



## GDI Christmas Lighting Contest



A tie for first between Rick and Sherry Koehler at at 801 N. 3rd St (above) and Paul and Tina Kosel at 110 N Washington St (below)



Third place was awarded to Terry and Kristin Kenny at 610 N Main St.



Fourth Place was awarded to Bob and Shirlee Meister at 610 N. 3rd St.



Well, we had not heard anything from the city about the Christmas Lighting Contest. They always put an ad in the paper indicating the night the town will be judged and line up the transit bus so people can ride around town to see the lights. Even though the council gave the okay for a Christmas Lighting Contest, nothing was, that we know of, was done. (We found out Wednesday morning that the city was having their contest for Wednesday night, so we'll see how they compare with our results!) And we hated to have our first Christmas paper

since 1986 go without lighting winners.

So after the game on Tuesday, I took my two girls around town to judge the lights. We took pictures of a number of places and then came home to judge the homes. Julianna and Jeslyn easily agreed on third, fourth and fifth place, but first and second place proved to be very challenging. It took over half an hour to come up with a consensus - a tie!

We had the pictures of the two homes side by side on the computer so they could look at them. I was not going to get into the mix of things to break a tie. I wanted them to feel free to make a decision on their own. So they ended up splitting and thus, we have a tie.

Both girls said it was very stressful trying to come up with a decision. I really didn't want our house in the mix since our girls were doing the judging, but they insisted. It was a good experience for both of them.

And to the many other homes in town who decorated outside, you did great. It's nice to see so much diversity around Groton.

And prizes - well, since the GDI is sponsoring this contest, we'll get trophies for the winners and something else as well.

**Fifth Place was awarded to Alan and Barbara Bell at 1104 N. 4th St. (Photo is next page)**

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Christmas Eve: 5 p.m.  
Christmas Day: 9 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Christmas Eve: 6:30 p.m. service  
Christmas Day: 11 a.m. service

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Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Groton, 6 p.m. at St. Joseph in Turton  
Christmas Day: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony in Bristol

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**Friends . . .  
 Near and Far**

*Editor's Note: This is the 41st in a series featuring your friends, near and far.*

**Gatlin Johnson**

**Jobwise what are you doing today?** Today, I'm a freelance writer. I help businesses tell their customers who they are, what they do, and how they help their customers while showing what their values are. This allows businesses to develop deeper relationships with their audiences. I help businesses discover what difference they can make for those around them.

**How long have you been working at the current job? How did you get your current job?** I've been operating this busi-

ness since May of 2016. I formed this job by continually being curious about how things work. One of my majors in college was Marketing, and I knew I wanted to have a job in that field. Starting my own business gives me the flexibility I want me to get to know my clients better help them craft their stories.

**If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.** My employment history started at the Tigers Den on Main Street in Groton, working for Christie Swenson. (2008-2009)

I held several jobs in retail stores in Aberdeen during high school and my first couple years at Northern State University. I worked at Menards, Office Max, and Dunham's Sports. (April 2010-May 2012)

I was fortunate enough my third year in college to have two very interesting jobs. I was an intern in Senator Tim Johnson's office in Aberdeen during the summer of 2012.

That fall I worked as a technology fellow fixing student and staff computers at Northern State University. (August 2012-December 2014)

After graduation, I worked tech support for Northern Valley Communications. (August 2014-February 2015)

Lastly, I had the honor of helping the educators of the Aberdeen School District as a tech support specialist. (February 2015-April 2016)

**What year did you graduate from high school and name of high school?** Groton Area High School Class of 2010

**Where did you attend college and what was your degree?** Northern State University; Marketing and Political Science

**What advice would you give the high school students today?** Do more things that make YOU great, don't worry about how others look at it, and lead by example.

**List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life.**

Graduating high school and college with honors.

Having so many great relationships with friends and family.

Helping others when I can.

Starting a scholarship in memory of my grandpa for seniors at Groton Area High School.

Starting my business and doing what I'm passionate about and learning new things every day.

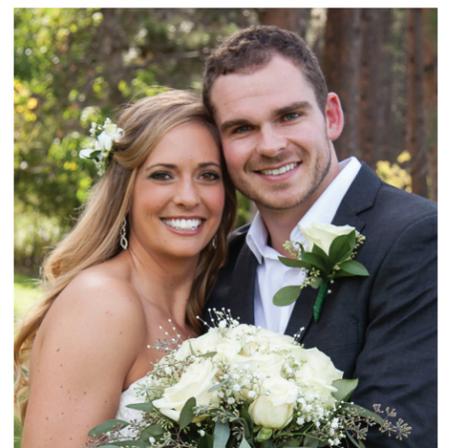
**Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life?** I think the greatest thing my education has given me is perspective. It's shown me that there are always different things to learn about and everything is something that can and should be explored if it interests you. So, yes I do believe I've been very well equipped for post education life.



From left to right are his parents, Arlyn and Christy Johnson, Gatlin, my sister Carly Johnson and his soon-to-be brother-in-law Brandon Bierman

**Remington, Vale married**

Hannah Remington, daughter of Larry and Glenna (Geary) Remington of Groton and granddaughter of the late Dolores Geary, Conde, was married to Simon Vale of Palmerston North, New Zealand, Sept. 10, 2016. Hannah and Simon were married in an outdoor ceremony at Chapel Hills Rapid City, SD and their reception was at Canyon Lake Park. As part of the wedding were some family, bridesmaids- Christy Remington and Jessica Remington, sister in laws of Hannah, and all of the grandchildren, Wyatt and Maela Remington, children of Philip and Jessica Remington from Hutchinson, Mn. and Jemma and Jaxon Remington, children of Ryan and Christy Remington of Rapid City. Hannah and Simon are



making their home in Palmerston North, New Zealand. Simon just completed his Doctorate in Geography in Sept. and is currently working as a geomorphology and earth scientist in a government environmental research organization at Massey University in New Zealand. Hannah and Simon Vale also had a wedding reception in New Zealand after their honeymoon.



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

**How should I pray for you?**

Early October, my belly started aching. Over a week, with good local care and after extensive testing, the diagnosis of cancer of the bile duct and pancreas came down upon me.

A large team of multi-specialists met to discuss my options. They think I might have a chance at a surgical cure, but have recommended pre-surgery chemo-therapy, which has been started. When they go in surgically to remove the tumor, we will learn if it has spread or not.

So I am facing a formidable challenge, and as an experienced Internist, I probably understand this process more than almost anyone. I should add here that I have explored every option, including the Mayo and elsewhere, nutritional alternatives, everything. I am very comfortable with my recognized and experienced surgeon in Sioux Falls and his partner the oncologist. I also realize there is a significant chance that the tumor has spread, and long-term chemo may be my option.

A dear psychologist-minister friend from afar wrote and asked how my soul is with all this, and how should he pray for us. My answer was as follows:

"Dear Steve,

I was 16 when I faced the sudden accidental death of my older sister. Add to that, I've been a geriatrician for 38 years and hospice director for more than 20, so you know I've been living with the reality of my own death for a long time. My faith surrounds and envelops me. I'm okay with dying. I am trying to put it off as long as I can, but I'm okay if it happens sooner.

I have had an absolutely great life, loved and played with gusto, gathered all the fun I could have at every juncture. I have done my level best to help people with the tools of

my profession, and I even know that some days I made a difference. I've tried to be 100% honest at every turn. I'm surrounded by a wonderful spouse, and honest, creative kids. I'm writing a book about health care at end-of-life. Our multi-faith choir sings hymns every week to people in need. All of that helps. Maybe I'm naive, but I sense my soul is content and even joyful.

If I die from pancreatic cancer at 67 or 68, my family will suffer some, but I know that in the long run, they will celebrate my life, and I would encourage that. My tombstone will allude to my oft' repeated comment as we sail, even when there is no wind... "We're not dead in the water." My tombstone shall read, "Finally, dead in the

water." I love it—humor even unto death.

So, you asked how I want you to pray? I would ask you pray that all of us see and accept our own dying process. Pray that we learn to savor every moment, every friend, and every grandeur/smudge/scent/or splash of the world around us. And pray that we find a way to open our hearts to others, walk in another's moccasins, and find compassion, even for our enemies."

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## Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Jackelopes 18, Shih Tzus 15, Chipmunks 14, Cheetahs 14, Foxes 13, Coyotes 10

**Men's High Games:** John Sippel 230, 202, Brad Waage 223, 204, Ron Belden 212, Brad Larson 210, Doug Jorgensen 200

**Women's High Games:** Dar Larson 171, Sue Stanley 169, Brenda Waage 166

**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 609, John Sippel 601, Mike Siegler 518

**Women's High Series:** Dar Larson 457, Vicki Walter 440, Sue Stanley 429

## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings lost to the Indianapolis Colts, 34-6. If you were one of the many who turned their televisions off before the game was over, don't worry, you didn't miss anything. After watching the game, I'm not sure if there are strong enough adjectives to properly describe how horribly the Vikings played on Sunday. The Vikings are not technically out of the playoff race, but they are no longer in control of their own destiny. The team will need to win out and have lots of help if they stand a chance of reaching the playoffs.

The Vikings' offense has been inept all season, but it was especially horrific this week. The Colts have one of the worst defenses in the National Football League, but they looked like the '85 Bears on Sunday. The Vikings were unable to move the ball or find the endzone, finishing with 282 total yards and two field goals on the day.

The biggest story of the week was the return of Adrian Peterson. The Vikings only ran the ball nine times, and Peterson got six of those carries for 22 yards. His 3.7 yards per carry is well below his career average (4.9), but significantly better than what he was getting earlier this season (1.6). It was great to see him back on the field, but until the Vikings improve their offensive line the running game will ultimately remain futile.

The Vikings' offense was anemic, but that should be expected at this point. The truly disappointing aspect of the Vikings' beat-down was the defense. The Colts were starting three rookies along their offensive line, yet the Vikings were unable to get any pressure. Andrew Luck dissected the Vikings' secondary, completing 21 of 28 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns. Luck wasn't sacked in the game and was only hit twice.

The player of the game for the Vikings is Kyle Rudolph. The tight end had one of the best games of his career, catching eight passes for a team-high 97 yards. Rudolph's 97 receiving yards are tied for the second-most of his career. Rudolph has been consistent this year, and he is far from a liability on the Vikings' offense. I also want to note the play of Anthony Harris', who was filling in for an injured Harrison Smith. Harris led the team in tackles with 15(!) and had a pass deflection.

The player who needs the most improvement is... everyone? For me, it all starts and ends with the defensive line. Against a porous Colts' offensive line, the Vikings' defensive line failed miserably. Everson Griffen had one tackle. Brian Robison had a tackle and a QB hit. Danielle Hunter had a single tackle. Linval Joseph is the only defensive lineman who made a difference with his 13 tackles, but he also had a personal foul that directly led to a Colts' touchdown when he tried to jump the long-snapper on a Colts' field goal attempt. Anthony Barr, who I've spoken about a lot recently, had another shameful day. Barr finished with one tackle, and was routinely out of position (often due to his own actions).

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to Green Bay to take on the Packers on Saturday (Christmas Eve). The Vikings beat the Packers 17-14 in week 2, and will be looking to sweep their division rivals. The Packers are still in the hunt for the NFC North, and have been looking much better as a team in recent weeks. Unless the Vikings' defense takes a big step forward, this will likely be another blowout.



**This is the 11th year that Tina Kosel has run the Angel Tree in Groton. Pictured are Jeslyn, Tina and Julianna Kosel with some of the Angel Tree presents.**

## Groton Area boys run past Britton-Hecla

The Groton Area boys' basketball team posted a 52-29 Northeast Conference win over Britton-Hecla. The game was played Tuesday in Groton and was broadcast live on GDIL-IVE.COM and Facebook Live. The game was sponsored by James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Groton Ford, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, Doug Abeln Seed Company, Blocker Construction and Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen. Make sure you tell the sponsors "Thank You" and to patronize them as well.

The Tigers jumped out to a 10-0 lead, but the Braves scored 12 straight points to take a 12-10 lead. The game was tied at 10 at the end of the first quarter. Groton then scored 14 straight points to take a 24-12 lead. Groton led 18-12 at halftime and 32-17 at the end of the third quarter.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with four three-pointers and had 16 points, Bennett Shabazz had four three-pointers and had 14 points, Brandon Keith made two three-pointers and had 13 points, Sean Schuring had three points, Anthony Sippel and Frankie Wuestewald had two points each and Peyton Johnson and Luke Thorson each had a free throw.

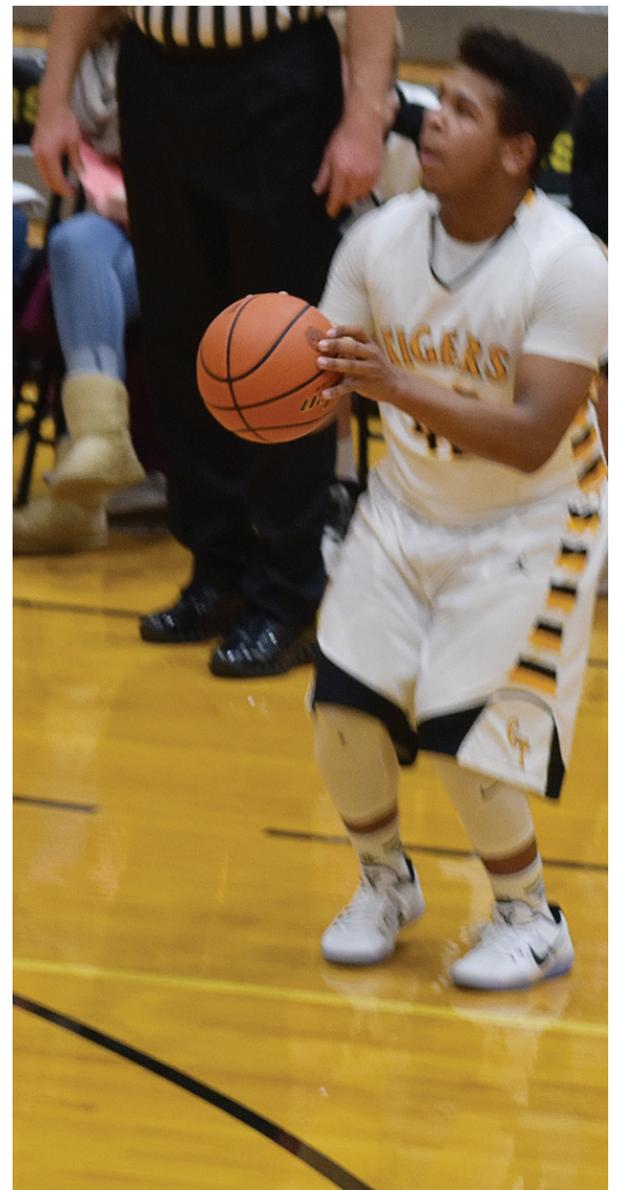
The Braves were led by Tayon Hawkins and Kyler Meyer with eight points each, Stanley Haskins Jr. had five, Skylar MacConnell had four, and Carter Deutsch and Tyler Busch each had two points.

Groton controlled the boards, 41-28, with also accounts for field goal percentage of 37 percent for Groton Area and 28 percent for Britton-Hecla. Groton Area made three of six free throws off of Britton-Hecla's seven team fouls. Britton-Hecla attempted three free throws off of Groton Area's seven team fouls. Groton Area had 16 turnovers, 11 of which were steals with Hawkins and MacConnell each having three. Britton-Hecla had 14 turnovers, 11 of which were steals with Bennett Shabazz having four and Seric Shabazz three. Groton Area had 14 assists with Bennett Shabazz having six. Britton-Hecla had two assists.

Sean Schuring had 11 rebounds for the Tigers and Hawkins had eight for the Braves.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 27-16. Jonny Doeden led the Tigers with nine points followed by Treyton Diegel with eight, Marshall Lane had six, Cade Guthmiller three and Darian Shabazz with one.

Groton Area varsity is now 5-0 on the season and will travel to Webster on January 3,



**Seric Shabazz stands behind the three-point line to make one of his four three-pointers in the Britton-Hecla game on Tuesday.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Brandon Keith sets to make one of his three three-pointers.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Peyton Johnson looks for an open teammate as he was guarded by Skylar MacConnell.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

## Groton Coffee Cup League

**Dec. 19 Team Standings:** James Valley 4, Jungle Lanes 3, Kens 1, Ten Pins 0

**High Games:** Vicki Walter 201, 174, 170; Joyce Walter 177, 175; Vickie Kramp 168

**High Series:** Vicki Walter 545, Joyce Walter 474, Penny Stolle 468

## Conde National League

**Dec. 19 Team Standings:** Pirates 7, raves 6, Cubs 4, Giants 3, Mets 2, Colts 2

**Men's High Games:** Lance Frohling 246, 244, 217; Justin Kesterson 180; Bryce Dagartz 173

**Men's High Series:** Lance Frohling 707, Bryce Dagartz 487, Larry Frohling 480

**Women's High Games:** Kayla Johnson 174; Joyce Walter 173, 172; Mary Larson 164

**Women's High Series:** Joyce Walter 499, Mary Larson 458, Vickie Kramp 441

## Redfield GBB Holiday Classic

The schedule has been released for the girls basketball Holiday Classic in Redfield scheduled for January 7.

Noon: Langford Area vs. Redfield-Doland  
1:30 p.m.: St. Francis Indian vs. Groton ARea

3:00 p.m.: Little Wound vs. Northwestern  
4:30 p.m.: Leola-Frederick vs. Hitchcock-Tulare

6:00 p.m.: Sanborn Central-Woonsocket vs. Warner

## Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Seniors met Nov. 14 for their Thanksgiving dinner. Twenty members and two visitors attended. Two get well cards were signed for Hazel McKittrick and Marian Raines. A thank you from the Redfield family for the memorial given to the Rescue Squad in the death of their mother. Seniors were invited to Bob and Ruth Pray's 70th anniversary Dec. 11. Six Seniors went to the living Christmas tree.

Election of officers: President Ruby Donovan, Vice President Eunice McColister, secretary Elda Stange, treasurer Pat Larson. Cards were played, the winners Whist- Jan Raap, Tony Goldade, Grace Albrecht, Canasta - Beulah Hoops, Marilyn Thrones, Pat Larson, Pinochle-Don Dauwin. Door prizes -Marilyn Thorsen, Pat Larson, Ella Johnson. Dinner was served by volunteers. Dec. 12 Groton Seniors had their potluck Christmas dinner- Twenty two members were present. Bingo was played. Dick Donovan won black out. Cards were played after bingo Door prizes- Ruby Donovan, Lorraine Sippel and Elda Stange.

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 27th day of December 2016, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by William Donaldson, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

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## Brown County Ord. 462 Bachmeier

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 27th day of December 2016, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by Earlene A Bachmeier, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Lots 1 and 2, Bachmeier Family Subdivision in the N ½ of Lot 1 and Lot 2 in the NE ¼ of Sec 5-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (38387 130st Street)

The public is invited to attend

the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-12-02/462 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 6th day of December 2016.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
(1214.1221)

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## Brown County Ord. 463 Weiler

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 27th day of December 2016, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by Edwin Weiler, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Lot 1, Weiler Subdivision in the NE ¼ of Sec 32-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12901 384th Ave and the property adjacent to the west)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-12-03/463 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 6th day of December 2016.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
(1214.1221)

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## Brown County Budget Supplement

NOTICE OF HEARING 2016 BROWN COUNTY BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 27th day of December 2016 beginning at 8:50 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, SD to consider supplementing the 2016 fiscal year budget, as follows:

Brown County Highway Department #201-5.311.425.18 STP Projects @ \$4,699,746.85, to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in Highway Fund #201-1.101.99 (STP Funds); Brown County Highway Department #201-5.311.425.01 Road Repairs @ \$300,000.00, to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in Highway Fund 201-1.101.99. General Fund – Maintenance 101-5.161.425 @ \$120,000.00; Jail 101-5-212-411 @ \$35,000.00, to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in the General Fund #101-5.101.99 @ \$155,000.00. Federal/State Grant Fund #234-5.222.426 (POD) @ \$7,978.29, to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in the Fed/State Grant Fund #234-1.101.99. The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the supplements.

ATTEST:  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
(1214.1221)  
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## Brown County Dec. 13 Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 13, 2016 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Vice Chair Fjeldheim

at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Sutton and Fischbach. Commissioners Hansen and Kippley were absent. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,069.97; Auditor \$7,827.85; Treasurer \$13,283.95; States Attorney \$19,792.04; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,144.81; Assessor \$13,305.68; Register of Deeds \$9,133.35; Veterans Service Office \$4,112.97; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$7,448.98; Human Resources \$3,022.21; Sheriff Admin \$33,182.84; Jail \$47,965.51; JDC \$23,100.34; Welfare Office \$3,585.57; Museum \$7,911.91; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,919.33; Fair Board \$3,522.77; 4-H \$565.92; Weed \$1,538.40; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$44,390.85; Communications \$24,467.48; Emergency Management \$3,885.23; Teen Court \$481.95; 24/7 \$3,042.68; Landfill \$11,778.91.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,228.95; Medicare \$4,263.23. Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$11,192.00; Kristi Brandt \$23.80; Ryan Dell \$423.20; Victor Fischbach \$1,661.00; Michelle Gaikowski \$37.40; Helms & Assoc. \$2,270.90; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$442.50; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; LexisNexis \$10.30; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$281.31; NEMHC \$19,452.00; Rhodes Anderson Insurance \$30.00; Richardson, Wylly, Wise, Sauck \$2,456.40; Rogers Law Office \$671.60; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$602,069.62; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; Jennifer Stoddard \$1,285.24; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$230.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$100.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$7,950.83; Dakota Broadcasting \$222.22; Hub City Radio \$300.00. Rentals: HF Jacobs & Son \$500.00. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$1,497.00; Aberdeen Auto Center \$319.00; Ace Refrigeration \$107.10; Dahme Construction \$1,094.39; Dakota Tree Co. \$1,950.00; Dakota Electronics \$170.95; Dakota Oil \$18.85; DMI \$5,926.47; Farnam's \$180.61; Graham Tire \$3,347.42; Haar Motors \$110.00; Hedahl's \$198.51; HKG Architects \$1,628.70; House of Glass \$882.74; Hoven Auto Repair \$146.00; Interstate Powersystems \$1,458.00; Pierson-Ford \$229.83; PowerPlan \$304.50; Productivity Plus \$148.71; Quality Welding \$645.78; Running's \$582.94; Sheehan Mack \$1,771.32; Chris Stanley \$125.00; Mitch Vilhauer \$2,962.50; Walth Safety Service \$275.00; Joni Wileman \$40.00.

Supplies: A & B Business \$3,830.69; Ameripride \$362.66; Artz Equipment \$229.02; Dyane Bjordal \$25.00; CarQuest \$1,080.66; Cartney Bearing \$234.55; Cash-Wa \$6,265.85; Civic Research Institute \$179.95; Dakota Electronics \$145.24; Dakota Oil \$2,922.57; Dean Foods \$771.15; DMI \$3,286.65; DMP Mercantile \$59.98; DSG \$284.64; DT Pharmacy \$360.00; Earthgrains \$886.50; Hedahl's \$211.18; House of Glass \$36.00; Interstate Battery \$411.85; Jarman's Water Systems \$47.40; Ken's \$48.52; Kessler's \$53.95; Lucy Lewno \$6.46; Marco \$73.17; Menards \$161.60; Midstates Printing \$300.00; NCFE – Warner \$8,619.55; Network Services \$524.72; JoAnn Paulson \$807.50; Pheasantland Industries \$207.09; PowerPlan \$188.34; Productivity Plus \$49.34; Proforma \$597.43; Quality Welding \$1,222.96; Sewing Shoppe \$62.00; Sheehan Mack \$585.60; Taylor Laundry \$127.00; Tractor Supply \$4.99; Wallwork Truck Center \$235.14; Walth Safety Service \$13.75. Travel and Conference: Sarah Hartje \$38.00; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel \$292.34; Sonje Oban \$278.00; Derek Ricci \$323.00. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$327.89; James Valley Telecommunications \$217.10; Northern Electric \$1,474.79; NWPS \$19.14; NVC \$1,141.72; Town of Frederick \$48.00; Web Water \$74.68. Buildings: ITS \$191,440.39. Other: SDACO \$1,088.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes

the following personnel changes:

Approve 2016 salary increase beginning December 18, 2016 (beginning date of first payroll paid in 2017): Authorize a \$50 increase across the board for all county employees with exception for States Attorney's salaries and Fair Manager salary.

The following salaries were approved for States Attorney's: State's Attorney, Chris White, \$79,694.16/yr with pro-ration during the transition change; Chief Deputy, Ryan Vogel, \$66,500/yr.; Deputy States Attorneys; Karly Winter \$60,000/yr, Ernest Thompson \$54,897.52/yr, Jodi Brown \$17,233.84/yr.; Part-time Deputy, Larry Lovrien, \$26,000/yr with pro-ration during the transition. Effective December 18, 2016.

New State's Attorney Deputy as needed, \$17,500 (\$52,500/yr), effective September 1, 2017 Approve salary exception for Fair Board manager Derek Ricci with salary of \$47,476 starting December 18, 2016.

Accept retirement of Register of Deeds Deputy, Jeanette Kline, effective December 30, 2016 and approve request to fill vacancy.

Accept retirement of Director of Equalization, Mary Worlie, effective March 10, 2017 and approve request to fill vacancy.

Approve step increases for Sarah Jesz @ \$19.15/hr. and Charles Gruenstein @ \$17.96/hr. effective December 18th, 2016.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of November 2016: Kendell Titze-114 @ \$61.56, Dirk Rogers – 646 @ \$348.84, Mike Scott- 140 @ \$75.60, Gary Vetter- 113 @ \$61.02. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve contract with NSU Women's Swim Team for Driver Services from 2016 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve the following November 2016 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY SPEEDWAY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve Bullet Sports to a hold special event at the Brown County Fairgrounds Grandstand in July 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

BID – INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHT FIXTURES (STATE'S ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, AND JAIL): Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve Addendum #E-1 to electrical plans and specifications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for labor and material to install county furnished LED Light Fixtures. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to award bid, submitted by Ladner Electric in amount of \$144,375.00 for the installation of LED Light Fixtures in State's Attorney Offices, Sheriff Department, and Jail); rejecting the following: Milliken Electric @ \$146,729.00, Mattern Electric @ \$157,800.00, Swanson Electric @ \$191,711.00 and Muth Electric @ \$500,000.00 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 106 FIRST READING: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve First Reading of Ordinance #106, An Ordinance which corrects the legal description on Ordinance #103, adopted October 25, 2016. The correct legal description is Lot 2, Klipfel Subdivision in the N ½ SE ¼ of Sec 8-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (10858 Ro-Ju-Os Place). Ordinance No. 106 changes R61W to R65W. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 107 – SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising a public hearing and set hearing date for consideration of Ordinance #107, an ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 16, Chapter 16.06, Section 16.06.03 Fair Receipts and repeal and restate Title 16, Chapter 16.03 Brown County Fair Manager, to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota at 8:50 a.m. on January 3rd, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

INDIGENT BURIAL RIGHTS: Michael Carlsen and Andrea Bahr met on behalf of funeral home

owners in Brown County, SD to discuss compensation for reimbursement of indigent burials. A recommendation to increase reimbursement was submitted. No action taken.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION:

Patti Woods, Emergency Management Assistant Director, was congratulated for completing Certified Emergency Manager Advanced training. No action taken.

BOND OF INDEMNITY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve Vice Chair sign Bond of Indemnity. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers (highway superintendent) discussed impact of development along county roads. Tim Selzer with Westport City Council discussed parking issues and proposed signage. Additionally, culvert and ditch drainage was discussed in Westport. No action taken.

FAIR BOARD MEMBERS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to confirm the appointment of the following fair board member to a 3 year term: Greg Markley, Tom Paepke, Ryan Swenson, Janice Miller, Todd Weber. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to appoint the following experienced fair board members: Val Daschle for a 1 year term and Mike Russell for a 3 year term. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to dissolve fair board liaison positions. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session for contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter, and Derek Ricci 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

FAIR DISCUSSION: Derek Ricci, Fair Manager, discussed current fair budget. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:10 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Deputy Brown County Auditor.

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## Brown County Title 16 Heating Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 16

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2017 beginning at 8:50 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, to consider an ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 16, Chapter 16.06, Section 16.06.03 Fair Receipts and repeal and restate Title 16, Chapter 16.03 Brown County Fair Manager, as follows:

**CHAPTER 16.06.03 – FAIR RECEIPTS shall be repealed. CHAPTER 16.03 – BROWN COUNTY FAIR MANAGER shall be repealed and restated, as follows:**

CHAPTER 16.03..... BROWN COUNTY FAIR MANAGER

16.03.01 .General Authority:  
The Brown County Fair Manager is a county employee hired by Brown County Commission to serve as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Brown County Fair during both Fair Week and the Fair Off-season and as the site manager for the Brown County Fair and Fairgrounds during Fair Week.

16.03.02 Specific Responsibilities:

The Fair Manager has the following specific responsibilities:  
To serve as the chief Brown County Fair contact person.

To propose and manage the annual county fair budget.

To initially collect and account for all income generated by the Brown County Fair Program pursuant to policies, practices and procedures set by the Brown County Commission.

To negotiate, or supervise the negotiations, of all county fair contracts related to the operation of the Fair and to submit any

proposed contracts to the County Commission for approval.

To find county fair sponsors willing to donate money, property or services to the fair and to enter into sponsorship agreements, subject to the approval of the Brown County Commission.

To hire and train temporary employees for both office work and for other work during Fair Week.

To recruit, train and manage volunteers working at the Fair during Fair Week.

To increase job knowledge and skills by identifying and completing appropriate continuing education courses and seminars.

To carry out these additional responsibilities and duties:

Marketing  
Grant Writing  
Scheduling of all Fair Events  
Forklift & Safety Training  
Insurance Procedures and Verifications (making sure all events and vendors have proper insurance – listing BCF as an additional insured)

Scouting Artists for Entertainment and Events  
Organization and Management of Vendors

Organization and Management of the Fairgrounds Camping Program.

Organization and Management of Ticket Sales

Public speaking on behalf of the Fair.

Relationship with the Fair Board:

During the fair off-season, the Fair Manager and the Fair Board work together, under the direction of the Fair Manager, to develop rules, regulations and procedures to improve the operation of future fairs, to recruit volunteers, solicit donations, identify and correct past problems and organize and plan the upcoming fair.

During Fair Week, the Fair Manager is the final authority concerning the operation of all aspects of the Brown County Fair and the management of the Brown County Fairgrounds, subject only to review by the Brown County Commission.

During fair week, the members of the Fair Board individually and as a Board, under the direction of the Fair Manager, assist in the operation of fair activities and the management of the fairgrounds.

16.03.04 .Initial Collection of Fair Revenue

Both before and during Fair Week, the Fair Manager will be the county official directly responsible for the initial receiving, collecting, securing and accounting for all receipts, money and other fair program revenue to which the County is entitled.

In carrying out this responsibility, the Fair Manager will:

Follow the policies, practices and procedures set by the Brown County Commission for this purpose.

Can be assisted by his or her office staff, volunteers or county employees.

Will train, supervise and direct all volunteers, employees and staff in the sale of tickets or the generation or collection of other fair revenue.

Will require all volunteers, employees and staff to follow the policies, practices and procedures set by the Brown County Commission.

Will promptly deliver to the Brown County Treasurer all fair program revenue, along with a full accounting of the same, as provided by SDCL 7-27-14, SDCL 7-11-1 and the policies and procedures set by the Brown County Commission.

The Brown County Commission, in cooperation with the Fair Manager, will adopt a set of standard policies, practices and procedures for the purposes identified herein, including how, when and by whom county fair revenues are to be collected, accounted for, transported and secured.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to repeal Title 16, Chapter 16.06, Section 16.06.03 Fair Receipts and repeal and restate Title 16, Chapter 16.03 Brown County Fair Manager. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Brown County Ordinance No. 107

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Deputy Brown County Auditor  
(1221.1228)

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## Frederick School Dec. 12

### Meeting Minutes

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2  
DECEMBER 12, 2016  
The meeting was called to order on December 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. by Eric Sumption. Members present were Jon Ellwein, Dan Nickelson and Alex Hart. Others present were Knute Reiersen, Jessica Ringgenberg, Deb Klapperich and Janel Wagner.  
The meeting began with all

present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sumption called for Conflict of Interest Disclosures. None were acknowledged.

Action 16-69 Motion by Hart second by Ellwein to approve the amended agenda. All aye, carried

Action 16-70 Motion by Nickelson second by Ellwein to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- A. Minutes
  - B. Financial Statements as presented.
  - Bills All aye, carried
- FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL, DECEMBER CLAIMS  
GENERAL FUND: A & B BUSI-

NESS, INC, SUPPLIES, 9.11, BOWER'S TREE SERVICE, FEES, 300.00, BROOKS, RENEE, SUPPLIES, 9.80, COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 411.37, CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 331.81, DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00, DAKOTA OIL, REPAIRS, 77.86, ELLENDALE TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, 23.96, FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 42.62, FOREMAN SALES AND SERVICE, REPAIRS, 58.30, GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 130.06, JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., FEES, 354.68, JOSTENS, SUPPLIES, 215.00, KESSLER'S GROCERY, SUPPLIES, 41.55, LEOLA SCHOOL

	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal	-\$94,686.13	\$874,080.66	\$278,089.26	\$73,837.85
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Taxes	\$216,029.77	\$246,543.81	\$115,793.17	\$24,654.45
Local Sources	\$972.00			
Interest	\$55.36			
Federal & State	\$79,837.40		\$31.00	
Investments	\$837,160.84	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$158,936.99	\$9,927.85	\$19,912.12	
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$880,432.25</b>	<b>\$1,151,126.02</b>	<b>\$630,176.36</b>	<b>\$143,681.53</b>
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$87,649.91	\$275.09	\$2,365.88	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$4,985.89	\$0.00	\$7,783.42	
Disbursements	\$8,745.88	\$0.00	\$9,014.32	
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$83,889.92</b>	<b>\$275.09</b>	<b>\$1,134.98</b>	<b>\$19,090.52</b>

## Groton School Dec. 12

### Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 12, 2016  
President S. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Gengerke, Harder, Kjelden, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Official Weber.

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

Smith read a potential conflict disclosure pursuant to SDCL 23-3. A copy of the potential conflict is on file in the business office. Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to determine that the matter underlying the conflict is fair, reasonable and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve all consent agenda items as follows: North Central Special Ed Coop school of record agenda items, November 14 District minutes with an amendment to paragraph five on page three in regards to action by President Smith to appoint a steering committee and thereby strike the wording "Motion carried" as the board did not vote on the issue, bills, financial report, agency report, transportation report and school lunch report. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 174,618.14; FIT - 20,065.14; Medicare - 6,681.22; FICA - 28,567.90; American Funds Service Co. - 764.50; Washington National - 98.40; SD Retirement - 29,305.74; Waddell & Reed - 1,401.40; Horace Mann - 539.21; Thrivent - 226.50; AFLAC - 2,090.91; Delta Dental - 4,501.86; SD Supplemental Retirement - 1,451.53; Wellmark BCBS - 63,785.00; Reliastar - 570.78; Aberdeen Community Theatre - donation, 200.00; Acme Tools - supplies, 150.76; Agency Fund - advance payments, 13,994.96; AmericInn - lodging, 224.70; Best Western Ramkota - lodging, 299.97; Carquest - supplies, 457.09; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman - services, 404.01; Clubhouse Hotel - lodging, 302.00; Cole Papers - supplies, 2,268.19; Darrel's Sinclair - battery, 119.95; Dependable Sanitation - services, 1,254.50; Farnams - supplies, 150.59; Follett School Solutions - labels, 85.00; A. Franken - meals, 17.28; G&K Services - rug service, 473.06; GCR Tires - tires, 1,953.04; K. Gonsoir - meals, 31.37; Great American Opportunities - band fundraisers, 4,754.32; GASD Food Service - supplies, 17.50; Groton Daily Independent - ads/legals, 570.02; Groton Ford -

fuses, 8.67; Hauff Mid-America - cleats, 14.95; JW Pepper - music, 373.70; James Valley Telecomm. - services, 824.95; Jerke Irrigation - services, 200.00; Lori's Pharmacy - supplies, 61.98; Matheson - supplies, 381.21; Mid-American Research - supplies, 1,047.29; Nelson Sales & Service - supplies, 46.30; North Central Special Ed Coop - inservice fee, 1,000.00; Northside Implement - parts/repairs, 3,082.58; Northwestern Energy - natural gas, 1,113.66; Office of Weights & Measures - calibration, 56.00; Productivity Plus - service call, 341.27; S&S Lumber - supplies, 13.47; B. Schuring - class fee, 35.00; J. Seibel - meals, 20.68; Stan Houston Equipment - supplies, 76.87; N. Strom - class fees, 70.00; Taylor Music - repairs/supplies, 839.97; Team Lab - supplies, 868.50; M. Weber - gas, 27.27. Total General Fund - \$372,900.86.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund - adv pmts, 10,408.35; Subscription Services - magazines, 194.65. Total Capital Outlay - \$10,603.00.  
SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 26,964.87; FIT - 2,594.84; Medicare - 1,025.66; FICA - 4,385.46;

SD Retirement - 4,516.68; Waddell & Reed - 250.00; AFLAC - 592.58; Delta Dental - 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement - 200.00; Wellmark BCBS - 11,392.00; Reliastar - 206.61; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 124.63; Avera St. Luke's - services, 10,452.48. Total Special Ed - \$63,551.03.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: S&P Global Ratings - bond fee, 16,000.00.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 7,325.80; FIT - 530.55; Medicare - 257.22; FICA - 1,099.80; SD Retirement - 668.98; AFLAC - 54.22; Wellmark BCBS - 1,510.00; Reliastar - 1.30; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 102.52; CWD - food/suppl, 1,550.00; Dean Foods - dairy product, 830.70; Earthgrains - bakery product, 259.80; G&K Services - linen service, 221.33; Mid-American Research Chemical - supplies, 492.44; Reinhart - suppl/food, 2,190.75; SDDOE-CANS - processed commodities, 156.28; Sysco - food/suppl, 669.32; US Foods - food/suppl, 2,509.65. Total Food Service - \$20,430.66.

OST Net Salary - 1,594.58; FIT - 60.13; Medicare - 54.52; FICA - 232.90; SD Retirement - 159.54; AFLAC - 135.98; Wellmark BCBS - 664.00; Reliastar - .65; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 242.66; Lori's Pharmacy - batteries, 7.98; Menards - supplies, 46.41. Total OST -- \$3,199.35.

Total Enterprise Funds - \$23,630.01.  
AGENCY FUND: Total - \$58,899.49.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 1,381,996.46; Other Local Sources - 107,016.33; County Sources - 3,955.55; State Sources - 13,094.00. Total Receipts - \$1,506,062.34.

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.

Representatives from Foster, Jacobs and Johnson gave an update on the elementary remodel design.

A presentation of considerations for Groton Area High School partial replacement was also discussed by representatives from Foster, Jacobs and Johnson. Design work will continue.

MS/HS Principal Schwan presented changes to the student handbook from the 1st reading.

Moved by Kjelden, second Gengerke to approve 2nd reading of proposed amendments to the MS/HS Student Handbook and adopt. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve Memorandum of Understanding agreement with Associated School Board Protective Trust and make principal and interest payments of \$79,650 per year for four years beginning on October 1, 2017, to solidify the future of the health insurance pool. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schwan reported on the Allied Climate Control meeting held with building and grounds committee members and the head custodian. No action was taken.

Following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser, SDHSA Fall Average Daily Membership report potentially moving the school down a class in golf and football, SD High School Clay Pigeon League, Arena boiler issue, potential 1% increase in education funding next year, capital outlay project requests from staff, 2nd quarter grades, Dakota Prairie Museum curriculum in JK, 4H and Robotics in 5th grade, elementary Christmas concert, OST update, Oral Interp awards, One-act Drama Festival, 29 Dual Credit applications, scholarship opportunities, PAC sponsoring "glow bowling" as an after-prom activity, Mrs. Schwan named Region 4 Principal of the Year and capital outlay/capital projects budget amendments.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to approve an emergency budget amendment to capital outlay to accommodate receipt of capital outlay certificate revenue. Motion carried

Moved by Gengerke, second Rix to approve transfer of capital outlay certificate revenue from capital outlay fund to capital projects fund. Motion carried.

Smith appointed Kjelden as ASBSD 2017 LAN Member.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Motion carried.

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

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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DISTRICT, REVENUE SHARE, 284.97, MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 9.83, MARC, SUPPLIES, 238.17, MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 35.26, MERTZ LUMBER & SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, 41.99, MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELECTRIC, 2,928.29, NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, FUEL, 3,357.08, PODOLL, LANCE, MILEAGE, 309.12, POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC, REPAIRS, 759.12, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 15.17, TAYLOR MUSIC, INC, SUPPLIES, 29.00, TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 169.72, TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, REIMBURSEMENT, 163.98, POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 1.15, WALMART, SUPPLIES, 7.02, AMAZON.COM CORPORATE CREDIT, SUPPLIES, 34.09, POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 1.15, SHELL OIL, GAS, 19.00, CHURCHILL, MANOLIS, FREEMAN, KLUDT, FEES, 127.30, COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 411.22, COMMUNITY STORE, FACS, 211.36, CWD-ABERDEEN, FFVP FRUIT, 339.70, EIDE BAILLY LLP, AUDIT BALANCE, 4,119.73, FARMERS UNION OIL ELLENDALE, REPAIRS, 143.22, FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 61.99, GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 23.90, HOUSE OF GLASS, INC, DOOR REPAIRS, 30.19, JAMES DUMIRE, REPAIRS, 225.00, MARC, SUPPLIES, 59.76, MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 6.06, PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 165.30, POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC, REPAIRS, 933.48, REIERSON, JAMES, TRAVEL, 139.86, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 14.16, SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, FEES, 220.00, WAGNER, JANEL, TRAVEL, 214.04.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, FEES, 595.03, AMERICAN TIME, CLOCK, 141.19, DURHEIM, DENNIS, GRAVEL, 151.74, GILBERTSON, SCOTT, MILEAGE, 204.29, HAUFF MID-AMERICA SPORTS, UNIFORMS, 2,372.95, TRI-VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 49-6, CARPET, 2,724.26, U-HAUL EXHAUSE PROS, FEES, 179.98, NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, SIGN, 400.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AVERA ST LUKES, OCC THER, 2,996.98, AMAZON.COM CORPORATE CREDIT, CHARGER, 35.85, POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 1.15, AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 2,667.56, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POSTAGE, 1.57.

FOOD SERVICE: BERNARD FOOD INDUSTRIES, INC., FOOD, 310.07, COMMUNITY STORE, FOOD, 77.05, CWD-ABERDEEN, FOOD, 2,989.56, PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 97.68.

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 112,818.04; Support, 16,148.47; SS & Med, 29,088.20. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 10,585.50; Delta Dental, ins, 1,221.44; AFLAC, insurance, 598.02; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 362.50; VSP, Vision, ins, 181.23; Security Benefit, retirement, 482.50; American Funds, retirement, 950.00; Re-

liaStar Life Ins., ins, 197.95; Wellmark, ins, 18,882.94. Laura Adema, sub 160.00; Judith Bretsch, sub 200.00; Justin Brotzel, driving 105.00; Jon Ellwein, board salary 123.44; Timothy Fugman, sub 160.00; Alex Hart, board salary 110.00; Anna Hegge, sub 200.00; Jennifer Hoyle, driving 122.24; Marty Morlock, driving 279.48; Caitlin Podoll, driving 58.77; Carma Ruenz, sub 900.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary 122.60; Marie Schumacher, sub 100.00; Eric Sumption, board salary 130.16; Michelle Sumption, sub 80.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 10,636.59; Support, 6,480.47; SS & Med, 4,191.88; SDRS, retirement, 1,639.56; AFLAC, insurance, 30.08; Delta Dental, ins, 154.36; Reliastar Life Ins, ins, 1.39; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 250.00; VSP, insurance, 29.73; Wellmark, ins, 1339.06; Anna Hegge, sub 100.00; Carma Ruenz, sub 100.00; Michelle Sumption, sub 40.00. Food Service: Support, 4,477.77; SS & Med, 1,201.60; SDRS, retirement, 479.11; VSP, insurance, 22.64.

Enter Brock Pashen at 6:05pm.

The following reports were given at this time:

A. Knute Reiersen - Superintendent

Enter Rich Schlosser at 6:17 pm.

A. Jessica Ringgenberg - Principal

Enter Marty Morlock at 6:38 pm

A. Brock Pashen - AD.

B. Knute Reiersen - Maintenance

Action 16-71 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve budget amendments. All aye, carried.

General Fund Revenue: cash on hand, \$42,800.00.

Expenditures:

St. of SD - Medicaid ADM Fee, \$400; Fiscal Salaries, \$25,600.00; Soc. Sec. Fiscal Services, \$2,000.00; Retirement Fiscal Services, \$1,600.00; Health Ins. Fiscal Services, \$13,200.00; Total: \$42,800.00.

Capital Outlay Revenue: Cash on hand, \$43,200.00.

Expenditures: Instructional software, \$2,500.00; Improvement - other than bldg, \$25,000.00; Other-Non Consumable Supplies, \$3,000.00; Other-Non Consumable Supplies, \$2,000.00; Equipment, \$3,500.00; Other Equipment - Uniforms, \$2,500.00; Equipment, \$3,500.00; Co-op Equipment - Uniforms, \$1,200.00; Total: \$43,200.00.

Discussion followed concerning the Eureka/Bowdle/Leola/Frederick football co-op.

Action 16-72 Motion by Nickelson to accept the proposal presented at the previous meetings with the removal of items #3 and #4 and amend #7 to include 4 tie breaker votes for Frederick to be used over the course of the next 4 years. Motion died for lack of second.

Action 16-73 Motion by Nickelson, second by Sumption to accept the proposal presented at the previous meetings with the removal of items #3 and #4 and amend #7 to assign 1 vote to each present co-op (1 vote for Eureka/Bowdle and 1 vote for Leola/Frederick). Discussion followed with no vote taken.

Action 16-74 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to amend the previous motion by adding #3 and #4 back into the proposal and leave the wording of #7 to assign 1 vote to each present co-op (1 vote for Eureka/Bowdle and 1 vote for Leola/Frederick). Roll Call vote, Hart yes, Ellwein yes, Schlosser yes, Sumption yes and Nickelson no. Motion Carried 4yes and 1 no.

Action 16-75 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve participation in the Leola/Frederick/Eureka/Bowdle football co-op by accepting the presented proposal with #7 amended to read 1 vote to each present co-op (1 vote for Eureka/Bowdle and 1 vote for Leola/Frederick). All aye. Carried.

Business Manager Deb Klapperich reported that the fiscal years 2015 and 2016 audit was completed and that the Department of Legislative Audit has sent the letter of acceptance.

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

Action 16-76 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 pm.

Exit Knute Reiersen, Deb Klapperich, Janel Wagner, Brock Pashen and Marty Morlock.

Chairman Schlosser declared out of Executive Session at 9:05pm.

Action 16-77 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to adjourn. All aye, carried.

Chairman Business Manager

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## Westport Town Dec. 6

### Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

December 6th, 2016

The Town of Westport met on November 6th....., 2016 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, Doreen Hertel, and 8 community members present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$308.39), Groton Independent (\$18.65), Brown County Treasurer -Mosquito spraying (\$144.40), Payroll- Doreen Hertel(\$900.00), Tim Selzler (\$100.00), Shane Storm (\$100.00) & Mike Wilson (\$75.00).

Sewer NWPS (\$44.16), NRWPA -loan repayment (\$210.13), Payroll-Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Water WEB (\$907.29), Dept. of Revenue (\$30.00), Dahme Construction (\$25,510.36), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), Payroll-Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Tim Selzler.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$3,627.57), State of SD (\$145.65), Building permits (\$10.00) & Interest (\$21.27).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$1,635.00).

Water Resident Payments - (\$2,914.39) & (\$1,354.00).

NEW BUSINESS:

The liquor license was approved for The Shed. No other old or new business.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$14.45 13385

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6										
	General	Restricted	Capital	Special	Pension	Bond	Capital	Enterprise	Agency	Total for
	Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Fund	Redemption	Projects	Fund	Fund	District
<b>1. Beginning Balance</b>	<b>1,542,422.69</b>	<b>32,052.21</b>	<b>802,468.22</b>	<b>123,563.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>145,785.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>70,997.26</b>	<b>234,281.98</b>	<b>2,951,571.46</b>
a. cash	1,542,422.69	32,052.21	802,468.22	123,563.78	0.00	145,785.32	0.00	70,997.26	234,281.98	2,951,571.46
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in				10,000.00			225,000.00			
3. Revenue to date	1,696,282.47	0.00	352,898.87	240,905.76	66,840.44	72,930.42	0.00	120,799.73	428,273.01	2,978,930.70
4. Total accounted for	3,238,705.16	32,052.21	1,155,367.09	374,469.54	66,840.44	218,715.74	225,000.00	191,796.99	662,554.99	6,165,502.16
5. Transfers out	10,000.00		225,000.00							
6. Expenditures to date	1,645,966.13	0.00	503,034.69	229,545.67	0.00	198,116.25	220,915.20	123,402.48	465,206.85	3,386,187.27
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	1,645,966.13	0.00	503,034.69	229,545.67	0.00	198,116.25	220,915.20	123,402.48	465,206.85	3,386,187.27
<b>7. Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,582,739.03</b>	<b>32,052.21</b>	<b>427,332.40</b>	<b>144,923.87</b>	<b>66,840.44</b>	<b>20,599.49</b>	<b>4,084.80</b>	<b>68,394.51</b>	<b>197,548.14</b>	<b>2,544,514.89</b>
a. cash	1,582,739.03	32,052.21	427,332.40	144,923.87	66,840.44	20,599.49	4,084.80	68,394.51	197,548.14	



The Elementary Christmas Concert was held Wednesday with the performance, "Freeze Frame." The second graders sang "Can't Wait to Skate," the junior kindergarten sang, "Snow Angels," the first graders sang, "Sledding We Will Go," the third graders sang, "Ski with Me," the kindergarten students sang, "If I Could Fly Like A Snowflake," the fifth graders sang, "Showbiz Snowman," and the fourth graders sang, "Snow Day! Snow Day!" The event was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM as well as Facebook Live.

### Frederick Town Dec. 12

#### Meeting Minutes

Frederick Town Board  
Special Meeting  
December 12, 2016  
A Special meeting of the Frederick Town Board was held Monday night at the Frederick Community Center to finish business from prior meeting held December 5, 2016.

Meeting was opened by Chairman R. Scott Campbell at 7 PM. In attendance with Campbell were Board Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Diane Bruns.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Discussion resumed on Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance #201 making tonight's meeting 1st Reading for Ordinance. Motion was made by TM/GS to approve 1st Reading with adjustment to Water Fund. Motion Carried. Meeting for 2nd Reading of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution #201 is set for December 22, 2016, Thursday, at 2 PM, in the Frederick Community Center.

Renewal App to DENR needed 3 updates. It has been published and Millard is printing a map of the Landfill to be included with the return.

Next month's meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Monday, January 2, is a govern-

ment Holiday.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
Annual Report Workshop for 2017 is January 26.

A copy of the Environmental Fee letter was reviewed and fee paid in A/P.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM, with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns  
Frederick Finance Officer  
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### Frederick Town Renewal of General Permit

Notice of Intent  
Renewal of General Permit for the Town of Frederick Restricted Use Solid Waste Facility Under the South Dakota Solid Waste Program

The town of Frederick, PO Box 546, Frederick, SD 57441-0546, 605-329-2242, currently has general permit to operate a restricted use solid waste facility authorized by the South Dakota Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Waste Management Program. The facility comprises 2 acres. The legal description of the facility is NW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section

2, T127N, R64W, Brown County, SD. The facility is located one-half mile northeast of town. The town of Frederick is the operator and landowner of the facility.

Waste to be accepted at the facility includes trees and untreated wood waste, yard waste for composting, and construction and demo debris w/o paint. The estimated annual tonnage of waste to be accepted and managed at the facility will be less than 500 tons per year.

Additional information about the facility may be obtained from R. Scott Campbell at 605-329-2455 or Richard Bakeberg at 329-7410.

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## 2016 BIG Idea Finalists:

**Front row-- Christian Westhoff, Mercedes Peterson, McCook Central; Claire Mischel, Milbank; Jasmine Green, Ipswich; Gameillia Becker, Meghan Odegaard, Aberdeen Central**

**Second Row—Madison Andersen, Miranda Luze, Lead- Deadwood; Hunter Matthaiei, McCook Central Grace Bakken, Ipswich; Jessiah Paul, Pierre T.F. Riggs; Kylee Mogen, Monique German, Monica Argo, Wilmot**

**Third Row—Franklin Wuestewald, Groton; Conner Torrence, Aberdeen Central Noah Steinlicht, Jake Sandvig** (Photo by Dawn Sahli Photography)

The 10th BIG Idea Competition was a BIG success with 303 entries involving over 460 students from 40 schools. The event wrapped up Thursday, December 8th, on the campus of Northern State University and the winners were determined from among the eight final entries with over \$5,000 in cash and scholarships awarded.

Mercedes Peterson, Hunter Matthaiei, and Christian Westhoff of McCook Central High School took first place with MCH Design, which creates spirit bands and key chains to show school pride. Their prizes included a \$1,000 cash prize, a \$1,000 scholarship to NSU, and a \$1,000 scholarship to Presentation College. Second place went Claire's Sweet Treats by Claire Mischel of Milbank High School, a made-to-order bakery. Second place prizes include \$500 cash, \$500 Presentation College scholarship and \$500 NSU scholarship. The \$250 third place prize went to Jasmine Green of Ipswich High School with Green Décor which makes home décor out of scrap steel.

The other finalists included Once Upon a Memory by Monique German, Monica Argo, and Kylee Mogen of Wilmot High School; Bakken's Bakery by Grace Bakken of Ipswich High School; ACE's Tattoo Shop by Franklin Wuestewald of Groton Area High School; Bright Blasters by Jessiah Paul of Pierre T.F. Riggs High School; and Open Cage by Madison Andersen and Miranda Luze of Lead-Deadwood High School.

## Groton Area hands Redfield-Doland first loss

It was the battle of the unbeaten Thursday as the Tiger boys' basketball team traveled to Redfield to hand the Pheasants a 64-43 loss. The win moves Groton Area to 4-0 while Redfield-Doland drops to 3-1. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen, Treeline Tree Service, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Groton Ford, Doug Abeln Seed Company, Blocker Construction, Producer's Hybrids with John Wheeting, Patios Plus with Joe Foertsch and Harr Motors.

The Groton win was sparked by a season high of 30 points by Bennett Shabazz, making four three-pointers. Seric Shabazz and Sean Schuring each had 10 points, Petyon Johnson had eight, Frankie Wuestewald had four points and Luke Thorson two.

The Pheasants were led by Dalton Howe and Alan Masat with 12 points apiece followed by Zach Jordan and Micaiah Utecht with eight each, Drew Rozell had ve and Max Baloun added three points.

Groton Area made 25 of 57 eld goals for 44 percent while Redfield-Doland made 14 of 47 for 29 percent. The Tigers were eight of 12 from the line while the Pheasants were 12 of 15.

The first half was close until the end of the half as there were six lead changes and the game was tied five times. Redfield-Doland held a 9-8 lead at the end of the rst quarter and the Tigers led 21-16 at half time and 36-30 at the end of the third quarter. Groton outscored Red eld, 28-13 in the fourth quarter to pull away with the win.

Groton C (2-0) won 36-34 lead by Darian Shabazz with 13, Cade Guthmiller with 7 and Hunter Schaller with 6.

Groton JV (3-1) lost 25-29 lead by Treyton Diegel and Marshall Lane both with 6 and Anthony Sippel added 5.

## Greetings everyone from the Groton Daily Independent and GDILIVE.COM.

Well, as you may know, we had some technical difficulties at Redfield on Thursday. We had a weak signal so it was tough to send out a high quality stream. When I got home last night, I ordered a cellular enhancer which will increase our signal strength. So I'm hoping the next time we go to Redfield, it should be dramatically improved!! And anywhere else that may have a weak signal! One thing I should note - we did record the game, so if you go to the Redfield game now, you will see four files - one for each quarter, in HD. We eliminated the livestream files from Redfield and uploaded the recorded files. As always, that is our backup plan in case we are unable to go live. So we hope you enjoy watching the game again!

The second thing we will be doing is streaming not only to GDILIVE.COM, but also to Facebook Live! Yes, starting with our next event, not only can you view it at GDILIVE.COM (which will have the higher quality), but also on Facebook Live! That should be exciting. The Facebook Live will be posted on the Groton Daily Independent Facebook Page.

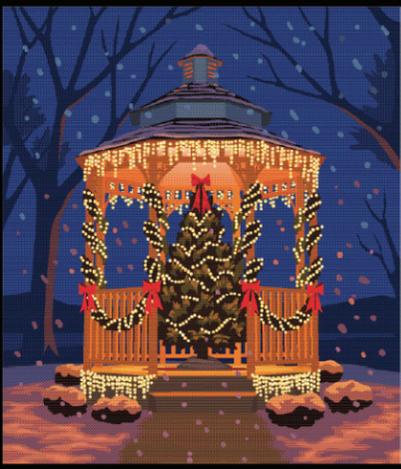
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Arianna Dinger is the daughter of Weston Dinger and Elizabeth Dinger of Groton. What Christmas means to me, you get to spend time with your family and friends.



Adeline Kotzer is the daughter of Kevin Kotzer and Nikki Kotzer of Groton. What Christmas means to me, getting presents and being with my family.



Abby Fjedheim is the daughter of Ryan and Susan Fjedheim of Groton. What Christmas means to me, it means Jesus and it's birthday.



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Kaedy Bonn is the daughter of Cody and Kristi Bonn of Groton. What Christmas means to me is being with my family and opening presents.



Porter Jones is the son of Jarrett and Stacey Jones of Bath. What Christmas means to me it's about gingerbread houses.



Zachary Flihs is the son of Jeff and Bridget Flihs of Groton. What Christmas means to me. Christmas means my Grandma and Grandpa come to my house, It is also Jesus 'birthday.

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Sam Crank is the son of Tom and Rachael Crank of Groton. What Christmas means to me, giving and caring about people who don't have any food.



Madison Herrick is the daughter of Randy and Angie Herrick of Bristol. What Christmas means to me sharing and loving.



Aspen Beto is the daughter of Lance and Cassie Haskell of Conde. What Christmas means to me, it's Jesus birthday, and Santa might bring me a real puppy for Christmas!



Wesley Morehouse is the son of Brent and Jessica Morehouse of Andover. What Christmas means to me is about being together and it's about giving.



Logan Olson is the son of Ryan and Carrie Olson of Groton. What Christmas means to me is it's Jesus' birthday.

Drake Dosch son of Jeremy Dosch and Kelsie Ehresmann of Columbia. What Christmas means to me, Drake is thankful for presents, reindeer, Christmas movies, scarves, snowmen, and loving my family.



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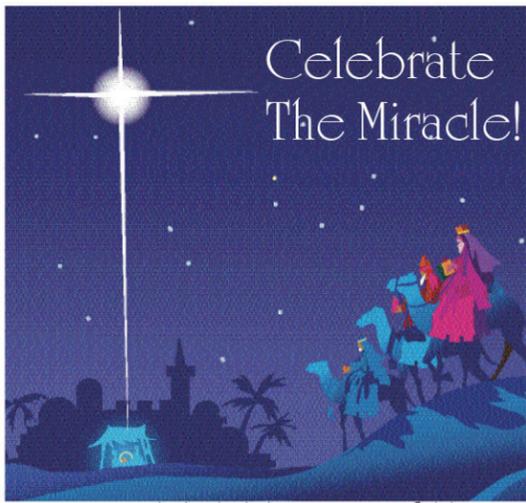
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Grayson Flores son of Jackie Krueger of Groton. What Christmas means to me, our family gets together. It is Jesus' birthday.



Novalea Warrington is the daughter of Neil and Amy Warrington of Groton. What Christmas means to me is family.



Donavan Sealey is the son of Hope Block of Groton. What Christmas means to me, is sharing and giving.



Luke Gauer is the son of Will and Jordi Gauer of Groton. What Christmas means to me It means Jesus and Jesus' birthday.



Neely Althoff is the daughter of Scott and Dana Althoff of Groton. What Christmas means to me is Jesus' birthday. I get to see all of my family.



Jordan Schwan is the son of Joe and Jodi Schwan of Groton. What Christmas means to me. I get to see my cousins and my family. It means presents.



Parker Lambertz is the son of Shawn and Heather Lambertz of Groton. What Christmas means to me is that Jesus' was born on Christmas. It means Santa also.



Tenley Frost is the daughter of Christopher and Samantha Frost of Groton. What Christmas means to me it means Christmas lights and it's about presents.



Kolton Antonsen is the son of Travis and Angela Antonsen of Groton. What Christmas means to me is his family comes for Christmas.

Lincoln Shilhanek is the son of Bill and Nicole Shilhanek of Groton. What Christmas means to me, you stay with your family and you get presents.



**Make It Merry!**  
The spirit is building and we want to say,  
Have a happy holiday!  
One thing that we know is true, Is we couldn't have made it without all of you!

*Merry Christmas!*

may your days be  
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We hope your holiday is special in every single way. Thanks for adding some sparkle to our year. We appreciate your support and friendship. Merry Christmas!

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Kyrie Yeigh is the daughter of Caleb and Desiree Yeigh of Aberdeen. What Christmas means to me, Santa is watching and you won't get presents if you are naughty!



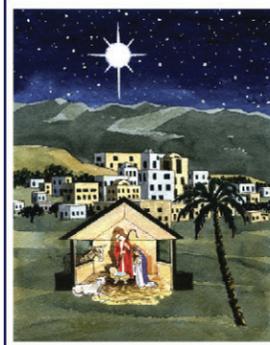
Korinna Bohlmann is the daughter of Tara Bohlmann and Derrick Furman of Claremont. What Christmas means to me It means presents and santa. It means Christmas tree and lights



Grant Cleveland son of Justin and Gretchan Cleveland of Groton. What Christmas means to me, is Santa does hard work, I like to open presents.



Korbin McKane is the son of James and Ashley McKane of Antover. What Christmas means to me is getting presents and we have decorations and a Christmas tree and getting a new toy.



## Silent Night Holy Night

With exceeding great joy, we bid all of our friends and neighbors a most joyous and harmonious season.

For your belief in us, we feel truly blessed.



Ian Kutter is the son of Ryan and Carol Kutter of Groton. What Christmas means to me is getting presents and seeing Santa.



Asher Johnson is the son of JR. and Paula Johnson of Groton. What Christmas means to me, you get to be with your family and Christmas trees and presents.



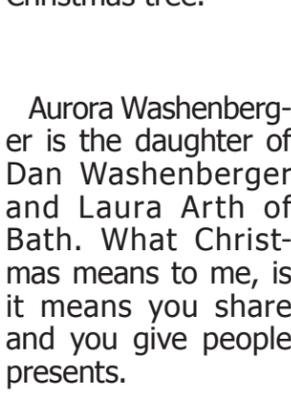
Drake Osterman is the son of Loren and Katie Osterman of Conde. What Christmas means to me is presents and elves and the Christmas tree.



Connor Kroll is the son of Joel and Jessica Kroll of Groton. What Christmas means to me, it is winter and there is snow, and we get presents.



Brooklyn Spanier is the daughter of Roger and Darci Spanier of Groton. What Christmas means to me, is people love me and give me lots of presents.



Aurora Washenberger is the daughter of Dan Washenberger and Laura Arth of Bath. What Christmas means to me, is it means you share and you give people presents.



*Glad Tidings to You!*

May the coming season bring peace, joy and harmony wherever you are.

For your friendship we feel truly blessed, and we thank you for including us in your travels this year.

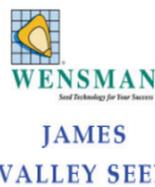
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**Wishing you much peace and joy during this holy season.**

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# Council sets up water tower reserve fund

The city has nearly a million dollar fund balance, so with the \$80,000 left in the contingency fund, the council decided to start a reserve water tower fund. It's truly amazing," said Councilman Mary Flihs about the funds left over at the end of the year. The council set up the reserve fund and will make the transfer at the end of the year.

There was discussion about a bill submitted by the Groton Dakota Press - it was over \$2,000 and 15 months worth of bills. Finance Officer Anita Lowary said, "I would like to object to that. There are three months in 2015 and those bills are not part of the 2016 budget. I would like to propose that if someone brings in bills over three months old there should be some sort of waiting period to have action on them. It's really tough to keep you on budget when you don't get the bills for over a year." The council approved the bills with no conditions attached.

The rubble site fees were once again discussed. There was consideration of charging a per load fee for commercial tree haulers. It was reported that one company had 109 trips to the rubble site and another had 164 trips to the rubble site. Right now the commercial account is paying \$175 for the year. Any changed to the rubble site fees was tabled to the next meeting.

Marcy's Law was discussed in releasing accident information. Conflicting rulings is making Marcy's Law challenging, at best, to interpret.

The council hired Jennie Doeden, Shannon Wiedrick and Tady Glover to work at the warming house at the skating pond at the \$8.65 an hour.

## GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Eleven members and two guests attended the weekly dinner meeting of the Groton Kiwanis Club, on Wednesday noon, Dec. 14.

Orville Schaller was program chairman. The speaker was Lanny Mielke, who showed slides and told of his recent trip to China.

Some facts he presented were that China is an all communist country, the great wall China is over 600 years old, and over 1500 miles long, and the country has only had cars for about 15 years now.

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# The Life of Edward Fordham



Mass of Christian Burial for Edward Fordham, 69, of Groton was held Monday, December 19th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Mike Kelly officiated.

Ed passed away December 15, 2016 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Edward William was born on October 17, 1947 in Aberdeen to

Clarence and Irene (Knittel) Fordham. He attended and graduated from Central High School in 1965. Ed was united in marriage with his high school sweetheart, Sheila Sanders on June 30, 1967 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen. At the age of 15, he began working for a small grocer checking eggs. When Ken's Superfair Foods opened in Aberdeen, he began a 50 year career, first as produce manager and later assistant store manager. After several years, Ed became manager at Ken's Fairway in Groton. He enjoyed his work at the store, as well as visiting with the many customers. Ed will be forever remembered for his infectious smile and jovial personality.

Ed was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. He enjoyed camping, golfing with his son and watching football, especially the Dallas Cowboys with his kids. One of his favorite hobbies was to go fishing with family and friends and on his last fishing trip, he caught a proud angler small mouth bass. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter and will be missed by his dog, Laila.

Celebrating his life is his wife of 49 years, Sheila of Groton, his children, Michael (Tina) Fordham of Bristol, Scott (Mary) Fordham of Groton and Michelle Fordham (Matt Menzia) of Groton, his five grandchildren: Justin, Austin, Alyssa, Amanda and Kayla and great-granddaughter, Eliana.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Larry.

## Record Low Sunday Morning

If it's going to be this cold, we might as well have something to show for it in the record books. The previous record low for this morning was -28 recorded in 1951. The low this morning was -31.8 at 3:01 AM and the windchill was -50 at 4:52 AM.

Since we have been keeping records since 2002, the only other sub 30 below mornings have been:

- 31.2 on Dec. 28, 2015
- 39.9 on Jan. 16, 2009

## Windchill recorded as low as -54

The South Dakota State University Mesonet weather station near Groton reported a wind chills as low as -54F yesterday morning. "Shortly after midnight, the wind chill dropped below fifty below and basically stayed there until about 7:00AM," said SDSU Mesonet Manager Nathan Edwards. Air temperatures plummeted to -33F.

The station is part of the statewide network of 26 locally supported weather stations maintained by South Dakota State University that serve agriculture, water resource management, emergency management, research and the public. The Groton station is supported by a joint research effort between SDSU Extension and DuPont Pioneer. Live, archived and forecast weather is available at <http://climate.sdstate.edu/mobile>.

## Dollar General is open

Groton's newest store, Dollar General, opened up its doors on Thursday. They are open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The store manager is Kim Bell and the assistant store manager is Janel Merkel.

