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The site of the proposed Dollar General Store



P&Z turns down special exception, decision appealed to city council

DOLLAR GENERAL®

The video of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting about the Dollar General store is posted on-line. Go to www.397news.com and click on the link on the right side of the page. To date, the video has been watched 273 times. That is above the 250 times it was watched on the Livestream.

The April 4th City Council Meeting will be Livestreamed at gdilive.com

The proposed Dollar General store on the east side of Main Street, south of US 12, has been creating a stir in the Groton community. The area in question was zoned R3 in 2001 from highway commercial. A commercial use in an R3 is an allowable special exception. The Planning and Zoning Commission tabled its decision on February 22 with the hearing continuing Monday night. This venue was at the Groton Community Center with about 40 people in attendance.

Tyler Oliver, the developer, was also on hand, but his comments were limited to drainage. Doug Sombke spoke for nearly 20 minutes and about 12 minutes into his talk, several residents got up and walked out of the meeting.

Oliver said that he has been working with Clark Engineering to develop a plan so the site can self contain its own water.

City Zoning Administrator Anita Lowary said that the city has a 15 inch storm sewer pipe in the area which is good for a five inch rain in 24 hours - which is a 100 year event. Sombke said that for a commercial area, the storm sewer needs to be 32 inches.

Sombke talked about several issues referring to the Dollar General store. He asked why someone from Dollar General was not present at the meeting, or why no one from Dollar General has talked to the neighbors about the store. "Dollar General stores are not friendly neighbors," he said.

Sombke asked the commissioners how many of them have been to a Dollar General Store, of which only one commissioner had been to a store. "You're not doing your research by not visiting another Dollar General store," he said. Sombke also projected that the values of the neighboring property will change substantially, referring to the property being devalued. He said there is room on the west side of town, 300'x300' areas, and no one has approached them about having a store there. "There's room by the curve by the golf course and no one has approached them," he said. "All of which have DOT approved approaches." He said that there will be traffic congestion for any type of truck coming onto Main Street for a driveway that is only 30 feet from the highway.

Sombke said that he visited the store in Webster over the weekend. "I'm just telling you that the clientele - I'm not being judgemental, but just saying that I didn't see anyone of the likes like you in the store."

Will there be a Dollar General store in Groton? Sombke said, "I have from a very, very reliable source, whether you approve it or not, that there will be a Dollar General store in Groton. If that is the case, why do we have to be so animate about it being in that location?"

Sombke address the electrical line going through the lot. The parking lot would be built over it and that should cause concern

for those living north of US 12. (If something were to happen to that line, power would be fed to the Olson Development area from the west as there is a loop feed for the area.)

Sombke said if the store were to go there, they should build a white, 8ft. Fence on the west, south and east side of the property. He questioned about the lights. He said in the Webster store, there are huge halogen lights. And if the store were to expand in the future, where would it expand too? he asked. Spending wise, Sombke said, "All it's going to do is shift the spending. We're not going to see an increase in spending."

In concluding, Sombke said, "Please get the Dollar General to share what they are going to do for this great community of Groton, South Dakota."

Eddy Opp said that he was in favor of the store. "I've talked to many people and there was not one person who was against it or against having it at that location." He talked about the elevators and the motor noise and truck traffic. "It's a business in Groton and we need the farmers like the farmers need us. If we want our town to grow, we better take businesses that want to come to town."

Scott Hanlon said, "This is not about the individual. This is about our community. I believe this Dollar General store will be good for the community. I have talked to a lot of people. If we let this go and it don't wind up in another spot, we will regret it."

Marcy Blackmun said she gets why Groton needs the business, but there were other concerns as well. "We have had businesses in town that are now in Aberdeen because we didn't support them." She also talked about the safety of the children in the area with the increased traffic coming off the highway. She also talked about the lighting as well as they live next to the nursing home that has bright halogen lights that shine in their windows, and there was nothing they could do about it. "Everything has to be lit up," she said.

Steve Smith, who lives across the street from the proposed store, said that having the store open 16 hours a day for 364 days a year does not fit into a residential area. He also questioned of what their homes will be valued at after the store is built and Planning and Zoning Commission President Les Hinds said that he talked with the assessor and that the assessed valuation will not go down, but said he was not in the situation to say if they will increase.

Carol Smith said that she stopped at a Dollar General store in Vermillion and the entire north side was full of pallets with recycled material. "It looked absolutely junky," she said. "How do you control that?"

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Les Hinds said he talked with an engineer who is very familiar with SD DOT Codes. According to the DOT Design Manual Chapter 17, there is a chapter that refers to Access Management. It states that a minimum upstream corn clearance at 30 mph should be 200 feet. Commissioner Jeff Steen said the proposed driveway is 25-30 feet south of the stop sign. Oliver said the driveway will be designed according to the South Dakota DOT. "We have done 25 stores in South Dakota and we have a pretty good feel of their specifications. This will have to be presented to the DOT and we will have to gain their approval. This is the best side for Dollar General."

The commission voted 3-2 to deny the special exception. Those voting in favor were Gordon Nelson, who made the motion and said, "For the progress of the town, I move to grant the special exception." Tyke Nyberg seconded the motion and he also voted for it. Those voting no were Chris Kahli, Jeff Steen and Les Hinds.

Oliver will now be appealing the decision to the city council. They will take up the matter at the April 4th meeting.

Also, the Independent has learned that Tyke Nyberg has submitted his resignation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the council will be acting on that request as well at the April 4th meeting.

Dollar General Survey

The Groton Daily Independent launched a Dollar General Survey this week and we have already received 270 results. Here is what they are up to this point.

Those voting who live in the city limits: 62 percent, rural Groton 16 percent, within 25 miles of Groton 17 percent and those further than 25 miles from Groton 6 percent.

How often would you shop at the Dollar General Store in Groton? 4 percent said more than 3 times a week, 41 percent 1-3 times per week, 20 percent 2-3 times a month, 16 percent once a month and 19 percent would never shop at the store.

Those in favor of having it at Main St. and US 12 were 66 percent, those opposed to that location were 21 percent and others who said in some other location was 18 percent.

The bottom line - should Groton have a Dollar General Store? 80 percent said yes and 20 percent said no.

If you would like to vote on the survey, go to www.397news.com, and click on Dollar General Survey on the right hand side.

Kjellsen, Dargatz resign as coaches

The Groton Area School Board listened to a nearly two hour presentation by Fosters, Jacobs and Johnson, Inc., as they gather data on the Groton Area School District. Their presentation was on education adequacy, demographics and values definition. A condensed version was also done for the public at 7 p.m. You can watch the presentation to the school board at gdilive.com.

While the population of Brown County is projected to continue to increase, the population of Day County is projected to decrease. Overall, FJJ projected that Groton's School enrollment should remain stable over the next 10 years to around the 590 mark. Superintendent Joe Schwan also reported that last fall, Groton's enrollment was 581 and that has now increased to 590.

Four and fifth grade reports were given. The board accepted the resignation of Greg Kjellsen as the head boys basketball coach for the 2016-17 school year due to health issues. Kjellsen has been coaching boys' basketball for 29 years. Dana Dargatz, who has been the head wrestling coach for three years, also turned in his resignation. Robin Meier resigned as part-time custodian.

Superintendent Schwan said that it may be a challenge to find coaches. Others positions open are the junior high volleyball coach, the assistant girls' basketball coach and the assistant wrestling coach. All of the teaching staff is staying so the district may have to go off-campus to fill these positions.

Kjellsen wrote on his Facebook page, "Made one of the toughest decisions I've ever had to this past week. After being a head basketball coach for 31 years, and the last 29 at Groton, I've decided to step down. I've thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The relationships I've built with these athletes will never be forgotten. It is the best job anyone can have. Watching boys develop into young men and athletes is probably my biggest thrill. I hope they learned half as much from me as I learned from them. After the thousands of miles I rode on those yellow school busses, that's one thing I won't miss."

The health food service inspection at the elementary school received a 100 out of 100 score.

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ON CALL




By **Richard P. Holm M.D.**

Coming home

Raised in the small prairie town of DeSmet, South Dakota, it seemed natural, and affordable, to attend undergraduate and medical school in this state. Back then, as a SD med student, we all had to leave for our second two years of medical school someplace else and I chose to go to Atlanta, Georgia, mostly to see what it was like far away and in a big city. I stayed there eight years, the last three teaching, and came back with my Floridian life-partner in 1981. (That was a leap of love on her part.)

It's been 35 years practicing primary care internal medicine here; soon my job will change to a part-time educator-researcher; and so, in the last month I've been referring my patients to other care providers. The exercise has been melancholy, filled with good-byes and lots of fond, glad, and sad memories.

This has highlighted in my mind the need for primary care providers in rural SD, and everywhere really. We simply don't have enough Family Physicians and Internists in our country, and as Baby Boomers are approaching old age and frailty, it's only going to get worse. In a recent report from the Center for Health System Change, they note, "Rural areas have 53 primary care doctors and 54 specialists for every 100,000 people who live there." Experts say that's the right balance of equal parts primary care to specialist, but the problem is in the total numbers." In contrast, urban areas have 78 primary care physicians and 134 specialists." Better numbers but overloaded toward specialists.

What can be done to resolve this predicament? The rural-dilemma answer seems not in salary. Maggie Maher, a financial journalist said, "It is not... about how much doctors make; it's about where they make it." Rural SD may not be where the spouse, male or female, can get a job, or wants to live. Maher explains more significant is the indication that many physicians are drawn to city/urban life for it's anonymity and privacy. Patients know you professionally but not personally.

Just the opposite makes more sense to me. Medical practice in a rural area is better than urban because of the connectedness; it's about the relationships that develop within a smaller community. We see our patients not only at the office, but at the grocery store, football games, movies, and church. And it makes physicians more accountable, which is to everyone's advantage. Med students need to realize this.

I've been blessed, and am thankful for a professional life jam-packed with wonderful and personal connections. I wouldn't have it any other way.

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Leroy Farmen of Mobridge was one of the many workers at the Shrine Circus held last week in Aberdeen. He is the son of Martha Farmen of Groton.



Keri Pappas, a junior at GHS, earned the Outstanding Presiding Officer award for Experienced House 2 at the March 29, 2016 Milbank Congressional Debate Contest. Also competing in congressional debate at this contest was senior Katie Miller. Groton will compete at two more congressional debates-- April 1, 2016 at Brookings and April 8, 2016 at Pierre.

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**Brown County
March 22, 2016
General Meeting**

MARCH 22, 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, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioners Sutton was absent. Commissioner Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 15, 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 \$7,730.08; Treasurer \$13,018.54; States Attorney \$16,697.49; Blood Draws \$850.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,892.08; Maintenance \$6,915.33; Assessor \$13,580.89; Register of Deeds \$8,374.95; Veterans Service Office \$3,670.88; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$7,387.17; Human Resources \$3,022.21; Sheriff Admin \$33,759.54; Jail \$35,922.28; Coroner \$2,100.00; JDC \$16,581.86; HD \$4,968.76; Welfare Office \$3,581.57; Museum \$7,921.70; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,890.98; Fair Board \$4,277.10; 4-H \$1,168.80; Weed \$1,751.96; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$46,543.56; Communications \$21,509.43; Emergency Management \$3,880.14; Teen Court \$348.30; 24/7 \$2,965.14; Landfill \$13,306.45.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$17,588.58; Medicare \$4,113.48; Life \$686.29; Dental \$6,670.80; Health Insurance \$97,216.96; Retirement \$35,483.10.

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$502.00.

Professional Fees: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$250.00; Avera McKennan \$20.00; Avera St. Luke's \$6,670.70; Kristi Brandt \$279.40; Certified Languages \$775.53; Dakota Psychological Services \$3,356.00; Ryan S. Dell \$2,116.00; Dependable Sanitation \$21,404.92; Chris Dohrer \$193.20; Michelle Gaikowski \$57.80; William Gerdes \$10,226.31; HKG Architects \$11,073.00; Horizon Health Care \$20.00; Kuck Law Office \$635.40; Lucy Lewno \$72.00; Madison Co. Court \$2.25; One Source \$45.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise \$29.60; Ronayne Law Office \$3,412.50; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary \$1,000.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$3,261.00; SDSU Extension \$18,320.00; Christy Serr \$211.60; Spot Freight \$3,170.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$120.80; Vintage Tech Recyclers \$5,047.70; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$75.00.

Jurors: Neal Allbee \$15.04; Emily Aman \$620.16; Nadia Aouza \$11.68; Allen Barclay \$11.68; Shelby Bauer \$11.68; Sarah Birkholz \$10.84; Jennifer Bomesburger \$867.20; Jennifer Bruce \$406.72; Christine Brunos \$28.48; Sylvia Davis \$28.48; Diane Dumire \$10.84; Stephanie Glover \$12.52; Elizabeth Goltz \$11.68; Emily Guhin \$10.84; Amanda Haar \$964.20; Craig T. Harms \$939.00; Larry Kirnan \$864.28; Gary Kvernevig \$14.20; Virgil Meidinger \$11.68; Joann Meserve \$10.84; Jeremy Nelson \$868.40; Jill Nelson \$22.60; Carl Nordine \$718.40; Thomas Omland \$11.68; Gwendolyn Karen Petrich \$878.56; Mark Reis \$12.52; Lisa Rose-Falcon \$11.68; William Schuelke \$26.80; Debbra Smith \$11.68; Alison Tvinneim \$12.52; Judy Ulrich \$892.84; Jessica Waldman \$11.68; River Zepher \$11.68; Paul Zinter \$11.68.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$662.11; Groton Independent \$708.39.

Rentals: Eugene Mitchell \$50.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: A & B Business \$32.99; Dakota Doors \$1,283.50; HF Jacobs & Son \$22,116.38; Leidholdt Electric \$122.91; Waterous Co. \$1,820.58.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$269.73; A & B Business \$102.89; Century Business Products \$317.18; Crescent Electric \$241.07; Double D Body Shop \$295.00; DT Pharmacy \$1,222.71; Fastenal \$481.56; Geffdog \$71.40; GovConnection \$684.42; HF Jacobs & Son \$103,940.24; Kessler's \$38.40; Kustom Signs \$168.00; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$394.00; Lucy Lewno \$1.50; Marco \$60.74; Menards \$329.25; Midstates Printing \$144.82; NACVSO \$60.00; Network Services \$487.96; Pantorium Cleaners \$1,126.50; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$188.50; Proforma \$574.17; Share Corp. \$264.00; TrueNorth Steel \$9,979.50.

Travel and Conference: Stan Beckler \$18.33; Best Western Ramkota - Pierre \$678.93; Darwin Bettmann \$15.24; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; Dale Kurth \$112.53; David North \$70.32; Jerome T. Streckfuss \$34.98; Gary Vetter \$42.00.

Utilities: Dependable Sanitation \$451.00; NWPS \$403.43; Verizon \$160.04.

Other: Pizza Ranch \$76.45. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to terminate the employment of Brenda Dreyer (4-H Secretary), effective March 15, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign agreement with First United Methodist Church for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on April 16 & 17, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLAT: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: Resolution #21-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Ramsdell's 1st Subdivision in NE 1/4 Sec 23-T122N-R64W of 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-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

ORD 099 - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to set public hearing for Ordinance #099, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini Agricultural District: Lots 1-3 Hoffman First Consolidation; Lot 3 Dewalds Outlot C; Lot 38A Dewalds Outlot C; all in the E 1/2 of Sec 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (West Shore Drive), to be held in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 a.m. on April 12, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VACATE PLAT - SET HEARING: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to set hearing date to consider petition to vacate the following plat: Lots 1 and 2 of Nehls Subdivision in the SW 1/4 of Sec 28-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (40202 and 40208 129th Street), to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota at 8:50 A.M. on April 12, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2015 FINANCIAL REPORTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to accept the 2015 Financial Reports as presented



SEAS Youth present Stations of the Cross

The youth of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton, presented the Stations of the Cross Wednesday evening at the church. Maggie Simon and Carol and Steve Smith directed the program. According to Maggie Simon, they started practicing February 17th and she said, "It was hard work, but a rewarding experience!"

Father Mike Kelly acknowledged that the event helped bring people of all faiths together to a singular event. It was, indeed, a moving experience as the cross hit the floor with a loud noise when Jesus was unable to carry it, the jeers from the people and authority of the roman soliders. Luke Thorson read the narraitve and Emily Locke read the prayer with each station. There was the singing of "Were you there when they crucified my Lord," by the youth and there was other music as well.

Pictured above are: on the cross: Korbin Blackmun, back row left to right: Hannah Lewandowski, Ashley Flihs, Landon Marzahn, Garret Schroeder, Joe Groeblichhoff, Shane Simon, Wyatt Locke, Luke Thorson, Sean Schuring. Middle row left to right: Erika Herr, AnnMarie Smith, Alexis Simon, Emily Thompson, Shyla Larson, Jackson Oliver. Front row: Nicole Marzahn, Emily Locke, Jessica Bjerke, Maggie Simon, Erin smith, Steve Smith.

March 22, 2016 and approve not preparing the optional M, D & A (Manager's Discussion and Analysis) supplement to the report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABERDEEN KARTING LEASE OPTION RENEWAL ADDENDUM: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve addendum for second three-year renewal option (January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018), submitted by Aberdeen Karting Club for lease of county property at the Fairgrounds (approximately one acre) for purpose of go-kart racing activities. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BOARD AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair to sign agreement with Spink County, whereby the Spink County Developmental Disability Board will provide services to Brown County residents; and further Brown County will reimburse Spink County for all reasonable costs incurred by the Spink County Developmental Disability Board when handling matters involving Brown County residents. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SVAWA GRANT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Memorandum of Commitment for Coordinated Response Team as part of the Stop Violence Against Women Act Grant Program. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - GRAVEL MATERIAL: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing Gravel Material. Bids were received from Hanlon Brothers, Behnke Sand & Gravel, HF Jacobs & Son Construction, Lien Transportation, Dennis Durheim. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to refer all bids on Gravel Material to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix. Bids were received from Aberdeen Asphalt and Lien Transportation. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to refer all bids on Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix (Hot Mix) to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for furnishing Full/Bare Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for year 2016. Bids were received from Aberdeen Asphalt; Butler Machinery; Loiseau Construction; Kevin Bourdon Trucking; Hanlon Brothers; Holloway Construction; HF Jacobs & Son Construction; Lien Transportation; RDO Equipment; B & B Contracting; Webster Scale. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to refer all bids on Rental of Equipment to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for tabulation and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ROAD OIL BID: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for furnishing and delivery (F.O.B. freight pre-paid) of Asphalt Road Oil on all transport deliveries to project sites within Brown County. No bids were received.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following applications, submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of the following for installation of electrical wires: BC Hwy #21 - Sec 8-T122N-R63W; Sec 9 & 8-T122N-R63W; Sec 9-T122N-R63W; Sec 15-T122N-R63W; Sec 11-T122N-R63W; Sec 11-T122N-R62; Sec 4-T122-R62; Sec 5-T122N-R62W; BC Hwy #16 - Sec 8-T122N-R62W; BC Hwy #23 - Sec 33-T122N-R61W; BC Hwy #8 - Sec 33-T122N-R61W. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL SPRING RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP: Moved by Hansen,

seconded by Fjeldheim to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Spring Residential Cleanup at the Brown County Landfill, to be held from April 29 thru May 14, 2016. Tires are limited to car/pickup tires only with a maximum of 4 tires per customer for event period. Fees will apply to commercially generated tires and other tire sizes. No free waste will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (including mobile homes). In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission would reserve the right to end the free cleanup period at such time and implement the regular fee structure. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL ELM LAKE CONTAINER SITE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve moving the existing container site at Elm Lake at approximate cost of \$12,300.00 for material and labor for chain link fence (all site preparation costs to be covered by the Elm Lake Association). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

POLICY MANUAL ADDITION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve Policy K - Investigative Services Request guidelines. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: The Commission requested Judy Dosch, Maintenance Supervisor coordinate with other department personnel to establish a committee to review security risks in the Courthouse complex.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter, Maxine Fischer and Sara Swisher 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.

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

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Chipmunks 19, Coyotes 16, Shih Tzus 14, Jackelopes 14, Pocket Gophers 13, Foxes 8

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 255, 212, 197, Justin Kasperson 209, Steve Giedt 197

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 176, 169, Angie Carlson 172, Lori Giedt 155, Darci Spanier 155

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 664, Justin Kasperson 569, Steve Giedt 507

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 480, Lori Giedt 435, Darci Spanier 428

**Groton School
March 14, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2016

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Official Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under New Business Item #8a – approve open enrollment, under New Business Item #8b – approve event pass donations and under New Business Item #8c – authorize SDHSAA membership. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop agenda items, District regular minutes of February 8 and 22, bills, financial reports, agency reports, school lunch reports and transportation reports. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 170,204.29; FIT – 18,534.14; Medicare – 6,434.72; FICA – 27,513.88; American Funds – 702.40; Washington National – 98.40; SD Retirement – 27,328.78; First National Bank-HSAs – 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 – 830.80; Wellmark – 55,847.00; Reliastar Life – 538.90; A&B Business – supplies, 62.60; Agency Fund – advance pays, 14,224.59; Bahr's Jungle Lanes – supplies, 59.05; M. Blumhardt – refund, 60.00; Brookings School – expenses, 59.97; Carquest – supplies, 81.83; City of Groton – utilities, 13,786.62; Cole Papers – supplies, 2477.50; Comfort Inn – rooms, 225.98; Dakota Supply – supplies, 675.59; D. Dargatz – meals, 11.00; Days Inn – rooms, 182.00; Dependable Sanitation – services, 1,238.00; DSS Image Apparel – shirts, 165.20; Engel Music – supplies, 38.89; A. Fordham – services, 300.00; Full Circle Ag – gas, 247.95; G&K – services, 430.06; Geffdog – clothing, 1,953.45; GASD – supplies, 161.66; Groton Chiropractic – fees, 190.00; K. Hanson – supplies, 87.20; Hilliard – supplies, 1,003.96; House of Glass – keys, 10.40; J. Hughes – supplies, 96.99; JW Pepper – music, 630.21; James Valley Teleco. – services, 825.82; J. Lier – refund, 50.00; Locke Electric – services, 2,431.18; Lori's – supplies, 34.95; McGannon Plumbing – services, 374.58; Menards – knobs, 17.88; Mid-American Research – supplies, 1,218.60; North Central SpEd Coop – fees, 3,000.00; Northwestern Energy – natural gas, 4,206.79; QQP/MidStates – paper, 20.00; Riley Bus Service – charter, 1,596.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 31.43; SD Federal Property – supplies, 80.00; SDECE – fees, 195.00; SDIAAA – fees, 140.00; Sewer Saver – services, 127.20; S. Sippel – expenses, 485.78; Stan Houston – switch, 44.88; Supreme School Supply – receipts, 95.17; Taylor Music – services/supplies, 124.03; Tresona Multimedia – fees, 1,410.00; Twin Valley Tire – services, 1,323.91; University of Oregon – assess-

ments, 282.00; J. Voss – services, 200.00; X-Grain Sportswear – clothing, 2,275.00. Total General Fund - \$375,367.65.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Acme Tools – tools, 624.89; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 256.30; Connecting Point – laptop carts, 7,580.00; Hauff Mid-America – record board, 1,260.00; House of Glass – part, 46.32; S&S Lumber – water heater, 499.99; Taylor Music – horn case, 95.00; Uniform Warehouse – custodial shirts, 124.95. Total Capital Outlay - \$10,487.45.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 26,978.52; FIT – 2,501.04; Medicare – 1,018.82; FICA – 4,356.20; SD Retirement – 4,450.18; Waddell & Reed – 250.00; AFLAC – 409.66; Delta Dental – 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement – 200.00; Wellmark BCBS – 11,666.00; Reliastar Life – 207.26; Agency Fund – adv pmt, 124.66; Avera St. Luke's – services, 8,457.60; North Central Special Ed Coop – assessments, 25,665.00; Patron – mileage, 564.48. Total Special Ed - \$87,694.64.

BOND REDEMPTION: First National Bank – agent fee, 300.00.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service – Net Salary – 7,455.41; FIT – 425.95; Medicare – 257.72; FICA – 1,101.82; SD Retirement – 649.00; AFLAC – 54.22; Wellmark BCBS – 1,372.00; Reliastar Life – 1.30; Agency Fund – adv pmt, 107.31; Cole Papers – supply, 44.33; CWD – food/suppl, 2,013.70; Dean Foods – dairy products, 1,543.21; Earthgrains – bakery products, 346.60; G&K Services – linen services, 260.52; Groton Area School Dist – acct tfrs, 13.30; Reinhart – food, 2,518.13; SDDOE-CANS – processed commodities, 189.41; Sysco – food/suppl, 563.25; US Foods – food/suppl, 3,180.52. Total Food Service – 22,097.70. OST – Net Salary – 1,526.92; FIT – 52.71; Medicare – 52.06; Social Security – 222.60; SD Retirement – 156.48; AFLAC – 135.98; Wellmark BCBS – 604.00; Reliastar Life – .65; Agency Fund – adv pmts, supplies, 291.37; Menards – supplies, 10.81. Total OST – \$3,053.58. Total Enterprise Funds - \$25,151.28.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$32,623.38. RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 79,576.87; Other Local Sources – 103,853.09; County Sources – 4,076.03; State Sources – 44,363.87; Federal Sources – 51,247.07. Total Receipts - \$283,116.93.

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

There were no committee reports given.

The board discussed Doney Field signage on the football field. The football field was named after former 1930's football coach Perry Doney. Various locations for signage were discussed. An ad will be placed in the local newspapers asking for donations.

The following topics were addressed in administrative reports: legislative session update, taxation equalization board, long-range facilities planning sessions, Emergency Management Exercises, North Central Special Education Coop reorganization structure, school calendar make-up days, collective bargaining seminars, senior privileges, Teachscape, SBAC Testing, Science Testing, OST update, Family Math Night, one-half natural gas contract locked

in at 11% decrease compared to last year, postemployment benefits plan document and bond refinance document.

Superintendent J. Schwan gave a power point presentation projecting impact of the new education funding formula on Groton Area School District.

Moved by Nelson, second Weismantel to approve returned, signed 2016-17 Teaching Contracts. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Rix to approve bid specs for 2016 lawn tractor/mower and set bid opening for 2:00 pm, April 11th. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to set summer 2016 Driver's Education tuition at \$250. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel approve summer 2016 Driver's Education Employment Agreement with Shaun Wanner for an additional \$1 per hour for driving time and an additional \$50 for classroom instruction. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Department of Health Food Service Inspection of the High School facility conducted on February 17th.

Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to approve resignation of Joel Guthmiller as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for 2016-17, pending a suitable replacement. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to change start time of the March 29th school board meeting from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm to hold a facilities planning session with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Nelson to approve open enrollment #16-17 for a child in grade 7 from the Northwestern Area School District. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to authorize Business Manager Weber to issue two 2016-17 athletic event 10-punch passes and two 2016-17 athletic event annual passes to the Groton Fire Department for the purpose of their silent auction fundraiser. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to authorize membership in the SDHSAA for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 8:50 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

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

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

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**Brown County
Hearing Notice
to Vacate Plat**

HEARING NOTICE TO VACATE PLAT Notice is hereby given by the Brown County Commission of a hearing to receive testimony pertaining to a petition to vacate plat, described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2 of Nehls Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Sec 28-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (40202 and 40208 129th Street)

Said hearing shall be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota at 8:50 a.m. April 12, 2016. At said hearing the Board shall consider a resolution to accept or reject

the petition to vacate. Any person unable to attend the hearing may submit written testimony to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
Hoffman Rezoning
Hearing Notice**

NOTICE Application has been made by Greg Hoffman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 12, 2016 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): Lots 1-3 Hoffman First Consolidation Addition; Lot 3 Dewalds Outlot C; Lot 38A Dewalds Outlot C; all in the E ½ of Sec 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (West Shore Drive)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 099.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Groton School
March 29, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
March 29, 2016

President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business #1a – approve resignation from Dana Dargatz. Motion carried.

Representatives from Fosters, Jacobs and Johnson, Inc presented their report on education adequacy, demographics and values definition. No action was taken.

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 presentations from 4th and 5th grade teachers Joel Guthmiller, Susan Fjeldheim, Janel Lone and Shelby Hendrickson.

No committee reports were given.

Items discussed in Administrative Reports were: health insurance rate increase meeting, coaching openings, kitchen

plumbing update, Doney Field sign, Junior High Track for 6th grade, SBAC testing, Dakota Step Science, DIBELS, Track and Field Day, Kindergarten visitation, OST update, Math Curriculum Training, Driver's Education, Prom, NEAP meeting, State Student Council Convention, State Principal's Convention and FY '15 audit report,

Moved by Nelson, second Rix to approve resignation from Greg Kjellsen as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year, pending a suitable replacement. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve resignation from Dana Dargatz as Head Wrestling Coach for the 2016-17 school year, pending a suitable replacement. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Nelson to approve resignation from Robin Meyer as part-time Custodian. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schwan reviewed the SD Department of Health Food Service inspection of the Elementary facility on March 21. The facility scored 100 out of 100 possible points.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 7:35 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 7:45 pm. Moved by Harder, second Larson to issue a 2016-17 teaching contract to Sarah Honerman with return date of April 8, 2016. Motion carried.

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

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

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**Brown County
County Equalization
Meeting Notice**

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a County Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-25) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 12th day of April, 2016, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2016.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 5, 2016.

Maxine Fischer, County Auditor, Brown County, SD

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**Brown County
Consolidated**

Equalization Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that members of the Board of County Commission, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School Board, sitting as a Consolidated Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-66) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 12th day of April, 2016, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2016.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 5, 2016.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor, Brown County, SD.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016

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**Groton School
Notice of
Election**

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 A School District Election will be held on April 12, 2016, in all the voting precincts in Groton Area School District No. 06-6. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central standard time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following offices will be voted upon:

Three, 3-year terms for school board member between:

Merle Harder
Corey Mitchell
Clint Fjelstad
Deborah Gengerke
The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:
Andover Area Precinct #1, (which includes Andover Town, Andover Township and Farmington Township) – Andover Senior Center.

Bristol Area Precinct #2, (which includes Bristol Town, Butler Town, Lily Town, Bristol Township, Butler Township, Kidder Township, Lynn Township, Oak Gulch Township, Scotland Township, Troy Township, Union Township, Valley Township and York Township as well as Clark County residents in Warren Township) – Bristol Community Center.

Columbia Area Precinct #3, (which includes the City of Columbia, Brainard Township #7, Shelby Township #8, Cambria Township #15, and Garland Township #46,) – Columbia Community Center

Groton Area Precinct #4, (which includes the City of Groton, Wards 1, 2, & 3, and Claremont Township #10, Riverside Township #16, Groton Township #17, Henry Township #18, Bath Township #19, Gem Township #24, East Hanson Township #25, Garden Prairie Township #26 East Rondell Township #27, Bates Township #44, Putney Township #48, and West Hanson Township #49 as well as Spink County residents in Beotia Township, Conde Township and Olean Township) – Groton Community Center.

Voters with disabilities may contact the business official for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District (0330.0406)

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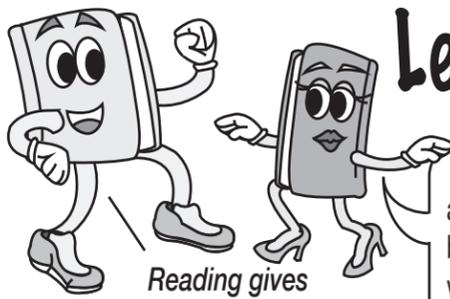
MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6									
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending February 29, 2016									
	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for 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	2,354,741.69	0.00	543,978.92	321,941.79	99,374.41	106,693.70	206,192.49	423,982.75	4,056,905.75
4. Total accounted for	3,922,285.49	32,052.21	1,258,543.56	531,963.27	99,374.41	253,949.69	271,628.15	633,025.04	7,002,821.82
5. Transfers out									
6. Expenditures to date	2,521,777.61	0.00	780,683.03	395,579.97	0.00	209,520.82	200,089.78	446,917.35	4,554,568.56
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	2,521,777.61	0.00	780,683.03	395,579.97	0.00	209,520.82	200,089.78	446,917.35	4,554,568.56
7. Ending Balance	1,400,507.88	32,052.21	477,860.53	136,383.30	99,374.41	44,428.87	71,538.37	186,107.69	2,448,253.26
a. cash	1,400,307.88	32,052.21	477,860.53	136,383.30	99,374.41	44,428.87	71,538.37	186,107.69	2,448,053.26
b. cash transferred	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
February Receipts	151,730.41	0.00	25,161.54	15,852.01	3,874.16	2,795.09	32,316.64	51,387.08	283,116.93
February Expenses	374,773.40	0.00	64,052.17	60,576.78	0.00	8,907.07	28,850.78	32,623.38	569,783.58
Agency Checking	186,107.69								
District Checking	2,261,945.57								
Certificate of Deposit	0.00								
District Cash on Hand	200.00								
Total for District	2,448,253.26								

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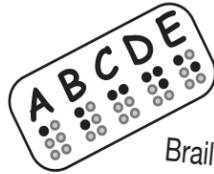
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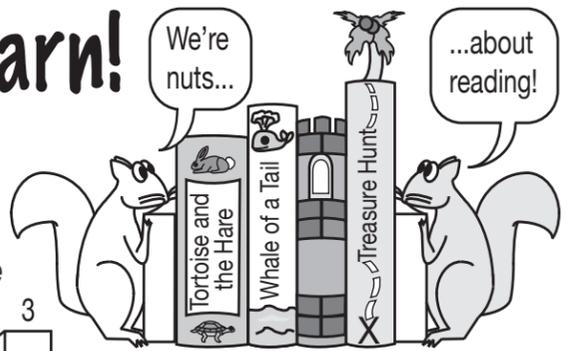
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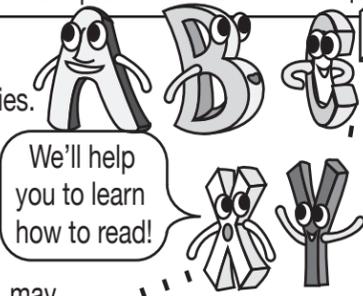


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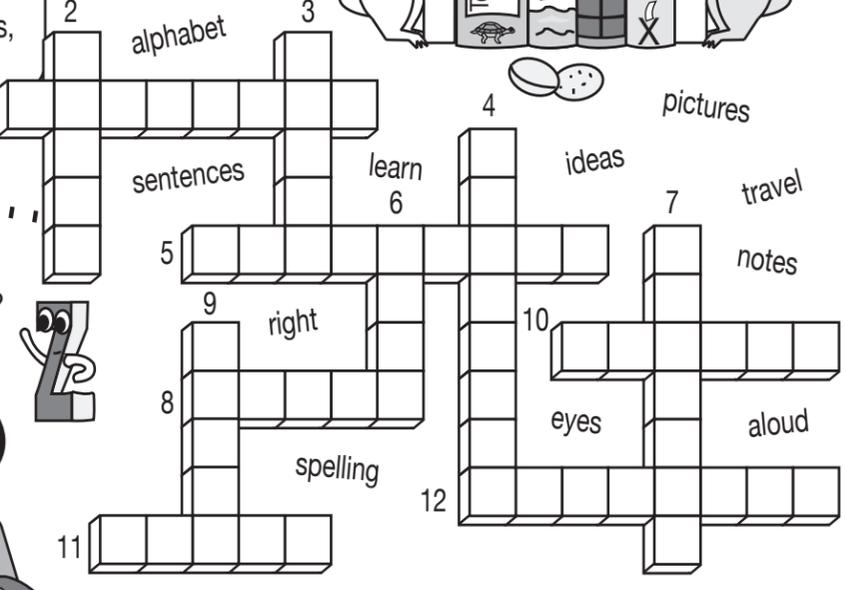
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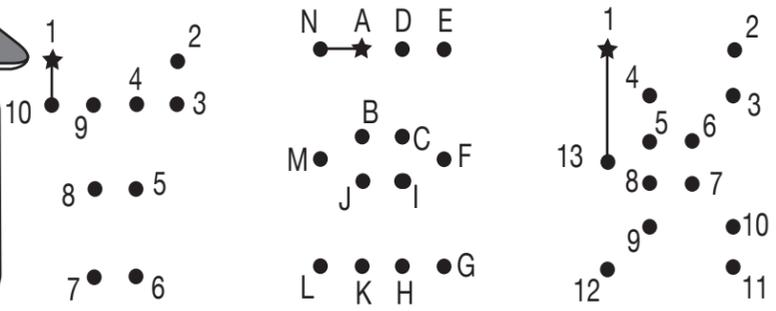


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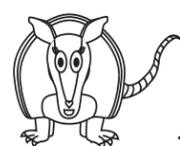
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Read Right! Read Left!

We read English words and sentences from left to right. The languages of Arabic and Hebrew are read from right to left.

Here are some fun English words that can be read in both directions and still have meaning for us. Study the words and fill in the vowels that make sense:



CAN YOU READ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT?

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1. k _ _ p = p _ _ k

2. st _ p = p _ ts

3. p _ ls = sl _ p

4. t _ p = p _ t

5. st _ r = r _ ts

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Books!

7. n _ w = w _ n

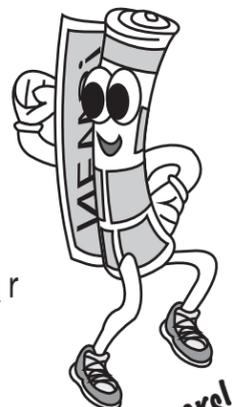
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9. s _ w = w _ s

10. r _ _ d = d _ _ r

11. b _ t = t _ b

12. m _ _ d = d _ _ m



Newspapers!

Community Calendar

GROTON VET CLINIC
1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397-8145



1:30pm: St. John's Nursery Circle
2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

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Friday, April 8
State Student Congress in Pierre

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Pizza, green peas, romaine lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Amanda Wheeler, Julia Grenz, Lori Gelhaus, Mitch Hanson, Tammy Erickson

9:00am: Robotics competition at Council Bluffs, IA

4:00pm: Track at Oakes

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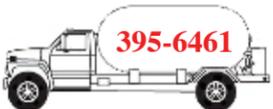
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Ladies Aid (LWML)

3:45pm: St. John's Confirmation
5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Con-

firmation

Saturday, April 9

Show Choir at O'Gorman High School

Birthdays: Becca Monson, Carla Smith, Dale Grenz, Debora Tietz, Lance Larsen, Melissa Connolly, Roxie Merkel,

Thursday, March 31

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

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, romaine lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, broccoli, bread sticks, sour cream apple pie square

Birthdays: Abby Cutler, Aiden Strom, Barb Waage, Brett Sombke, Caralee Heitmann, Megan Cutler, Rick Carlson, Renee Hanlon

Monday, April 4

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

School Lunch: Pizza cruncher, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert, French bread.

Birthdays: David Krueger, Desiree Morehouse, Mitchell Madsen, Sandy Strom

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Thursday, April 7

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken patty, tater tots, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Scott & Mary Fordham

Birthdays: Reilly Ell, Shelly Lerew, Steve Gibbs, Cody Becker

9:00am: Robotics competition at Council Bluffs, IA

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Friday, April 1

FFA Little I in Brookings

Student Congress at Brookings

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

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, smile potato, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Cody Hanson, Jake McKiver, Melanie Rossow

Tuesday, April 5

School Breakfast: Egg omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarines, potato chips, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Toby Carda
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

Saturday, April 2

State DI Competition in Mitchell

Birthdays: Doug Doeden, Vera Musil, Randy Jaeschke

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

Wednesday, April 6

School Lunch: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, mixed vegetable, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: BBQ Chicken, rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, Strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Cheryl Tullis, Walker Cutler, Josh Heupel, Courtney Kurtz

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran

Sunday, April 3

Birthdays: Adlyn Larsen, Haley Unzen, Marc Johnson, Randy Jaeschke, Sue Stanley

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

9:00am: St. John's 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 and Baptismal Milestones

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

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BRIDAL SHOWER

Come and go bridal shower for Sarah Geary, bride-to-be of Sam Thorson, Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and at Target.

EMPLOYMENT

City of Columbia has opening for city finance officer and city maintenance worker. Call at 396-2655 apply before April 4th application deadline.

Putney Putovers 4-H Secretary's Report (March 7th, 2016)

The Putney Putovers 4-H club met March 7th, 2016 at the Groton Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Carly Wheeting. The flag pledges were led by: US: Braden Althoff State: Cole Simon 4-H: Carly Wheeting. Roll call was completed with the topic "Favorite Sports Team". The Secretary's Report was read by Hailey Monson; it was approved by Alexis Hanten and seconded by Dylan Krueger. Treasure's Report was read by Lucas Simon; it was approved by Jillian Hughes and seconded by Hannah Monson. There were no bills. Community service was reported by Alexis Hanten and Hailey Monson, who gave out valentines at the Golden Living Center. Carly Wheeting worked at the concession stands, Jillian Hughes helped clean up at DI, and the following served at church: Lucas Simon, Dylan Krueger, Aspen Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Caleb Hanten, Hailey Monson and Hannah Monson.

There was no old business. In new business, several items from the 4-H Newshound were discussed. Members are encouraged to update emails with the Brown County 4-H Office. There will be a 4-H Foundation Phonathon coming up April 3rd and 4th, and members are encouraged to volunteer. Those interested in

dog projects will have some opportunities coming up in both Warner and Redfield. Important dates coming up include: Special Foods Contest-June 23rd, Fashion Review-July 14th, 4-H Public Presentation-March 28th and July 12th, Market Beef papers are due March 31st and other livestock forms are due May 31st. 4-Hers with livestock are encouraged to check the Newshound for many important dates coming up. Fruit is to be delivered March 15th; parent volunteers will assist with organizing boxes with sellers. Judging opportunities are coming up including the local FFA/4-H Judging Contest on March 19th in Groton, as well as the Little International exposition, which will be held on April 1st and 2nd at SDSU in Brookings.

The next meeting will be April 4th at the Simon's house at 6:00 P.M. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lucas Simon and seconded by Ashley Johnson. There were no talks or demonstrations at this meeting. The meeting was adjourned by President Carly Wheeting, and snacks were provided by Ashley and Aspen Johnson.

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

Blood Drive set for April 12

Blood drive April 12th from 11:30am to 6pm at the Groton Legion. Call for an appointment Carol Osterman at 397-8498 or June Ackman at 397-8369

Putney Putovers 4-H Secretary's Report (February 20th, 2016)

The Putney Putovers 4-H club met February 20th, 2016 at the Odd Ice Arena for their winter ice skating party. Thirteen members were present for the party. The most recent Newshound was handed out and reviewed, which included a review of the important dates coming up. The next 4-H meeting is planned for March 7th at the Groton Community Center. Hostesses will be Ashley and Aspen Johnson.

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

Service Notice: Thelma Rossow

Services for Thelma Rossow, 97, of Henderson, Nevada and formerly of Groton will be 11 a.m., Monday, April 4, 2016 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Rev. Bill Duncan will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services on Monday.

Thelma died Monday, March 28, 2016 at her home in Henderson.

Friendly Fellows/ Daisies 4-H

The Friendly Fellows/ Daisies 4-H club met on March 6th, 2016 at the Claremont Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Trey Wright. The American pledge was led by Tucker Miller and the 4-H pledge was led by Nicole Marzahn. 18 members answered roll call which was "name a brand of clothing". There were no communications. The Treasurer and Secretaries Reports were approved as given. Old Business was the Ski trip to Andes Tower Hills was recapped and the Fundraisers success was discussed. Leader Mike Frey discussed numerous activities in the Newshound and 4-H Curriculum Books were talked about. The meeting was adjourned by Braden Boe and 2nd by Landon Marzahn. Andrew Marzahn gave a illustrated talk on Archery and Logan Warrington gave a illustrated talk on First Aid Kits. Lunch was served by Hannah, Mallory and Tucker Miller

Submitted by

Colin Frey

Club Reporter

Groton Lions Club gives out \$4,500 in scholarships

Lee Schinkel, chairman of the Groton Lions Club scholarship committee, announced that the committee has selected nine high school seniors to each receive a \$500 college scholarship, from the Groton Lions Club. Winners to be announced later.

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