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This was one of three dance teams that performed at the games Friday night in Groton as the Sisseton boys came to town. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



The music directors for Groton and Langford sang the National Anthem while the GHS Pep played the music. Cody Swanson is from Groton and Kelly Wieser is from Langford. It was an awesome treat for the large crowd on hand Tuesday night in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

South Dakota 4-H and FFA Youth Attend the 2016 Western National Roundup

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Twenty South Dakota 4-H youth joined the more than 1,000 youth from more than 32 states including Alberta, Canada who attended the Western National Roundup January 7-10, 2016 in Denver, Colo.

The Conference, now in its 96th year, is held annually in early January in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show. This year's theme of "Mission ImPossible" was aimed at leaving participants with the confidence that they have the opportunity to create unique experiences and thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA.

Both 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 have the opportunity to qualify for Roundup by winning their home state's contest or being chosen as a state delegate.

The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon, and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure, and meats identification.

Workshops are offered throughout the week which provides a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from communication and team building to leadership development. Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and



Team (L-R): Coach Kristen Gonsoir (Brown); Marissa Woodring (Spink); Trey Wright (Brown); Megan Malsam (Brown); Joellen Gonsoir (Brown). Team Awards: 5th Team Overall, 9th Team Problem, 9th Judging, 4th Team Station, 5th Team Exam Total. Individual Awards: Joellen Gonsoir (Brown) 2nd Station, 5th Examination, 3rd Overall; Marissa Woodring (Spink) 10th Station.

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Front (L-R): Aimee Ellinger (SDSU); Sarah Hamner (SDSU); Kara Tesch (Codington); Coach Kaitlyn Ringgenberg (Brown); Sarah Vos (Pennington); Coach Kristen Gonsoir (Brown); Coach Molly Ringgenberg (Brown); Coach Falyn Hogg (SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor); Coach Jodi Loehrer (SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor). Middle (L-R): Julie Nelson (Roberts); Grace Stein (Codington); Molly Walker (Codington); Sara Thyen (Codington); Morgan Janisch (Roberts); Sierra Goergen (Beadle); Valerie Moen (Roberts); Kendra Currence (Roberts); Shaye Jungwirth (Potter); Alexa Montagne (Union); Coach Bailey Ringgenberg (SDSU). Back (L-R): Wyatt Stevens (Jerauld); Tyler Johnson (Minnehaha); Megan Malsam (Brown); Marissa Woodring (Spink); Coach John Keimig (SDSU Extension 4-H Associate); Joellen Gonsoir (Brown); Cooper Gordon (Spink); Derek Peterson (Roberts); Trey Wright (Brown).

South Dakota 4-H and FFA Youth Attend the 2016 Western National Roundup
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good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons that were won.

South Dakota teams & Placings
 Consumer Decision Making Team placed fourth overall in reasons. Team members were all from Codington County a included: Kara Tesch, Grace Stein, Sara Thyen, and Molly Walker. The team was coached by Jodi Loehrer, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Codington County.

Hippology Team placed fifth overall. Team members include: Marissa Woodring, Spink County; Trey Wright, Brown County; Megan Malsam, Brown County; Joellen Gonsoir, Brown County, placed as the third Individual Overall. The team was coached by Kristen Gonsoir.

Horse Judging Team placed fourth overall. Team members included: Wyatt Stevens, Jerauld County, placed as the seventh Individual Overall; Sierra Goergen, Beadle County; Sarah Vos, Pennington County; Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Brown County. The team was coached by

Molly Ringgenberg and Bailey Ringgenberg. Livestock Judging team placed fourth overall. Team members included: Tyler Johnson, Minnehaha County, placed tenth individual Overall; Cooper Gordon, Spink County; Alexa Montagne, Union County; and Shaye Jungwirth, Potter County. The team was coached by Falyn Hogg, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor for Hand, Hyde, Faulk and Potter Counties and John Keimig, SDSU Extension 4-H Associate.

Horse Quiz Bowl, team members were all from Roberts County and included: Morgan Janisch, Valerie Moen, Kendra Currence and Derek Peterson. The Horse Quiz Bowl team was coached by Julie Nelson.

Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met on Jan. 3rd at Skate-Away in Aberdeen. The meeting was called to order by President Hannah Sumption. The American pledge was led by Madelyne Sumption and 4-H pledge led by Colin Frey. There were 14 members who answered roll call which was favorite Christmas gift. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved as given. Old business was we talked about the Christmas party held in December. For New business, Leader Mike Frey discussed information in the Newshound, A club ski trip is planned for February 14th at Andes Tower Hills, 4-H curriculum books were talked about and our next months club project Yard Yahtzee was discussed. The meeting was adjourned by Colin Frey and seconded by Trey Wright. There were no talks or demo's. After meeting the club members enjoyed roller skating and lunch was served by Landon, Nicole, and Andrew Marzahn.

- Submitted by Colin Frey, club reporter

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By Richard P. Holm M.D.



Falling lesson

The runner was facing traffic, coming down a steep, switchback, asphalt road after a recent rain. As he came around a tight corner he slipped, just as an approaching car was turning into him. He caught himself with the palm of his hand and in that split-second-that-counts cranked down hard on the wrist in order to avoid slipping under the car. After the car passed,

happy to be alive, the runner went on while the wrist slowly began to declare its irritation for being treated with such disrespect.

There are eight carpal bones in the human wrist along with ligaments, tendons, cartilage, and fibrous tissue. These all connect the hand to the forearm allowing for the muscles of the forearm to work the hand. The hand, wrist, and forearm can make powerful hold and release movements like throwing long and accurate spears or footballs, pounding or hammering corn meal or nails, and pulling and hauling lines, sheets, or wheelbarrows. Those same hands can make tiny intricate movements like forming small stitches for a garment or a laceration, making subtle hand movements for turning the perfect clay jar, painting a masterpiece art work, and playing the emotional strains of a Beethoven or Beatles piano or guitar rhapsody.

The doctor noted the runner's wrist was not deformed like a dinner fork. The dinner-fork shape is typical after breaking the radius-forearm bone an inch back from the wrist after a fall forward. This type of fracture is the second most common for the elderly next to a collapsed vertebrae. Often balance fails and bones get softer as people get older, making this type of fracture too common. Balance and bone strength are lost in those who are inactive, and preserved in those who regularly stress muscles and bones with movement and lifting.

For the runner, X-rays confirmed no fracture of the wrist, hand, or forearm, meaning it was a soft tissue sprain and a wrist splint and Ibuprofen were prescribed.

Take home messages:

- 1) Don't run on wet asphalt on steep hills with oncoming traffic, or, more importantly don't walk on dangerous spots such as icy walkways or slippery wooden floors with socks or rugs that can slide;
- 2) Keep bones strong with adequate vitamin D, enough calcium rich foods, and regular weight bearing exercises; and
- 3) Enhance balance by strengthening your legs, arms, and core (back and abdominal) muscles with daily weight-bearing activities that you enjoy.

To hear more from Dr. Holm, visit his website, www.PrairieDoc.org. On Call with the Prairie Doc is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University journalism department and airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Television at 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, and streams live at www.PrairieDoc.org.

Local Angus Breeder Recognized for Sustained Efforts to Improve Cow Productivity

Michael Erdmann, Groton, South Dakota, recently re-enrolled in the American Angus Association®'s MaternalPlus® program as a commitment to making genetic improvements in lifetime cow herd productivity. Breeders participating in MaternalPlus are keenly focused to better evaluate herd reproductive performance, the number one profit driver in the cow-calf industry.

MaternalPlus is a voluntary, inventory-based reporting system that collects additional reproductive trait data to provide Angus breeders and their customers the information they need to make effective selection decisions. To date, more than 70 breeders have completed MaternalPlus enrollment.

The program allows producers to capture cow herd and reproductive performance data; gain faster access to preweaning EPDs as a selection tool; characterize females through heifer pregnancy EPDs tied directly to herd genetics; expand new trait development for Angus reproductive and longevity measures; and streamline their ability to track heifer and cow reproductive records through AAA Login.

In addition, MaternalPlus lays the groundwork for selection tools related to cow longevity in the herd. Gathering these records will allow the Association to cultivate research related to cow herd productivity and make improvements similar to what the Angus breed has witnessed in other economically relevant traits.

MONSON ANGUS CATTLE JOINS MEMBERSHIP OF AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION

Monson Angus Cattle, Groton, South Dakota, is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Allen Moczygomba, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 18 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members to advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

Brown County Jan. 26, 2016

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 26, 2016 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,069.97; Auditor \$7,756.17; Treasurer \$13,420.33; States Attorney \$16,691.28; Blood Draws \$750.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,892.08; Maintenance \$6,809.17; Assessor \$13,580.87; Register of Deeds \$8,374.96; Veterans Service Office \$3,670.89; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$7,387.17; Human Resources \$3,022.21; Sheriff Admin \$32,092.79; Jail \$33,942.54; JDC \$15,952.91; HD \$5,102.71; Welfare Office \$3,581.57; Museum \$7,565.46; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,543.63; Fair Board \$4,231.09; 4-H \$1,168.80; Weed \$540.94; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$42,024.76; Communications \$21,237.13; Emergency Management \$3,880.14; Teen Court \$453.60; 24/7 \$2,955.45; Landfill \$11,779.96.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,681.09; Medicare \$3,901.26; Life \$683.55; Dental \$6,650.40; Health Insurance \$96,768.86; Retirement \$34,928.59.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$1,907.52; Clark Engineering \$11,800.81; Dware \$2,000.00; William Gerdes \$11,937.50; James & Larson Law \$220.50; Mark Katterhagen \$45.00; Lucy Lewno \$432.00; NE Mental Health Center \$1,248.00; Ronayne Law Office \$3,462.50; SD Building Officials Assoc. \$50.00; Karen Swanda \$45.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$125.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$480.31; Groton Independent \$514.05.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$403.55; DFP \$114.19; Dakota Tree Co. \$900.00; DMI \$22.85; Gardner Locksmithing \$110.00; HF Jacobs & Son \$19,438.36; J Gross Equip. \$827.11; Leidholdt Electric \$19,684.65; Hayden Pigs \$540.00; SD DOT \$8,617.90; Sheehan Mack \$1,639.00; Thee Glass Doktor \$235.20; Western States Fire \$210.00.

Supplies: A & B Business \$287.31; Aberdeen American News \$242.82; Aberdeen Area Radiator \$350.00; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Bob Barker Co. \$265.50; City of Groton \$360.00; DMI \$557.46; GovConnection \$5,901.94; Hanlon Brothers \$112,515.38; HF Jacobs & Son \$46,898.77; House of Glass \$11.96; James & Larson Law \$6.00; Kessler's \$33.48; Lab-Source \$245.52; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$229.94; Leidholdt Electric \$181.84; Lucy Lewno \$19.47; Marco \$28.22; NCFE – Warner \$58,573.30; Network Services \$530.82; Pheasantland Industries \$156.49; Pitney Bowes \$5,045.00; SD Law Review \$33.02; Share Corp. \$213.00; Sheehan Mack \$292.72; Thee Glass Doktor \$390.13; Tri-State Water \$60.00; Web Water Bottling Co. \$26.00; WPR \$110.00.

Travel and Conference: City of Groton \$181.89; Lynn Heupel \$162.81; Gene Loeschke \$221.84; Nat'l Assoc. of County Engineers \$645.00; Kathy Schlecht \$11.00; Aaron Walberg \$202.76.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$287.16; Century-Link \$1,101.14; City of Hecla \$208.34; Dependable Sanitation \$286.00; Economy Propane \$571.23; Exec. Mgmt. \$87.35; Northern Electric \$80.00; NVC \$235.98; NWPS \$5,110.87; Town of Frederick \$41.00; Verizon Wireless Services \$160.04.

Other: FGP \$1,500.00; Pizza Ranch \$71.45. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee step increases, effective January 31, 2016: Ben Smith @ \$22.19 per hour, Anthony Sorenson @ \$22.19 per hour, Kevin Ernst @ \$17.96 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of December 2015: Kendall Tittz – 120 @ \$64.80, Michael Scott – 180 @ \$97.20, Gary Vetter – 133 @ \$71.82,

Dirk Rogers – 684 @ \$369.36. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Gary Vetter informed the Commission that Deputy Coroner Trent Ehler has resigned. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to authorize a summer intern in the IT Department. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT ANNUAL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to acknowledge the 2015 Annual Sheriff Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claims against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #5-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Eichstadt First Addition in the SW ¼ of Sec 3-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #6-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Hoffman First Consolidation Addition in the E ½ of Sec 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #7-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Mark Thompson Addition in the SE ¼ of Sec 9-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #8-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Hamar Farms Subdivision of the NW ¼ of Sec 10-T128N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #9-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Loucks Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 4, SE ¼ of Sec 5, and NE ¼ of Sec 8 all in T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

FAIR VENDOR RATES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following vendor rate schedule for the 2016 Brown County Fair:

\$275 to \$300 for regular booth in the Expo and Odde \$350 to \$375 for corner or long booths in the Expo and Odde \$350 to \$375 for outdoor vendors

To change the concessions vendors to a sliding scale per front footage instead of a flat rate of \$925

Front Footage, Fee
1. 10-15 feet, \$800
2. 16-20 feet, \$900
3. 21-25 feet, \$1,100
4. 26-35 feet, \$1,200
5. 36 feet and up, \$1,500
All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve contract with Theatrical Media Services, Inc for Sound,

Lighting and Stage Roof Equipment. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Aberdeen Home Builders Association for lease of the Holm Expo Building on March 5-6, 2016; Liebelts RV for lease of the Holm Expo Building on Mar 7- 20, 2016; Aberdeen Humane Society for lease of the Club House on April 23, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to authorize Sheila Anderson, County Treasurer to accept partial payments for taxes (as authorized by SDCL 10-21-7) on the following property: \$2,500.00 down and \$150.00 per month on the N 42' of Lts 17-18 ex W 8' of N 42' of L7 Blk 37 2nd Addition to Aberdeen (614 S 1st Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HOSPITAL CLAIM: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to deny payment of the following hospital claim: 50 year old female @ \$99,802.68, as the individual has not provided sufficient information to determine if indigent. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

IT UPDATE: Paul Sivertsen met to discuss the progress with the document management system; explained the need for employee overtime due to workload; installation progress of 911 system upgrade; need to expand server room into break room for more space.

SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize Larry Lovrien, States Attorney proceed with documentation to secure BC Connect trade mark for recently purchased software (one package with modules). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JDAI UPDATE: Liz Heidelberg, Statewide Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Coordinator presented program update and Brown County statistics for the 5th Circuit. Amy Lake-Harmon and Sheriff Mark Milbrandt were also available for questions.

COMMISSION ASSISTANT UPDATE: Gary Vetter conveyed request for use of the Millim Office Building Conference Room on March 15 and April 4 and 5 Brown County, SD; explained by area 4-H groups; explained that the Veterans Service Office would be closed Wednesday afternoon due to installation of new lighting system. Board concurred.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1); contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4); and consultation with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

LAUNDRY QUOTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to accept quote, submitted by Pantorium @ \$0.75 per pound for laundry service at the Jail during construction of Phase III; rejecting State Street Laundromat @ \$1.00 per pound, Taylor Laundry @ \$0.35 per pound for clothing and \$2.00 per blanket. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton School Bid Notice

for new school bus

Advertisement for Bids

The Board of Education of Groton Area School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota, requests sealed bids for a new, 2015 or 2016, 71-passenger school bus with minimum 220 HP electronic diesel engine and standard chassis dimensions. Vehicle must be delivered between July 20, 2016 and August 20, 2016 with payment made upon delivery.

I. CHASSIS. The specifications of the school bus chassis shall comply with the minimum recommended standard for school buses as set forth by the Department of Education for the State of South Dakota. In addition, it shall comply with the present requirements of the Federal Government and the special requirements requested by the local school board.

II. BUS BODY. To meet the current minimum standards for

the construction of school bus bodies, as adopted by the State Board of Education, available from the Department of Education, Pierre, South Dakota, in addition to special requirements of the Federal Government and the special requirements requested by the local school board.

Specifications are on file in the offices of Business Official, Mike Weber, and Bus Mechanic, Loren Bahr, at Groton, SD. Call 1-605-397-2351 for more information.

The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Address bids to Business Official, Groton Area School District No. 06-6, P.O. Box 410, Groton, South Dakota 57445. Mark envelopes: "BUS BID".

Bids will be opened at a pre-bid meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the Office of the Superintendent at Groton Area High School for examination and recommendation to the Board of Education at their regular meeting that evening at 7:00 p.m. for acceptance or rejection.

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Groton City Feb. 1, 2016

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, Opp, Peterson, Glover, Blackmun, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. McGannon was absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Kathy Sundermeier, Shawn Lambertz, and Terry Herron.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll 369.40 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,291.25 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 12,855.34 salaries; Public Works Payroll 17,003.06 salaries; Cultural & Recr Payroll 1,021.06 salaries; First State Bank 7,406.19 ss & wh; Consol Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; Office of Child Support 344.31 child support; City of Groton 307.55 dep ref, post, emp sav, util; HRH Rentals 250.00 deposit refund; Shannon Hjerstad 163.20 deposit refund; US Post Office 207.27 postage; Branden Abeln 11.00 meal; Jim Gerdes 11.00 meal; Terry Herron 11.00 meal; Paul Kosel 11.00 meal; Shawn Lambertz 11.00 meal; Dan Sunne 275.75 mileage, meals; Dwight Zerr 11.00 meal; Farmers Union Coop 835.00 dsl; First State Bank 35.25 bank fees; April Abeln 150.00 dep flex; Chase Visa 869.38 post, paper, ink, program, cards; Groton Independent 68.11 publishing; Harry Implement 33.65 hose, ends; Heartland Waste 6,150.64 garbage hauling;

J Gross Equipment 190.02 hose, fitting; James Valley Tele 562.17 phones, internet; Drew Johnson 600.00 legal services; Locke Electric 2,479.50 repairs; NW Energy 10.62 nat gas; Olde Bank Floral 35.00 plant; Runnings 25.98 oil; S&S Lumber 425.61 supplies; SD Dept of Health 30.00 testing; SD Retirement 7,864.61 retirement; Share Corp 717.40 degreaser; Specialty Mfg 45.36 channel, tube; Taser International 285.01 batteries; Ultramax Ammunition 37.76 ammunition; Verizon 41.61 gate comm.; WEB Water 9,653.59 water; Western Hotel Supply 95.87 tickets

Department reports were given by Terry Herron, Public Works Supt.; and Shawn Lambertz, Electric Supt. Topics included were skating rink, new LED street lights, transformer change outs, flushing sewers, sidewalk sweeping, water tower inspection, and safety inspections. Only one additional employee for public works will be needed this summer. Enterprise fund financial statements were given. A letter to Congress for Heartland was discussed. Heartland Customer meeting was discussed and Lowary and Lambertz were authorized to attend on a motion by Glover and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye. Herron and Lambertz left meeting at this point.

Members were reminded of the District SDML meeting on Mar 29 in Faulkton and Code Enforcement School in Pierre on May 4-5.

A request for a car show on Main Street on June 19 was discussed and tabled for more information.

Use of the auto call system was discussed and the One Call System will continue to be used.

Options for auditor for 2014 and 2015 audits were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to hire Eide Bailly for the audit. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to adjourn into executive session for personnel matters at 8:07pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:44pm.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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R. Scott Campbell, Frederick Town Board Chairman, called the towns' monthly meeting to order at 7 PM Monday night, February 1, 2016, in the Frederick Community Center. Others present were Board Members Tom Meyer and Richard Osborn, Finance Office Diane Bruns, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, Lonny Mikkonen and Craig Larson.

The minutes of January's meeting were read and approved with corrections. At the January Board meeting was EBL Board Member Jeannie Schmidt, not Sharon Schmidt. Gary Peterson is the Vice-President of FDC and not the President. And, clarifying the investment portion of the new Badger Water meters being purchased in the near future, the wording is changed to read, 'A motion was made to purchase 130 meters at a cost of \$25,800, from Beacon Metering and Technology. A water contingency fund will help finance the cost. February meetings' motion to approve the January minutes was made by Meyer/Osborn. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for January was reviewed and approved with a motion by Osborn/Meyer. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Accounts Payable for February was made with a motion by Meyer/Osborn. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
R Bakeberg, Veh Allow, refund Wtr/St/Swr \$81; R Bakeberg, UT Mgr Wtr/St/Swr \$253.96; D Bruns, supplies, mileage Genl/FO \$226.43; D Bruns, maint CC \$125.06; D Bruns, Finance Officer FO \$1072.55; Ellendale True Value repair Wtr \$21.46; Farmers Union Ellendale heat EBL/Genl \$1721.09; Frederick Development Corporation Econ Dev \$1000; GDI legals/subscript Genl \$87.72; Geffre Construction repair EBL \$290; J.C. Campbell Insurance, Inc. Bond FO \$525; JVT phones/services/Internet Genl/EBL/Water/FO \$296.68; M Cox Librarian EBL \$503.01; MDU elect Fire/W tower/S Park/B Park/Pump Hse/CC/FO/Sewer/Sts/EBL \$1635.97; Menards lights CC \$58.59; RS Campbell, Chairman Genl Admin \$46.17; R Osborn, Brd Mem Genl Admin \$23.09; SD Assn of Towns & Townships Annual dues \$239.75; SD Dept Rev Sales Tax Garb \$98.60; SD Dept Rev lab Wtr \$15; T Meyer, Brd Mem Genl Admin \$23.09; USPS stamps Wtr/Garb/Swr \$98; USDA-RD Wtr loan AP Wtr \$475; WEB Water 743,900 gallons \$2431.49. Total A/P \$11,348.71.

OLD BUSINESS:
Utility Report- Rich Bakeberg, Utility Manager, reported Dan McGrane of Badger Meter and Technology had contacted him the day of the meeting and reported they are doing a feasibility study. He also reported the #1 cell at the lagoon is about full and he had opened it. It has drained down now to 2 feet.

Frederick Forward – no representation
Historical Society – no representation

Emma Burnham Library- Gefre Construction has repaired the floor; Grote Roofing quoted the roof getting done within the next 2 weeks; decided on a 40 gal water heater once the roof is repaired.

Frederick Development Corporation- President Rich Bakeberg mentioned members plan to attend a meeting before the budget is established this year. Chairman Campbell suggested the Midsummer months would be a good time.

Other Old Business:
Minutes from the Aberdeen Planning and Zoning meeting attended by all of Frederick's Board Members will be available in the Finance Office.

SD Municipal League is looking for a sample Ordinance pertaining to taxation in the city limits. NECOG was unable to help.

NEW BUSINESS:
The Community Center annual expenditures were reviewed and a letter to be sent to the Town-

ships asking for a contribution for the CC was approved. A motion was made by Campbell/Osborn to ask \$200 from each Township. Motion Carried. Lonny Mikkonen of Osceola Township was the only Township Council invited guest to attend.

Approval of the rewritten Welcome Letter was tabled to the March meeting. The Board preferred more time to study the wording.

CORRESPONDENCE:
Midco's "Let's Go" letter was reviewed.

An information letter from DENR on Concrete Plants is available in office.

A map from NECOG determining city boundary lines was shown, and returned to NECOG with no changes.

Also Mentioned:
No petitions have been taken out for the 1 and 3 year Board Member terms available.

Public Fund 3616 maturing in March will be renewed as same. Tax Bill for EBL from Jan-July 2015 will be paid by the City.

Council members cannot vote when allotting money to an organization they are a part of.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM, with a motion by Osborn/Meyer. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns
Frederick Town Finance Officer

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Groton School Jan. 25, 2016

Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

January 25, 2016

Vice President Kjelden called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix and Weismantel. Absent: Smith. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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.

The board heard program presentations from Math Teachers Jordan Kjellsen and Darlyne Johnson and Social Science Teachers Shaun Wanner, Scott Thorson and Mary Johnson.

No board committee reports were given.

The long-range facility presentation was discussed. Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to have Foster, Jacobs and Johnson, Inc. proceed with the study as presented. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged second reading policy changes to AC - Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs (Amend); AC-E(1) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Complaint Form (New); AC-E(2) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to Superintendent Form (New); AC-E(3) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to School Board (New); ACAA – Sexual Harassment (Amend); ACAA-E(1) Sexual Harassment Complaint Form (New); ACAA-E(2) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to Superintendent (New); ACAA-E(3) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to School Board (New); BBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment (Amend); BDDC – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Amend); CIA – Principal Evaluations (New); EBDC – Emergency Closings (Amend); GBAA – Veterans Preference (New); GCD – Professional Staff Hiring (Amend); GCN – Professional Teaching Staff Evaluation (Amend); JHG – Reporting Child Abuse (Amend); JO – Student Records (Amend); JO-E(1) – Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA – Student Directory Information (Amend); JOA-E(1) – Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA-E(2) – Student Directory Information Opt Out (Amend); KL – Complaint Against School Employee (Amend); KL-E(1) – Complaint Against School Employee Report Form (New); KL-E(2) – Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to Superintendent (New); and KL-E(3) Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to School Board (New). Moved by Nelson, second Hanson to approve as presented. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: legislative session, special education accountability review,

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HS instrumental music position, elementary math review, Region V Superintendent meeting, PAC and OST updates, elementary student challenge, developmental screening, bond refinancing update, Science curriculum pathways, North East Area Principals meeting and mini-staff development sessions.

The board reviewed Highway 37 Project Plans. Moved by Rix, second Hanson to approve Offer and Statement of Compensation from South Dakota Department of Transportation and authorize Board President to sign related documents. Motion carried.

The board reviewed specifications for a new school bus for FY '17. Moved by Hanson, second Weismantel to authorize Weber to advertise for bids and set a bid opening date of February 22nd at 2:00 pm. Motion carried.

The board discussed signage on Doney Field. A private donor has offered to increase and/or improve the signage honoring former coach Perry Doney at the football field. Member Nelson will meet with the donor and report to the board at the next meeting.

The board discussed Donor Recognition Boards for the Arena Lobby. The plaques are full with over 5 years of donors. The board discussed purchasing additional plaques or replacing the names that are on the existing plaques. No action was taken.

Moved by Harder, second Nelson to amend the work agreement for Karin Bartell from 7.0 hours per day to 7.5 hours per day effective January 18, 2016. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, 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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**Groton School
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2016

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under New Business Item #2a - approve hiring Robin Meyer as part-time custodian and Item #2b - approve public school exemption. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve all consent agenda items as follows: North Central Special Ed Coop school of record agenda items, December 14th minutes, and bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 167,826.28; FIT - 18,263.82; Medicare - 6,356.02; FICA - 27,177.16; Sun Life Supplemental - 501.01; American Funds Service Co. - 702.40; Washington National - 98.40; SD Retirement - 26,812.20; First National Bank HSA - 100.00; Waddell &

Reed - 1,216.54; Horace Mann - 318.51; Thrivent - 205.80; AFLAC - 2,216.49; Delta Dental - 4,226.10; SD Supplemental Retirement - 1,230.80; SDSBF Basic Life - 73.15; Wellmark BCBS - 55,847.00; A&B Business - supplies, 13.00; Academy Trophy - trophies, 89.00; Acme Tools - supplies, 107.22; Agency Fund - advance payments, 17,955.92; Kristi Anderson - supplies, 51.07; Boston Fern - flowers, 51.94; BSN Sports - warm-ups, 184.00; Carquest Auto Parts - supplies, 173.22; City of Groton - utilities, 11,984.55; Cole Papers - paper, 2,160.00; Days Inn - debate lodging, 182.00; Dependable Sanitation - services, 1,238.00; G&K Services - rug services, 430.06; Geffdog Designs - fundraiser shirts, 1,286.82; Groton Area Chamber of Commerce - dues, 490.00; Groton Chiropractic - physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Independent - legal notice, 15.16; Beth Gustafson - class fee, 30.21; Dylan Hanson - reimburse fees, 43.25; Hillyard - supplies 965.05; JW Pepper - music, 248.47; James Valley Telecommunications - phone services, 829.45; Kampa Construction - services, 405.00; Matheson Tri-Gas - supplies, 259.28; McLeod's - tax forms, 163.79; Mid-American Research Chemical - ice melt, 1,232.35; NCS Pearson - online subscriptions, 598.50; Northwestern Energy - natural gas, 3,883.51; Olson Backhoe & Trenching - services, 1,105.56; Otis Elevator - repairs, 612.95; QQP/Midstates - supplies, 296.14; Riley Bus Service - sh ch charter, 1,984.00; Rivar's - costumes, 301.74; SD Federal Property Agency - supplies, 22.50; SDHSAA - wr coach penalty, 50.00; Sewer Saver - repairs, 571.43; Taylor Music - supplies/repairs, 148.35; TruGreen - fb field services, 2,308.60; Twin Valley tire - filters, 410.46; US Postal Service - stamps, 98.00; Walmart - supplies, 118.37. Total General Fund - \$366,365.60.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - calculator, 149.92; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 8,347.71; Hauff Mid-America - singlet, 156.80; Junior Library Guild - elem lib books, 549.00; Marco - copier leases, 1,978.17; Matheson Tri-Gas - equipment, 1,218.47; Pearson Education - elem math curriculum, 28,263.27; Taylor Music - instruments, 3,020.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$43,683.34.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 26,537.73; FIT - 2,494.29; Medicare - 1,003.40; FICA - 4,290.34; Sun Life Supplemental - 152.92; SD Retirement - 4,456.52; 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, 177.38; Avera St. Luke's - services, 7,373.97; Patron - parent mileage, 458.64. Total Special Ed - \$60,330.70.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 6,525.75; FIT - 382.12; Medicare - 227.62; FICA - 973.36; SD Retirement - 682.38; AFLAC - 54.22; SDSBF Basic Life - 2.66; Wellmark BCBS - 1,372.00; A&B Business - supplies, 2.60; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 178.94; CWD - food/supplies, 1,346.11; Dean Foods - dairy products, 946.60; Earthgrains - bakery products, 154.30; G&K Services - linen serv, 340.72; L.L. Harder/Hobart - parts, 340.80; Mid-American Research Chemical - supplies, 242.82; Reinhart - food/suppl, 1,955.44; SD DOE/CANS - processed commodities, 79.61; Sysco - food/suppl, 984.46; US Foods - food/suppl, 1,503.68. Total Food Service -- \$18,296.19.

OST Net Salary - 1,600.69; FIT - 55.51; Medicare - 54.62; FICA - 233.34; SD Retirement -

162.26; AFLAC - 135.98; SDSBF Basic Life - 1.33; Wellmark BCBS - 604.00; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 331.73; Geffdog Designs - fundraiser shirts, 2,403.71. Total OST - \$5,583.17. Total Enterprise Funds - \$23,879.36. AGENCY FUND: Total - \$72,238.72.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 790,567.58; Other Local Sources - 75,960.17; County Sources - 4,632.29; State Sources - 4,760.00; Federal Sources - 28,925.57. Total Receipts - \$904,845.61.

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

Weber and J. Schwan presented the mid-year financial report, agency report, transportation report and school lunch report.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve the transportation and school lunch reports as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Harder to approve the financial report and agency report as presented. Motion carried.

Dave Bergeron and Mike Hubbard from Foster, Jacobs and Johnson, Incorporated gave a presentation on long-term facilities planning for the school district. No action was taken.

Building, Grounds and Transportation committee members reported the results of their meeting to review specifications for a new bus. The committee will consider reviewing the bus specs and awarded bid amount for a similar bus that was recently awarded to the Wolsey School District. By state law Groton Area could purchase the same bus as Wolsey without the expense of the bid process as long as the bus is purchased within a year of the date it was bid by another school (Wolsey). No action was taken.

The board acknowledged first reading of recommended policy changes to AC - Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs (Amend); AC-E(1) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Complaint Form (New); AC-E(2) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to Superintendent Form (New); AC-E(3) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to School Board (New); ACAA - Sexual Harassment (Amend); ACAA-E(1) Sexual Harassment Complaint Form (New); ACAA-E(2) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to Superintendent (New); ACAA-E(3) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to School Board (New); BBE - Unexpired Term Fulfillment (Amend); BDDC - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Amend); CIA - Principal Evaluations (New); EBCD - Emergency Closings (Amend); GBAA - Veterans Preference (New); GCD - Professional Staff Hiring (Amend); GCN - Professional Teaching Staff Evaluation (Amend); JHG - Reporting Child Abuse (Amend); JO - Student Records (Amend); JO-E(1) - Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA - Student Directory Information (Amend); JOA-E(1) - Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA-E(2) - Student Directory Information Opt Out (Amend); KL - Complaint Against School Employee (Amend); KL-E(1) - Complaint Against School Employee Report Form (New); KL-E(2) - Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to Superintendent (New); KL-E(3) Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to School Board (New).

The board reviewed a draft copy of the 2016-17 School Calendar. Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to approve the 2016-17

School Calendar with a change of date for the Elementary School Concert from December 9th to December 21st. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: School to be cancelled on Thursday January 14th for a staff member funeral, education funding proposals, Highway 37 project meeting, special education accountability review, HS instrumental music position being advertised, capital outlay budgeting, OST and PAC updates, math curriculum review, Child Identification Program, Northern Electric Cooperative presentation to 5th grade, Student Council Holiday Drive, dual credit courses, instructional leadership opportunities for staff, W-2s and ACA forms and banking update.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to set April 12, 2015, as Annual School Board Election Day and authorize Weber to designate election officials and voting precincts at Andover, Bristol, Columbia and Groton. Motion carried. Three-year terms expiring are Dorene Nelson, Lars Hanson and Merle Harder. The earliest date to circulate a petition for school board is January 29th.

Moved by Nelson, second Rix to approve the resignation of Julie Erdmann as Junior High Volleyball Coach effective at the end of the season pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to hire Robin Meier as a custodian on a part-time basis for \$11.00 per hour for 20 hours per week. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of public school exemption #16-06 for a student in grade 11.

Principal A. Schwan requested consideration of district paid National Association of Secondary School Principals dues. Moved by Nelson, second Harder to approve as requested. Motion carried.

The board postponed their review of bid specifications to the January 25th meeting.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 9:00 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a personnel issue. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:13 pm.

Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President
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OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal	\$232,397.61	\$542,174.51	\$233,923.57	\$109,874.51
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$68,035.94	\$51,349.57	\$31,834.31	\$5,147.90
Local Sources	\$61.66			
Interest	\$47.07			
Federal & State	\$44,742.00		\$327.37	
Investments	\$830,469.88	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$119,400.16	\$10,236.82	\$17,407.98	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,056,354.00	\$623,716.66	\$504,852.32	\$160,211.64
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$89,732.12	\$275.09	\$7,428.70	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$14,158.28	\$0.00	\$6,226.89	
Disbursements	\$6,984.78	\$0.00	\$7,752.27	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$96,905.62	\$275.09	\$5,903.32	\$19,090.52

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6									
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015									
	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for District
1. Beginning Balance	1,567,543.80	32,052.21	714,564.64	210,021.48	0.00	147,255.99	65,435.66	209,042.29	2,945,916.07
a. cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. securities invested	1,567,543.80	32,052.21	714,564.64	210,021.48	0.00	147,255.99	65,435.66	209,042.29	2,945,916.07
2. Transfers in									
3. Revenue to date	2,175,839.20	0.00	514,881.58	303,147.21	94,861.97	102,982.89	156,109.07	328,019.07	3,675,840.99
4. Total accounted for	3,743,383.00	32,052.21	1,229,446.22	513,168.69	94,861.97	250,238.88	221,544.73	537,061.36	6,621,757.06
5. Transfers out									
6. Expenditures to date	1,785,604.95	0.00	672,947.52	276,644.62	0.00	200,613.75	148,599.40	387,527.76	3,471,938.00
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	1,785,604.95	0.00	672,947.52	276,644.62	0.00	200,613.75	148,599.40	387,527.76	3,471,938.00
7. Ending Balance	1,957,778.05	32,052.21	556,498.70	236,524.07	94,861.97	49,625.13	72,945.33	149,533.60	3,149,819.06
a. cash	1,200,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200,200.00
b. securities invested	757,578.05	32,052.21	556,498.70	236,524.07	94,861.97	49,625.13	72,945.33	149,533.60	1,949,619.06
December Receipts	514,104.32	0.00	167,892.55	87,412.87	29,501.82	36,291.62	32,853.12	36,789.31	904,845.61
December Expenses	374,718.36	0.00	29,771.14	62,595.19	0.00	0.00	26,498.52	72,238.72	565,821.93
Agency Cash on Hand	0.00								
District Savings	1,949,619.06								
Certificate of Deposit	0.00								
District Cash on Hand	1,200,200.00								
Total for District	3,149,819.06								

GAS, 26.39;; SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 2,272.98; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POSTAGE, 4.92; FOOD SERVICE: CWD-ABERDEEN, FOOD, 3,443.83; PAN-TORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 144.62

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 93,983.20; Support, 11,683.98; SS & Med, 24,371.20. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 8958.69; Delta Dental, ins. 1163.25; AFLAC, insurance, 319.86; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 357.50; SD District Benefit Fund, ins, 59.47; VSP, Vision, ins, 150.27; Security Benefit, retirement, 250.00; American Funds, retirement, 1182.50; Sun Life Financial., ins, 146.21; Wellmark, ins, 13,397.78; Janelle Barondeau, ICU Monitor, 37.50; Justin Brotzel, driving, 56.30; Jim Dumire, bus driving, 343.43; Jon Ellwein, board salary, 61.72; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 65.08; Timothy Fugeman, sub, 80.00; Ann Hegge, sub, 300.00; Dan Nickelson, board salary, 55.00; Brock Pashen, driving, 81.26; Seth Petersen, sub, 80.00; Caitlin Podoll, driving, 22.52; Leroy Podoll, driving, 127.01; Carma Ruenz, sub, 550.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary, 61.30; Eric Sumption, board salary, 65.08; Stephanie Sumption, sub, 150.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 10,007.81; Support, 4107.17; SS & Med, 3410.56; SDRS, retirement, 1339.46; 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, 1251.22; Michelle Sumption, sub, 120.00. Food Service: Support, 3832.20; SS & Med, 1018.88; SDRS, retirement, 438.50; VSP, insurance, 45.28.

The following reports were given at this time:
A. Knute Reiersen - Superintendent/AD
B. Jessica Ringgenberg - K-12 Principal
C. Knute Reiersen - Grounds and Maintenance
D. Knute Reiersen - Athletic Co-op
E. Richard Schlosser - Hub Area Vo Tech

Action 15-50 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to set June 14 as the date for the 2016 school board election. All aye, carried.

The intent to renew administrative contracts was discussed and tabled until next meeting.

Jessica Ringgenberg reported on the success of ICU program.

Discussion was held concerning the annual maintenance contract for the geo thermal system. A proposal has been received from Climate Control and Rassmussen Mechanical will

be sending one also. The board members requested that Climate Control representatives come to the February meeting to review their proposal.

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

Action 15-51 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to enter into executive session at 7:17 pm to discuss student matters. All aye, carried.

Chairman Schlosser declared executive session out at 7:24 pm.

Action 15-52 Motion by Forsting, second by Ellwein to adjourn. All aye, carried.

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Lady Tigers roll past Potter County

Groton Area girls held Potter County to single digits the first three quarters, then itself scored only four points in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers still easily won, 48-35. The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 10-7, 31-11 and 44-19.

Katie Koehler led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Harleigh Stange with 11, Carly Wheeting nine, Miranda Hanson five, Jessica Bjerke four, Audrey Wanner two and Emily Locke one.

Groton made 34 percent of its field goals, was 10 of 17 from the line for 59 percent off of Potter County's 14 team fouls, had 12 offensive rebounds with Bjerke having four, 17 defensive rebounds with Koehler having six, five assists with Wheeting having three, Locke and Wheeting each had one block, Stange, Koehler and Bjerke each had three of the team's 13 steals and the Tigers had 15 turnovers.

Potter County was led in scoring by Tierney Donovan with 12 points followed by Alyssa Haberer with 11, Megan Schrempp and Sierra Wiseler with five each and Samantha Stethem having two. Potter County made six of 10 free throws off of Groton's 14 team fouls.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 41-16. Scoring for Groton: Payton Maine 8, Miranda Hanson 7, Alex Stange 6, Gia Gengerke 6, Taylor Holm 5, Jenny Doeden 4, Sam Menzia 3, Hattie Weismantel 2.

Seric Shabazz leads Tigers against Sisseton



Brandon Keith

The Groton Area boys lost to Sisseton, 50-43. Groton jumped out to a 15-13 lead before the Redmen went on a six-point run en route to a 23-19 lead at half time. The Redmen had a seven point run in the third quarter to take a 40-28 lead into the fourth quarter.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Hunter Lerew and Adam Herman with seven each, Bennett Shabazz and Aaron Severson each had five and Sean Schuring added three points. The Tigers made 22 percent of their field goals while Sisseton made 33 percent. Groton made 18 of 27 free throws for 67 percent off of Sisseton's 19 team fouls, Bennett Shabazz had four of the five assists, he also had two blocks, two steals and seven rebounds.

The Redmen were led in scoring by Ethan Kranhold with 20 points followed by Benji Thompson with 13, Hunter Medenwald nine and Dustin Moshier and Spencer Weatherstone each had four points. The Redmen had 40 rebounds with Kranhold having 18, made 20 of 30 free throws for 67 percent off of Groton's 20 team fouls, and had 11 turnovers and seven steals.

Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 33-21. Scoring for Groton: Brandon Keith 7, Marshall Lane 5, Anthony Sippel 3, Treyton Diegel 3, Tylan Glover 2, Frankie Wuestenwald 2.

The Tigers won the C game in overtime, 25-19. Scoring for Groton: Treyton Diegel 7, Austin Jones 5, Cade Guthmiller 5, Mitch Thurston 2, Tylan Glover 2, Peyton Johnson 2 and Darian Shabazz 2.



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Shabazz brothers combine for 32 points in Groton's win over Langford



Seric Shabazz scored 20 points for the Tigers. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Bennett Shabazz scored 12 points for the Tigers. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Adam Herman passes the ball to Hunter Lerew. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

The Shabazz boys teamed for 32 points as the Groton Tigers handed fourth rated Langford its second loss of the season Tuesday night in Groton, 51-36.

In the first quarter, the game was tied twice and there were two lead changes before Groton took a 14-9 lead at the break. The Tigers made 20 percent of its field goals in the first quarter and had two turnovers while Langford made 38 percent of its field goals and had six turnovers.

The Tigers continued to roll along in the second quarter, making 42 percent of its field goals and having three turnovers while Langford was making 38 percent of its field goals and four turnovers as Groton took a 28-17 lead at half time. Langford made three of eight field goal sin the third quarter for 38 percent and had four turnovers while Groton was four of 13 from the field for 30 percent and had two turnoves. Groton led at the end of the third quarter, 40-27. In the final quarter, Langford Area closed to within 11, 47-36, but the Tigers went on to win, 51-36. Groton made 40 percent of its field goals in the fourth quarter and had three tunovers while Langford made 17 percent of its fourth quarter shots and had no turnovers.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 20 points which inlcuded four three-pointers and he was four of four from the line. Brother Bennett had 12 points as he made two three-pointers and was four of four from the line. Hunter Lerew added 10 points, Sean Schuring had seven points as he made one three-pointer and was two of two from the line. Aaron Severson added two points.

Mason Larson led the Lions with 14 points followed by Chance Olson with 10, Zac Fries had five, Ryan Punt three, Brady Wieker two and Josh Punt and James Erickson each had one free throw.

The Tigers were 17 of 47 from the field for 36 percent while Langford was 11 of 38 for 29 percent. The Tigers were 10 of 11 from the line for 91 percent off of Langford's 13 team fouls. Langford was 13 of 18 from the line for 72 percent off of Groton's 14 team fouls.

Groton had seven offensive rebounds with Hunter Lerew having three, and 20 defensive rebounds with Sean Schuring having seven. Langford had 11 offensive rebounds with Chance Olson and Jordan Carson each having two and 24 defensive rebounds with Ryan Punt having nine. The Tigers had eight assists with Bennett Shabazz haivng five. Langford had three assists. Bennett Shabazz had one block. Groton had 12 turnovers with 10 of them being steals (Jordan Carson with 3), and Langford had 19 turnovers with 11 of them being steals (Seric Shabazz 5, Bennett Shabazz 4).

Groton goes to 9-5 on the season and will host Hamlin on Friday. Langford goes to 12-2 and will travel to Wilmot on Saturday.

Langford won the junior varsity game, 34-26. Scoring for Groton: Treyton Diegel 6, Brandon Keith 5, Marshall Lane 4, Tylan Glover 4, Austin Jones 4, Anthony Sippel 3. Scoring for Langford: James Erickson 11, Dylan Frey 8, Logan Block 5, Zac Fries 4, Cody Jensen 4, Gary Moore 2.



The Groton Dance team performed at half time of the varsity game. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Mud Creek Watershed Notice of Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BROWN COUNTY MUD CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF MANAGERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Annual Meeting of the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District, will be held in the Groton Community Center, located at 109 N. 3rd Street, Groton, South Dakota on March 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., during which annual meeting the eligible voters in the district shall elect, by ballot, under the direction of the secretary of the district, managers to replace those whose terms have expired. Any party interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Managers for the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District shall file their written application with Grant Rix, Secretary of the Board of Managers, at 12960 406th Avenue, Groton, South Dakota 57445 at least thirty (30) days prior to elections pursuant to SDCL 46A-14-38. All managers and candidates shall be eligible voters of the district or designees of eligible voters of the district as provided in SDCL 46A-14-15.1. Upon the election of the managers of the district, officers of the district shall be elected by the managers, except the secretary/treasurer shall be appointed by the managers; and any other personnel of the district may be appointed or hired by the managers. Additionally, at such annual meeting any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and any other matters relevant

to the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District. Grant Rix, Secretary, Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District. (0204.0211)

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Groton Fire & Rescue District Notice of Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING GROTON AREA FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District members who live in the District and own any real property interests in the District will be held on February 15, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall located on Railroad Avenue, Groton, South Dakota.

Order of Business: This is the time and place for the annual election of Board members and a regular meeting of the Board. All interested parties should attend.

/s/ Bruce Sippel
Bruce Sippel, Secretary
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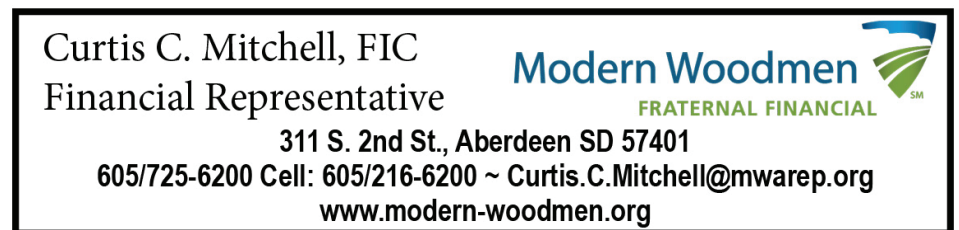
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Lady Tigers run past Northwestern

Groton Area girls picked up the pace and ran past Northwestern in hoop action MOnday night in Mellette, 45-40.

Groton jumped out to a 15-9 first quarter lead, a 27-10 lead at half time and a 27-21 lead at the end of the third quarter. Groton led by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter, 42-32.

Katie Koehler led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Audrey Wanner with 11, Harleigh Stange and Carly Wheeting each had eight and Emily Locke added two points.

The Wildcats were led by Addison Sparling with 12 points followed by Peyton Groft with eight, Darby Duncan and Evy Peterson each had six and Josie Clemens and Chrissy Stoltenberg each added two points.

The Tigers made 43 percent of their field goals while Northwestern made 28 percent. Groton made six of 15 free throws for 40 percent off of Northwestern's 16 team fouls. The Wildcats made nine of 15 free throws off of Groton's 17 team fouls with Koehler fouling out. Groton had 23 turnovers of which 13 were steals (Addison Sparling had five). The Wildcats had 17 turnovers, 12 of which were steals with Wheeting having four. Wheeting had two blocks and Wheeting, Wanner and Stange each had three of the team's 11 assists. Groton had 10 offensive rebounds with Bjerke having three, and 20 defensive rebounds with Wanner and Wheeting each having five. Northwestern had 26 rebounds with Stoltenberg, Sparling and Clemens each having five. Koehler made two three-pointers and Stange made one for Groton.

The Tigers now go to 10-4 on the season and will host Hamlin as part of a double header on Friday. Northwestern goes to 10-5 and will host Waubay-Summit on Saturday.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 29-22. Scoring for Groton: Miranda Hanson 8, Payton Maine 6, Taylor Holm 6, Gia Gengerke 6, Alex Stange 2, Madison Sippel 1.

Groton made it a clean sweep with a 23-16 C game win. Scoring for Groton: Portia Kettering 7, Sam Menzia 5, Kaycie Hawkins 4, Madison Sippel 3, Eliza Wanner 3, Payton Colestock 1.

Lady Tigers drop close game to Sisseton

Groton Area girls team lost to Sisseton Thursday night in Sisseton, 40-36. The Redmen led at the quarterstops at 13-9, 20-16 and 27-26.

Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Carly Wheeting with nine, Katie Koehler and Jessica Bjerke with five each and Harleigh Stange added two points.

Groton was 13 of 37 in field goals for 35 percent, was six of 10 from the line for 60 percent, had 33 rebounds with Koehler having nine, four assists with Koehler having two, four steals with Hanson having two, Bjerke had one block and the Tiges had 23 turnovers and 14 fouls.

Four players did all the scoring for Sisseton with Shayli Toelle and Laci LaFromboise with 12 each, Alyssa Magnuson had 10 and Cami Goodhart added six points.

Sisseton made 16 of 42 field goals for 38 percent, had 11 fouls, 15 steals, nine assists and 19 rebounds with Toelle and Magnonsen each having four.

Sisseton won the C game, 34-26. Eliza Wanner had eight, Madison Sippel six, Sam Menzia five, Portia Kettering and Kaycie Hawkins with three each and Nicole Marzahn added one point.

Kellie Karst led the Redmen with five three-pointers for 15 points.

Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 39-34. Miranda Hanson led Groton with 15 points followed by Payton Maine with seven,

Gia Gengerke six and Alex Stange, Taylor Holm and Portia Kettering each having two points. Gena Cornelius led the Redmen with 10 points and Libby Medenwald had eight.



Carly Wheeting



Miranda Hanson



Emily Locke

Photos by Julianna Kosel



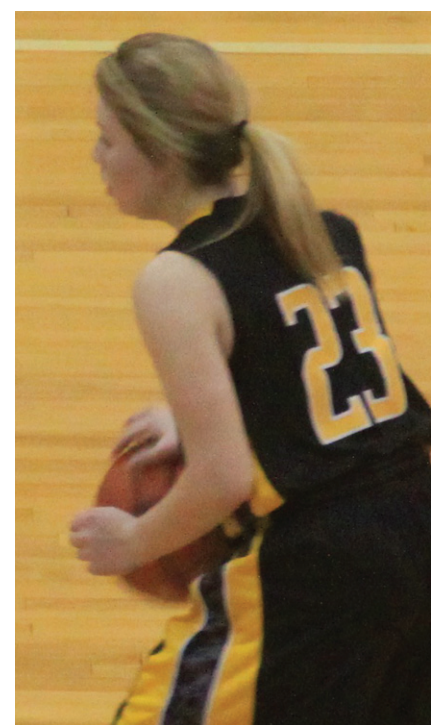
Audrey Wanner



Katie Koehler



Jessica Bjerke



Miranda Hanson

Pray, Anderson win at Groton Invite

Five Groton wrestlers took part in the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday with Trevor Pray and Brandyn Anderson both placing first.

126 - Thomas Cranford (1-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Ethan Carruth (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 15-17 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 1:11)

Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 won in sudden victory - 1 over Chase Mundt (Britton/Hecla) 5-19 (SV-1 7-5)

Cons. Round 3 - Bayley Anderson (Watertown JV) 4-12 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 1:17)

126 - Trevor Pray (22-4) placed 1st and scored 27.50 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by tech fall over Nick Wiley (Sully Buttes) 3-21 (TF-1.5 3:21 (16-1))

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Bayley Anderson (Watertown JV) 4-12 (Fall 2:57)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Breyden Miller (Milbank JV) 2-4 (Fall 0:29)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Ethan Carruth (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 15-17 (Fall 3:08)

145 - Grady O'Neill (0-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Parker Broer (Huron JV) 6-6 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:18)

Cons. Round 1 - Brodie Holtquist (Milbank JV) 9-7 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 2:29)

170 - Wyatt Locke (5-10) scored 3.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Bryce Ahlers (Canton JV) 12-5 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 (Dec 10-5)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 won by major decision over Elijah Fraasch (Milbank JV) 1-4 (MD 15-1)

Cons. Semi - Austin Wiley (Sully Buttes) 22-17 won by tech fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 (TF-1.5 4:08 (16-1))

285 - Brandyn Anderson (20-5) placed 1st and scored 23.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 won by fall over Dylan Ernster (Huron JV) 6-4 (Fall 1:20)

1st Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 won by major decision over Chase Ninceheler (Sully Buttes) 10-10 (MD 10-2)



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Cons. Round 2 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 won in sudden victory - 1 over Chase Mundt (Britton/Hecla) 5-19 (SV-1 7-5)



Tom and Patti Woods were busy at the head desk. Tom did the announcing and Patti did the wall charts. They have been helping with the Groton Tournament for many years.

Senior Citizens News

The Groton Senior Citizens met January 25 for a regular meeting with twenty two members were present. President Ella Johnson opened the meeting with allegiance to the flag. Lee Schinkel played "America." Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurers report was read and accepted. A get well card was sent to Don Douwin February 14 Valentines day .Time is 1 p.m. at the Groton Community Center charge of 5.00. It is also for the public who would like to play. Meeting was adjourned and cards were played. The winners from each game. Penochle- Sharon Zeollner, Bridge- Ruby Donavon, Canosta-Beulah Hoops and Hazel McKittrick, Whist- Marian Raines and Elda Stange, and door prizes- Mary Walker, Darlene Fisher and Grace Albrecht. Lunch was served by Allen and Sharon Zeollner and Marian Raines.



Happy Valentine's Day!




O.K., O.K. so I'll be your pal.

I'll jump through hoops...er, hearts, if you'll be my Valentine!


"Read" the picture and letter clues to fill in my puzzle. Use the sounds of the pictures to help. What is my secret message to you?



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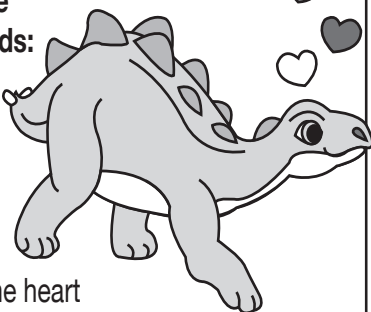


Hearty Puzzle!

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- central land area
- full of sorrow
- floor of fireplace
- deeply felt; sincere

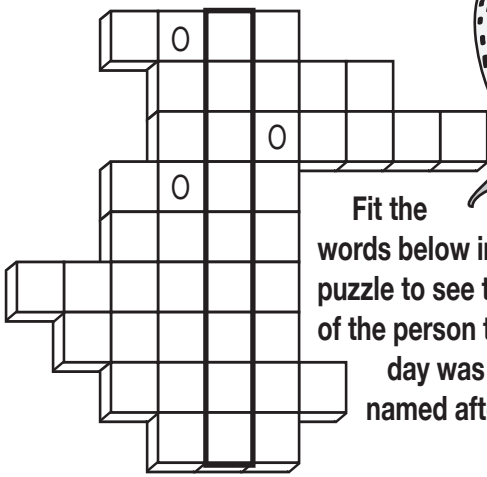
Read the clues to fill in the crossword with "hearty" words:

- body's most important muscle; pumps blood
- has no feelings; cruel
- cheering
- strong; in good health
- a single pumping of the heart



Parties, poems, cards, flowers, candy and kind words are all part of this fun day. It is a day to share feelings of friendship or love. It is a day named for a person who was very kind to others.

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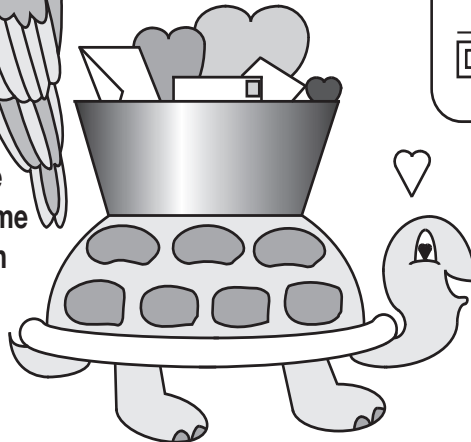


Fit the words below into the puzzle to see the name of the person this fun day was named after!

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I'm stuck on you!



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Finish the dot-to-dot puzzle to see this flower. Next, unscramble the letters to spell its name.



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son, Katelyn Koehler.
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation
6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (WELCA board serves)
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion
7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Lenten Service

Thursday, February 11
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Valentine Nuggets, Breadsticks, corn, fruit, Valentine Cookies
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.
Birthday: Julie Flihs
1:30pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences
6:30pm: Great Lakes Presentation at GHS

Thursday, February 4
Senior trip to Pierre
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Cheese stick, tater tots, romaine salad, fruit.
Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower/pea salad, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Betty Sue Felkey, Craig Jondahl, James Lane, Kay-Lynn Overacker, Nora Bunn
1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Nursery Circle
2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle.

Friday, February 5
School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Pulled pork sandwich, French fries, carrots and dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato and sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Emilie Thurston, Emily Thompson, Madison Thurston, Rayelle Ulvog, Todd Thurston
4:00pm: Basketball Double Header with Hamlin Here (Girls JV at 4, Boys JV a 5, Varsity girls at 6:30, Varsity boys at 8:00)

Saturday, February 6
MathCounts at SDSU
Birthdays: Jacob Tewksbury, Jake Unzen, Shawna Tunby
9:00am: Robotics at Mitchell High School
10:00am: Wrestling Tourney at Stanley County
12:00pm: Brown County Historical Society Annual Meeting (Lunch DPM program at 12:45, Meeting at 1:15)
2:00pm: Basketball Double Header at Warner (JV Girls at 2, JV boyJV Boys at 3, Varsity girls at 4:30, Varsity Boys at 6:00)
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, February 7
Birthdays: Bailey Ronning, Cassie Ackman, Gary Voss
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship with communion
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:00am: St. John's School
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion/SS Sings/Blessing of church leaders
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, February 8
School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, romaine salad, fruit.
Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits, Waldorf salad, Sherbet.
Birthdays: Carol Anderson, Larry Wheeting, Marian Raines, Sarah Flihs, Scott Freeman
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
5:15pm: GBB at Roncalli (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)
7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9
School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Dale Ringgenberg, Kathy Kundsens, Lorin Flihs, Renee Marzahn
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:00pm: JHBBB at Britton (7th at 4, 8th at 5)
6:30pm: BBB at Britton (JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, Feb. 10
School Breakfast: Egg omelette, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans, broccoli and

dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.
Anniv: Alan and Jolene Townsend

Birthdays: Brenda Madsen, Dallas Sombke, Dick Flihs, Dion Bahr, Gabe Smith, Jay Waage, June Thomp-

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Lana's Annals

**Lana Greenfield
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Greetings to all of you. Week 3 proved to pick up with 299 bills being submitted thus far; this compares with 348 last year at this time.

Our local government committee had many general bills that were filed on the consent calendar (which means all on the committee decided these were some that needed no floor debate; however, any-

one can remove consent if he/she feels that it should have added discussion on the floor). A bill that drew the most discussion was HB1092, an act to revise requirements for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. It gives the municipality the freedom to permit sale and consumption of alcohol on a sidewalk or walkway subject to a public right-of-way abutting licensed premises. This would make it legal for tables to be outside a licensed establishment where people could eat and drink legally

without being charged with an open container. The discussion questioned the need for these "sidewalk cafes." It passed and will now go to the floor.

Our Human Services Committee spent a good amount of time listening to many proponents and opponents discuss HB1076, which would have allowed for the drug testing of any new applicants who apply for assistance. Both sides had compelling arguments. Proponents said they had heard from large masses of people who fully supported careful monitoring of taxpayer money and thought this would be a good beginning. The Department of Health testified that most that apply for SNAP or TANF average using these programs for approximately four months and that they do not feel that there is much welfare fraud. They also mentioned that if anyone feels that money allotted to recipients is being fraudulently used to contact the Crime Stoppers TIP line. I voted to have the discussion with the full house, but it was defeated 9-4.

The use of the bathrooms and locker rooms by transgenders took a lot of debate time in the House. This has become an issue that has probably gotten way too much attention. I truly feel that we do not have an issue with it in our rural schools; I would think everyone knows where the restrooms are and who goes where. I have never seen such bizarre attention over "making a deposit"

I voted to send the discussion over to the Senate side for further review as did the majority of the House. Hopefully, we can put this to rest soon.

Another lively bill in the House was about non-resident water fowl licenses. Rep. Werner sponsored legislation to expand, not the number of hunting licenses, but to add five counties that can make use of those 3 day permits. He explained that not all of the statewide licenses had been sold last year (336 left over), so it may be worthwhile to add counties that could make use of them: Campbell, Walworth, Edmunds, McPherson, and Faulk. In the end, the bill passed and so moves forward.

The Appropriations Committee spent time discussing monetary requests from SDDC in Redfield for razing some outdated, closed dormitories. Several people from Redfield were available and testified. Senator Greenfield and I sat in on that portion of the Appropriations. When all state operated programs are finished with requests, the committee will determine the greatest areas of need. This will happen toward the end of our session.

I am pleased to sponsor Logan Ellingson, a senior from Warner, as a House page this second term. She is doing an outstanding job of helping our legislators during committee meetings and during our House debates.

Thank you to the Castlewood government class for visiting the Capital this week. It is great to see young people and instructors take an interest in what is happening in our state government.

This completes my report for this week. Stay tuned. The weather may be cooler this week, but the issues inside the People's House are certain to get hotter!

The local Cracker Barrels scheduled thus far are as follows: Clark, 10:30, Feb. 15; Redfield, 3:00, Feb. 15; and Lake Norden, 2:00, Feb. 20. There are also upcoming ones in Aberdeen. You can reach me at rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us or lana.greenfield@gmail.com or call 773-3851. Have a wonderful week!

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