



## Nehls, Kassube win the 18th Annual Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament

Mobridge, SD - The midwest's largest 2-person team fishing tournament finished Saturday, January 12th in Mobridge, SD. Anglers from 14 states fished on Lake Oahe for their share of over \$225,000 in cash and prize. Winning the one day tournament was the team of Kevin Nehls and Chris Kassube of Groton, SD. They brought in a 6 walleye limit weighing a total of 23.39 pounds. They also caught the big walleye of the tournament. Their 30.5" behemoth tipped the scale at 12.73 pounds. A grand total of 1279 walleyes were weighing 1865 pounds.

First Place went to Kevin Nehls of Groton and Chris Kassube of Bath with six fish for 23.39 pounds. The runner-up had 16.23 pounds of fish.

4th: Scott Kampa and Tristan Kampa with six fish and 13.70 pounds.

45th: Kevin Krueger and Dan Krueger with six fish and 9.20 pounds.

66th: Ronald Anderson and Blake Anderson with six fish and 8.22 pounds.

105th: Lance Larsen and Jeff Krueger with six fish and 6.93 pounds.

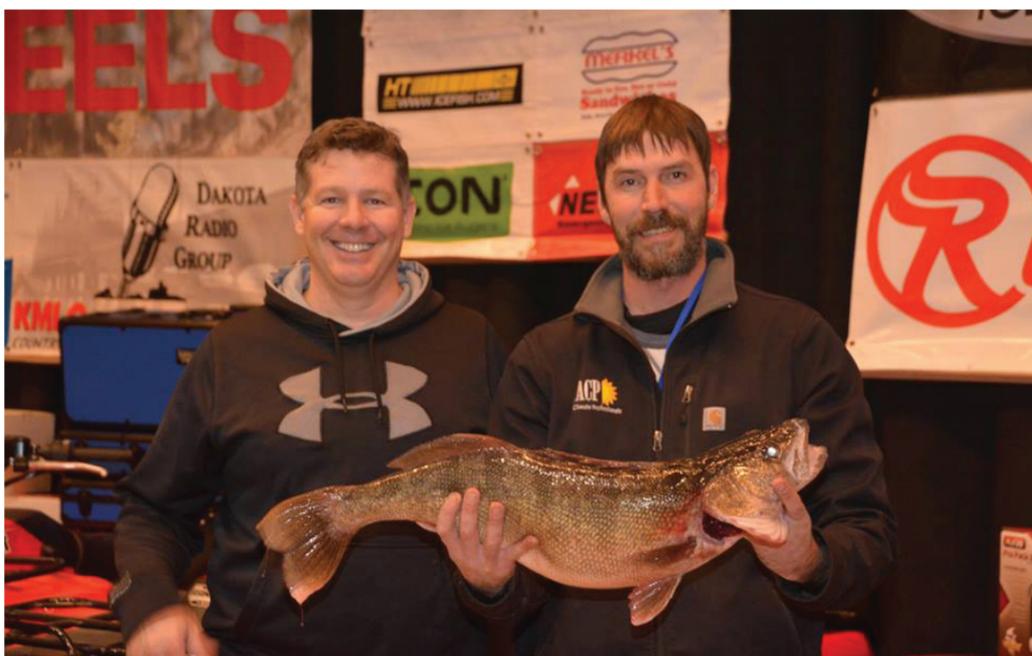
145th: Tyler Kampa, Columbia, and Karen Kampa, Columbia, with one fish for 145 pounds.

225th: Mike Nehls, Groton, and Jordan Nehls, Lincoln, with three fish for 3.51 pounds.

271st: Nathan Tunheim, Groton, and Kyle Tunheim, Miliken, with two fish and 2.26 pounds.

322nd: Cole Kampa, Columbia, and Lane Florey, Bath, with one fish for 1.17 pounds.

- Information from the Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament Facebook Page



Kevin Nehls (right) caught the largest walleye at the Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament held this past weekend. His fish weighed in at 12.73 pounds and was 30.5 inches long. The person on the left is a tournament staff member. According to the Mobridge Tribune, "The fish was caught on Nehls' line but it was Kassube who reached into the six-inch hole in the ice to grab the fish by the mouth and pull it onto the ice. It was described by Nehls as a team effort to land the monster walleye." (Photo from Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament Facebook Page)



Tristan Kampa and his dad, Scott Kampa, Groton, took fourth place at the Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament held this past weekend. They caught six fish for a total of 13.70 pounds. (Photo from Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament Facebook Page)



Kevin Nehls, Groton, (left) and Chris Kassube, Bath, (right) caught the most pounds of fish at the Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament held this past weekend. They caught six fish for a total of 23.39 pounds. And to boot, Kevin Nehls won the fishing shack. (Photos from Mobridge Ice Fishing Tournament Facebook Page)



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## Hanson propels Groton Area past Sisseton with season high 16 points

Miranda Hanson had a season high 16 points Thursday night to help Groton Area past Sisseton in girls' basketball action, 42-35.

It was a struggle for Groton Area in the first half, shooting 13 percent from the field as Sisseton mounted a 21-5 lead midway in the second quarter. The Redmen led at half time, 22-9

Groton Area rallied in the second half when Hanson made 14 of her 16 points in the second half which included three three-pointers. Groton closed to within four at the end of the third quarter, 27-23. Early in the fourth quarter, Groton Area recaptured the lead, 28-27, the second time the Tigers led since it was 3-2 at the beginning of the game. Sisseton tried to keep up with Groton Area, but the Redmen only made two field goals in the second half and the Tigers pulled away for the win. The Redmen made six of eight free throws in the fourth quarter.

For the game, Groton Area made seven of 34 field goals for 21 percent, six of 20 three-pointers for 30 percent and was 10 of 18 from the line for 56 percent off of Sisseton's 12 team fouls. Sisseton made 10 of 43 field goals for 24 percent, and was 13 of 15 from the line for 87 percent off of Groton Area's 14 team fouls.

The Tigers had 38 rebounds with Jennie Doeden having 10 and Hanson seven, had 12 steals with Doeden and Eliza Wanner each having three, and eight assists with Payton Maine and Doeden each having three. Others adding to the Tiger tally were Maine with seven, Doeden with six, Gracie Traphagen five, Kaycie Hawkins and Allyssa Locke each had three and Wanner had two points. Groton Area had 17 turnovers compared to 21 for Sisseton.

Sisseton was led by Kellie Karst with 11 points, nine rebounds and four blocks followed by Kierra Silk with nine points, Libby Medenwald had six, Hailey Nelson five and Talia Estwick and Sheridan Swanson each had two points.

The game was played in Sisseton and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center. Groton Area improves to 4-4 on the season while Sisseton goes to 0-9.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 28-21. Allyssa Locke and Gracie Traphagen each had seven points, Maddie Bjerke had six, Trista Keith four and Kenzie McInerney added two points.

## Groton Area boys have impressive win over Ipswich

Groton Area put on an impressive show Tuesday night as the Tigers handily defeated Ipswich, 65-43. It was the second lowest scoring game for Ipswich this season which now falls to 6-4 on the season.

The Groton Area basketball team has been struggling through the season, but Tuesday night, the Tigers were firing on all cylinders. The lone senior, Treyton Diegel, had four three-pointers to be included in his 18 points to lead all scorers. Brodyn DeHoet had a double-double night with 13 points and sprung for 11 rebounds. Jonathan Doeden had 13 points which included a crowd-pleasing dunk early in the game. Cade Guthmiller had seven fourth-quarter points to have nine points. And Austin Jones, Kaden Kurtz and Tristan Traphagen each had four points.

Another impressive stat was the assists with Groton Area having a season high 23 as DeHoet and Diegel each had six. The Tigers dominated the boards, 41-26, with Ipswich having no offensive rebounds.

Groton Area shot 46 percent from the field while Ipswich made 33 percent of its shots. Groton Area made seven of 15 three-pointers for 47 percent while Ipswich was five of 24 for 29 percent. Groton Area made six of nine free throws for 67 percent off of Ipswich's 10 team fouls. Ipswich was six of 10 from the line for 60 percent off of Groton Area's 12 team fouls. Groton Area had 15 turnovers, nine of which were steals. Ipswich had 14 turnovers, seven of which were steals with DeHoet having three and Kurtz two.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center.

Ipswich won the C game, 37-28. Scoring: Cogley 10, Hearnen 4, Kettering 4, Tietz 4, Bjerke 2, Coats 2, Larson 2.

Ipswich won the JV game, 54-35. Scoring: Jayden Zak 10, Larson 7, DeHoet 4, Lane 3, Simon 3, Cogley 2, Larson 2, Traphagen 2, Kettering 1, Kroll 1.



**Groton Area 42  
Sisseton 35**



**Groton Area 65  
Ipswich 43**

## Nielsen has 32 points to give Redmen win over Groton Area

Sisseton's Nate Nielsen powered in four three-pointers, was six of seven from the line for 32 points and had a double-double night with 11 rebounds to lift Sisseton to a 52-39 win over Groton Area. The game was played in Groton.

Groton Area held a 15-9 lead after the first quarter and with the help of a 10-point rally, the Tigers took a 17-9 lead and upped it to 20-11. The Redmen started to battle back and it was a 24-18 Groton lead at half time. Sisseton would score seven straight points to tie the game at 27 and would take a 32-29 at the end of the third quarter. The Redmen would outscore the Tigers, 8-2, early in the fourth quarter and continued to outpace the Tigers for the final 52-39 win.

Jonathan Doeden led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Brodyn DeHoet with seven, Kaden Kurtz five, Tristan Traphagen and Treyton Diegel with four each and Austin Jones had three points.

As Nielsen had 32 points for Sisseton, that left 20 points for everyone else with Andrew Kranhold having five, Ramsey Heinecke and Sage Flute each had four, Ty Peterson had three and Xavier Donnell and Anthony Tchida each had two.

Groton Area made 16 of 57 field goals for 28 percent while Sisseton was 17 of 52 for 38 percent. In three-pointers, Groton Area was one of 15 for 7 percent and Sisseton was five of 14 for 35 percent. Groton Area made six of 12 free throws for 50 percent off of Sisseton's 13 team fouls. Sisseton made 13 of 16 free throws for 81 percent off of Groton Area's 16 team fouls. Groton Area had six turnovers with four of them being steals. Sisseton had eight turnovers with four of them being steals. DeHoet had a block and he led the rebounding with 11 of the team's 33 rebounds. Sisseton had 38 rebounds.

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Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 37-31. Jayden Zak had 11 points, Abdimalik Mohamed had seven, Lane Tietz six, Cyruss DeHoet three and Isaac Smith and Chandler Larson each had two.

Groton Area won the C game, 28-10. Lane Tietz had eight points, Pierce Kettering and Jackson Cogley each had five, Tate Larson four, and Jackson Bahr and Wyatt Hearnen each had three.

## Lions use height to beat the Lady Tigers

Langford Area shot better, had fewer turnovers and used its height to control the boards as the Lions posted a 47-28 win over Groton Area. The game was played Monday evening in Langford.

The Tigers made 11 of 49 shots for 22 percent while Langford Area shot 15 of 47 for 32 percent which included a hot second quarter with six of 10 shots made. Groton Area had 19 turnovers compared to eight for Langford Area.

Ady Dwight led the Lions and all scorers with 18 points while teammates Chesney Olson had 11, Madi Nelson seven, Hanna Miller five, Maddie Reints three, Mallory Miller two and Addison Taylor had one point.

The Tigers were led by Gracie Traphagen with nine points - six of them in the second quarter. Kenzie McInerney came off the bench and made six points in the third quarter. Jennie Doeden had five, Payton Maine three, Eliza Wanner and Miranda Hanson each had two and Kaycie Hawkins made one free throw.

The Tigers made six of 11 free throws off of Langford Area's 10 team fouls. The Lions made 14 of 24 free throws off of Groton Area's 14 team fouls with many of Groton Area's fouls coming while trying to battle for a defensive rebound.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Aberdeen Chrysler Center.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 37-25. Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Brooke Gengerke with 11, Kenzie McInerney five, Trista Keith three and Allyssa Locke and Maddie Bjerke each had two points.

Jennaka Nelson led the Lions with seven points while Alyssa Keough had six, Brooklin Krueger and Ashley Gustafson each had four, Mallory Miller three and Katie Jensen added one point.



**Groton Area 39  
Sisseton 52**



**Groton Area 28  
Langford 47**



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# Economic fears follow Shopko store closures in S.D. small towns

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The pending closure of ShopKo department stores may have devastating effects on six South Dakota small towns that will suffer job losses, decreased access to basic necessities and reductions in sales-tax collections that could limit municipal services.

The announcement that the retail chain will close several stores has stunned city and chamber of commerce officials in Chamberlain, Custer, Dell Rapids, Redfield, Wagner and Webster who say their economies and residents will suffer from the closures. They say shoppers will soon have to drive up to an hour each way to buy home and living products, and they worry that opportunities for future growth of their towns could be hampered.

The Wisconsin-based retail chain said in December that as part of a restructuring strategy it will close more than three dozen ShopKo stores across the Midwest. The closures in South Dakota will take place in six towns under 4,000 in population that do not have another department store. Five of the towns are geographically isolated.

Analysts say the closures are being driven by the increased ease of online shopping and the growth of mega-stores like Walmart that combine a traditional department store with a full grocery. Furthermore, some experts say the explosive growth of discounters like Dollar Tree, Dollar General and Family Dollar – all of which operate in the South Dakota towns losing their ShopKos — have squeezed mid-sized retailers that cannot compete on price.

Officials from ShopKo did not respond to several phone and email messages from South Dakota News Watch. But in previous press statements, the chain that has 363 stores in 24 states said it chose locations for closure based on a review of “the long-term outlook on profitability, sales trends, and potential growth.” The chain announced four South Dakota closures in December and added Chamberlain and Custer to the list in early January.

In isolated rural areas of South Dakota, the pending closure of the ShopKo stores – all of which opened within the past four years – has exposed the fragility of small-town economies. The store closures are taking both an economic and emotional toll on residents, business owners and those who work to ensure a vibrant future for their communities.

“I was born and raised here and I have a passion about my community and small towns in general,” said Kelsey Doom, director of economic development for Wagner Area Growth. “But I’m starting to wonder, ‘How are we going to make it as a small town?’”



**Merchandise at the Shopko store in Wagner, S.D., is being liquidated in advance of a planned closure of the store in February. Wagner and other small towns that are losing Shopko are concerned about the economic fallout.**

## Major ‘trickle-down’ effect expected

The shifting nature of retail has led to store closings and financial concerns in both urban and rural areas of the country. Sioux Falls and Rapid City have been hit by the downfall of Sears, Herbergers and K-Mart, which is about to close its last South Dakota location in Rapid City.

Consumers in larger cities are protected by the diversity and depth of remaining retail offerings. However, the closure of a single business, particularly one with a wide variety of merchandise, can cause a ripple effect through the economy of a small town.

“It definitely hurts more than it would in a larger city,” said Gianna Lantero, executive director of Grow Spink, an organization that pushes economic development in Spink County, of which Redfield is the county seat. “It’s a huge deal when you have something like this close because it affects a lot of people and other parts of the community.”

In the six South Dakota towns losing a ShopKo, the closures are causing concern on several levels.

Each closure will cost about 15 to 25 people their jobs in communities where skilled labor positions are plentiful but decent-paying retail positions are hard to come by.

The towns will each lose their only major retail outlet and access to the wide variety of clothing, toys, small appliances, food and other home goods typically sold by ShopKo. Though all six communities are home to dollar stores, residents in Chamberlain, Custer, Redfield, Wagner and Webster will have to drive roughly an hour and those in Dell Rapids about 20 minutes to shop at a comparable retail outlet. The lack of access to retail goods may cause a hardship for some populations, particularly lower-income and elderly residents.

“People don’t want to travel all the way to Aberdeen, and some just can’t,” said Lantero. “We serve a good-sized elderly population in Redfield, and some don’t drive but they knew they could shop for those goods right here in town.”

Inconvenience, however, is only part of the problem.

The closures, officials say, could also inhibit future growth by limiting retail options that entice new residents and businesses that are critical to long-term economic stability in small towns. Having a large building sitting vacant at the entry point to their downtowns won’t help encourage growth, either.

While overall the economy has been strong in Webster, a town of about 1,900 along U.S. 12 in Day County, losing a prominent, highly visible retail outlet is a significant setback.

“With our businesses, it all adds up to a well-rounded community, which attracts people to come here for a job, to move here or for an industry to locate here because the more you have, the better off you are,” said Webster Mayor Mike Grosek. “It gives you an uneasy feeling, and it’s a big downer when a corporation comes down and just says, ‘Thanks for everything, but see you later.’”

The towns losing their stores also will see the evaporation of a sizable chunk of sales tax revenue that could affect municipal operations ranging from police and fire protection to upkeep of streets and parks.

“In all these small communities, we live and die on the sales tax,” said Justin Weiland, city administrator of Dell Rapids in northern Minnehaha County. “You strip away some of that sales tax and you strip away the ability to

pay for your police department or your park system or the street projects you planned for next year.”

## ShopKo cutting back in S.D.

Here is a look at the 20 ShopKo stores now operating in South Dakota; the stores in bold are scheduled to close in February. Hometown stores are smaller versions of the typical big-box ShopKo store and have reduced offerings.

Shopko, Aberdeen

ShopKo Hometown, Belle Fourche

**ShopKo Hometown, Chamberlain**

**ShopKo Hometown, Custer**

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ShopKo Hometown, Sisseton

ShopKo Hometown, Sturgis

**ShopKo Hometown, Wagner**

ShopKo, Watertown

**ShopKo, Webster**

ShopKo Hometown, Winner

## Towns worked hard to land ShopKo stores

Officials and residents of Dell Rapids were surprised and disappointed that ShopKo had targeted the store in their community for closure.

The Shopko opened in a flourishing business plaza about 2.5 years ago on the northwest side of the city, said Weiland.

Sales at the store likely were hampered by an invasive 3-year road project that tore up Highway 115 in front of the store and between Dell Rapids and Interstate 29, Weiland said.

The ShopKo closure and the road construction project highlight the fragility of small-town economies across South Dakota and the country.

“It was a 3-year project that really disrupted the traffic pattern in the region,” Weiland said. “All of our retailers on that corridor, the entrance to Dell Rapids, said the traffic problems really affected them.”

Several small businesses saw a slowdown and the city experienced a corresponding decline in sales tax collections, Weiland said.

A down year for agriculture or another major industry can also hurt a local economy. With ongoing trade wars and losses due to tariffs, heavy rains that made harvesting difficult and low commodity prices, many rural South Dakota small towns took a hit in 2018.

Local officials and business leaders fear the ShopKo closures will have a significant economic ripple effect as patrons who now must leave town for clothes and other basic goods are likely to do more shopping in larger cities nearby.

In Wagner, a reservation town of about 1,600 people in Charles Mix County, losing ShopKo is likely to entice even more people to make the hour drive to Mitchell or Yankton to shop for basic necessities and more, said Doom.

She also worries that the town’s dozen or so retailers, as well as its service providers and two grocers, will lose money when shoppers leave town. Doom said some residents are connecting on social media to car pool or plan

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for multiple purchases when a friend or relative announces they are heading to a bigger city to shop.

"It's going to be a huge trickle-down effect," said Doom, who also heads the Wagner Chamber of Commerce. "When they're at Walmart in Mitchell or Yankton, they're going to grab all their groceries and have dinner and spend money that they're not going to spend locally."

Mayor Grosek of Webster seems like someone who might see an upside to ShopKo closing since he runs the town's full-service grocery store, Mike's Jack and Jill. The loss of ShopKo, which sold some dry goods and frozen foods, could at first buoy some businesses in Webster, including his own.

But ultimately, the closure will hurt his store and others when people leave town to shop for home goods, Grosek said.

"It's nothing for individuals to hop in a car and drive 50 miles out and back," Grosek said. "They may get out of town for an outing, but more times than not they'll buy other things rather than get them here."

The towns where ShopKo is closing are also losing out on investments made to lure the stores to locate there.

In Wagner, Doom said she worked with a local landlord to get ShopKo a favorable lease on an existing building. The city also entered into a deal to give ShopKo a sales tax rebate of up to \$25,000 a year for five years, which saved the company about \$70,000 in sales taxes over the past three years, Doom said.

In Webster, the city and local economic development group ponied up \$50,000 in incentives to upgrade the building ShopKo inhabited, and in Dell Rapids a land swap between a private landowner and the local development corporation helped that city attract a ShopKo.

One town in North Dakota was able to save its ShopKo through the power of social media.

The day after ShopKo announced the pending closure of four ShopKo stores in North Dakota, including in Stanley, N.D., local bank branch manager Jenny Pummel-Gaaskjolen began an online petition to save the store. The petition drew nearly 1,600 signatures from in and around the town of about 1,500 people located 60 miles west of Minot.

About two weeks later, after the landlord of the ShopKo store agreed to reduce the rent and the petition drew regional media attention, ShopKo reversed course and announced the Stanley store would remain open.

"It really fills a basic need for us," Pummel-Gaaskjolen, a South Dakota native, said of the ShopKo store. "Just the impact to the community; it would be hard to attract new people to town without it, and it's hard to keep people here as it is."

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**- Kelsey Doom, director of economic development for Wagner Area Growth.**

### Expert sees closings as opportunities

Officials in the six South Dakota towns losing a ShopKo all expressed some optimism that their local economies will survive and may even thrive if something new and excit-

ing can replace the shuttered stores.

A positive, proactive approach to planning may help that process, said Rand Wergin, an associate professor of marketing in the business school at the University of South Dakota.

Wergin specializes in understanding small-town economies with a focus on how those municipalities can attract spending by both locals and visitors.

Two keys to retail success in isolated small towns, Wergin said, are to push hard for locals to spend locally but also for businesses and development officials to create an experience and an emotional connection to their town that makes it a destination for visitors.

Wergin said Sioux Falls has used its art walk and a diverse offering of unique shops and eateries to make its downtown a destination, just as Rapid City has used its Main Street Square and presidential statues to create a place where visitors will spend both time and money.

In an isolated small town like Wagner, Wergin said the community could focus intently on its connection to hunting and fishing opportunities along the nearby Missouri River and Lake Francis Case to create a mix of retail and dining options that capitalize on and cater to that population of visitors.

"It's either a threat or an opportunity for Wagner," Wergin said of the ShopKo closing. "If they do nothing, they could shrivel up and die. But it's a really interesting place because of its proximity to the lake and river, so they need to ask themselves, 'What can we do to brand that?'"

Wergin has created an economic index called the Small Town Retail Pull Factor, which uses state population and sales tax revenue data to determine if a town pulls in more revenue from locals and visitors than it loses to other nearby cities and towns. If everyone in a town shopped locally only, the factor would be 1.0. A town with a factor higher than 1.0 is luring more outside spending and a town with a factor below 1.0 is losing local revenue to other areas.

Wagner, for example, is losing sales to outside communities and has a factor of .91, while Webster appears to be more of a regional hub and has a positive pull factor of 1.84.

For comparison, the small town of Lake Andes loses significant local spending and has a pull factor of only .29, and similarly Dell Rapids has a pull factor of .73 because shoppers have the easy option to head into Sioux Falls, Wergin said.

To improve its economy and fight the trend of rural economic shrinkage, Wergin said a small town should focus on making itself well-known for something or play up unique shops or restaurants that set it apart from other towns.

"We're seeing that, in general, the retail situation is deteriorating in small towns; it's not an alarm, it's something we've been see-

ing for a long time," Wergin said. "But there's still room for small-town retailers to be successful if they can offer the experiences their customers want."

As the ShopKo liquidation sales go on, economic officials in South Dakota are working feverishly to find replacement businesses to inhabit the soon-to-be-vacant buildings before they become worn.

In Wagner, Doom said she is pitching an idea to possibly divide up the 22,000 square-foot ShopKo building and turn it into an event hall, multi-use retail plaza or hub for offices. Doom said she would love to attract a family-oriented enterprise such as a laser tag facility to the site.

Grosek said he and others in Webster are trying to lure a new, similar retailer to the ShopKo site to replace the merchandise, convenience and jobs that will be lost.

"We're not just letting this thing close up and do nothing about it," Grosek said. "We're making some calls and knocking on doors to see if there's something comparable that we can get in there."

### About Bart Pfankuch

Bart Pfankuch, Rapid City, S.D., is an investigative reporter for South Dakota News Watch. A Wisconsin native, he is a former editor of the Rapid City Journal. Bart has spent almost 30 years

## Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Cheetahs 28 ½ Foxes 24, Chipmunks 19, Jackelopes 17 ½ Shih Tzus 17, Coyotes 14

**Men's High Games:** Rick Carlson 257, Brad Waage 225, Doug Jorgensen 203

**Women's High Games:** Angie Carlson 211, Nicole Kassube 168, Karen Spanier 162

**Men's High Series:** Rick Carlson 626, Brad Waage 566, Doug Jorgensen 544

**Women's High Series:** Sue Stanley 450, Angie Carlson 445, Nicole Kassube 439

## Groton Coffee Cup

**Jan. 15 Team Standings:** James Valley 12, Kens 11, Biker chix 9, Ten Pins 8

**High Games:** Vickie Kramp 180, 177; Nancy Radke 174; Sandi Bistedeau 163

**High Series:** Vickie Kramp 507, Nancy Radke 440, Sandi Bistedeau 431

## Conde National

**Jan. 14 Team Standings:** Cubs 13, Pirates 10½, Mets 8, Tigers 7, Braves 6½, Giants 3.

**Men's High Games:** Butch Farmen 201, Collin Cady 198, Ryan Bethke 195

**Men's High Series:** Collin Cady 534, Butch Farmen 529, Russ Bethke 523, Lance Frohling 523.

**Women's High Games:** Sandy Hoops 177, Kira Cady 167, Vickie Kramp 166.

**Women's High Series:** Kira Cady 482, Vickie Kramp 448, Mary Larson 440.



### 81st Annual

## Carnival of Silver Skates

Sunday, January 27th—2:00 and 6:30  
Groton Ice Rink—West Side of Groton, SD

Join us for a fun "Road Trip"!

Admission: 13 & older—\$3.00 / 6-12—\$2.00

Parking: Provided around the rink and on the ice or cozy up on the bleachers  
(Ice parking begins at 10 am, then again at 4:30 pm)

\*\*Check us out on Facebook at "Silver Skates"

## Westport Town

Jan. 7, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

January 7th, 2019

The Town of Westport met on January 7th, 2019 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, Doreen Hertel, Ted Dickey and Yvonne Gilbertson present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General  
NWPS (\$455.88), Groton Independent (\$17.34), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$15.64), US Treasury (\$514.61) & US Treasury (\$58.66).

Sewer  
NWPS (\$41.94), NRW – loan repayment (\$210.13), & SD-DENR (\$50.00)

Water  
WEB (\$1,295.71), Dept. of Health (\$15.00) & Water Maintenance District (\$408.16)

Tim Selzler made motion to pay all bills; second by Mike Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General  
Brown County Collections (\$462.22), The Shed 18 (\$900.00), State of SD (\$2,416.56), Interest (\$30.54).

Sewer  
Resident Payments - (\$1,840.00).

Water  
Resident Payments - (\$2,916.45).

NEW BUSINESS:  
Ted Dickey from NECOG, discussed with the board the sewer project. He let the board know, that there was an error in calculating the sewer rates. He proposed that the sewer rates be set at \$38.00 a month. The board will take action on this at a later time.

Discussion was held on dogs leaving waste in the neighbor's yard and the owner not cleaning up after the dogs. Owners need to be held responsible for their own pets. A letter will be sent to owner of dogs to clean up after them.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

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## Frederick Town

Jan. 7, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick

The Frederick Town Board's monthly meeting was held Monday, January 7, 2019, with Chairman R.S. Campbell, Board Member Gary Schlosser, Board Member Troy Millard, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, Tami Nickelson and Finance Officer Diane Bruns. Chairman Campbell began the meeting at 7 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for December including the Revenue Report, Disbursement Report and Rev/Expenditure Journal were reviewed and approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Approved. Next month it will also include the CD and Savings accounts summary.

Approval of January's Accounts Payable were approved with a motion by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:  
Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$231.40; Core and Main Hydrant sup Wtr \$215.54; D. Bruns wage CC \$114.45; D. Bruns wage FO \$1290.36; DENR Wastewater Fee Swr \$150; Dependable Sanitation 4th Qtr. Pickup Garb \$3937; FDC econ dev Econ Dev \$1200; FU Oil Co plow trk Sts \$199.97; G. Schlosser wage Gen'l \$69.27; GDI legal Gen'l \$86.69; J.C. Campbell, Inc., FO Bond FO \$525; JVT phones, services Gen'l/FO/Wtr/EBL \$298.83; M. Cox wage EBL \$330.23; M. Heine wage FO \$831.15; MDU elect BP/Sts/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/EBL/Swr \$1533.69; Mertz Lumber FH dr trim Mun Bldg \$36.99; R. Bakeberg Sexton Cem \$200.87; R. Bakeberg utility wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$258.44; R. Bakeberg, Veh allowance (rent) Sts/Wtr/Swr \$75; R. Bakeberg, Cert expenses Wtr/Swr \$16; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$138.52; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$68.42; T. Millard, wage Gen'l \$46.17; True Value Hydrant sup Wtr \$27.86; US Treasury 4th Qtr 941 Fed Tax Gen'l/FO/EBL/

ST/Wtr/Swr \$2420.56; USDA-RD AP Wtr Rpr \$475; USPS Forever Stamps Wtr/Swr/Garb \$150; WEB Water 444,300 gallons Wtr \$2393.69. Total January A/P \$17,321.10.

OLD BUSINESS;  
Old Business included UT Manager Bakeberg's report mentioning the hydrant on N 3rd Avenue having been replaced but still not working properly. He also replaced a garbage can that had caught on fire.

Frederick Forward no one represented.

Historical Society no representation.

A bill from Grote Roofing was turned in for the re-roofing of the back half of the Emma Burnham Library building.

Frederick Development Corporation had no requests or comments.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS;

Permission was given to Chairman Campbell authorizing him to be the only signature on certain paperwork from NECOG and the government, pertaining to loan and grant work on the Wastewater Project. Motion was made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

Helms and Associates have been in Frederick doing survey work for the Wastewater Project.

Some of the Ash trees in Simmons Park have been removed as a precaution to disease. They will all be replaced. This 4-year project to remove all Ash Trees was agreed to by Chairman Campbell, Town of Frederick, and Bower Tree Service of Frederick. The 1st phase is finished.

NEW BUSINESS;

The 1st Reading of a Sewer rate raise was proposed to go into effect at the Frederick Town Board meeting held on January 7, 2018. The rate will increase from \$22 a month to \$33 effective February 1, 2019. (This replaces the January 1st increase written in December's minutes.) The 2nd Reading of Ordinance #210 will be held Thursday, January 17, 2019, 7 PM, at the Frederick Community Center. Motion made by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

Chairman Campbell and 1 other Board Member will attend a meeting of the Brown County Planning & Zoning Committee in Aberdeen on 1/15/2019, 7 PM, concerning rezoning of property located on Highway 281 owned by the Spring Creek Colony.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session for discussion of salaries. Motion made by SC/TM at 7:45 PM. Motion Carried. Motion to end Executive Session was made by SC/TM at 7:57 PM. Motion Carried.

Salaries for 2019 Frederick Town employees are:

Gen'l Admin; Chairman \$25 + \$25/mtg, Board Members \$25/mtg. Mowing \$10/hr. Cemetery; Sexton \$500/yr (semiannually) Streets/Wtr/Sewer – UT Mgr \$13.50/hr + \$100 base + \$75 veh allowance (rent). Comm Ctr. Maintenance \$11/hr + \$25 scheduling. Fin Off FO \$1500, Assist FO \$925. EBL Librarian \$11. No Landfill salary set. Motion to set salaries was made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to approve an Inspection Agreement from Dakota Pump and Control at the site. Motion was made by SC/GS. Motion Carried.

The 4th Qtr. EBL report was approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The February meeting was moved to Wednesday, February 6th, so the city's utility bills can also be paid.

At the end of the New Business, Nickelson mentioned she has applied for grants and loans for a project called 'Smooth Walking Paths'. The city board mentioned it is not interested in the expense of city sidewalks or a sidewalk project.

CORRESPONDENCE was an informational Pipeline meeting notice in Aberdeen at DEC on January 31, 2019 for free.

There being no further business to discuss the Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM, with a motion made by TM/GS. Motion Carried. SDCL 1-25-1

Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer

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## Columbia City

Jan. 9, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting – January 9, 2019 7:30 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Tyler Kampa, Corey Mitchell, Cole

Kampa, Ellen Harr

Community – Jeremy Dosch  
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the December meeting. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

WARRANT VOUCHERS Web Water – 37.57; JVT – 118.45; Northwestern Energy – 1013.84; Petty Cash – 300.00; Brown Co. Sheriff – 61.00; Stan Houston – 274.00; Menards – 80.40; Full Circle Ag – 30.68; GDI – 26.45; Great Western Bank – 988.00; Northwestern Energy – 343.57; Corey Mitchell – 198.02; Trevor Meints – 151.10; Tyler Kampa – 354.10; Cole Kampa – 24.71; Ellen Harr – 49.42; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann – 98.00; Cara Dennert – 823.50; Web – 37.16; SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources – 150.00; Aqtegra – 2030.84; US Treasury – 1545.57; SD Unemployment Division – 8.89

Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE – letter from Donegal Insurance Group; letter from Northwestern Energy – billing adjustment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nuisances – Corey Mitchell and Trevor Meints will be meeting with the lawyer to decide how to proceed with the nuisances that were sent out and have not been resolved.

Streets – no report

Parks – Tyler Kampa stated that the concession stand window is in – looks good. He suggested the possibility of tinning the concession stand and changing out the gazebo to a shelter/shade in the coming year. The roof is in good shape, but the walls need to come down.

Lagoon/sewer – Ellen Harr reported that a discharge didn't happen before it froze. We will discharge in the spring – the levels look fine.

Rubble Site – Corey Mitchell turned in the final paperwork to the Dept. of Enviro. & Natural Resources.

NEW BUSINESS

Cole Kampa questioned whether or not we could get more containers at the dump. The board members said that they have asked before, and it wasn't possible. It might be a possibility to get an A-1 container during the holidays. It will be checked into.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bank balances were presented. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Wages for 2019 will remain the same.

December 31, 2018 balances: SF – \$137,969.88; GF – \$155,549.99; FIT – \$13,679.18

Cash on Hand – \$150.00

Ellen Harr made a motion to adjourn. Tyler Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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## Brown County

Jan. 8, 2019

### General Meeting

JANUARY 8, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2019, with amendment to strike "except the sheriff" in the Expense Policy motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following claims (one voucher for the Maintenance Department was pulled from report):

Payroll #1: Commission \$5,505.76; Auditor \$8,442.96; Treasurer \$13,623.32; States Attorney \$23,032.55; SWAWA Grant \$1,389.40; Maintenance \$7,499.49; Assessor \$13,858.92; Register of Deeds \$9,273.69; Veterans Service Office \$4,119.71; GIS \$2,367.50; Information Technology \$8,160.53; Human Resources \$2,316.79; Sheriff Ad-

min \$39,185.81; Jail \$50,558.95; Coroner \$1,950.00; Court Security \$5,871.01; JDC \$24,257.49; Welfare Office \$3,786.79; Museum \$8,257.54; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,885.76; Fair Board \$3,857.52; 4-H \$626.00; Planning and Zoning \$2,936.22; Highway \$52,842.92; Communications \$27,756.12; Emergency Management \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$237.60; 24/7 \$3,136.54; Landfill \$13,516.29.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$20,618.43; Medicare \$4,822.11; HSA \$125.00.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$340.00; AWS \$1,795.00; DevNet \$3,281.25; Haar Law Office \$3,701.83; IAAO \$190.00; IAFE \$750.00; Kuch Law Office \$136.24; KCC Law Office \$3,639.70; Mikelson Law Office \$709.14; Registration Max \$750.00; Thomas Sannes \$7,289.00; Schneider Corp. \$2,265.00; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary \$1,800.00; SD DENR \$3,392.40; SD State's Attorney Assoc. \$1,746.00; SDAE4-HP \$120.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$1,997.50; State Bar of SD \$2,075.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$32.85; Taliaferro Law Firm \$2,476.90; Thurman Law Office \$205.10; Tyler Technologies \$24,572.24; UND – Pathology \$160.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$411.36; Civil Air Patrol \$295.00; Groton Independent \$54.52; Rapid City Journal \$31.42.

Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$1,656.00; Hub City Radio \$175.00; Northern Electric \$1,200.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Active Data Systems \$12,406.00; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$330.00; Dakota Electronics \$60.00; DFP \$159.75; Leidholt Electric \$978.62; Midwest Erosion Control \$2,058.00; Spillman Technologies \$43,949.59; Woodman Refrigeration \$107.14.

Supplies: Aberdeen American News \$215.25; Aberdeen Area Human Resource Assoc. \$25.00; Active Data Systems \$4,016.00; AmeriPride \$258.07; BLR \$1,073.98; Civic Research Institute \$359.90; Dakota Mailing \$762.66; Danko \$24.28; Galls \$96.00; GovConnection \$906.50; Menards \$128.79; Performance Rentals \$10.00; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; Pizza Ranch \$88.44; Police Legal Sciences \$1,800.00; Running's \$202.99; Web Water \$26.00.

Travel & Conference: Mark Milbrandt \$66.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,651.63; AT&T \$325.94; BDM Rural Water System \$36.00; CenturyLink \$408.82; Midcontinent \$703.44; NWPS \$13,578.47; Richmond Lake Sanitary Dist. \$2,700.00.

Other: Aberdeen Development Corp. \$20,000.00; NECOG \$24,746.02.

Machinery & Equip: Mobile Electronic Service \$3,131.35.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

Approve hiring Rachelle Hochstetter as full-time Deputy Sheriff, effective January 15, 2019 @ \$22.58 per hour.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective January 13, 2019: Jesse Milbrandt @ \$19.14 per hour, Jackie Ormand @ \$17.62 per hour, Margarita Okusanya @ \$17.03 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TMS CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign year 4 of 5 year contract with TMS (Theatrical Media Services, Inc) to provide sound, lighting, stage roof and 4 spotlights for Wednesday – Saturday night concerts during the 2019 Brown County Fair @ \$25,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following Brown County Dive Team Members: Trent Anderson, Casey Bade, Rodney Bade, Cody Bonn, Mike Kost, Dave McGuire, Brett Toennies, Clayton Blachford and Jason Vilhauer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to appoint Don Ganje and Lee Koch to a one-year term (2019); Kristie Erickson and Mike Fey to a 2nd term (2019-2021); Kristen Gonsoir to a 1st term (2018-2020) on the Brown County Fair Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to

appoint Stan Beckler to a 4th term effective January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023 and Jerry Struckfuss to a 6th term effective January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023 on the Planning & Zoning Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following 4-H 2017 Promotion and Expansion Committee: (4-H Adults) Heather Basham, Brad Sharp, Stephanie Mattson; (4-H Youth) Tessa Erdmann, Karly Schaanaman; (Non 4-H Adults) Ashley Smith, Adam Franken, Carly Wheeting; (Ag Representative) Gary Sharp; (Commission Liaison) Gary Vetter. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RANGELAND FIRE ASSISTANCE: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #4-19. RANGELAND FIRE ASSISTANCE DESIGNEES AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the list of individuals set forth below, are hereby authorized to request rangeland fire assistance, on behalf of the County of Brown as specified in SDCL 41-20A-11. The authority to request assistance as provided shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the County of Brown Board of Commissioners.

County Fire Assistance Authorization list:

Effective Date: January 1, 2019

Name of Individual, Position  
Daytime Phone, Emergency or Cell Phone

Scott Meints, EM Director, (605) 626-7122(605) 396-2625 / 715-5830

Patti Woods, EM Assistant, (605) 622-7122(605) 397-2609 / 715-5831

Mike Wiese, County Commissioner, (605) 228-1237, (605) 228-1237

Dated this 8th day of January 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

HRC APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: Resolution #5-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. WHEREAS, the Honorable Doug Fjeldheim, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, has named and appointed the following as Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, to serve from the date of this certificate of appointment for the number of years appearing after his or her name. Marty Sabola, 5 years; Connie Kusler, 4 years; Mike Jung, 3 years; Sister Pat Prunty, 2 years; Colleen Callum, 1 year. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the appointments of Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Commission by the Chairman of Brown County, are hereby approved. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley: Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP RENTAL RATES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to establish the following Richmond Youth Camp rental rates: RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP RENTAL RATES  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019  
Booking fee in the amount of \$100.00 and proof of insurance must be submitted at least 30 days prior to date of occupancy.  
Use of Grounds – no Buildings: \$25.00 per event (booking fee waived)  
Dorm only: \$80.00 per dorm per night.  
Lodge Only: \$150.00 per day  
Youth Groups: \$5.00 per person per day (Ages 17 and under).  
Adult Groups: If under 30 people will pay daily rates. If over 30 people \$7.00 per person per day. (Ages 18 and older)  
Deposit: A \$100.00 deposit is required to guarantee all dates. This deposit will only be refunded if the camp is left in a clean and orderly manner and there is no damage done to the camp. If the cleaning costs and damage costs exceed the amount of the deposit, any additional repairs or cleaning costs will be billed. Signed lease, deposit and proof of insurance shall be sent to the Brown County Auditor at 25

Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Cleanup: \$50.00 for the Lodge and \$100.00 for the dorms.

Absolutely no pets allowed in any of the buildings. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Dakota Pump & Control for Annual Inspection of the Annex Pump Station in amount of \$900.00 for 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Honeywell Building Solutions to provide equipment and services on designated automation system hardware and software in amount of \$5,216.63 for 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Honeywell Building Solutions to provide equipment and services on designated flex temperature control systems and on designated flex mechanical maintenances systems in amount of \$22,435.28 for 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with Interstate PowerSystems for Annual Inspection of the Courthouse Generator in amount of \$2,347.00 for 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to declare scrap metal from the Highway Department and Maintenance Department surplus for purpose of sale. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to acknowledge receipt of additional revenue generated at Centennial Village during 2018 in amount of \$1,205.67 and further designate the \$1,205.67 as assigned fund balance to finance current and future maintenance and improvements at the Fairgrounds, as per the agreement. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED SALE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to withdraw the following parcel from the Tax Deed Sale to be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 2019: Hecla City: Lots 5-6 Block 25 of the Plat entitled N 1/2 Block 25, 35-46 inclusive and OL M to the City of Hecla. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEERS/WORKER COMPENSATION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following list of volunteers for work comp purposes (CERT, Citizens Corp, Dive Team, Fair, Museum, 4-H Promotion/Expansion): John Adams, Marie Adams, Heather Allemang, Marcie Andersh, Terry Anderson, Trent Anderson, Marty Axlund, Erin Bacon, Casey Bade, Rodney Bade, Richard Baker, Garrid Baldwin, Diana Banker, Heather Basham, Becky Berreth, Christopher Beusch, Betty Beyer, Chad Bierman, Sandra Bierman, Clayton Blachford, Evelyn Blum, Jan Bohling, Paul Bohling, Cody Bonn, Gayle Bortneng, Robert Bray, Dawn Breedlove, Mercedes Buchanan, Becky Burdick, Ross Burdick, Colette Carrels, Michael Connelly, Luanne Cunningham, Ryan Cunningham, Molly Dahme, Kathleen Daly, Casey Dennert, Douglas DeVore, Kaye DeYoung, Phyllis Donat, Marvin Dreesen, Joseph Dulik, Ken Dulik, Wes Elliott, Darin Emery, Tessa Erdmann, Curtis Erickson, Jan Erickson, Kristie Erickson, Mike Fey, Theresa Fjeldheim, Logan Flack, Sara Fleury, Adam Franken, Don Ganje, Allen Gates, Susan Gerlach, Steve Gisi, Kristen Gonsoir, Scott R Grebner, Joshua Halsey, Nancy Hansen, Gerald Helm, Pat Helm, Heidi Hepola, Janet Herman, Sarah Herman-Schumacher, Trixie Hettich, Carmel Heyd, Bill Hild, Mary Jo Hild, Nicholas Huber, Weylin Huber, Kieth Hughes, Richard Humphries, Randy Imber, Shannon Imber-O'Keefe, Charla Imrie, Kathy Jackson, Kathy Johnson, Michele Johnson, Brian Johnson, Christie Kiesz, Lee Koch, Michael Kost, Ron Kost, Kasia Kramer, Jason Kuntz, Brian LaCroix, Alexandra Little, Jared Little, Dana Locken, Greg Markley, Jeanie Martian, Annikki Marttila, Heidi Marttila-Losure, Tim Mattern, Stephanie Mattson, Douglas Mayer,

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

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2019 SALARY SCHEDULE: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following salaries, effective December 16, 2018: Annually States Attorney Chris White 82,620.92; Sheriff Mark Milbrandt 74,151.72 (plus \$500 per pay period to oversee Communications Center); Auditor Maxine Fischer, Treasurer Sheila Anderson 59,917.90; Register of Deeds Roberta Nichols 55,520.00; Commissioners (plus county paid portion of optional insurance coverage) Nancy Hansen 21,685.88, Rachel Kippley, Tom Fischbach, Duane Sutton, Doug Fjeldheim, Dennis Feickert, Mike Wiese 22,282.58; Deputy States Attorney's Ryan Vogel 68,298.00, Karly Winter 61,725.93, Ernest Thompson 56,520.87, Jodi Brown 18,100.23 (Victims Assistance) 34,735.04 (SVAWA Grant), Ross Aldentaler 51,520.00; Victims Specialist Brittany O'Day 50,382.49; PT Deputy States Attorney \$26,520.00; Building Superintendent Judy Dosch 54,738.81; Chief Information Officer Paul Sivertsen 108,742.02; Commission Assistant/Human Resource Director Gary Vetter 64,667.37; Communications Director Kenton Jones 66,520.00, Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke 59,459.90; EM Director Scott Meints 61,307.55; Fair Board Manager Derek Ricci 48,945.52; Fairgrounds Superintendent Kurt Smith 50,007.12; GIS Coordinator Scott Madsen 61,554.98; Highway Superintendent Dirk Rogers 76,180.95; Juvenile Detention Supervisor Brian Bahr 47,420.80; Landfill Manager Mike Scott 62,590.33; Museum Director Sue Gates 49,147.60; Planning/Zoning/E911 Rural Addressing Director C Scott Bader 50,006.85; Sheriff/JDC Nurse Tanya Michener 54,620.80; Veterans Service Officer Aaron Walberg 52,326.68; Welfare Director Clifford Rhodes 54,110.82; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dave Lunzmann 68,162.97. Weed Supervisor Chris Hemen 42,380.80. Coroner and Deputies: Michael Carlsen, Allie Ryckman, Paula Beckler \$150.00 per call. Blood Draw: Harmony Mattson, Pamela Smid \$50.00 per draw. On Call Nurse: \$15.00 per phone call, \$35.00 per one hour or less physical visit, \$25.00 per hour over one hour physical visit: Pamela Smid, Harmony Mattson. Per Meeting: Darwin Bettmann, Stanley Beckler, Patrick Keatts, David North, Jerry Streckfuss, Dale Kurth, Dennis Weidebush, Mark Hoven, Duane Jark, Troy Knecht \$40.00 per meeting. Per Hour: Landfill Office Manager Robert Baumgartner 20.65. Deputy Director of Equalization Russell Metz 24.13. Chief Office Deputies (Auditor, Treasurer, Register of Deeds) Lynn Heupel, Dorene Borchard, Patricia VanMeter 24.13. Veterans Service Assistant Kathy Schlect 24.13. Highway Shop Foreman Mark

Wendt 25.00. Highway Department Assistant Kendell Titze 24.13. Assistant Communications Director Erin Bacon 21.52. Assistant Emergency Management Director Patti Woods 21.52. Appraisers: Scott Willis 17.92, Sarah Swenson 20.16, Barry Kusler 22.01, Kathy Fischer 23.18. Technology Support Specialist: Joseph Adam 23.18, Cory Lane 23.63. Chief Office Deputies (Sheriff, Welfare, States Attorney, Director of Equalization) Polly Rush, Roxy Hilgenberg 21.32, Kathy Neitzel 22.22, Penny Hart 24.67. Legal Secretary I Pamela McBride 15.58, Tonya Peterson 15.88. Legal Secretary II Tracy Madsen 18.67. Office Deputies, Museum Curators, Secretaries/Clerks Amanda Aragon, Michelle Dannen, Victoria Carlson 15.39, Jeannette McClain 15.66, Becky Desens 15.93, David Engraf 16.20, Patricia Kendall 16.41, Sonje Oban 16.81, Tracy Engquist, Cindy Woodford 17.23, Andrew Janusz 17.42, Sara Swisher, Mariann Malsom, JoAnn Sheffield 17.52, Jackie Ormand 17.57, Lora Schaunaman 17.82, Cindy Meyers 17.87, Jolene Forsting 18.07, Sherri Rawstern 18.32. Clerk, Secretary, Maintenance, Parts Sarah Hartje 15.65, Bill Rohrbach 15.92, Cindy Eppard 17.23, Monte Podoll 17.58. Sheriff Department Clerical & Cooks Michael Janes 15.93, Rachel Wilson 16.60, Sandy Woytassek 16.93, Teresa Mann, Kristin Barstad 18.29, Sandy Mielke, Jesse Milbrandt 19.09. Dispatchers Logan Flack, James Ingram, Ashley Orr, Erin Ackerman, Margarita Okusanya 16.71, Miranda Graves, Kayla Reinert 17.37, Aaron Gasser, Dawn Allam 18.08, Jonathan Waller, Cory Erhardt 18.41, Tonya Walth 20.19, Melony Flinn 20.34, Sara Jesz 20.39. Highway Seasonal Les Schaible 13.23. Fairgrounds/Maintenance Labor Grade 3 Dan Schlosser 17.29, Mickey Schulz 18.27, John Weig 19.74. Highway/Landfill Labor Grade 3 Allen Klinger, Chris Holmes 18.59, John Florey, Troy Grote, Mike Rohrbach 18.68, Kyle Kost 18.89, Tray Mercer, Dean Zimmerman 18.99, Dennis VanHeerde 19.09, Glen Neumiller 19.19, Charles Gruenstein 19.28, Larry Hardy 20.15. Highway/Landfill Labor Grade 4 Russell Jones 18.63, Jason Kallenberger, Barry Braaten 18.73, Jeremy Eppard 18.94, Terry Lout 19.23, Dana Breske 19.56, Brad Nehlich 19.66. Highway/Landfill Labor Grade 5 Gerald Lehrkamp 19.43, Nicholas Juenger 19.63, Casey Jensen 19.72, Bryan Owens 19.83, David Bruckner 21.33. Highway Mechanics Labor Grade A (with cdl)/Outside Shop Foreman Eugene Pence Jr 21.12, Kurt Pigors 21.22, Daryl Lloyd 21.43, Paul Wipf 21.64. Deputy Sheriff Investigator Wes Graff 24.93, Jonathan Lemke 26.32. Deputy Sheriff Anthony Sorensen, Daniel Bray 22.58, Mike Hill, Gavin Wright, Ermelinda Marcuson 22.93, Brandon Black 23.62, Keith Baker 23.97, Linn Kamin 24.32, Ben Smith, Nathan Smith 26.16, Craig Nelson 26.36, Brian Koens 26.41, Terrence Evans 26.46, Scott Kolb 27.06. Home Detention Supervisor/Assistant JDC Supervisor Danica Hillestad 19.32, Brenda Hamrlich 21.91. Correctional Officers (Adult and JDC) Meagan Hale, Brooke Jones, Jerremias Vega, Alexus Storm, Chad Mielke, Lucas Champlain, Heather Kulwicki, Brandon Wiest 16.40, Breanne Bjerke, Jeremy Batista, Samuel Hoppock, Wayne Kleinsasser 16.74, Scott Richards, Tanner Podoll 17.09, Jaclyn Nagel, Justin Yablonski, Elise Westfall, Cameron Refsland 17.45, Christeen Krahl 17.77, John Clark, James Harpel, Ryan McClain, Brandon Mills 18.48, Stacie Wasem, Adelaide Mouna 18.82, Jennifer White 19.18, Joseph Embury 19.90, Michael Ernst 19.95, Samiuela Mouna 20.00, Russ Ochsner, Kristal Koens 20.25, Cindy Mitchell, Jeffrey Kirnan 20.30. Part time employees – per hour: Logan Gauer 9.70, Jon Daschel 10.62, Gale Buchanan, Michael Arnoldy, Tobias Stugelmayer 11.36, Tammie Niemann 11.68, Richard Schooley 11.86, Richard Burns, Anthony Cooper 11.92, Marianne Marttila-Klipfel, Mary Baird 13.59, Julie Hermansen, Maggie Bell, Carol Wolf, Anne Weig, Henry Fulda, Donna Olson, Susan Sumner, Doreen Howell, Teresa Sonnenburg-Gauer, Kaylee Moench, Fadia Champlain, Mitchell Aman, Jennifer Kamin, Bryan Gordon, Bailey Long 13.94, Mari Flack, Brenda Reich 14.81, Steven Ramsdell, John Ness, Keith Anderson, Michael Lout, William Winter, Lori Goldade, Donald Fischer 15.66, Jerod Blair 17.24, Diane Lehr 17.28, Patti Marshall 19.25. Court Security Neil Bittner, David Hunter,

Daniel Harvey 15.66/17.66. Differential Pay: Correctional Officers, Deputy Sheriffs, Dispatchers: 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. Monday thru Thursday \$1.00 per hour, 4:00 P.M. Friday to 8:00 A.M. Monday \$1.50 per hour. Dispatchers for Training at Terminals: \$1.00 per hour all shifts. Highway employees when pulling train \$0.80 per hour. NOTE: All overtime calculated on base pay. GUARDS: \$100 per day for each round trip less than 400 miles; \$125 per day for each round trip over 400 miles – Neil Bittner, Brock Schiferl, Daniel Harvey, David Hunter, Jon Damaska, Eldon Reich, Nick Cochrane, Curtis Kline, Jeff Carlson, Jarrod Zaruba, Steven Westby. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED CONTRACT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to authorize Sheila Anderson enter into a contract on the following property located in Aberdeen City, effective January 2019 @ \$175.00 per month Lot 3 Blk 5 Woolverton Addn (822 7th Ave SE). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to authorize Sheila Anderson enter into a contract on the following property located in Aberdeen City, effective January 2019 @ \$125.00 per month Lot 22 Blk 21 Hagerty & Lloyd Addn (219 5th Ave NE). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUNDIAL APPROVAL: Gary Vetter was instructed to contact individual employees in regard to approval of SunDial time records.

RAM W-2 PROCESS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign letter of authorization to RAM for processing Brown County W-2's for 2018 per contract as specified with the first three quarters of data provided by Brown County and the last quarter data processed by RAM. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) and to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:37 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$238.02. 17052

## National Gas Price Average Inches Up for First Time in Three Months

January 14, 2019 - At a penny more expensive on the week, the national gas price average (\$2.25) increased for the first time since October. Despite the increase, today's average is still cheaper month-over-month (-14 cents) and year-over-year (-28 cents).

"The price of crude oil has been slowly, but steadily increasing since the beginning of the year, which is starting to push up pump prices," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA spokesperson. "The price per barrel (WTI) increased \$3 from last Monday to close on Friday to settle at \$51 per barrel."

### South Dakota Average Gas Prices:

Current Avg. \$2.15  
Yesterday Avg. \$2.15  
Week Ago Avg. \$2.16  
Month Ago Avg. \$2.39  
Year Ago Avg. \$2.48

Last week saw not only more expensive crude oil, but a sizeable build in U.S. gasoline stocks and a small increase in demand. Overall demand has been low lately, contributing to the growth in stocks and helping to keep gas prices lower despite increasing crude prices.

### Quick Stats

The nation's top 10 largest monthly decreases are: Montana (-33 cents), Idaho (-32 cents), Colorado (-32 cents), Wyoming (-31 cents), Utah (-29 cents), Hawaii (-27 cents), South Dakota (-24 cents), North Dakota (-22 cents), New Mexico (-21 cents) and Minnesota (-20 cents).

The nation's top 10 largest yearly decreases are: Michigan (-57 cents), Illinois (-53 cents), Iowa (-49 cents), Indiana (-48 cents), Wisconsin (-45 cents), Nebraska (-45 cents), Ohio (-44 cents), Kentucky (-43 cents), Minnesota (-41 cents) and Kansas (-40 cents).

### Great Lakes and Central

Pump prices are rising across the Great Lakes and Central states with Ohio (+8 cents), Indiana (+8 cents), Missouri (+7 cents), Michigan (+6 cents), Iowa (+6 cents) and Kentucky (+4 cents) seeing the largest jumps in the region on the week. With these increases, many states' averages have surpassed the \$2/gal mark except for Missouri (\$1.89) and Kansas (\$1.97), though motorists can still find gas below the \$2/mark in many states in the region.

For the sixth straight week, gasoline inventories built, adding a staggering 2.7 million bbl in the latest Energy Information Administration (EIA) report. Total stocks sit at 57 million bbl – a 4 million bbl year-over-year surplus.

### Oil market dynamics

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI decreased \$1.00 to settle at \$51.59. Although they ended down for the day, crude prices increased overall last week due to optimism that the trade tensions between China and the U.S. may be subsiding.

Reduced trade volatility will likely help curtail stalled global economic growth that could have reduced global demand for crude. Moreover, with OPEC's global pact with large non-OPEC crude producers (including Russia) to reduce crude production by 1.2 million b/d for at least the first six months of 2019 now in effect, the global glut of crude is expected to decline, helping to push crude prices higher. If crude prices continue to climb, motorists will likely see gas prices follow suit.

## Weekly Vikings Roundup

### Playoff Edition

#### By Jordan Wright

The divisional round of the NFL playoffs has concluded, and the conference championship matchups are set. Before we investigate the games that will decide who plays in the Super Bowl, let's look back at the games that happened this past weekend.

The first game on Saturday, January 12 was between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Indianapolis Colts. The game was supposed to be an offensive showcase between two of the better young quarterbacks in the league, but it ended up being a one-sided affair. The Chiefs jumped out to a 24-7 lead by halftime, and the Colts didn't score an offensive touchdown until there was less than six minutes left in the game. The Chiefs won 31-13 and are headed to the conference championships.

The second Saturday game featured two of the best running backs in the NFL going head to head, but only one team was able to run the ball effectively. The Rams ran the ball 48 times for 273 yards, while the Cowboys could only muster 50 yards on 22 carries. The Rams dominated the game, and sent the Cowboys packing with a 30-22 win.

The two Sunday matchups started with the red-hot Los Angeles Chargers traveling to New England, where the Patriots are nearly invincible. Tom Brady and the rest of the Patriots' offense scored a touchdown on each of their first four possessions and took a 35-7 lead into halftime. The Chargers couldn't get anything going on offense, and their star running back Melvin Gordon only had 15 yards on nine carries. The Patriots won easily, 41-28.

The final game of the divisional round of the playoffs was the Philadelphia Eagles versus the New Orleans Saints. The Eagles intercepted Drew Brees' first pass of the game, which helped them jump out to a 14-0 lead early in the first quarter. Brees ended up with 283 passing yards and two touchdowns, the Saints ran for 137 yards, and the Eagles got sent home by the final score of 20-14.

Looking ahead, the first game of the conference championships will start on Sunday at 2:05pm (CT), with the Rams traveling to New Orleans. The game should be a shootout, since the Rams have the number two offense in the NFL (32.9 points per game), and the Saints are third (31.5 ppg). This game will be close, but the Saints are in a better position to reach the Super Bowl because of their slight edge on defense and homefield advantage.

The other conference Championship game, Patriots at Chiefs, will start at 5:40pm (CT). The Chiefs at home are a good bet to win this one, especially since the Patriots are only 3-5 on the road this season, but you can't count out Tom Brady and Bill Belichick – the two have won more playoff games than anyone in NFL history.

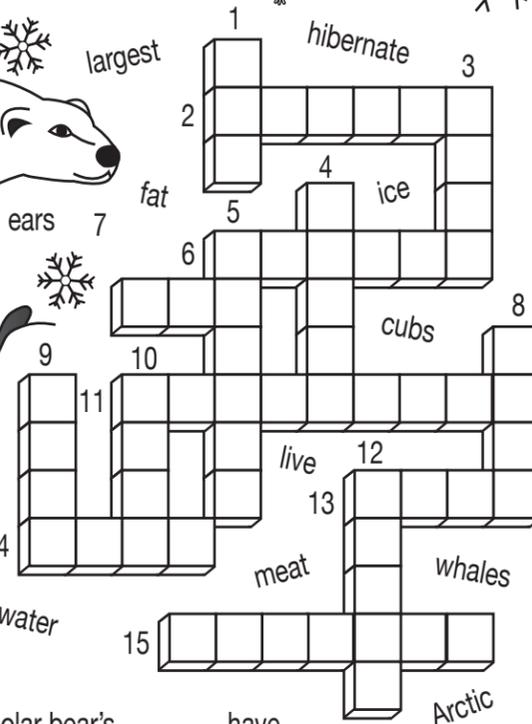
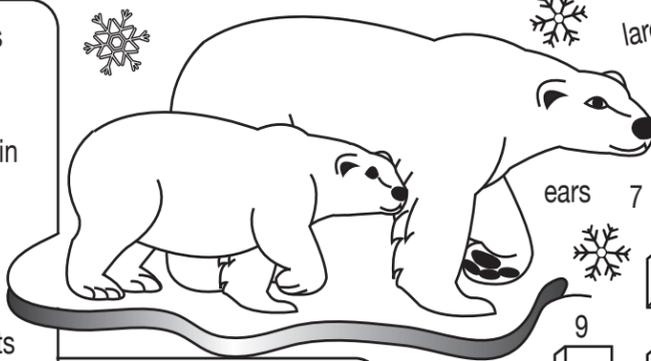
On a quick Vikings' related note, the team officially made Kevin Stefanski the offensive coordinator. Kevin took over the offense after John DeFillipo was let go during the regular season and will now get a chance to put his own personal touches on the team. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL)

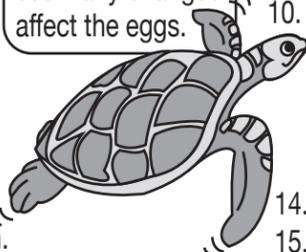
## Studying Earth's Climate

For many years, scientists have been charting the world's changing temperatures. It is natural for some movement of temperatures to occur, but many people wonder how the changes in climate that result will affect animals and people in their habitats and daily lives.

In the coldest northern parts of the world, scientists are studying ice and the way it freezes and melts. Some are also studying the region's polar bears, marine animals that spend most of their time at sea rather than on land. Scientists have seen that the ice that these bears live and hunt upon is starting to melt earlier in the season than it once did. The bears are swimming farther from home to hunt for food (seals) and some are not making it back. Some reports say that polar bears are getting thinner and that more of their cubs are dying. By studying such changes, scientists hope to understand how people can respond to protect themselves and wildlife around the globe.



People check the temperature of the sand at the green sea turtles' nesting area. They want to see if any changes affect the eggs.



- The bottoms of a polar bear's \_\_\_\_\_ have hair to keep them warm.
- In the wild, polar bears \_\_\_\_\_ 25-30 years.
- The skin of a polar bear is actually black, but its \_\_\_\_\_ makes it look white.
- Polar bears do not \_\_\_\_\_ in the winter like other bears.
- Polar bears can swim up to 60 \_\_\_\_\_!
- Polar bears don't like fruit or vegetables; they mostly eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- Polar bears have small \_\_\_\_\_ so they don't lose too much heat.
- Polar bears are, on average, the \_\_\_\_\_ bears in the world.

### Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about polar bears:

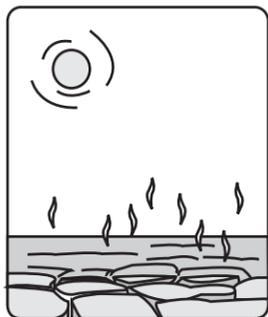
- A polar bear's \_\_\_\_\_ layer can grow up to 4 inches thick. It provides warmth and can keep them from going hungry.
- Polar bears live in the \_\_\_\_\_ region around the North Pole.
- Mothers care for their \_\_\_\_\_ for about 2 1/2 years.
- The "food" or prey for polar bears mostly lives in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The foot of a polar bear is partially \_\_\_\_\_ to help it swim.
- Polar bears have been known to kill Beluga \_\_\_\_\_.
- The loss of \_\_\_\_\_ may push polar bears closer to extinction.

### What Conditions Might Change?

Due to changes in the climate, weather people think that we may have more or stronger...

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Fill in the blanks to spell out some possible changes:



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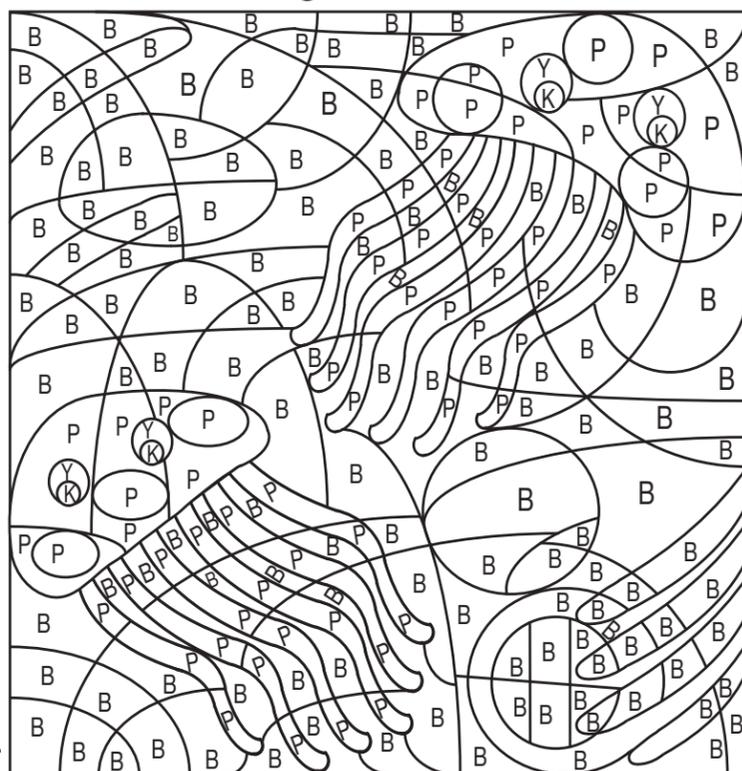
These water animals have been found swimming many miles farther north than usual. Some people think that rising water temperatures let these animals feel comfortable in areas where they normally would not go.

Follow this color key to color in the puzzle to see them:

B = Blue Y = Yellow  
P = Pink K = Black

North Atlantic right whales are being watched for changes in their food sources and their habitat, too.

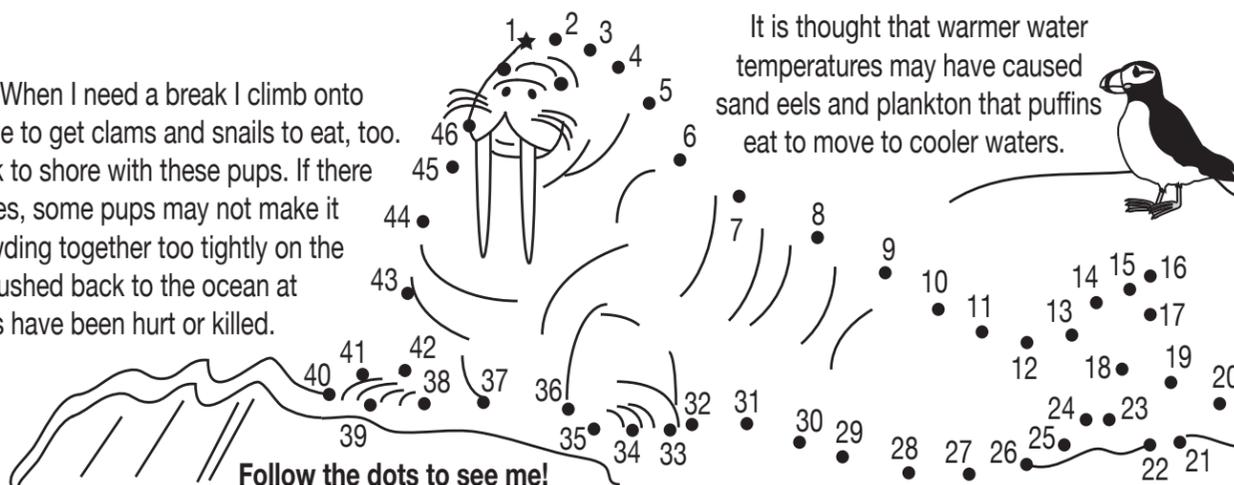
### Swimming Out of School!



### Who Am I?

I take long swims in the cold ocean waters. When I need a break I climb onto icy shores or ice floes to rest. I dive from sea ice to get clams and snails to eat, too. We have our babies on ice and then swim back to shore with these pups. If there is less ice and we have to swim longer distances, some pups may not make it to the shore. In some areas we have been crowding together too tightly on the ice. Sometimes, when frightened, we have all rushed back to the ocean at once resulting in a stampede where some of us have been hurt or killed.

I am a \_\_\_\_\_  
s i r a w u



Follow the dots to see me!

It is thought that warmer water temperatures may have caused sand eels and plankton that puffins eat to move to cooler waters.





# Groton Area Schedule of Events

## Thursday, January 17, 2019

Boys Basketball hosts Aberdeen Roncalli (7th grade game at 3 p.m., 8th grade game at 4 p.m., C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m. with varsity to follow.)

5:00pm: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Triangular vs. Clark/Willow Lake, Hamlin @ Clark Junior-Senior High School (We will wrestle C/WL and Hamlin. We will NOT wrestle Webster.)

## Friday, January 18, 2019

Speech Fiesta Debate at Watertown High School  
No School - Faculty Inservice at Warner High School

6:30pm: Girls Varsity Basketball Game vs. Aberdeen Roncalli @ Aberdeen Roncalli High School.

## Saturday, January 19, 2019

Speech Fiesta Debate at Watertown High School  
Robotics: Groton Area High School

10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament @ Arlington High School

## Sunday, January 20, 2019

2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym at GHS Arena (Grades JK-8 2pm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm)

## Monday, January 21, 2019

Groton Area boys basketball hosts Northwestern Area. (C game at 5:15 p.m. followed by junior varsity and then the varsity game)

6:00pm: Wrestling: Boys JH Tournament vs. Redfield-Doland @ Redfield Jr-Sr High School

## Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:30 p.m.: Groton Area girls basketball hosts Clark/Willow Lake

## Wednesday, January 23, 2019

8:30pm- 12:15pm: MathCounts at Aberdeen Simmons Middle School

## Thursday, January 24, 2019

4:00pm: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Northeast Conference @ Deuel High School

## Friday, January 25, 2019

Lewis and Clark Debate at Yankton High School

Boys basketball at Clark (7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade game at 5 p.m., junior varsity at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.)

# Dual Wrestling

## Webster Area 47.0, Groton Area 24.0

120: Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Cade Roerig (Webster Area) (Fall 0:00)

152: Garrett Shroeder (Groton Area) over Unknown (For.)

160: Lane Krueger (Groton Area) over Unknown (For.)

170: Alex Maunu (Webster Area) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 0:00)

182: Cade Shoemaker (Webster Area) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (TF 15-0 0:00)

285: Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Chase Sigdestad (Webster Area) (Fall 0:00)

## Redfield Area 66.0, Groton Area 3.0

120: Bradyn Robbins (Redfield Area) over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) (Fall 4:34)

152: Corbin Schwartz (Redfield Area) over Garrett Shroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 1:49)

160: Dylan Whitley (Redfield Area) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (Fall 1:18)

170: Trevor Frost (Redfield Area) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 0:40)

182: Drew Masat (Redfield Area) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (Fall 3:55)

285: Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) over Gavin Nichols (Redfield Area) (Dec 7-5)

# Locke places first at Philip

Groton's wrestling squad went to Philip on Saturday for the Invitational tournament. Wyatt Locke placed first at 220 pounds, Dragr Monson placed third at 113 pounds, Adrian Knutson placed fifth at 285 pounds, Grady O'Neill placed seventh at 182 pounds, Garret Schroeder placed eighth at 152 pounds and Lane Krueger placed eighth at 160 pounds.

**113:** Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) received a bye; Quarterfinals - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Eathan Dolney (Webster Area) (Fall 1:24); Semifinals - Burk Blasius (Philip Area) over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) (Fall 2:42); Cons. Semis - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Cade Roerig (Webster Area) (TF 17-1 3:47); 3rd Place Match - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) over Griffin Tobin (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) (Fall 0:35)

**152:** Champ. Round 1 - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) received a bye; Quarterfinals - Chance Grill (Custer/Edgemont) over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 1:33); Cons. Round 2 - Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Colby Fitch (Philip Area) over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 1:36); 7th Place Match - Logan Sauder (St. Thomas More) over Garret Schroeder (Groton Area) (Fall 2:30)

**160:** Champ. Round 1 - Brandan Gehrke (Clark/Willow Lake) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (Fall 0:40); Cons. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) over Tyler Wright (Douglas) (Fall 1:43); Cons. Round 2 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) over Reece Risseuw (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) (Fall 4:55); Cons. Round 3 - Daniel Gleason (Douglas) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (Fall 0:55); 7th Place Match - Jesse Jankord (St. Thomas More) over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) (Fall 0:49)

**160:** Champ. Round 1 - Elijah Steele (Custer/Edgemont) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 1:44); Cons. Round 1 - Evin Nehls (Groton Area) received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Grayson DeVries (Philip Area) over Evin Nehls (Groton Area) (Fall 1:59)

**170:** Champ. Round 1 - Micaiah Grace (Custer/Edgemont) over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) (Fall 1:26); Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Cole Pranger (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) (Dec 6-3)

**182:** Quarterfinals - Cody Donnelly (Philip Area) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (Fall 2:42); Cons. Round 1 - Cade Entwisle (McCook Central/Montrose) over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) (Fall 0:21); 7th Place Match - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) over Ty Dailey (Custer/Edgemont) (Fall 0:35)

**220:** Quarterfinals - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) received a bye; Semifinals - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Grey Gilbert (Harding County) (Fall 3:13); 1st Place Match - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) over Marcus Harkless (Hot Springs) (Fall 2:55)

**285:** Quarterfinals - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) received a bye; Semifinals - Chase Sigdestad (Webster Area) over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) (Fall 1:31); Cons. Semis - Kellen Cassidy (Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney) over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) (Fall 2:15); 5th Place Match - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) over Caleb Maciejewski (Hot Springs) (For.)

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