine points while Marshall Lane and Kade Guthmiller each had two and Johnny Doeden and Tylan Glover each had one.

Trey Diegel led Groton Area in the C game with 15 points followed by Tylan Glover and Kade Guthmiller with five each, Korbin Blackmun had four and Mitchell Koens added two points.



Aaron Severson scored this basket to start Groton's rally.



Sean Schuring made three of four three-pointers in the second half.



Brandon Keith made three of four three-pointers to help keep the Tigers in the game.



The Dynamics Dance Team performed at halftime of the varsity game.



Hunter Lerew led the Tigers with 13 points.

The Chili Cook-Off winners were Groton Ford with first place, Lars and Kelly Hanson with second place and Krueger Brothers with third place.

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DENR Reduces the Amount of Fluoride Required in Drinking Water

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has revised a state rule to reduce the levels of fluoride required in drinking water. The new rule stipulates a recommended range of 0.5 to 0.9 parts per million (ppm) of fluoride with an optimal level of 0.7 ppm.

The rule revisions were based on a federal Health and Human Services recommendation to reduce the fluoride standard from a range of 0.7 to 1.2 ppm to an optimal level of 0.7 ppm. This is the first time the federal standard has changed since 1962.

Fluoride is a naturally occurring element in all South Dakota water supplies. Drinking fluoridated water keeps teeth strong and reduces tooth decay.

"This new lower fluoride level in drinking water is good news for people in South Dakota," said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. "The new lower fluoride level still protects oral health, but at the same time cuts chemical costs for drinking water systems by more than \$400,000 per year."

The rules requiring fluoridation of water apply to public water systems that serve populations of 500 or more people.

Under the old rule, 77 public drinking water systems in South Dakota have been required to add fluoride to their water to bring the levels up to the recommended range. Under the new rule, approximately 25 of those systems will be able to stop adding fluoride because the natural levels in their raw water will meet the new lower range. The remaining 52 systems will have to continue to add fluoride, but they will not have to add as much to meet the new lower level.

During the rules adoption process, two commenters were opposed to adding any fluoride to drinking water. But the new rule was supported by the SD Dental Association, Delta Dental, American Dental Hygienists' Association – SD, and Community Healthcare of the Dakotas due to the benefits of fluoridation in preventing tooth decay.

Death Notice: Robert Wehde

Robert "Bob" Wehde, 85, of Groton died December 21, 2015 at Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, AZ. Memorial services are pending for a later date with Paetznick-Garress Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Comment period open on power line to cross Wetlands

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) have been working with Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. on the proposed construction of the Big Stone to Ellendale 345 kV transmission line where it impacts FWS protected easement interests. This line crosses portions of Grant, Day, and Brown Counties in South Dakota and Dickey County in North Dakota.

There will be a total of thirty-three pole structures placed on Grassland Easements and three pole structures in wetlands on Wetland Easements over the approximately 170 miles of transmission line. The thirty-six structures will result in a permanent loss of 0.005 of wetland acres and 0.475 of grassland acres for a total loss of 0.48 acres. Project owners have agreed to replace the lost acres as specified by the FWS.

An Environmental Assessment and Compatibility Determination are now available for this project. These documents are available online at:

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/waubay/>
Public comment is being taken from December 1 – 31, 2015 at:

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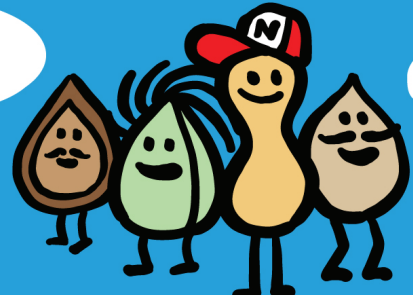
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Putney Putovers 4-H

The Putney Putovers 4-H club met November 9th, 2015 at the Groton Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Carly Wheating. The flag pledges were led by: US: Cole Simon, State: Porter Johnson and 4-H: Hannah Monson. Roll call was completed with the topic "Name Something in a First Aid Kit". The Secretary's Report was read by Hailey Monson; it was approved by Jillian Hughes and seconded by Taryn Taylor. The Treasurer's Report was read by Lucas Simon; it was approved by Alexis Simon and seconded by Hailey Monson. There were no new bills. Community service was reported by Alexis Simon helped with volleyball and taught at Sunday school. Also doing community service this month was Carter Simon, Cole Simon, Hailey Monson, Hannah Monson, Caleb Hanten, Alexis Hanten, Ashley Johnson, Aspen Johnson, and Tage Taylor. All of these individuals helped at their churches by serving or cleaning. In old business members picked up projects from the 4-H display, received premium checks from their fair projects, and 4-H record books were handed out. The 4-H Recognition Program was held November 8th and awards were handed out to those who could not attend.

In new business, communication with the Brown County 4-H office was discussed. They are currently using Facebook, weekly emails, and the monthly "Newshound". Dakota Sharpshooters are coordinating this year's Christmas tree. It will be located at the Brown County Courthouse and Safe Harbor is the designated charity; members are encouraged to donate. The 4-H year began October 1, 2015. Anyone eight years old on or before January 1, 2016 can join between now and May 31, 2016. Brown County 4-H dues were discussed. They are \$4 per person and the club voted to have this fee paid from the treasury. This motion was made by Tage Taylor and seconded by Alexis Simon. The Project Day series occurs on Wednesdays from 4-5pm and members are encouraged to attend if able.

The next meeting will be in January, and the date/time to be determined. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lucas Simon and seconded by Porter Johnson. There was no talks and demonstrations this meeting. Snacks were provided by host/hostess Brenna and Porter Johnson.

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

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