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Drainage issues plague proposed Dollar General Store in Groton

Tyler Oliver from Colby Capital Real Estate Development came before the Groton Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night to talk about getting a special exception for a Dollar General Store in Groton. The property in question is the east side of Main Street, south of US 12.

"It would be great for the community," Oliver said. "It's not a high volume store, but it would generate about \$1.2 million a year in sales."

Oliver has built the stores in Britton, Webster, Redfield, Clark, Miller, Clear Lake, Volga and there will be a ground breaking event for Ipswich. "Communities with 1,000 to 1,500 popular are idea," Oliver said.

But there was opposition, While they were in favor of having a store, they questioned having it in their neighborhood. Steve Smith said he did not like looking out his kitchen window looking at metal siding and dumpsters. Oliver said the dumpsters will be enclosed. Smith questioned if there would be extra lighting. Oliver said there are two street lights already in the area so the only extra lighting would be on the front side, facing US 12. The front side would be brick.

Doug Sombke said drainage will be an issue. "Houses will be flooded. It will be a major problem," he said. "You are not going to stop the water from going south." He said right now, the ground absorbs water. "You're going to push water. We live here. We know what happens when it rains. You'll build it and then leave town. Our basements will be flooded."

Oliver said they cannot drain water onto other people's property. "We will do what is necessary to retain the water, and then release it through the storm sewer system," he said. "If we can't get it right, we won't build it."

Jay Waage asked when the trucks would be coming in for stocking inventory. Oliver said the trucks only come during business hours. They would be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dollar General has over 12,000 stores across the United States. It would be a 9,100 square foot building with 30 parking spaces and there would be a 6' wood privacy fence on the south and east sides. "It's for small town America," Oliver said. "This is a national retail store looking at your community."

Eddy Opp said, "We would welcome a store like this in our community."

Colby Capital Real Estate Development would have a 15 year lease with Dollar General. The plan is to start building this fall and open in February 2017. The store would employ seven to 10 full time employees.

It was asked if other locations were looked at and Oliver said they did look at other sites, but there were either too expensive or not available. The property is currently owned by the Ken Fiedler family.

Todd Kokalas was also at the meeting.

Board members of the Planning and Zoning Commission are Chris Kahli, Tyke Nyberg, Gordon Nelson, President Les Hinds and city council representative David Blackmun. Board member Jeff Steen could not be at the meeting due to a prior obligation.

The property at one time was zoned highway commercial. It was rezoned to R3 to prevent unwanted businesses like strip joints to be built on the site. Special exceptions have to be given to build a commercial business on this property. The commission tabled making a decision to allow Oliver time to present a drainage plan. Any decision made by the commission can be appealed to the city council. "We need to see your drainage plan," Hinds said. "There's ways to fix stuff."

About Dollar General from Wikipedia:

Dollar General Corporation is an American chain of variety stores headquartered in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. As of January 2015, Dollar General operated over 11,500 stores[3] in 40 U.S. states.[4]

The company acquired the 280 stores of the P.N. Hirsh Division of Interco, Inc. in 1983, and in 1985 added 206 stores and a warehouse from Eagle Family Discount Stores, also from Interco, Inc.[5] In recent years, the chain has started constructing more stand-alone stores, typically in areas not served by another general-merchandise retailer. In some cases, stores are within a few city blocks of each other.

Dollar General offers both name brand and generic merchandise — including off-brand goods and closeouts of name-brand items — in the same store, often on the same shelf. Although it has the word "dollar" in the name, Dollar General is not a dollar store by the strict definition of that term as most of its products are priced at more than \$1.00. However, goods are usually sold at set price points in the range of .50 to 60 dollars, excluding articles such as phone cards and loadable store gift cards.

Dollar General often serves communities that are too small for Walmart stores (although many locations are in relatively close driving distance to a Walmart store or in the same communities that Walmart is located). It competes in the dollar store format with national chains Family Dollar and Dollar Tree, regional chains such as Fred's in the Southeast, and numerous independently owned stores.



DI Dessert Theater is Sunday

Groton DI, Destination Imagination, will host their Dessert Theater on Sunday, February 28, 2016. It will begin at 3 pm in the GES gym. DI is an extra-curricular activity that encourages teamwork, creative problem solving, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Skills and 21st Century Skills.

Groton has eight teams involved in DI this year. Two of the teams are Early Learning Teams — these students are in Kindergarten through second grade. We have three elementary teams which are students in third through fifth grade. There are two middle school teams of students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. Students in grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve are represented by one high school team.

In the fall of the year, teams have a variety of challenges to research and decide which one is a good fit for their team. They have been working since October to solve their challenge. Each challenge has multiple solutions and therefore each presentation is different. It is always interesting to see what solutions various teams develop. Dessert Theater, many times is the first public performance of the teams' solutions, which gives the students a trial run, in the safe environment of friends and family.

Please come and see the solutions of the 2016 DI Challenges that the Groton DI Teams have worked through. If you can't make Dessert Theater please set aside the date of March 5th. Groton is hosting the NE Regional competition on March 5th at the high school. Teams from all over NE South Dakota will be competing for state honors on this day. We hope to see you at one of these events to witness the ingenuity our youth use. THANK YOU for your continued support of Groton Destination Imagination!

Petition deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 26th

The positions of Merle Harder, Dorene Nelson and Lars Hanson are up for 3-year renewal on the Groton School Board. Merle Harder and Clint Fjelstad have taken out and returned valid nominating petitions. Corey Mitchell has taken out a petition but has not yet returned it to be validated.

Meanwhile on the city council, Councilmen Jay Peterson (1 year term) and Burt Glover (2 year term) have turned in their petitions. David Blackmun (2 year term) has taken out a petition. Mayor Scott Hanlon has turned in his petition for mayor (3 year term). Councilman David McGannon has not taken out a petition in Ward 2.

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Superintendent's Report to the Groton Area School District 06-6 Board of Education

February 22, 2016
 Legislative Session.
 SB63. Require the development of school safety plans and require the conduct of lockdown drills in accredited schools.
 SB69. Require accredited schools to accept transfer credits for courses taken by students from other accredited schools during the summer.
 SB151. This is the Democrat proposal to address teacher salaries which includes a full cent sales tax increase but creates exemptions for groceries and makes an adjustment to the per student allocation under the current funding formula. This bill failed in committee today on a party line vote.
 HB1112. Voids the SDHSAA Transgender policy and provides similar language to HB1008.
 HB1182. Increase the state sales and use tax by 0.5%. Passed today with exactly 47 ye

votes.
 SB131. Holds the major policy amendments to implement the new school funding formula.
 SB133. Includes funding for supplemental educational programs contained in the Governor's education package.

School Administrators of South Dakota Executive Director Rob Monson keeps a list of legislation that he's monitoring on our behalf on the website, www.sasd.org.

Legislative Cracker Barrel Schedule.

Saturday, February 27; 10:00 AM – Aberdeen Ramkota
 Saturday, March 5; 10:00 AM – Aberdeen Ramkota

GMS Training. On February 18, Mr. B. Schwan and I attended the Grants Management Systems training in Watertown. This is the program with which we're required to submit our Consolidated Title Application.

Long-Range Facilities Planning Sessions.
 FJJ is on-site today and tomorrow conducting their input meetings and their other analyses of our facilities.

Emergency Management Table Top Exercise.
 Our table-top exercise (meeting) has been scheduled for March 7. All of the local and regional emergency response agencies will be in attendance and we will be discussing each organization's plans to respond in certain emergency situations. Following the meeting, each group has the opportunity to revise plans. This is in partial preparation for the full-scale exercise that we're planning for the fall faculty inservice.

Electronic Board Meetings.

I've begun checking into options for conducting our meetings electronically. One of those options, BoardDocs which is promoted by ASBSD, looks very good but comes at a cost of \$2,700/year. We would have to make a decision about whether or not the time savings from the preparation and dissemination of board information is worth the price tag.

Debate team takes third in Sweepstakes at Harrisburg Tourney

GHS Debate finished up regular season with a successful Harrisburg Invitational Debate contest placing 3rd in Sweepstakes. Helping GHS secure the 3rd place finish were individual placings by Keri Pappas and Samantha Pappas. Keri Pappas earned 2nd place in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking and Samantha Pappas earned 3rd place in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate. Also competing for Groton were the following:

Lily Cutler- Public Forum Debate, Informative Speaking, Humorous Reading; Kelsey Iverson- Public Forum Debate and Drama Reading; Keri Pappas-- Public Forum Debate and Original Oratory; KaSandra Pappas-- Public Forum Debate. GHS will now move into post season competition with the national qualifying tournament on February 26-27 and then state on March 4-5.



Pictured left to right are Samantha Pappas, Lily Cutler, Kelsey Iverson, KaSandra Pappas and Keri Pappas.

Rip 'N' Ravel News

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Rip 'N' Ravel Extension Club met at the home of Carol Osterman with eleven members answering roll call. It was decided that we fill Easter Baskets again for the Department of Social Services Child Protection. Upcoming Cracker Barrel Sessions were discussed and dates noted. For lack of a program members reported on books they are reading.

Bev Sombke read an article entitled "Remembering the Vets", and Valentines were signed and mailed to veterans. The next meeting will be March 7 at the home of Maralyn Hoops. Secretary, Bonnie Erdmann

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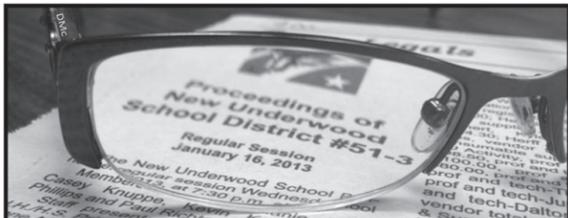
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Groton City

Feb. 16

Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEED-
ING February 16, 2016

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

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

Councilman Glover enters the meeting at this point.

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

Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 7,401.33 ss & wh; AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Car Quest 329.48 repairs; Dearborne Natl Ins 88.00 life ins; Jim Gerdes 100.00 Santa; Groton Ford 298.24 repairs; Guardian Ins 233.63 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 71,202.83 power; Kens Food Fair 423.43 gas, supplies; Loris 41.19 batteries, flowers; MJs Sinclair 917.57 gas; RDO 19.44 bolt; SD State Treasurer 7,496.13 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement 1,140.00 emp retirement; Share Corp 165.23 soap; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 32,737.79 power

Asst Police Chief Jerry Bjerke went over the 2015 police report with the City Council. He also reported on tickets for vehicles that had not moved from the street after the 24 hours after plowing; the difficulty in licensing dogs each year; and training opportunities.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to authorize Officer Justin Cleveland to attend the Sex Offenders School on Mar 29-30 in Deadwood. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to table the discussion on revising the dog licensing ordinance until the next meeting. All members present voted aye.

Bjerke left the meeting at this point.

A request for a curb cut (handicap access) in front of Cheris on Main was discussed

and more information on costs will be presented at the next meeting.

2015 recreation report was given by Finance Officer Lowary. The need for a final copy of the lease agreement on the soccer land with the school was discussed. Cost reductions and rate increases on swimming and baseball were discussed. More information will be given at the next meeting.

Paint SD program is again available. Any individual or organization interested is encouraged to contact City Hall

Finance Officer Lowary reported on the Heartland Customer Meeting she had attended.

No word was received on a sponsor for a car show on June 19 on Groton Main St, so the request was again tabled.

Finance Officer Lowary reminded everyone that nominating petitions were due by 5pm on February 26, 2016.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to adjourn at 8pm for executive session on personnel. All members present voted aye.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 8:25pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Flihs to hire: Pat Krause, baseball coordinator, Kathy Bjerke, softball coordinator and coach; and Kami Lipp, Brenda Madsen, and Karla Pasteur as managers of the swimming pool for 2016. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

David Blackmun, Vice President

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Groton City Garbage Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids on the solid waste hauling of residential garbage on March 7, 2016 at 7:15pm (local time) at City Hall, 209 N Main, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445. Received sealed bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Bid specifications are available for all interested parties by contacting the Groton City Finance Office at 605-397-8422.

Any questions concerning specifications or other information may be directed to the City Finance Office. Any deviations from the specifications must be clearly marked on the bid. The

City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, South Dakota.

February 10, 2016

Anita Lowary
Finance Officer
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Brown County

Feb. 16, 2016

Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 16, 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 and Fischbach. Absent Commissioner Fjeldheim. Commissioner Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

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

Insurance: Alliant Insurance Services \$1,040.00.

Professional Fees: Norma Andersen \$6.00; Avera St. Luke's \$3,179.20; Jeanne Collison \$15.00; Dean Schaefer Ct. Reporting \$420.00; Chris Dohrer \$478.40; Horn Law Office \$211.60; Mark Katterhagen \$6.00; Joan Kittelson \$15.00; Lucy Lewno \$243.00; NE Mental Health Center \$1,092.00; Physio-Control \$7,843.82; Public Engines \$2,388.00; Ronayne Law Office \$386.40; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$931.42; Taliaferro Law Firm \$1,476.60; US Bank \$598.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00.

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Supplies: Aberdeen Area Radiator \$870.00; Advance Auto Parts \$29.99; Ameripride \$208.64; Brick's TV & Appliance \$780.12; Century Business Products \$27.79; CNA Surety \$50.00; Dean Foods \$486.54; Diamond Mowers \$444.37; DMI \$262.29; DT Pharmacy \$1,303.49; Farm Power Mfg. \$564.86; Fastenal \$19.20; GCR Tires & Repairs \$8,555.00; GovConnection \$1,824.00; Horn Law Office \$4.00; Horn Plastics \$3,280.00; Kessler's \$103.46; Lucy Lewno \$9.74; Marco \$38.24; Matheson Tri-Gas \$16.20; McLeod's \$365.86; Menards \$110.85; Nat'l 4-H Council \$112.90; NCFE - Warner \$8,436.06; Network Services \$696.72; Pharm-Chem \$75.00; Productivity Plus \$3,842.85; Public Safety Equip. \$81.90; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$45.58; Sioux City Foundry Co. \$2,366.00; Tracto Supply Co. \$65.96; US Bank \$8,336.89; US Postmaster \$170.00; Volk Upholstery \$50.00; Web Water Bottling Co. \$68.50.

Travel and Conference: Pennington Co. Jail \$894.50; SD SHRM \$418.00; US Bank \$3,442.99.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$283.16; AT & T \$227.94; CenturyLink \$51.73; City of Hecla \$232.43; Exec. Mgmt. \$92.17; James Valley Telecommunications \$229.80; Northern Electric \$2,403.30; NWPS \$3,219.53; US Bank \$623.41; Verizon \$196.80.

Other: Safe Harbor \$619.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring John Florey, Highway Labor Grade 3 at \$17.39 per hour, effective February 17, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of January 2016: Kendell Titze - 108 @ \$58.32, Michael Scott - 160 @ \$86.40, Gary Vetter - 124 @ \$66.96, Dirk Rogers - 722 @ \$389.88. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT:

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the January 2016 Auditor's Report

of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$20,509,417.00 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$17,871.65, Decatoh Bank @ \$780,213.80, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$19,705,531.55). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JAIL CONTRACT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Contract with Edmunds County for housing Brown County inmates at the Edmunds County Jail at \$50.00 for each prisoner day. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NVC SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Telecommunications Services Agreement with Northern Valley Communications to provide Metro E Internet @ \$1,600.00 per month. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BMX LEASE OPTION RENEWAL ADDENDUM:

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve addendum for second three-year renewal option (January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018 for lease of county property on 1st Ave SE for purpose of pedal bike activities with Aberdeen Exchange BMX Tract #1075; and include additional parking area directly west of the BMX track in lease. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to declare a paper shredder, laminator and DVD/CD Pro surplus for disposal at the Landfill (additional info available for public inspection Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Auditor's Office). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS:

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following contracts for the 2016 Brown County Fair: Marty Davis (August 17-20 @ \$3,000.00 plus room); Sherwin Linton (August 21 @ 2,300.00); The Sound Exchange (August 17-19 @ \$4,250.00 plus 3 rooms); Jared Sherlock (August 18-20 @ \$4,000.00 plus room); Keith Raymond (August 17-20 @ \$3,800.00). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR SERVICE QUOTES:

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following quotes for services during the 2016 Brown County Fair: Fire Safety First (fire extinguishers @ \$325.00); Ramkota Hotel (guestrooms August 15-21 @ \$75.99 per room per night). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize the Chair to sign Agreements for Sponsorship of various Events at the 2016 Brown County Fair, as they are presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CROW CREEK PROJECT (BR218) GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #3:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize Chair to sign Reimbursement Request #3 for Crow Creek Drainage (BR218) DENR Project #2015G-201 in amount of \$112,153.80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RFQ INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES:

Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider Request for Qualifications for qualified Investigative Services. Proposals received from Dave Lunsman, Aberdeen; Adrian Mohr, Sioux Falls; All Star Investigation, Sioux Falls. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to refer to Gary Vetter, Commission Assistant and Larry Lovrien, States Attorney for review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEEN COURT:

Diane Lehr, Teen Court Coordinator discussed recent Legislative action (HB1201) approving funding for the 12 teen court programs in the state; questioned amount that Brown County Teen Court should make application for; and also described expansion programs to enhance the program.

HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent discussed equipment for road ditch mowing in 2016, as follows: renting two units; purchasing a used 1999 6410 tractor from the Aberdeen Regional Airport; and use of current county equipment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Dirk Rogers, Larry Lovrien 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.

MARKET STREET ENTRANCE PROJECT:

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Contract documentation with JDH Construction Inc for completion of the Market Street Entrance Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PHASE III JAIL PROJECT UPDATE:

Judy Dosch, Maintenance Supervisor and Sheriff Mark Milbrandt presented revision plan options dated 2/5/16; explained need for five additional employees; requested non-Commission approval for change orders in amount less than \$5,000.00, if offset with similar change order lowering cost; discussed proposal to change floor covering in various areas of the project..

JAIL CHANGE ORDER #1:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Brown County Jail Phase III Project Change Order #1 in amount of \$1,436.74 as a deduction from contingency contained in the bid. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

QUIET TITLE PROPOSAL:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to accept proposal, submitted by Victor Fischbach in amount of \$1,500.00, plus publication cost, recording fees and filing fees to execute quiet title action for Brown County. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-abstain, Fjeldheim-absent, Kippley-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Bates Township

BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave, Conde.

Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date.

Betty Geist, Township Clerk

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Groton Township

Groton Township Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual Groton Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 1pm at the Groton Community Center.

Jeff Howard

Groton Township Clerk

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Henry Township

Henry Township Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 7pm at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and road maintenance.

Darlene Sass

Henry Township Clerk

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Putney Township

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be

held Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Mark Thompson's Shop.

Caucus at 5 p.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated places in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 5 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Mark Thompson

Township Clerk

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Riverside

Township

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Riverside Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Steve Simon's garage. Caucuses 7:30 p.m., followed by election of officers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards, more or less, of gravel, loaded and delivered to designated places in Riverside Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 1, 2015, at Steve Simon's shop at 7:30 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk

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Shelby Township

Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Shelby Township will also accept bids for gravel and also road maintaining, snow removal and other road work as necessary for the year 2016-2017. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2016 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges and will be required to provide date and time records of all work done. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 29, 2016. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 29, 2016 at 7 p.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisor reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Brent Miller, Township Clerk

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Anderson, Pray advance to state

Two Groton Area wrestlers have qualified for the state wrestling meet after placing at the regions. Brandyn Anderson took first at 285 and Trevor Pray placed fourth at 126 pounds. Wyatt Locke also wrestled at the regions and made it to the consolation semifinals.

126 - Trevor Pray (30-7) placed 4th and scored 11.00 team points. (qualifies for state)

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 30-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 30-7 won by major decision over Gage Carter (Faulkton Area) 19-24 (MD 12-3)

Semifinal - Josh Weisbrod (Clark/Willow Lake) 24-2 won by decision over Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 30-7 (Dec 10-4)

Cons. Semi - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 30-7 won by major decision over Jackson Stoltenburg (Deuel) 16-13 (MD 14-3)

3rd Place Match - Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 37-8 won by decision over Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 30-7 (Dec 10-5)

170 - Wyatt Locke (7-20) scored 2.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 7-20 won by decision over Preston Worth (Potter Co.) 12-12 (Dec 10-6)

Semifinal - Chance Goodfellow (Sioux Valley) 28-13 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 7-20 (Fall 2:22)

Cons. Semi - Adam Anderson (Faulkton Area) 19-22 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 7-20 (Dec 3-2)

285 - Brandyn Anderson (32-9) placed 1st and scored 24.00 team points. (qualifies for state)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-9 won by fall over Matt Fegueroa (Potter Co.) 8-19 (Fall 0:31)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-9 won by fall over Chase Sigdestad (Webster Area) 10-21 (Fall 0:50)

1st Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-9 won by fall over Kaeden Metz (Sisseton) 16-18 (Fall 0:56)



Trevor Pray wrestling Aaron Elijah from Sioux Valley. (Courtesy photo)



Wyatt Locke wrestling Preston Worth from Potter Co. (Courtesy photo)



Brandyn Anderson wrestling Kaeden Metz from Sisseton. (Courtesy photo)

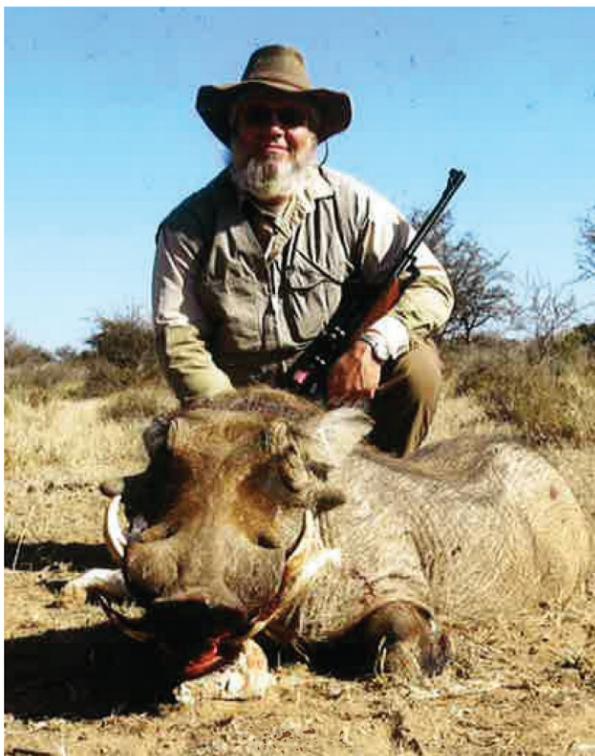
Bohling goes on big hunting trips

Chuck Bohling hunted on a 20,000 acre farm in the north-eastern region of South Africa, west of Kruger National Park. He hunted with an old college friend Royce Shields. They shot on the SDSU small bore rifle team together, back in the early 70's, and they have shared adventures ever since.

They hunted the first week of June 2015. Chuck killed a Kudu, a wart hog, two impala and a waterbuck that made the Rowland Ward record book. What they killed on the day they would eat the next. It was all wonderful, but Chuck's favorite was impala shanks and rice. "Top notch stuff!" he said. The weather was very dry, mild, and just about perfect. They had electricity for less than two hours a day. All water heating, and most cooking was done with wood fires. They killed a spitting cobra just at the edge of camp and later saw a black mamba climbing a tree. They hunted by spotting from land Cruisers, tracking and blinds. Tremendous numbers of animals were sighted every day. Chuck used a Ruger #1 falling block rifle in 9.3X 62 caliber. It worked very well. His hunting partner used a 375 H&H magnum. The trackers and professional hunters were terrific at spotting and judging game. They had the most fantastic time and both of them would love to go again.

After the hunt they did a photo safari in Kruger National Park. They saw tremendous numbers of cape buffalo and elephants as well as many other animals. You are not allowed to get out of your vehicles anywhere in park except at dedicated rest areas. Campgrounds and lodges are behind fences closed at 6 p.m. and not opened until morning to keep unwanted wildlife out. This is very wild place!

The flight to Johannesburg, South Africa, on Delta originates from Atlanta and is about 17 hours long! The worst part of the trip. You need to be careful where you go as there is a lot of crime. They rented a car and drove to their hunting area which was about a 10 hour drive. They drive on the left side of the road British style, but they had no problems and the roads were in good shape.



Chuck's warthog - he says it's not very big.



Chuck's biggest Impalla with 24.5" horns.



Chuck's small Impalla.



Chuck's Kudu, longest horn is 53", almost elk size.



It was parent's night last night at the boys' basketball game.
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton boys end regular season with win over Pheasants



Adam Herman
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton's boys scored the last five points of the game to help secure a 42-36 win over Redfield-Doland in basketball action played Friday night in Groton. It was the regular season finale for both teams as Groton enters region play with a 12-8 record and Redfield-Doland with a 7-13 record. The boys region will start the week of February 29th.

Groton jumped out to a 7-0 lead and held an 11-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. The game was tied at 13 and the Pheasants took an 18-17 lead at half time. The lead changed hands four times in the third quarter with the Pheasants getting the upper hand to lead, 27-26, at the break. Redfield-Doland held a four-point lead at 25-21. Groton got the lead back with the first basket of the fourth quarter and led by six at one point, 37-31, and ended up winning by six, 42-36.

Groton made 45 percent of its first quarter shots, 20 percent in the second quarter, 45 percent in the third quarter and 60 percent in the fourth quarter. Redfield-Doland made 25 percent in the first quarter, 33 percent in the second quarter, 36 percent in the third quarter and 25 percent in the fourth quarter. For the game, Groton made 40 percent of its shots while Redfield-Doland made 30 percent. Adam Herman made all three of Groton's three-pointers while Kevin Krumm made one for Redfield-Doland.

Groton had more defensive rebounds, 28-23, with Bennett Shabazz having nine for Groton and Collin Klebsch seven for the Pheasants. Redfield-Doland had more offensive rebounds, 10-5. Bennett Shabazz had three of the team's eight assists while the Pheasants had two assists. Groton had 12 turnovers with six of them being steals (w each by Klebsch and Bradyn Binger). Redfield-Doland had nine turnovers, four of which were steals with Sean Schuring having two. Groton had 11 team fouls which allowed the Pheasants to make five of nine free throws for 56 percent. Redfield-Doland had 12 team fouls which allowed Groton to make three of five free throws for 60 percent. Hunter Lerew had two blocks while Seric Shabazz and Aaron Severson each had one.

Scoring wise, Bennett Shabazz led all scorers with 12 points followed by Adam Herman with 11, Seric Shabazz had eight, Aaron Severson six and Hunter Lerew five. The Pheasants were led by Bradyn Binger with 11, Collin Klebsch had 10, Dalton Howe six, Kevin Krumm five and Carter Klapperich four.

Redfield-Doland won the junior varsity game, 31-24. Brandon Keith had 11 points, Anthony Sippel six, Truitt Rogers five and Peyton Johnson two. Groton won the C game, 33-25. Johnny Doeden had eight points, Treyton Diegel and Cade Guthmiller each had six, Peyton Johnson five, Mitch Thurston and Austin Jones each had three and Tylan Glover two.



Bennett Shabazz
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

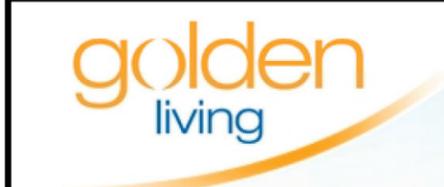


Brandon Keith
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Wheeting makes game winning shot in Tigers win over Redfield-Doland

Things to know from the girls basketball game at Redfield.

First, Groton held a 4-3 lead in the first quarter, and that was it until three seconds left in the game. Second, Groton's field goal percentage was challenging - 20 percent in the first quarter, 18 percent in the second and 9 percent in the third while Redfield-Doland was at 17 percent in the first, 40 percent in the second and 42 percent in the third. It was the fourth quarter that turned the tide as Groton made 38 percent of its field goals and Redfield did not make a field goal in the fourth quarter.

Third, it was Carly Wheeting who made the game winning shot with three seconds left to give Groton a 26-25 lead.

Fourth, in the fourth quarter, Groton changed up its defense as Redfield-Doland had six turnovers in the fourth quarter.

It does not get any more exciting than that. Groton trailed, 5-4 after the first quarter, 13-9 at half time and 24-12 at the end of the third quarter. Groton outscored Redfield-Doland, 14-1, in the fourth quarter for the win.

Wheeting led the Tigers with nine points while Audrey Wanner scored all six of her points in the fourth quarter, Harleigh Stange had six points and Katie Koehler added five.

Sarah Rozell led the Pheasants with eight points followed by Rylie Gall and Brenna Taylor with five each, Trista Frost had four and Allison Tschetter added three points.

Redfield-Doland commanded the boards, 33-19. Wheeting had six for Groton while Brenna Taylor had 11 and Rozell 10 for Redfield-Doland. Groton had four turnovers compared to 17 for Redfield-Doland. The Pheasants had seven team fouls while allowed Groton to be six of eight from the line. Groton had eight team fouls as Redfield was two of four from the line. Groton had 10 steals with Wanner having five and Wheeting four. Redfield had no steals. The Tigers had four blocked shots with Wanner having two and Koehler and Wheeting each having one.

Groton Area finished the season with a 14-6 record. Redfield-Doland finishes its regular season with a 12-8 record.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 21-19. Alex Stange led Groton with six points followed by Jenny Doeden with five, Payton Maine and Taylor Holm each had four and Gia Gengerke added two points.

Redfield won the C game, 22-17. Madison Sippel had five points, Portia Kettering and Sam Menzia each had four and Taydyn Glover and Kaycie Hawkins each had two points.

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Lady Tigers beat Tiospa Zina in first round region game

Groton Area played all of its players Tuesday night in its 54-37 win over Tiospa Zina. It was the first round of the girls basketball regions being played in Britton.

Harleigh Stange led the Tigers with 14 points while Carly Wheeting had 13, Audrey Wanner nine, Katie Koehler seven, Miranda Hanson six, Gia Gengerke three and Hattie Weismantel two.

Aubree Bearsheart led the Wambdi with 16 points while Persephone Eastman had seven, Lily Smith five, Kiana Bearsheart had four, Jordan Leblanc three and Jennifer Rondell two.

Groton made 21 of 59 in field goals for 36 percent while Tiospa Zina made 13 of 42 for 31 percent. Both teams had 14 turnovers. Groton had 13 steals with Koehler, Harleigh Stange and Emily Locke with three each. Wheeting had 10 of Groton's 30 rebounds and she had seven of Groton's 15 assists. In blocks, Wheeting had three and Gengerke had one. Groton made



Payton Maine dribbles the ball, looking for an open teammate. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Carly Wheeting fights her way to the basket to score two of her 13 points. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Katie Koehler made this three-pointer to give Groton a 48-26 lead. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

eight of 14 free throws for 57 percent off of Tiospa Zina's 12 team fouls. Tiospa Zina made eight of 10 free throws for 80 percent off of Groton's 12 team fouls.

In the other first round games, Roncalli defeated Milbank Area, 45-27, and Britton-Hecla defeated Sisseton, 39-23. The regions continue in Britton on Thursday with Webster playing Britton-Hecla at 6 p.m. followed by the Groton-Roncalli game.

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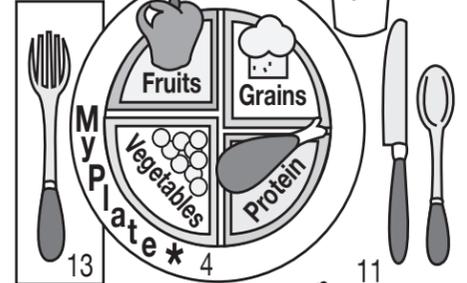
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B. The 4 Group is loaded with green, yellow, red and orange foods that you can eat raw or cooked. Many foods from this group, like 5, have vitamin A, which keeps your skin healthy and helps your 6 to see in dim light.

C. Foods from the 7 Group are also a rainbow of color! Many fruits, like oranges, have vitamin C that keeps your body healthy and helps it 8. 9, bananas, berries and other fruits have lots of good fiber too.

D. The foods in the 10 Group have lots of protein, iron and B vitamins. They help to build 11, blood and every cell in your body. Some foods in this group are beef, fish, nuts, seeds, eggs and 12.

E. The 13 Group is made up of foods that have carbohydrates and may have lots of fiber. Carbohydrates help to give you 14. Foods in this group include 15, bread, rice, crackers, noodles and popcorn.

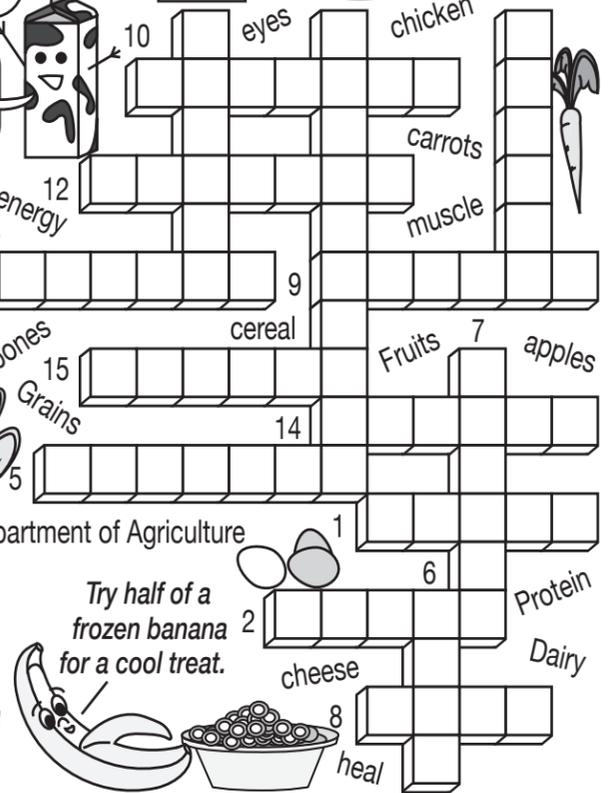


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3. Keep a good _____! Your family **doctor** can help you decide what is healthy for your size and activities.
4. _____ for at least 60 minutes each day – ride a bike, walk, shoot hoops, exercise to dance DVDs.
5. Take care of yourself: **bathe** or shower, _____ your hands, face and hair as often as needed.
6. Choose **healthier** snacks – ones with less _____ or lower fat.
7. _____ your teeth at least 2 times a day and after sugary snacks.
8. _____ appropriately for the **weather** and temperature.
9. Get enough _____ every night.
10. Talk to and have fun with your family and _____ every day.

- A. friends
- B. wash
- C. sleep
- D. exercise
- E. sugar
- F. brush
- G. cook
- H. dress
- I. weight
- J. breakfast

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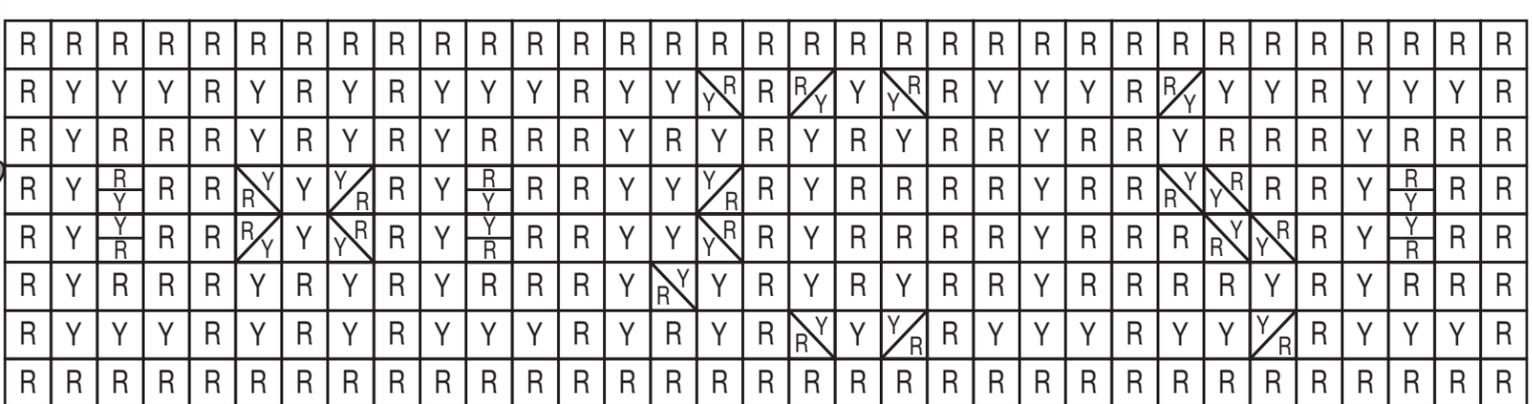
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Sunday, March 6
Birthdays: Stacey Bonn
 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School and Confirmation
 9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
 9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship
 10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
 10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion
 11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
 3:00pm: 3 pm: (Open Gym for JK-8th for 6-12 from 5-7)

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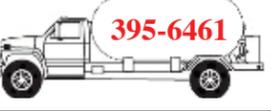
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Monday, March 7
Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.
Anniv: Richard & JoAnn Krueger
Birthdays: Allan Merkel, Blanca Sperry, Brian Bahr, Dale Strom, Jamie Herron, Jeraka Rossow, Patty Harms, Pierce Kettering, Rev. Terry Kenny, Shannon Hjermstad, Tom Cutler.

Thursday, February 25

FFA Farm Safety Day at Elementary School
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, tea bun, fruit.
Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Barb Paepke, Brent Morehouse, Danielle Dobbins, Greg Heitmann
 6:00pm: GBB Regionals at Britton

Friday, February 26

Debate at Brookings
 State Wrestling in Rapid City
School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Mary Ann Wehde, Waylon Severson

Saturday, February 27

Debate at Brookings
 State Wrestling in Rapid City
Birthdays: Alice Severson, Eddy Nehls
 4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, February 28

Birthdays: Meagan Stearns, Shirlee Briggs
 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School and Confirmation
 9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
 9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
 9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship
 10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School
 10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship and Baptismal Milestones for 1st and 4th grades
 11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
 11 am to 2 pm: Kumla dinner at the Community Center.
 3:00 pm: Di Desert Theater at the Groton Elementary School

Monday, February 29

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, refried beans, fruit.
Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice and chow mein noodles, broccoli, Waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Arletta Peterson, Mary Haying, Tyra Leonhardt
 6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
 4:30pm: Region 1A Boys in Groton (4:30 pm: Roncalli vs. Milbank; 6:00: Groton vs. Webster, 7:30: Britton-Hecla vs. Tiospa Zina

Tuesday, March 1

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.
Anniv: Craig & Tasha Dunker
Birthdays: Delores Leonhardt, Mitchell Locke, Alicia Clocksene
 10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
 7:00pm: Region 1A Girls Title Game at Britton

Wednesday, March 2

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes and ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Lisa Howard, Mandy Hansen, Megan McKiver, Rick Schelle
 7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
 6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (Sarah Circle Serves)
 7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Thursday, March 3

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.
Anniv: Cal & Mary Hayenga
Anniv: David & Cheryl Krueger
Birthdays: Christine Zoellner, Josie LaMee, Tim Yeaton,

Tristan Kampa
 1:00am: Region Boys in Groton: Games at 6 pm and 7:30 pm

Friday, March 4

CDE at Redfield
 State Debate in Aberdeen
Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Christina Zoellner, Kale Pharis, Kay Brandt

Saturday, March 5

State Debate in Aberdeen
Birthdays: Chance Strom, Linda Locken
 8:00am: Region DI in Groton
 4:00pm: 5th graders and parents meet
 4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

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