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50th Anniversary
David and Linda Anderson will be celebration their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, December 30th. Their mailing address is Box 333 Groton SD, 57445.

The South Dakota

Creativity Association board (SD DI) is currently looking for people interested in filling open Affiliate and Regional Challenge Master positions for the upcoming tournament season. These positions involve studying a current Destination Imagination Challenge and being involved in insuring that consistency in appraising is maintained from tournament to tournament throughout our state. Many of these positions are open this year due to retiring long-time dedicated volunteers. This is a volunteer position, but the board helps defray some travel costs. The tournaments run from the end of February to the end of March, but we'd like these positions filled within the next month. Please pass this on to anyone that you think might be interested in a position. If interested vourself, or if you want more details as to what the position entails, please contact the SD Affiliate Director, Dean Fenenga at di.soda. ad@gmail.com. The board and hundreds of students across our state thank you for your support of South Dakota Destination Imagination.

What A Christmas!

The Christmas Storm lived up to its expectations with much weather drama throughout the state. Just here in Brown County, we had these weather alerts:

Winter Storm Watch Freezing Rain Advisory **Ice Storm Warning** Flash Flood Warning **High Wind Warning** No Travel Advised in Brown County **Blizzard Warning** Then the sun came out!

But many communities were without power, Linemen from Minnesota flooded into South Dakota to help restore power to over 12,000 people. Many electric poles were broken off. In Groton, there were blinks, most likely caused by outages that created a disturbance in the power.

Groton received .86 inch of rain from the winter storm.



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Friends

Editor's Note: This is the 42nd in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Stacy Gackle Otkin

JobWise what are you doing today? Also list title if you have one. Financial Services -Compliance Senior Analyst at MetaBank

How long have you been working at the current job? 2 years in March

How did you get your current job? I applied for the job and earned it based on my past experi-



Left to right are Treyten, Josh holding Shaelynn, Kaitlynn, Stacy holding Easten, Landen and Braeden.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there.

Great Western Bank 1 1/2 years

Dakota Community Bank 3 years

Plains Commerce Bank 6 years

What year did you graduate from high school and name of high school: 2000 -Groton High School

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? Northern State 2 years Southeast Technical Institute - 1 1/2 years earned my Associates degree 12-2003.

What advice would you give the high school students today? Don't compare yourself to anyone else - be you. Be a blessing to others.

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

Earned my Associates degree.

Vice President of the Sioux Falls Compliance Professionals Organization

Married my soul mate - Josh Otkin

Mother to 6 amazing children.

Are you married? If so what is your spouses name and where was she from? Married to Josh Otkin - he is from Colman SD

How did the two of you meet? We met online

Do you have any children? We have 6 amazing children. Landen 16, Kaitlynn 13, Treyten 12, Braeden 9, Shaelynn 2 (on December 26th) and Easten - 5 months

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? Yes it did help prepare me. Having deadlines to meet helped me learn how to become organized and prioritize.

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



vards and two field aoals on the dav. 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.



Health Insurance Open Enrollment!

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By Richard P. Holm M.D.

On Beagles, Giraffes, Wolf pups, and Genetics

When did we first understand what directs the shape of our nose, foot size, personality, and chance of surviving in a tough world? There is an interesting history about how we learned that our ancestral genes and environment are responsible for much of this.

Hippocrates and Aristotle suggested that hereditary material gathers from throughout the parent's bodies and mixes during sexual congress. About the same time, ancient scholars from India added two additional factors: the diet of the mother, and the soul, which enters the baby from some undefined place.

In the mid-1700s Carl Linneaus, a brilliant Swedish botanist/physician, believed that shared parental fluids and environmental factors could influence inheritance. Late in the 1700s, Jean-Babtist Lamark proposed that animals can acquire characteristics from their environment and pass that on directly. His famous example was the long neck of the giraffe that resulted from several generations of ancestors stretching to reach leaves on high branches, eventually passing this characteristic on to their offspring.

In the mid-1800s, the understanding of genetics and heredity were further advanced by Friar Gregor Mendel, who worked mostly on pea plants. His observations, known as the laws of Mendelian Inheritance, are still taught in biology classes. About the same time as Mendel's discoveries, English naturalist Charles Darwin compiled observations of animals and plants from a five year around-the-world sailing expedition on the HMS Beagle. His revolutionary work came out in 1859, entitled On the Origin of Species, and changed everything.

Darwin defined evolution as the result of natural selection acting on random mutations or beneficial traits. Put it another way: each species can evolve through the survival of the fittest of each subsequent offspring. For example, the weakest wolf pups of the litter don't make it, but the strongest are able to reproduce with an equally fit mate and have offspring, passing on the advantageous traits through natural selec-

tion. Scientists felt that with Darwin they finally had the answer to the puzzle. But controversy followed Darwin like a pack of wild dogs.

Darwin was opposed by many religious leaders since God seemed removed from the process. Darwin, a very religious man, be-lieved the hand of God worked through natural selection. He believed in the idea of intelligent design; that you could see God's hand by examining creation. That did not and still does not satisfy strict believers, but that's a discussion for another time.

Most recently, we've discovered that environmental factors like starvation, smoking, or stress can activate or suppress genetic codes, and those changes can be passed on, reviving Lamark's ideas of environmental influence. I don't have to stick out my neck too far to say that there is great cause for excitement in the emerging field of epigenetics.



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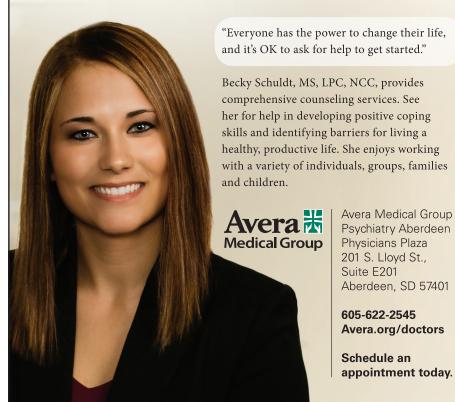
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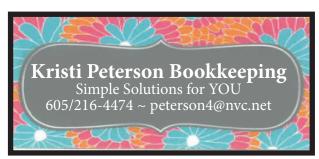




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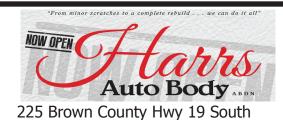






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Richard Ruden Estate Notice

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF RICHARD O. RUDEN, **DECEASED**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 06PRO. 016-134

Notice is given that on the sixth day of December, 2016, Charlotte I. Meyers, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Richard O. Ruden.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within sixty (60) days after the date

of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred. Claims may be filed with the

personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the

claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this seventh day of

December, 2016. /s/ Charlotte I. Meyers Charlotte I. Meyers 407 Main Street Hecla, SD 57446 (605) 994-2131 Clerk of Courts **Brown County Courthouse** 25 Market Street Aberdeen, SO 57401 Richard Kolker, Attorney P.O. Box 467 Groton, SO 57445 (605) 397-8464 tdlaw@nvc.net

Brown County Dec. 20 **Meeting Minutes**

DECEMBER 20, 2016 - GEN-FRAI MFFTING

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

bach, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

seconded by Fischbach to approve the following claims:

Materials Technology \$5,000.00; Grand Forks Co. Sheriff \$36.00; Grand Hotel \$2,937.00; Stacy Harty \$20.00; Kuck Law Of-\$3,465,86; SD Dept. of Revenue \$7.088.15: Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$1,191.40; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$496.80; Kristi Spitzer \$1,725.00; Jennifer Stoddard \$777.40; Tammy Stolle

\$137.50; Taliaferro Law Firm \$2,741,60 Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$887.62; Dakota Press \$8,573.65; Groton Independent \$550.72; Star Tribune \$145.60. Repairs & Maintenance: A &

B Business \$44.98; Dakota Tree \$1,225,00; Ferguson Enterprises \$236.15; Foothills Contracting \$1,368,563.52; G & K Services \$250.20; GCR Tires \$315.40; Lien Transportation Co. \$737.50.

Supplies: A & B Business \$83.32: Century Business Products \$134.54; Crescent Electric Supply \$117.05; Dakota Mailing \$68.49; Danko \$121.23; Ferguson Enterprises \$304.16; GCR Tires \$150.00; Geffdog \$655.00: GovConnection \$61.31: IDC \$37.89; Patricia Kendall \$27.54; Mariann Marttila-Klipfel \$34.46; Lar-Jo's \$792.89; Menards \$117.96; Moore Medical \$305.24; NCFE – Truck & Auto \$16,771.84; NCFE – Warner \$4,426.92; Network Services \$1,046.78; Noble Industrial Supply \$653.60; Pro Ag Supply \$26.79; Sherri Rawstern \$43.09; Running's \$429.97; Lora Schaunaman \$2.58; Spillman Technologies \$358.00; Tyler Business Forms \$777.18; West Payment Center \$2,565.00.

Travel and Conference: Doug Fjeldheim \$186.12; Kathy Schlecht \$11.00; Aaron Walbera

Utilities: CenturyLink \$9.90; City of Hecla \$194.80; Exec. Mgmt. \$280.85; Midcontinent \$446.26; Northern Electric \$80.00; NWPS \$830.89; Verizon \$330.23.

Buildings: Huff Construction \$111,623.00.

Other: JRWD \$22,584.11; Safe Harbor \$1,238.00. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

BID AWARD - RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to award the following bid for the Brown County Rural Fire Chiefs Association: Rapid /alley VFD Inc. & North Haines VFD Inc. bid dated November 9, 2016 for purchase of twenty-five (25) 60 Minute 4500 Cylinders @ \$990.30 each (total amount of \$24,757.50 -2017 HLS Funds) from Allegiant Emergency Ser vices, Inc. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 106: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to adopt 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. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fis-chbach-aye, Fjeldheim-absent,

Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted. ÁPPLICATION – LOCAL IN-FRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign application for the South Dakota Local Infrastructure Improvement Program in amount of \$619,000.00 (50/50 match) for road improvements, water/sewer extensions, and associated engineering costs to assist with the new AGP facility that will be constructed. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. BRIDGE 271: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair

to sign 2017 Application with the SD Department of Transportation for Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Funds for BR 271 ID# 07-200-184 (6251), located 4 miles N of Columbia over the James River in total amount of \$1,843,566.94 (grant @ \$1,290,496.86, County match @ \$553.070.08). All members present voting aye. Motion

BRIDGE 425: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign 2017 Application with the SD Department of Transportation for Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Funds for BR 425 ID# 07-120-230 (6472), located 3 miles S and 1 mile E of Westport over the Elm River in total amount of \$1,812,140.70 (grant @ \$906,070.35, County match @ \$906,070.35). All members present voting aye. Motion

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign application, submitted by WEB Water Development for occupancy of Brown County 10 in Sec 2-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD to provide potable water line. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-abstain, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-absent, Kippley-aye. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to authorize Paul Sivertsen, IT CIO to purchase one Kyocera Off-Lease TASKalfa 3050ci/4550ci Bk/Color Copier from Century Business Products in amount of \$4,388.67 for the IT Department. 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(3) with Ryan Vogel, Paul Sivertsen and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to authorize Paul Sivertsen prepare a request for proposal for a Managed Print Services Contract. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Ryan Vegel, Gary Vetter, Mark Milbrandt, Tom Schmitt, Craig Nelson, Mike Ernst, Justin Yablonski, Ross Ochsner and Jennifer White in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with

Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:05 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County Road Oil **Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO "ASPHALT ROAD OIL" SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on Tuesday January 10, 2017, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of Asphalt Road Oil, F.O.B. freight pre-paid on all truck transport delivery sites within Brown County, South Dakota. Proposal Guaranty: No deposit

or bid bond will be required at

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within twenty (20) days thereafter enter into à contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted.

firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and to be clearly marked "Bids on Asphalt Road Oil" to be opened on Tuesday January 10, 2017. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Payment for materials will be made at the Contract unit price per standard U.S. Gallon at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, delivered F.O.B., freight prepaid for all truck transport deliveries to proiect sites within Brown County. Test reports shall be furnished on all materials by the supplier for each tank shipped by truck transport at time of delivery within Brown County. Payment will be made at the regular weekly meetings of the Brown County Board of Commissioners.

The firm to whom the award is made shall be entitled to additional compensation for all freight cost increases which may occur on or after the date of the letting. Freight cost adjustments shall be entered separately upon Claim Voucher Billings and bidder must submit proof of freight increase at time of billing.

Specifications and notice to bidders are on file in the Brown County Auditors Office and the Brown County Highway Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Title 16

Hearing Notice NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMIS-

REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDI-

NANCE TITLE 16

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 3rd 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.... 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 Responsi-

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 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

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 additional insured)

Scouting Artists for Entertainment and Events

Organization and Management of Vendors Organization and Manage-

ment of the Fairgrounds Camping Program. Organization and Manage-

ment of Ticket Sales

Public speaking on behalf of

Ticket Sales

16.03.03Relationship 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 13th day of December 2016 ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Deputy Brown County Auditor (1221.1228)

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Groton City Dec. 19

Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2016
The Groton City Council met

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

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

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment.

First State Bank 7,354.61 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; Groton Chamber of Commerce 700.00 gifts; 1st National Bank 9,604.27 lagoon loan payment; AFLAC 749.62 emp ins; April Abeln 38.75 dep flex; Car Quest 16.68 oil, filters, parts; Dakota Doors Inc 2,130.60 door openers; Dakota Press 2,174.46 publishing; Dearborn National 88.00 life ins; Jim Gerdes 100.00 Santa; Groton Independent 42.36 publishing; Guardian Ins 245.30 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 46,780.15 power; Shawn Lambertz 387.04 mileage, meals; Anita Lowary 131.87 med flex; MJs 1,628.98 gas,dsl,oil,battery; SD Supplement Retirement 1,560.00 emp retirement; USTI 945.00 police comp supp; Weber Landscaping 90.78 erosion blanket; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 13,256.67 health ins: Western Area Power Adm 27,097.08 power Moved by McGannon and sec-

onded by Peterson to make the following contingency transfers: General Fund Contingency= -\$25,840; Legal Services = \$500; Police Salaries = \$2,500; Swimming Pool Building = \$400; Economic Development services = \$50; Forestry Supplies = \$1,000; Comm Center Supplies = \$380; Liquor Publishing = \$10; Street Salaries = \$3,000 and Debt Service Interest = \$18,000. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to set up a water tower replacement reserve in the Water Fund for \$80,000. All members present voted aye. Rubble site fees were tabled

to Jan 3 meeting. The Brown County Deputy proposed cooperative agreement was tabled to the Jan 3 meeting.

Municipal League Legislative Day will be held February 7 in Pierre for any Council members who wish to attend.

Lowary reported on the SDML board meeting she attended, including options on the Marcys Law amendment to the constitution and legislative proposals.

At 7:20pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by McGannon to discuss legal and personnel matters SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (3). All members present voted aye. Council re-

convened at 7:40pm.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Fliehs to hire Shannon Weidrick, Jennie Doeden, and Tadyn Glover at \$8.65 per hour as warming house attendants. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$18.99. 13393

Brown County Ord. 106 Klipfel Rezoning

ORDINANCE #106 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

ORDINANCE #103 CORRECTING R61W TO R65W

IN LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Candace Klipfel is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential District (R-3), said property described as follows:

Lot 2 Klipfel Subdivision in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 8-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (10858 Ro-Ju-Os Place)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: November 30 & December 7, 2016

Passed First Reading: December 13, 2016 Passed Second Reading: De-

cember 20, 2016 Adopted: December 20, 2016 Published: December 28,

2016 Effective Date: January 17, 2017

Rachel Kippley, Chair Brown County Commission ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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no action taken as a result of the discussion ADJOURNMENT: Moved by

Maxine Fischer, Brown County

time of bid opening.

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All members present voted aye.

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Sherry and Rick Koehler were presented with their GDI Festival Lighting Contest awards by Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel. They were awarded first place with a tree ornament and a \$25 gift card from Subway and Groton Dairy Queen.



Terry Kenny (not pictured is Kristen as she has the flu) was presented with their GDI Festival Lighting Contest awards by Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel. They were awarded third place with a tree ornament and a \$15 gift card from Subway and **Groton Dairy Queen.**



This is a close-up of the tree ornament that was presented to each of the place winners. The contest was sponsored by the **Groton Daily Independent.**

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 3, Cheetahs 3, Chipmunks 2, Foxes 2, Shih Tzus 1, Coyotes

Men's High Games: Mike Siegler 244, Brad Waage 232, 223, 214, Ron Beldon 223, Roger Spanier 208, Brad Larson 203, Doug Jorgensen 200

Women's High Games: Dar Larson 170, Vicki Jorgensen 169, Darci Spanier 166

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 669, Mike Siegler 575, Roger Spanier 549

Women's High Series: Vicki Jorgensen 468, Dar Larson 450, Vicki Walter 446

GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Larry Schelle introduced members of the GHS robotics team, who gave a demonstration for the weekly dinner meeting of the Kiwanis Club, last Wednesday noon. Next week's program leader will be Sharon Simon, followed by Lee Schinkel, in January.



Bob and Shirley Meister were presented with their GDI Festival Lighting Contest awards by Jeslyn and Julianna Kosel. They were awarded fourth place with a tree ornament and a \$10 gift card from Subway and Groton Dairy Queen.



Alan and Barbara Bell were presented with their GDI Festival Lighting Contest awards by Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel. They were awarded fifth place with a tree ornament and a \$5 gift card from Subway and Groton Dairy Queen.

Friday evening, Julianna and Jeslyn came along with me as we personally presented the awards of the GDI Festival Lighting Contest. It was fun visiting with each of the winners. The best part of Koehler's was their nativity scene which they have had a number of years. It is indeed a special display. Terry Kenny built his sleigh and it looks very festive. Meister's did not decorate their full two story house, but they still had a lot of neat decorations adorning the front of the house and yard. Alan Bell has a lot of decorations in their yard and he showed us all the decorations he has not put up. He was particular about how his manager scene is displayed and the baby Jesus does not go out until Christmas Eve. Their yard will be one to watch in the future. Our house, which was tied for first with Koehler's, featured more than a dozen angels throughout the yard with the nativity scene at the front corner of the yard. Unfortunately, with the impending freezing rain, the angels have taken flight into our garage.

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Community Calendar



Thursday, Dec. 29

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Friday, Dec. 30

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, ice cream sundae, whole wheat bread.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Catholic Parish: Worship at St. Elizabeth Monday, Jan. 2 Ann Seton Catholic Church at 4 p.m., worship at St. Joseph in Turton at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1

United Methodist Church Parish: 9 a.m. service in Conde, 10 a.m. coffee fellowship time, 11 a.m., worship at Groton (No Sunday School)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church: Worship at 9 a.m. (No Sunday School)



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ny in Bristol at 9 a.m. **Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont:** Worship at 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

City Council meeting at Groton Community Center at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed

potatoes and gravy,

carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Boys' Basketball at Webster Area (C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m. with varsity game to follow)

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

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

School Lunch: Hamburgers, wedge fries, fruit, carrots and dip. United Methodist Church, Groton: Kid Zone at 3:30 p.m., Evening Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton: Sarah Circle at 5 p.m., League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

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