



Wells looking forward to serving on council



Shirley Wells will become the newly appointed councilman for Ward 2. Wells works in the shipping and receiving department of Harry Implement in Ferney. She has two grown sons, Cody and Nick Monson.

Wells said that Mayor Scott Hanlon had approached her with the idea of finishing out Eddy Opp's term on the council until April 2019. At first, she said she was a little nervous about it and asked what it all entailed. She said, "I'm a taxpayer and I would like to know how my tax payer dollars are being used. I've learned over the years that you would like to

please everybody, but you know that's not possible. So many things change and prices continue to go up. It has opened my eyes and I want to be more involved in the community."

Wells has lived in Groton for about 20 years. Her hobbies are camping, spending time with family and working with her flowers around the house.

Prior to working at Harry Implement, she worked at Aman Collections in Aberdeen.

Roy Hope to be at Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church

Roy Hope will be having a special patriotic program on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church, rural Eden. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Regular church service will still be held at 10:30 a.m. that Sunday, as it is every Sunday.

Roy Hope has been sharing a unique blend of hymns, contemporary gospel songs and adds a touch of country western flavor to his varied repertoire. Now in his 47th year of ministry, Hope will be putting on a special patriotic program at Buffalo Lake. The event is open to the public and there is no charge. There will be a free will donation that will be used for an outside lite cross and sign project that is in the works. Refreshments will be served after the event. (and yes, the church is air conditioned!)

You can find directions to the church at hbm.church, click on Buffalo Lake, then Where We Are for the Google Map.



City goes through double the amount of asphalt compared to last year

Terry Herron reported that the city went through double the amount of asphalt this year compared to last year. Many of the streets are breaking up which has led to Herron making a new chip seal project map for this year to help preserve those streets. The chip seal project is estimated to cost \$100,903.

Herron also reported on the condition of the airport, which is good.. He said the gopher population has been eradicated at the airport.

Twenty-one trees have died over the winter and will be replaced this fall. Most of them have been Bur Oak.

Dwight Zerr said he is starting the sweeping project for the whole town. Work on the Aspen Avenue lift station, which is the main one south of Groton, will begin next week. He reported that one of the pumps in that lift station went out and the city crew replaced it. The wet well will be revamped at the Aspen Lift Station. He reported that the impellers at the Hanlon Lift Station are shot and new pumps at the park will be installed later this summer. The pumps from the park will then be moved to Hanlon Lift Station.

The tree trimming ordinance was revised. The city would have the right to now trim a tree at the customer's request if it is not a safety issue with the power lines or the right of way. Also, homeowners need to notify the city if they see an issue with trees potentially falling on electric lines.

Jerry Bjerke reported that the air conditioner in the old Tahoe is not working well and may need some repair.

City Attorney Drew Johnson reported on the 1999 annexation. He said there were a number of mistakes in the legal descriptions and a typo in the resolution. Johnson also reported that Doug Abeln is satisfied with what he found out about the annexation and hopes the city will maintain the infrastructure if he develops it

The council appointed Shirley Wells to fill the vacant spot left by the death of Eddy Opp. She will represent Ward 2 and will be sworn in at the next council meeting. Wells will fill the term until next year.

The low quote from the Dakota Press was accepted for the official newspaper. The council was concerned that the Dakota Press has not submitted a bill to the city since October 2017 and Finance Officer Hope Block said it does mess with the budget when the bills are not submitted on a timely manner. Dakota Press Publisher Kathy Sundermeyer said she is still looking for a bookkeeper. It was the same reason she gave last year. She did say she would have the bills submitted by the next council meeting. The low quote was offered to the Groton Independent as well.

Watermelon Roundup

The driver of this Wholesale Produce truck had a rough ride as he entered the ditch and went up the approach east of Andover. The accident happened at the intersection of 136th St. and US 12. Crews spent hours Sunday morning cleaning up the mess. No word on the condition of the driver.



First State Bank of Claremont, Wells Fargo Bank and South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust were designated as official depositories.

Funds of \$530 was transferred from contingency to the skating rink as it was over budget with the extended season this past year.

Councilman Burt Glover presented a proposal from the pool managers about painting a mural on the wall of the counter at the pool. The managers were given the okay to proceed and to present a design that the council can approve.

Hope Block, Karyn Babcock, Burt Glover and Paul Kosel were approved to attend the FEMA meeting July 17 in Aberdeen.

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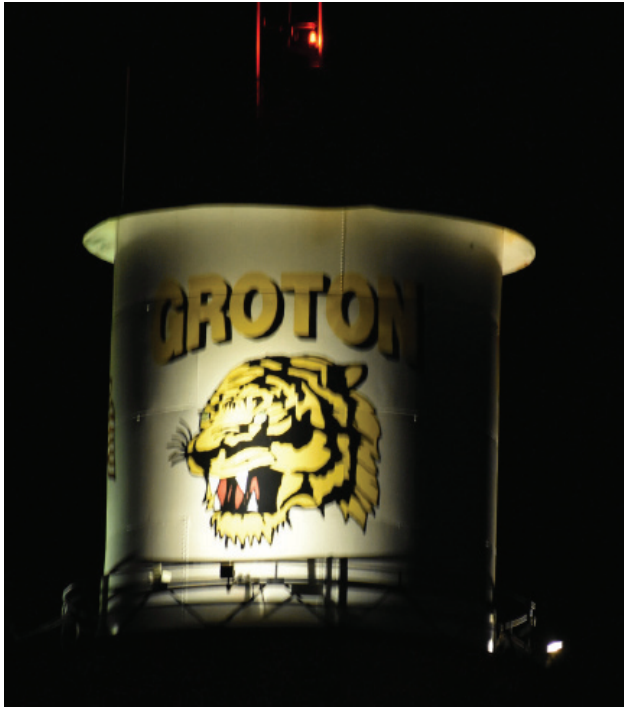
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Tower lights are back on



What seems like at least two years, the water tower has been dark. Last Thursday, Paul Kosel climbed the tower to pull new wires through the conduit for the show lights. He also climbed to the top to replace the two red bulbs. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

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FREDERICK TOWN 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Exhibit i

MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS 31-Dec-17

	General Fund	ELB Fund	Enterprise Funds Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Deposit Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Total
Cash Assets							
Cash in Checking Accounts	\$250,680.91	\$12,149.38	\$3,234.21	\$50,811.51	\$3,845.00	\$64.46	\$320,785.47
Passbook Savings	53,188.49	1,345.03					54,533.52
Savings Certificates	6,968.32						6,968.32
101 FUND CASH BALANCES (Note 1)	310,837.72	13,494.41	3,234.21	50,811.51	3,845.00	64.46	382,287.31

Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depository: First National Bank of Frederick
Note 1: These amounts must equal the amounts stated on the bottom line of Exhibit II, page 3.

MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Exhibit i

	General Fund	ELB Fund	Enterprise Funds Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Deposit Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Total
Receipts (Source)							
311 Property Taxes	78,419.15	14,451.58					92,870.73
313 Sales Tax	27,756.61						27,756.61
311-319 Other Taxes (319)	2,599.93						2,599.93
320 Licenses and Permits	1,471.50						1,471.50
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	1,103.90						1,103.90
335.2 Prorate License Fees	754.69						754.69
353.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	1,235.43						1,235.43
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	5,288.37						5,288.37
338.1 County Road Tax (25%)	760.00						760.00
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%)	12,397.88						12,397.88
338.3 Wheel Tax	224.13						224.13
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue (339)	11,150.00						11,150.00
341-349 Charges for Goods and Services (341)	18,334.00						18,334.00
361 Investment Earnings	270.74						270.74
362 Rentals	5,200.00						5,200.00
363-369 Other Revenues (369)	12,171.39	1,000.00					13,171.39
ENTERPRISE FUNDS							
380 Enterprise Operating Revenue			47,249.24	32,646.00	360.00	956.24	81,201.48
Total Receipts	179,137.72	15,451.58	47,249.24	32,646.00	350.00	956.24	275,790.78
Disbursements (Function)							
410 General Government	1,640.60						1,640.60
411 President and Trustees	2,436.97						2,436.97
413 Legal	486.00						486.00
414 Finance Officer	24,126.05						24,126.05
419.5 Insurance	8,033.00						8,033.00
422 Fire	1,744.91						1,744.91
431 Highways and Streets (includes snow removal & street lights)	56,280.36						56,280.36
432 Sanitation (includes garbage & rubble sites)	25,655.50						25,655.50
437 Cemeteries	2,457.23						2,457.23
441-449 Health and Welfare (441)	300.00						300.00
451-459 Culture-Recreation (451)	18,186.54	12,495.32					30,681.86
461-469 Conservation and Development (465)	14,600.00						14,600.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS							
410 Personal Services			2,447.89	2,343.40	50.00		4,841.29
420 Other Expenses			50,069.46	16,159.96		962.83	67,192.25
Total Disbursements	165,027.04	12,495.32	52,517.35	18,503.36	50.00	962.83	226,922.90
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers	14,110.68	2,956.26	(5,268.11)	14,142.64	300.00	(6.59)	48,867.88
Fund Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 2017	295,196.23	10,538.15	8,502.32	36,668.87	3,545.00	71.05	356,052.43
Adjustments:							
Correction to beginning cash balance	1,530.81						1,530.81
Restated Fund Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 2017	296,727.04	10,538.15	8,502.32	36,668.87	3,545.00	71.05	356,052.43
FUND CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2017	310,837.72	13,494.41	3,234.21	50,811.51	3,845.00	64.46	382,287.31

A Hard Pill to Swallow

I know it's human nature to try to find the easiest way of doing something and to look for ways to avoid unnecessary work. Unfortunately, our modern tools of convenience and entertainment have led us to the couch where we watch others move their muscles instead of moving our own. Why then is it a surprise that we feel so tired, weak, sad, and listless as we just sit there? What makes it worse is that while we're watching, somebody advertises a pill that falsely promises to provide all the same good health benefits that come from the exercise we are lacking. Is it a surprise that we believe it?

A friend told me about his brother who actually said, "I don't have to exercise or watch what I eat anymore since I'm taking a statin (lipid-lowering drug)." Indeed, many medicines, herbs, and vitamins inappropriately promise that sort of thing.

In fact, there are many people who will sell you medicine which promises to prevent strokes, heart attacks, hardening of the arteries, and aging. Many of these pills have some theoretical basis for that promise. Take for example vitamin E, which had a large group of scientists thinking it could prevent premature aging. In a long-term study, however, vitamin E simply didn't make any significant difference in reducing heart attack, stroke, or death.

Another example of a false promise is chelation. A very specific treatment for heavy metal poisoning, chelation has recently become popular in alternative medicine practices as a treatment for heart disease, theoretically decalcifying the arteries to prevent heart disease and strokes. One would like it to work, but under scientific scrutiny, it simply removes necessary calcium from your bones and doesn't significantly reduce vascular calcium deposits. Those who advertise chelation will tell you differently, but (as you know, dear reader) words that are meant to sell a product are different than words meant to explain a scientifically proven fact.

Bottom line: There is no magical pill or potion for the condition of inactivity. Watching others run down the football field won't improve your vascular health or give you the energy, strength, and positive attitude that comes with a walk or a work out. Walk a mile (12 blocks) a day and see what happens. Exercise is powerful medicine; you just have to do it.

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Granary Ice Cream Social to Feature Miss "V" the Gypsy Cowbelle

On Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m., The Gypsy Cowbelle (aka Miss "V") will appear at the Granary Rural Cultural Center's Annual Music and Ice Cream Social with musical entertainment and interactive fun for all ages and generations.



Miss "V" has been sharing her 'Genuine Cowbilly' music with audiences nationwide for the past two decades. A bona fide troubadour, she offers glimpses into American culture, history and lore with performances that pair original ballads with cowboy, country and folk classics. Compelling lyrics and lively rhythms played on guitar and homemade banjo define her signature sound. Her performance at the Granary will feature solo musical numbers with elements of her "Homespun Instruments Workshop" incorporated into the show, for which the audience is invited to play along! Providing a diverse selection of rhythm and "household" instruments, from washtubs, scrub boards, spoons, saws, and every shaker, bell and drum in between, Miss "V" will encourage members of the audience to discover and/or enhance the music within themselves, by "joining the band"!

Drawing from her rural background of caretaking a homestead ranch for 14 years, where she honed skills in driving teams, making tack, running pack strings, building banjos and cowboying, she has developed a penchant for seeking out the road less traveled. Her exploration of rural America and her own backcountry have afforded a rich understanding of the land and its people. With an entertaining medley of toe-tapping ditties, her performance explores simpler times and a seldom-seen America.

Homemade ice cream and watermelon will be served at the annual event, organized by Dacotah Prairie Museum and the Granary, which celebrates old fashioned entertainment and social traditions of the past. Admission is free. The show will take place outdoors. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. In case of rain, the show will move into the Putney Hall building on the Granary grounds.

This program is made possible by the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities; and the South Dakota Arts Council, with support provided with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Groton Dairy Queen getting a facelift



The Groton Dairy Queen has lost its red color as it is undergoing a major facelift.



The cloud was responsible for a 47 mph wind gust at 7:12 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10. The area received over 2 inches of rain during the past week. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Brown County Hefty Seed Zoning Notice

NOTICE
Application has been made by Hefty Seed to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 17, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC): Rix Outlot 2 in the SW ¼ of Sec 6-T124N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (12484 406th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 121.

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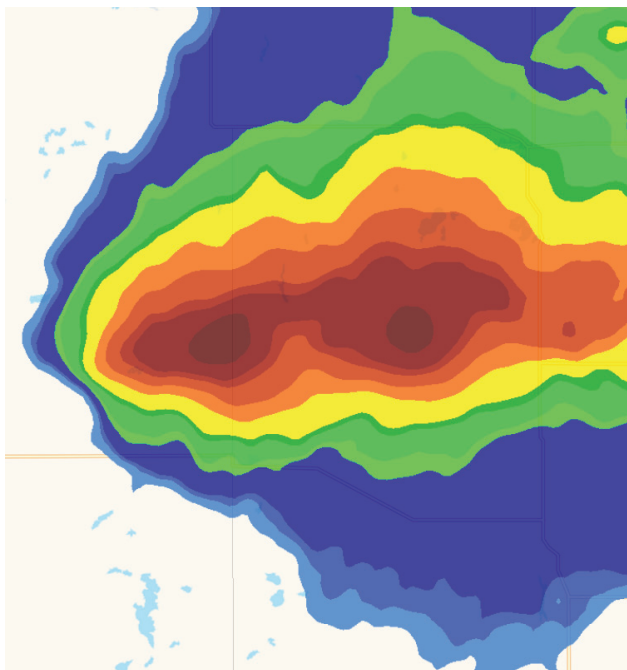
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Big Cottonwood Tree comes down



This big cottonwood tree at the corner of Second Street and Fourth Avenue in Groton was removed recently. Here are the photos from before, the branches on the ground and afterwards. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



This was a radar image Monday evening, July 2, south of Groton. It looks like the storm is watching you with its pair of eyes.



Lazy Farmers 4-H Club takes care of James Cemetery

The Lazy Farmers 4-H Club take care of the James Cemetery as one of its community service projects. Pictured here, at spring clean-up, are (in back) Logan Pearson, Jamesen Stange and Lexi Osterman; in front are Liza Krueger, Kayla Lehr, Alicia Davis, Jarrett Erdmann, Tessa Erdmann, Cassandra Townsend and Travis Townsend. On the mower is Lane Krueger. (Courtesy photo)



Mayor Scott Hanlon goes through the packet with new Councilman Shirley Wells prior to the city council meeting Monday evening. Wells replaces Eddy Opp in Ward 2 and will serve until next year. She will be sworn in at the next council meeting on July 23. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Westby's 30th Anniversary

Ron and Lori Westby will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Monday, July 16th, 2018. Greetings may be sent to 1103 N 2nd St Groton, SD 57445. No gifts please.

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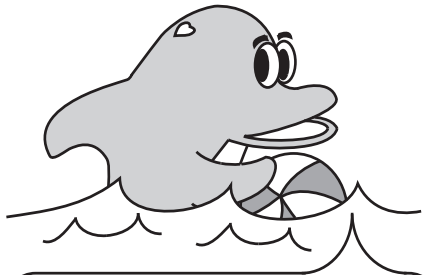
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Kids: color stuff in!



Fun in the Sun at the Beach!



Throw the ball, please, Cousin Echo!

Hey, who are you talking to?

Steamy, sunny summer days are a great time to visit the beach. I like to swim, leap and dive in the surf! What do you like to do? I'll be looking for you!



Can you find and circle 18 different words on this page that begin with the letter 's'?

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driftwood
seagulls



I love to read!

Fill in the crossword puzzle with these "fun in the sun" activities at the beach.

- drinking lots of _____ and picnicking on a blanket
- strolling along the _____, feeling the sand, water, wind and sun
- reading, resting and basking under the _____
- searching for and collecting _____: shells, seastars, smooth stones
- throwing bread crusts to the _____ near the rocks
- picking up gnarled pieces of _____ to use in a garden display
- digging up _____ in the mud when the tide goes out
- climbing the rocks of the _____ to watch ships passing and people fishing
- bodysurfing in the roaring, salty _____
- watching _____ play, swim, walk their pets
- shoveling, piling and dripping wet _____ to build a castle
- fishing for _____ from the pier

Knock! Knock!

Shelly.

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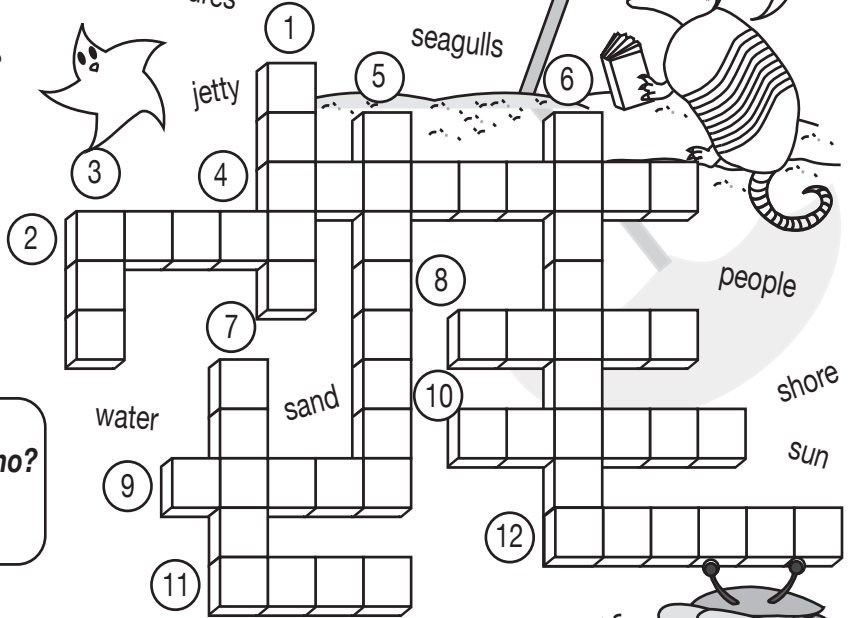
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Who's there?

Shelly who?

Hey, Shelly who? What did he say?

groan!



People at the Beach

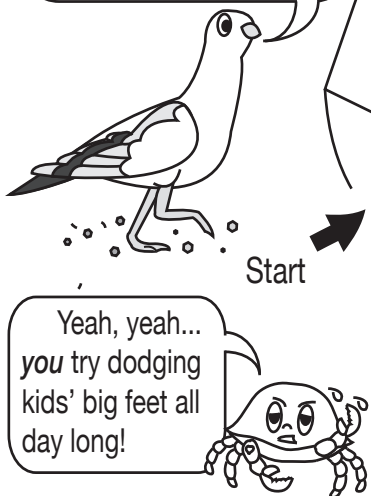
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Cool Break!

It's time for a cool break from the hot sun. Can you find your way through the maze to the ice cream cart?

If you happen to drop a treat in the sand, I may help clean it up.

Whew! I really need a cold treat after laying on the rocks in the sun!



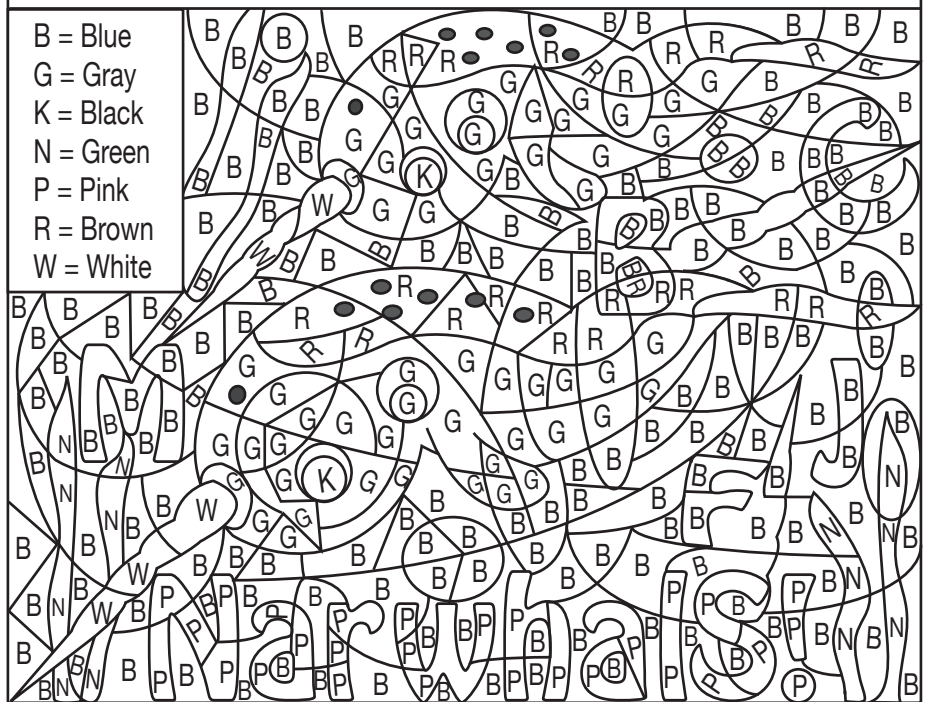
Start

Yeah, yeah... you try dodging kids' big feet all day long!



Who are these "underwater unicorns" with long, pointed tusks on their heads? They live in the Arctic region, but maybe you'll see them secretly vacationing at the beach! Follow the key to color in this puzzle and see!

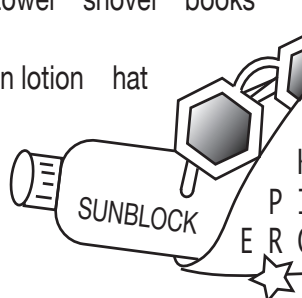
- B = Blue
- G = Gray
- K = Black
- N = Green
- P = Pink
- R = Brown
- W = White



What Should You Take for Fun in the Sun?

Can you find and circle these items in the top of the beach bag?

- sunglasses towel shovel books
flip-flops sun lotion hat
coins keys
bucket



Just hanging around!

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H C I W D N A S

Lunch and snacks are packed in the cold pack in the bottom of the bag. Can you find and circle them?

- water
grapes
cheese
crackers
sandwich
lemonade
watermelon



Gas Prices on the Rise as Demand Remains Strong

July 9, 2018 - The national gas price average is \$2.87, which is a penny more expensive on the week. Pump prices in nearly 30 states are seeing a jump of as much as eight cents, a dozen states saw prices drop and another dozen states' gas price averages remain stable from last Monday.

"Demand for gasoline this summer remains very strong week-over-week, driving gas prices higher alongside rising crude prices," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA spokesperson. "Today motorists are seeing gas for \$2.76 or more at 56 percent of gas stations across the country."

Today's national gas price average is six-cents cheaper than last month, but 61-cents more expensive than at the same time last year.

South Dakota Average Gas Prices:

Current Avg. \$2.866
 Yesterday Avg. \$2.864
 Week Ago Avg. \$2.875
 Month Ago Avg. \$2.904
 Year Ago Avg. \$2.258

Quick Stats

The nation's top 10 largest weekly changes are: Delaware (+8 cents), Michigan (-7 cents), Ohio (+6 cents), Indiana (+5 cents), Maryland (+4 cents), New Mexico (-3 cents), Pennsylvania (+3 cents), Georgia (+3 cents), Kentucky (+3 cents) and Oklahoma (+3 cents).

The nation's top 10 least expensive markets are: South Carolina (\$2.53), Alabama (\$2.53), Mississippi (\$2.55), Louisiana (\$2.58), Arkansas (\$2.60), Missouri (\$2.61), Tennessee (\$2.61), Oklahoma (\$2.62), Virginia (\$2.62) and Kansas (\$2.66).

Great Lakes and Central

Gas prices are volatile on the week in the Great Lakes and Central region with gas prices anywhere from seven cents cheaper to six cents more expensive. A handful of states' gas price averages remain stable on the week. Four states from these regions land on this week's largest gas price changes list: Michigan (-7 cents), Ohio (+6 cents), Indiana (+5 cents) and Kentucky (+3 cents).

At \$2.95, Illinois has the most expensive gas prices in the region followed by Michigan (\$2.92). At \$2.61, Missouri is the cheapest.

Oil market dynamics

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI increased 86 cents to settle at \$73.80. Crude prices trended lower last week following EIA's report that showed U.S. crude oil inventories increased by a total of 1.3 million bbl last week.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

As we continue our breakdown of the Minnesota Vikings' roster heading into the 2018 season, we turn our attention to the linebackers. The Vikings have two superstars at linebacker – one of which needs a new contract – but the rest of the position features players eager to prove they deserve a spot on the Vikings' final 53-man roster. The team had six linebackers on their opening day roster last season, and with eleven linebackers on the roster right now, there will certainly be plenty of competition at the position.



Starters

Eric Kendricks – Entering his fourth season in the NFL, the Vikings gave Kendricks a 5-year, \$50 million contract, locking up their middle linebacker for the foreseeable future. Kendricks is on the smaller side for a linebacker (6'0", 232 pounds) but he is one of the most instinctual linebackers in the NFL and is a solid tackler who also has above-average coverage skills.

Anthony Barr – Drafted one year before Kendricks, Barr is entering the last year of his rookie contract and both he and the team are hoping to get a long-term contract in place. Barr is a very good linebacker who flashes moments of brilliance and has made three consecutive Pro Bowls. He will likely receive a contract similar to Kendricks', and it wouldn't surprise me if the contract is announced soon.

Ben Gedeon – Drafted in the fourth-round of last year's draft, Gedeon grabbed ahold of the third linebacker spot and played admirably last season. The Vikings will enter training camp with him penciled in as a starter, but out of all the starting linebacker spots, this is the one that will be open to competition.

Potential Backups

Kentrell Brothers – Entering his third season in the NFL, Brothers was hoping to compete for a starting linebacker spot this offseason after playing in all 16-games last year (mostly on special teams). However, he was hit with a four-game suspension to start the season. He will likely have his spot back once he is reinstated, but his chances of becoming a starter

are now considerably lower.

Reshard Cliett – Drafted in the sixth-round of the 2016 draft by the Houston Texans, Cliett is now on his seventh team in the NFL. A speedy but undersized linebacker, Cliett has never played a snap in the NFL and will be hard pressed to make the Vikings' final roster.

Garret Dooley – Signed as an undrafted rookie, Dooley doesn't have the speed and athleticism to fit what Mike Zimmer usually looks for in his linebackers. However, Dooley has good instincts and above-average strength and will likely spend a year or two on the practice squad until he is ready for the NFL.

Devante Downs – Drafted in the sev-

enth-round this year, Downs is a bigger linebacker who also has the speed required to play in the NFL. Injuries cut his senior season short at Cal, but before the injury he was playing very well. How quickly he learns the role will determine if he starts his career as a backup or on the practice squad.

Mike Needham – Weighing only 224 pounds, Needham will need to hit the gym hard if he wants to make it in the NFL.

Brett Taylor – Likely not drafted because he played for a small school in college (Western Illinois), Taylor has the size and speed to be a contributor for the Vikings' defense. He will have to work on his coverage and agility, however, if he plans to make the final roster.

Eric Wilson – An undrafted rookie last season, Wilson proved he has what it takes to play in the NFL by earning a backup spot and playing on special teams in all 16 games last season. Wilson is undersized but has a nose for the ball and is very productive when he isn't being engulfed by blockers.

Antwone Williams – A fifth-round pick by the Lions in 2016, many thought Williams could earn a starting spot in Detroit – until he was cut after one season. He signed with the Vikings and spent last year on the practice squad, but he has a real shot to get a promotion to the final roster if he can prove he can excel on special teams.

Don't miss next week's article, where we will focus on the cornerbacks! If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL). Skol!

Groton's Blood Drive Brings in 43 Volunteers

Groton, SD hosted a blood drive with United Blood Services on June 28 at the Community Center which helped collect a total of 44 units of blood for patients in need.

A total of 43 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 37 individuals were able to donate at the United Blood Services blood drive on June 28. A total of seven donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor.

United Blood Services expressed their gratitude to Stacy Oliver, who coordinated the drive.

UBS strives to keep a 5-day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Donations from O-negative donors, the universal blood type, are especially important this time of year due to increased accidents and trauma cases.

United Blood Services is the only blood provider to nearly 70 hospitals across the region. The blood supply is dependent on selfless donations from volunteer donors to ensure the lifesaving needs of the region are met.

About 30 percent of UBS's blood supply goes to cancer patients across the region and one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood. Those relying on blood in the region receive that lifesaving blood from UBS.

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling (877)827-4376. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in United Blood Services' Hero in Me rewards program.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Fast Track Health History the day they donate on www.unitedbloodservices.org

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I support a Congressional Term Limits Amendment – 6 years in the House, 12 years in the Senate. Dusty Johnson and I have much different proposals. His: 12 years in the House, and no limits at all in the Senate.

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Old White Guy Stereotype

by Paula Jensen

Vice President of Advancement

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I often hear jovial stories and stereotypes, in and out of rural places, about how small-town people are stuck in the 1960s and refuse to accept change. They joke that we nostalgically



hang on to our traditions, our history, our ways of doing things, and our small-town values. Personally, I choose to live in a small town because it's safe, close to family, and offers me the quality of life I need.

I don't appreciate these generalizations and stereotypes about how rural people are stuck in an outdated place. Those words certainly don't represent the community leaders I work alongside every day. But don't misunderstand, there are people leading and living in rural places that are stuck in an old system and their hard truth is, it's not 1969 and it never will be again.

The conversation about change in rural places is certainly necessary, but hard. Often, when people courageously open up that conversation, it creates a barrier to progress because we aren't listening to understand. The barrier emerges because the new system feels held back and the old system feels pushed away. We must recognize that old systems are not bad, but they do need to be nurtured toward the new system that is always certain to emerge.

I have recently experienced some Aha! moments that have the potential to make our rural communities merge toward a new system that will make us stronger, better, and hopeful again.

Aha! #1 - There is a new 3-legged stool of economic development.

The old 3-legged stool includes traditional areas of economic development:

1. business retention and expansion;
2. business attraction; and
3. business creation/entrepreneurship.

The new 3-legged stool focuses on creating a community where people want to live. The reason for this change is because our emerging workforce is choosing a place before selecting a job. The three legs of this stool are:

1. Business Development (create, attract, retain, expand);
2. Talent Development; and
3. Place Making.

Working on these three aspects together, creates a place where our main streets and industry connect; youth are being educated and encouraged to return home to add value to the local economy; and the community has a strong quality of place focused on the health & wellness, citizen engagement, daycare, housing, education, art & culture, and events.

Aha! #2 - We must acknowledge that your own presence does matter in our community.

Last week I heard Whitney Kimball Coe, Director of National Programs at the Center for Rural Strategies state, "Many of our communities are run by men of a certain age who like to explain things." This stereotype of 'old white guys' struck a chord with me when I heard her say those words. I saw others in the room bristle at her words. I am grateful for the dedicated men who built a strong foundation for the community I call home. They have supported me in making change. Yet, I know Whitney's words to be true. I was the only woman to serve on my city council in 113 years. I serve on many boards that are mostly

Century Club Announces Oldest Living South Dakotan



SIOUX FALLS, SD (July 9, 2018) The South Dakota Health Care Association's Century Club, along with KELOLAND Television, is pleased to announce Vivian Grover as the 2018 Centenarian of the Year! Born in February of 1911, Vivian is 107 years old, and the oldest member of the Century Club!

"Congratulations to Vivian on being honored as our Centenarian of the Year," said LuAnn Severson, Century Club Coordinator. "Her lifetime of experience is an inspiration for all of us."

Vivian grew up on a farm outside of Dover, Minnesota, getting up early every morning to milk cows and do other chores, before walking a mile to school. She moved into town and lived with her aunt to attend high school.

She met the man who would become her husband, Harry Grover, while visiting her brother in Rapid City. They were married November 30, 1931. Together, they worked a ranch, then later owned Grover's store in Keystone, and worked for Donaldson's department store in Rapid City. Vivian also was a deputy clerk for the magistrate court, an especially notable achievement because Vivian's formal education ended after two years of high school. She remains very proud of her service with the court. Vivian's husband passed away in 1987. She currently resides at Fountain

Springs Healthcare in Rapid City.

Vivian helped raise her husband's three children in a blended family, and has 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 57 great-great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-great grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Vivian has loved to travel, including visits to England and France, as well as bus trips around the country, cruises, and fishing trips. She went whitewater rafting in Colorado when she was 83 and hiked Black Elk Peak every year until she was 84 years old. She believes that her active lifestyle has been one of the reasons she has lived so long.

"Do what you want to do," is Vivian's advice to others. "I'm just thankful I am here today, and that I can drink coffee, eat, and have a good night's sleep."

The Century Club was created by the South Dakota Health Care Association to recognize South Dakotans age 100 or older, both for their longevity and their contributions to our state. Over 1,200 South Dakotans have been inducted into the Century Club since its founding in 1997. The Century Club is, as its name states, a club. Therefore, there may be older people in the state that have not yet been inducted by a family member or loved one into the Century Club.

The Century Club is open to any resident of South Dakota upon the celebration of his or her 100th birthday. There are no dues and each inductee receives a specially designed certificate and membership card. Once a year, the current oldest living Century Club Member is recognized as the "Centenarian of the Year." Submit names for the Century Club by visiting www.sdhca.org and downloading a Century Club application or call LuAnn Severson, Century Club Coordinator, at 1-800-952-3052.

men. I also work in other rural communities where this is a barrier to progress.

Similarly, Joe Bartmann, President of Dakota Resources says, "More leaders are not needed in rural communities. The old way of leading is obsolete. Something must change to engage the greater community so they become empowered to embrace the vision they have for their community and shape it into the place they want to live."

There are people full of energy for change rising up in our rural communities. They are creative, passionate, and want to change the old systems of leadership and organizations to accommodate a more empowered citizen-base. This emerging system allows more people to step-up and support the creation of a thriving community. It takes in to consideration things like work/life blend and working on what matters to individuals and their crowd.

Aha! #3 - Make thriving more important than growing your community!

The Argus Leader recently posted a headline, "Rural South Dakota is losing people while bigger metros gain." This article was also picked up by the The Seattle Times with the headline, "More than half South Dakota communities losing population". You can't just read the headlines to get the full story. Jessica Schad with South Dakota State University Data Center provided the numbers to prove those headlines true and, also stated, "Population loss doesn't mean that communities aren't strong."

Many small towns are beginning to take a different look at how they define and measure success in rural South Dakota. Instead of measuring success on traditional sales tax and population growth, these communities are looking at what matters to them and coming up with their own indexes and definition of success.

There is a new rural emerging and it looks like a place where the community is:

- Making thriving more important than growth.
- Filled with courageous people willing to

have hard conversations; facing the reality of where they've been and where they are going.

- Empowering people to take part in planning for and creating local outcomes.
- Building up spaces that create community connections through education, art, culture, and more.
- Becoming not-knowers; a community willing to ask questions and find the answers together, rather than pretending to need to know all the answers.
- Acknowledging and embracing the many visions living within the community.

Together we can become the shapers of a thriving new rural. Let's release old stereotypes and visions of our past to create the community we all want to live in. And, the key to making this happen is that we ALL need to keep showing up, over-and-over-and-over again, even the old white guys.

Having a passion for community leadership and development is what drives Paula Jensen's personal and professional life. Paula resides in her hometown of Langford, South Dakota, population 318+. She serves as a grant writer and community coach with Dakota Resources based in Renner, South Dakota. Dakota Resources is a 501c3 Community Development Financial Institution with the purpose of stimulating financial and human investments in rural communities that are invested in themselves. Contact her at paula@dakotaresources.org.

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The Life of Douglas Bahr



The funeral for Douglas Bahr, 68, of Groton, was held Monday, July 9, 2018 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Pastor Brandon Dunham officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery, Groton, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Doug passed away July 5, 2018 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

Douglas Barry Bahr was born in Aberdeen on August 14, 1949 to Orville and Donna (Craig) Bahr. He attended school in Groton, graduating in 1967. On June 14, 1969 he was united in marriage to Pamela Kay Rix and together they were blessed with four boys. Doug farmed for several years and was then employed at McGannon Plumbing and Heating. He later worked for the Groton Area School for eleven years before his retirement.

Doug was a member of the United Methodist Church, Groton. He enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing and gardening. Each year he raised a large garden of pumpkins and tomatoes. He was an avid

Minnesota Twins and Vikings fan and also enjoyed attending local basketball games. Doug loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Celebrating his life are his children, Troy (Jennifer) Bahr of Parker, Colorado, Brian Bahr and fiancé Elizabeth Dinger of Groton, Damian (Erin) Bahr of Groton, Dion (Samantha) Bahr of Groton, 14 grandchildren: Hunter, Ashtyn, Jackson, Alexandra "Lexi", Madilyn "Madi", London, Nolan, Jase, Beau, Roman, Raven, Jackson, Gretchen and Ari and his siblings, Jim (Linda) Bahr, Bonnie (Alan) Nierman, Patty (Wayne) Hein, Loren Bahr, Tammy (Vern) Heilman, Lonny (Brenda) Bahr.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his brother, Larry and the love of his life, Pam.

Honorary Casketbearers were his grandchildren.

Casketbearers were Troy Bahr, Brian Bahr, Damian Bahr, Dion Bahr, Dwight Strom and Chad Nierman.

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The Life of Cornelia Dresbach

Cornelia "Connie" Dresbach died July 9, 2018 in her Lawrence, KS home following a courageous 3 1/2 year battle with breast cancer. She was surrounded by her loving extended family. Connie's main passion in life was raising her family and enjoying many loving times with her grandchildren. She had impact on the lives of many children over a 25-year period as a substitute teacher in the elementary school in Harrisburg, South Dakota. She enjoyed serving in various roles in churches in the communities where she lived in South Dakota, Georgia, and Kansas.

Connie is survived by her husband of 51 years, Steve, and their sons Jim (Patricia) and grandchildren Abby, Ben and Will of Olathe, KS, Tony (Lisa) and granddaughter Emily of Lincoln, NE, and many nieces and nephews. Connie has two sisters and two brothers: Perry (Ursula) Lundin, Ft. Worth, TX, Mary (Mel) Nygaard, Roseburg, OR, John (Ruth) Lundin, Springfield, SD, and Janice (Joe) Crea, Broomfield, CO. Connie is preceded in death by her eldest sister, Kathryn Uken, Arvada, CO, and her parents James and Cornelia Lundin, Springfield, SD.

Funeral service for Connie will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2018 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lawrence, KS. Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2018 at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery which is located on the family farm west of Springfield, SD.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence.

In lieu of flowers, Connie would prefer memorials be sent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or to Family Promise of Lawrence, KS and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

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To Martin, feeding cattle has been his entire way of life. Feeding has been part of his family's life for three generations now and he hopes for that to carry on into future generations. The Dakotas produce some of the best beef genetics in the country and with our ample feedlots, we can be competitive and produce a very high quality product for consumers for generations to come. Nilsson Farms have thrived on feeding cattle for generations and plan to continue that path into the future.

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