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School year to continue May 25; local beef may soon be on the menu

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton Area school year is set to last until the end of May.

As of Monday evening's Groton Area School District board meeting, weather has caused 11 missed days of school, five late starts and two early dismissals.

"Thankfully this is not an annual occurrence," said Superintendent Joe Schwan.

Schwan asked the school board for direction on setting a date for the end of the school year.

After a bit of back-and-forth, school board member Steve Smith proposed moving the last day of class to May 25, with May 26 scheduled as a faculty in-service day. The move, which was seconded by Board Vice President Marty Weismantel, was approved by a unanimous vote.

The last day of school for students had been scheduled for May 17 with May 18 scheduled as a faculty in-service date. So far this school year, the district has canceled classes for two days in November, five days in December, three days in February and one day in March. Two late starts were announced in January and three took place so far in March. The district has had one day of weather-related early dismissal in February and one in March.

The calendar has already been changed this year, as the board approved being in session on President's Day, March 16 and April 10, all of which had previously been no-school days.

However, there are still eight days to make up for, Schwan told the board.

The state doesn't dock the district for late starts or early dismissals, but days with no school count toward the minimum number of hours teachers need to have contact with students, he said. The district is scheduled to be well above that statutory required amount time.

Board member Tigh Fliehs asked if teachers were having trouble keeping up with their lessons.

"I think there's no doubt we're behind where we should be," Superintendent Schwan replied. "We've missed almost two weeks of school."

Beyond students missing class time, there are also concerns about some hourly staff being able to work enough hours, he said.

"I've been telling people this. I'm sure there will be days on the end of the calendar," Schwan said. "I just don't know what they will be."

He estimates there are potentially six more weeks where winter weather could have an impact on the school year.

The board approved the new last day of classes as May 25 and the last faculty in-service day as May 26, "barring any catastrophes," said board President Deb Gengerke.

The district is also in talks to get local beef on the school lunch menu. Justin Morehouse with Meathouse in Andover, hopes to be USDA certified by the end of August, which would allow them to process meat for the National School Lunch Program, Superintendent Schwan told the board. This would allow local producers to either donate or sell cattle that would be processed in Andover and served at the Groton schools. The cost to process the meat would be \$2.50 per pound. Estimating a yield of 400 pounds per head, the district will look for donations of five or six beef cattle to get the project going. **Continues on Page 7**



The Groton Area Pep Band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, was the band of the day for the afternoon session on Friday at the State A Girls Basketball Tournament in Watertown. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2023 SDPB | Tim Tushla)



Groton School Board Member, Band Parent, and SDHSAA Board Member Marty Weismantel presented the GHS Band with a plaque and special director's medal to Desiree Yeigh. (Photo courtesy of Dez Yeigh's Facebook Page)



Prismatic Sensations take first place

The Prismatic Sensations took first place in their division at Center Stage held at Aberdeen Central on Saturday. The last competition is this weekend in Mitchell. (Photos

by Jeslyn Kosel)

Things have changed

Years ago, a friend gave me a vintage class photo. The Ashley second grade class was so large back then we had two teachers—mine and the unforgettable Jane Haas. She wore cat-eye glasses. Sitting cross-legged in the front row was the kid that was me. A crewcut in a buttoned-up plaid shirt.

I met Jane again in 1998, returning as the new owner of the Ashley Tribune. When I learned that she was retiring after decades as an English teacher and librarian, I sent the fledgling editor I'd inherited out to get the story. She came back with her tail between her legs. Jane had refused.

Any reporter that's worked for me knows that's unacceptable. You don't come back without the story. I marched up to the school myself. We'd see about this.

No, Jane told me firmly, because the paper hadn't seen fit to profile other worthy past retirees.

Ah, so this was a protest.

"Well, Jane, there's a new sheriff in town," I said, vowing to do better than my predecessors. Under that coerced contract, I got the interview.

"So what are you going to after you retire?" I asked when we were done.

"I'm going to work for you as a proofreader."

"I don't need a proofreader."

"Oh, yes you do."

That's where it began.

I've been blessed with two inspirational English teachers in my life. In high school it was Bernice Rollo, 100 years old now and still going strong, and Jane Haas, who sat beside me for years and schooled me on rules of grammar that Mrs. Rollo hadn't gotten through my thick skull. Four years wasn't enough.

When we bought the building next door and moved the office, the cost was dear; we couldn't afford new desks, so we painted those army surplus monstrosities in gaudy colors—red, blue, purple, and lime green. "I'll take any one except the green one," she said.

I parked her in that green desk beside mine.

That desk was just the beginning of the demands I put upon her. I wanted her to write,

but for all her accomplishments, she wasn't confident in her writing. Real writing requires soul and heart, and she had that, but to lower the shield, to expose yourself, ah, that's the trick.

We edited each other mercilessly. We both got better. I got better, anyway; she blossomed.

She was a natural newspaperwoman who knew what needed to be done and did it. The curse of that was that I demanded more because she could do more. One day, I rattled off an impossible list of assignments as she stared at her screen. As the list grew, her jaw clenched, a fearsome thing.

I reached into my desk and pulled out that class photo. She glanced over. Glared, really, that steely Jane Haas gaze. "Things sure have changed, haven't they," I said. "Look who's in charge now."

Truthfully, it wasn't me. It was Jane and my bookkeeper, Frances Lehr, who'd known me since I was in diapers. For a boss, I sure got bossed around a lot. Verbally by Frances, in the undertow by Jane.

Any publisher worth a damn knows that a great newspaper needs a diversity of voices, different perspectives, people who recognize stories where others don't. For all the bossing that goes on in a newspaper, it's the most democratic business in town.

Jane profiled long-ignored organizations, women's groups that were a mystery to me. Story after story of the underserved and underappreciated rolled in. Stories I wouldn't have written because I didn't see them.

She may have thought she was getting away with something. After editing yet another one of her features, I said, "You know, Jane, I know what you're doing." Steering.

She didn't crack a smile but inside she was smirking. We had an understanding. An extraordinary friendship. We balanced each other. She came in too-buttoned up and I needed buttoning.

Mike Carlson, the funeral director, came to me when Jane was fading in the hospital. Lung cancer. "Jane wants you to do her eulogy." I went silent. We both wondered if I could.

I paced for hours before the funeral. I couldn't let her down but feared I would, that'd I'd freeze or become a blubbering mess. And that wasn't Jane's style.

I did good. I mean well.

You see, she recognized in me as I did in her, strengths we didn't recognize in ourselves. Today, my grammar's better, still wanting, sure, but she made a dent. I see more stories now. I see more of the world around me.

No one sits beside me at that lime-green desk anymore, but I refrain from junking it up like I do my own. She'd hate that. Sometimes it feels like she's still there.

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That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

This past week for the Minnesota Vikings was a tough one, to say the least. With free agency approaching and the Vikings needing to get under the salary cap, the Vikings had to make several tough roster decisions.

Vikings Cut Star Players

On Monday morning, the Vikings released former all-pro linebacker, Eric Kendricks. Kendricks, who played eight seasons as the Vikings' starting middle linebacker, had lost a step this past season so his release was not a shock to many. It was also evident that Kendricks knew throughout the season that this was likely his last with the Vikings. He got emotional multiple times during interviews and even discussed that he was "taking it all in" this season. Even though Kendricks was no longer the player he used to be, his leadership on the defense will surely be missed next season.

Kendricks' release was just the start for the Vikings' general manager, Kwesi Adofo-Mensah. Later in the week, news came out that the Vikings released cornerback Cam Dantzler. Dantzler, who showed promise at times, was never able to fully reach his potential in his time with the Vikings. It was likely Dantzler's lack of speed that was too much for him to overcome.

Then, the big news dropped on Friday that the Vikings released hometown hero and future Vikings' ring of honor member, Adam Thielen. Like Kendricks, Thielen had slowed down athletically this past season. His inability to separate from defensive backs was evident and is the main reason that TJ Hockenson became the second option behind Justin Jefferson in the Vikings' offense. Nonetheless, Thielen will always hold a special spot in the Vikings' fans' hearts given his true Minnesota roots.

Based on reports from several insiders, it does not seem like this is the end of the Vikings' releasing their star players. It sounds like Za'Darius Smith wants the Vikings to release him, and Harrison Smith could possibility to be released if he is unwilling to take a pay cut. Although the Vikings are going to look a lot different next year, I think it's exciting to watch Kwesi Adofo-Mensah and Kevin O'Connell start to build the Vikings the way they want to.

Passing of Bud Grant

The other tough Vikings news that came out this week was the news that legendary head coach, Bud Grant, passed away at 95 years old. Grant is probably the most important person in the history of the Vikings as he led the Vikings to all four of its Super Bowl appearances and put the Vikings' franchise on a level of success that it has not seen since. It was no surprise when the Vikings built the new facility that they awarded Grant his own office, despite him not having coached the Vikings in over 30 years. If the Vikings ever decide to build statues of all the Vikings' greats outside US Bank Stadium, Bud Grant will be the first statue built. His wisdom and leadership will be missed.

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We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

Court Finally Ends Race Discrimination in Public Accommodations

Racial discrimination in southern hotels and restaurants throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Congress determined in 1964 through hearings and studies, had created for Black Americans great challenges and difficulties in their desire to travel from state to state. The Supreme Court had held a century before that Americans enjoyed a constitutional right to travel, but how could Blacks realistically exercise that right without access to lodgings and places

to eat?

Congress sought in 1964, in the context of the historic civil rights movement, a legislative remedy against the widespread racism throughout the South, but where in the Constitution could they find the necessary assistance? The Court, after all, in the Civil Rights Cases of 1883, had declared unconstitutional the Civil Rights Act of 1875, by which Congress, acting under the 14th Amendment, had attempted to prohibit discrimination by private businesses, including hotels, restaurants, carriage services, and theaters. The Court ruled that Congress possessed authority to regulate state action but lacked power to prevent private acts of race discrimination.

In the post-World War II years, as the Court rolled back discrimination in public schools, parks, and other public accommodations, legal scholars felt increasingly optimistic that the High Bench might overturn its decision in the Civil Rights Cases, paving the way for Congress to prohibit private discrimination. But members of Congress, sitting in committee in 1964, feared the possibility that the Court might uphold its 19th Century ruling, which many regarded as punitive, thus stifling the efforts of the national legislature to expand civil rights.

What to do? Congress, behind the leadership of President Lyndon Johnson, enacted the 1964 Civil Rights Act which, in Title II of the landmark legislation, declared that "all persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment" of public accommodations, without "discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, or national origin."

Given the Court's ruling in the 1883 Civil Rights Cases, what constitutional ground could Congress invoke to justify the 1964 Civil Rights Act? Answer: the authority to regulate interstate commerce under

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By the end of the year, in a pair of cases—Heart of Atlanta Hotel v. United States and Katzenbach v. McClung—the Court unanimously upheld Title 2 of the Civil Rights Act as a lawful exercise of congressional control over interstate commerce. Justice Tom Clark delivered the opinions for the Court, declaring that the "record is replete with evidence of the burdens that discrimination by race or color places upon interstate commerce." Clark noted the increased mobility of Americans in the post-war era and observed that Blacks were particularly affected by the discrimination, "having to travel great distances to secure" lodgings, "and often they have been unable to obtain accommodations and have to call upon friends to put them up overnight."

The Heart of Atlanta Hotel, like Ollie's Barbecue, the subject of Katzenbach v. McClung, maintained that it was of a "purely local character" and thus subject to state control and not congressional regulation under the interstate commerce power. Justice Clark, writing for the Court, said, "assuming this to be true, if it is interstate commerce that feels the pinch, it does not matter how local the operation which applies the squeeze." To the Court, the "squeeze" was obvious. Denial of hotel accommodations would deter Blacks from traveling from state to state and region to state. In the case of Ollie's Barbecue, some of the products that it served were purchased from other states, a clear example of interstate commerce.

Congress utilized the Commerce Clause to respond to the pervasive practice of race discrimination, one of the nation's most serious moral concerns. Heart of Atlanta and Katzenbach were not the first cases in American history that involved use of the commerce power to address social justice issues. Congress, for example, has at various times invoked the Commerce Clause to discourage practices which it deems evil, dangerous or unwise, including the interstate sale of lottery tickets, white slave trafficking, the transportation of intoxicating liquors, and child labor.

The purposes and rationales behind the exercise of the commerce power, the Court has said, are beyond judicial contemplation. In United States v. Darby (1941), Justice Harlan Fiske Stone spoke for generations of Justices: "The motive and purpose of a regulation of interstate commerce are matters for the legislative judgment upon the exercise of which the Constitution places no restriction and over which the courts are given no control."

1964 was a pivotal year in the history of the American civil rights movement. It represented one of the few years in which all three branches of government pulled on the same oar to promote human dignity and civil rights. We could use more governmental synergy in addressing the great challenges in our time.

The Life of Eddy Nehls

Edwin "Eddy" Walter Nehls 88 of Groton passed away peacefully March 8, 2023, surrounded by his family. Mass of a Christian Burial will be 11:00 am, Friday, March 17, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Groton with Father Gregory Tschakert officiating. The burial will be at Groton Union Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm at Paetznick-Garress Funeral Chapel on Thursday, March 16, 2023 with the family being present 5-7pm. A prayer service with memory sharing will be at 7pm.

Eddy was born February 27, 1935 to Henry "Hank" & Mary Dwyer Nehls in Groton, SD. Eddy grew up and attended school in Groton. He graduated from Groton High School in 1953.

He met the love of his life, Virginia Fulker and they were married on September 18, 1955. Eddy was a loving husband of 67 years, a father to 5 children, a grandfather to 17 grandchildren, and a great-grandfather to 32 great-grandchildren.

He spent his life living in Groton. Eddy was actively involved in the community by wearing many hats. He served as Groton City Councilman for 8 years and was elected as Groton Mayor from 1973-1979. Eddy served as Groton Police Chief from 1981-1995 and continued acting as police officer for 2 more years after that. After retiring from the police department, he and Virginia stepped in the role of cemetery caretakers, along with being in charge of the ice skating warming house. The two continued to care for the Groton City Park from 1997-2014. Eddy also volunteered with the Groton Fire Department for 38 years with many of those years as Fire Chief. He was also an active member of the Groton Rescue Squad throughout his years.

Eddy enjoyed many hobbies and activities throughout his lifetime. He was an avid snowmobile and stock car racer spending many weekends with friends and family traveling to numerous races. Eddy enjoyed hunting and fishing and always had many stories to tell about these adventures. He loved being busy from owning and operating the Eddy's Sinclair, the Groton Farm Store, Eddy's Towing Service, S&N Sanitation, and repairing lawnmowers and numerous bicycles for people the community. Eddy was also involved in many more ventures too numerous to mention.

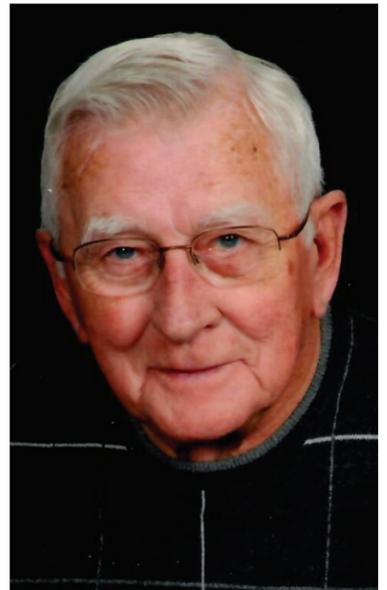
His greatest times though were spent with his family especially during the holidays. Eddy loved gathering with his family and his grandchildren were his pride and joy. He loved attending all their events and watching and cheering them on. He was the best storyteller sharing many stories of his life experiences with all his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Eddy always ended all his stories with "We had a BigTime"

Grateful for having shared Eddy's life are his wife, Virginia, and his children, Vicki (Bob) Walter, Mike (JoAnn) Nehls, Debbie (Chris) Gross, Carla (Justin) Schopp, and Kevin (Shana) Nehls along with 17 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren.

Eddy was preceded in death by his parents Henry & Mary Nehls, his special aunt Pauline "Helen" Meyer, his son-in-law Glenn Sperry, and granddaughter Becky Diegel.

Honorary casketbearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Casketbearers will be his grandsons, Ryan Sperry, T.J Sperry, Jordan Nehls, Tyler Sperry, Austin Gross, Lane Schopp, Garret Schroeder, Evin Nehls and Ben Woodward.



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Brown County March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MARCH 7, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Fjeldheim, Gage and Sutton. Absent was Commissioner Wiese. Commissioner Dennert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RIVER BANK AT TACOMA PARK: Chad Pray met with Brown County Commissioners asking for some assistance regarding the River Bank that is eroding about 100 yards North of his Farm. When it breaks the water will go back North to County Line. Chad is looking for some assistance to help get it rip rapped and bank built back up. Chad got bids from Schmidt Construction and Hanlon's – they have different plans on how to handle it. Commissioner Sutton asked about James River Water District (JRWD) - Chad has contacted them and they will give some assistance but says it needs to be spearheaded at the County level. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent is not committing anyone to this project currently. Commissioner Fjeldheim thinks that JRWD should be the ones to handle this because it is the River Bank and not pertaining to a County Road like it has in the past. Commissioner Sutton will contact JRWD and see what extend they are willing to participate to help the Commission decide on what they want or are able to do and he will let everyone know what he finds out.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of February 28, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: A to Z World Languages \$250.00; Aberdeen Flying Service \$1,545.00; Active Data Systems \$17,570.00; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Birmingham & Cwach Law Offices, PLLC \$995.48; Borns Group \$340.00; Darcy L. Lockwood \$12.00; DEVNET \$3,445.31;

Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$3,780.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$150.00; Helms & Associates \$1,106.96; Karpel Solutions \$7,425.00; Lucy Lewno \$81.50; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,170.00; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$1,250.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$314.00; Schneider Geospatial, LLC \$2,703.00; South Dakota Junior Point Show \$300.00; Valerie J. Larson \$12.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$150.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$21.24; Hub City Radio \$1,500.00. Rentals: Hart Angus Farms \$1,500.00; Eugene Mitchell \$50.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Electric \$3.98; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$2,000.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$4,074.25; Dakota Electronics \$150.00; Dakota Fluid Power \$309.33; Graham Tire Aberdeen \$1,516.96; Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$1,779.44; J & K Painting \$487.52; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$4,520.72; Lawson Products, Inc \$14.19; Lien Transportation Company \$3,087.50; Northstar Safety, Inc \$30.15; Pheasantland Industries, Garment Division \$56.36; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$73.94; RDO Equipment Co \$15,669.90. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$20,109.67; Anderson Electric \$195.00; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$892.00; Borns Group \$11,770.17; Butler Machinery Company \$1,213.53; Century Business Products \$347.62; Charm-Tex, Inc \$1,073.40; Cole Paper Inc 55.59; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$4,468.99; Dakota Fluid Power \$2,057.26; Danny Caraballo \$45.96; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$1,883.15; Farm Power Mfg \$149.40; Fastenal Company \$218.18; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$2.85; Full Circle Ag \$3,471.90; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$140.95; Kiesler's Police Supply \$1,878.90; Lawson Products, Inc \$168.08; Liedholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$101.36; Menards \$492.39; Northstar Safety, Inc \$255.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$84.00; Performance Oil \$242.40; Pheasantland Industries, Garment Division \$1,948.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$511.36; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$103.19; RDO Equipment Co \$1,676.72; Runnings \$196.64; SD Department of Health \$240.00; Simon Solutions, Inc \$162.00; South Dakota Law Review \$35.00; US Foods \$11,002.37; Volk Upholstery \$250.00; Wallwork Truck Center, Inc \$247.48. Travel & Conference: Professional Development Academy, LLC \$1,995.00;

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center \$405.00; SDAE4-HP \$65.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$141.27; City of Aberdeen \$1,506.43; Dakota Electronics \$90.00; Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$12,486.37; Town of Frederick \$76.00. Machinery & Equipment: Vosika Fencing \$43,835.00. Others: SD DANR \$2,908.74. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Erica Coughlin: Employment ending for Fadia Champaign, Brown County JDC Sergeant, full-time; effective February 28, 2023. Request to fill. Acknowledge resignation of Laura Dixon, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, full-time; effective February 28, 2023. Request to fill. Approve promotion of Gavin Wright, from Brown County Sheriff's Deputy to Sheriff's Investigator; starting wage \$29.21/hour; effective March 1, 2023. Request to fill. Approve personal miles driven for February 2023 at .655 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 96 miles at \$62.88; John Florey 96 miles at \$62.88; Mike Scott 130 miles @ \$85.15. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Travel Request for Lynn Heupel, Auditor and Mariann Malsom, Register of Deeds to attend Lake Region District Meeting in Webster on March 16, 2023 and Patricia Kendall, DPM to attend SD Nonprofit Capacity Building Fundraising School in Sioux Falls on March 6-9, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to authorize advertising a public hearing to be held in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on March 21, 2023 to consider the following application for Special Malt Beverage License, submitted by Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area, Aberdeen, SD – Holum Expo Building, SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N Brown County, SD. Special License effective March 31 – April 1, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following lease agreement: Michael & Kathy Harrison for lease of Club House on Sept. 9, 2023 for Wedding Reception. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES - SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held March 21, 2023 in the Commission's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance 241, applicants Adam & Ashley Borg requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance: "Quiggle's Outlot 1" in the NW ¼ of Section 12-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13149 406th Ave., Groton Twp); Proposed Ordinance 242, applicant Colleen Callum for owners Delbert & Caroline Lowe requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance: Proposed Lot 1, "Delbert & Caroline Lowe First Addition" in the SE ¼ of Section 15-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2568 Brown Co. 12W, Aberdeen Twp.); All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLAT: Resolution #08-23

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Delbert & Caroline Lowe First Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 15-T123N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota," having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commission Gage,

seconded by Fjeldheim to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for February 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the auditor report of accounts of January 2023 as follows: January total cash and checks on hand 7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: 21,378,367.87; Total Savings Account Balances: 3,400,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: 3,979,550.72; Grand Total Cash and Balances: 28,766,066.01; General fund cash and investment balances by funds: General Fund 7,923,736.19; Road & Bridge Fund 3,128,211.75; Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423,243.27; 911 Service 901,582.25; Emergency & Disaster 225,699.39; Domestic Abuse 468.26; Teen Court 291.22; Grant 32.11; JDAI 31,738.94; Richmond Youth 0.00; 24/7 Sobriety 17,506.68; ROD M&P 107,743.92; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant 7,551,800.75; Rural Access Infrastructure 295,534.81; Tif Debt Service 1,254.69; Landfill + cash change 3,888,850.90; Landfill - restricted 1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds 2,867,891.44. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Gage wanted to say Thank-you to the agencies that were involved in rescuing a family that was lost in the storm last week. Agencies involved were Aberdeen Flying Service, Careflight, Frederick Fire Department, Brown County Sheriff, Emergency Mgmt., E-911 Services/Dispatch and Highway Departments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Henry Township Equalization Meeting Notice

Henry Township Equalization Meeting Notice:

Notice is hereby given that the governing body section will serve as review board of Henry Township, Brown County. They will be meeting at 7 pm. on Monday, March 20, 2023, at Doug Abeln Seed Company Office for the purpose of reviewing and correcting of the assessment set of the tax districts for the year 2023. All persons considering disputing their assessments are requested to notify the clerk of the board in writing no later than March 17, 2023. Hearings are by appointment only.

/s/ Darlene Sass
Henry Township Clerk
13120 403rd Ave.
Groton, SD 57445

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Groton City Equalization Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE TO GROTON PROPERTY OWNERS

Notice is hereby given that City Council, sitting as the Local Board of Equalization, will meet at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD, for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of property on March 22, 2023 at 8:00 pm.

Appeals must be submitted in writing with supporting documentation by 5:00pm Thursday, March 16 at City Hall or mail appeals to the Finance Officer, PO Box 587 Groton, South Dakota. Those appealing will be notified of their scheduled time to meet with the Board. Contact City Hall for more information at 605-397-8422.

Douglas J. Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer

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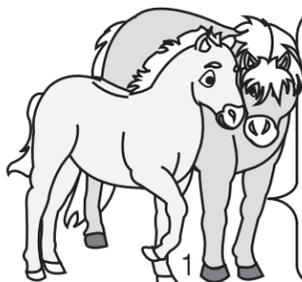
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Kids: color stuff in!



A pony called the Connemara pony is the only one that came from Ireland originally. We live in Ireland too, but were brought here from an area of Scotland. We are

S e l n a d h t
ponies!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

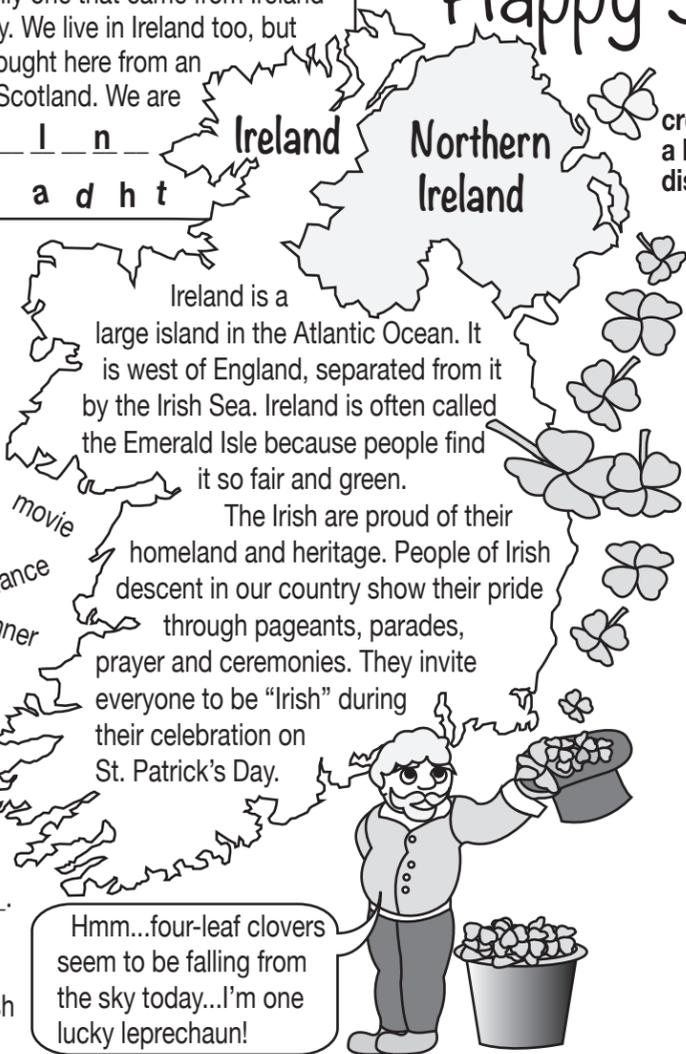
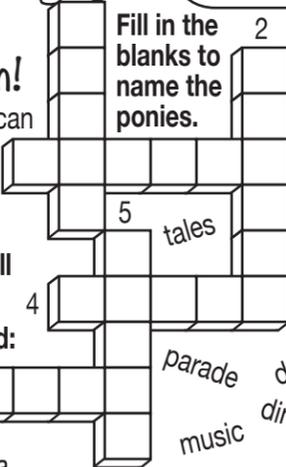
A Bit O'Fun!

Everyone can join in the fun.

Read the clues to fill in this crossword:

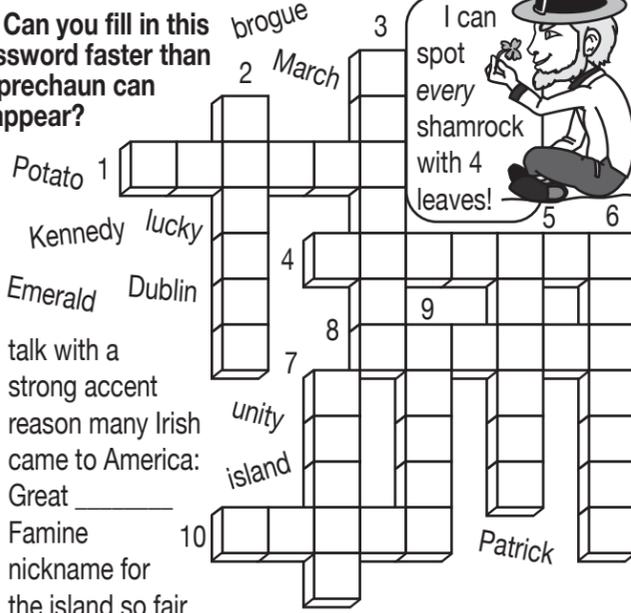
- Attend a festival: singers, fiddlers, bodhran drummers, harpists.
- Watch or march in a _____.
- Help to make a festive Irish _____ for your family to enjoy.
- Learn a few steps of Irish _____.
- Borrow a book of Irish _____ from your favorite library.
- Watch a _____ based on an Irish folktale - *The Secret of the Kells*.

Fill in the blanks to name the ponies.

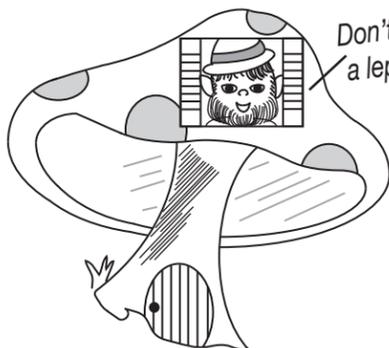


Hmm...four-leaf clovers seem to be falling from the sky today...I'm one lucky leprechaun!

Can you fill in this crossword faster than a leprechaun can disappear?



- talk with a strong accent
- reason many Irish came to America: Great _____ Famine
- nickname for the island so fair and green: _____ Isle
- bishop who brought Christianity to Ireland: Saint _____
- piece of land surrounded by water
- first American of Irish-Catholic descent to become President of the United States: John F. _____
- month in which we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
- capital and largest city of Ireland
- flag of Ireland is green, white, and orange; the white stands for _____
- "The Luck of the Irish" means someone is very _____



Don't try to trick a leprechaun!

A Delicious Surprise!

Even if you are not Irish, celebrating on St. Patrick's Day can be fun. I've always liked stories about Irish Fairies, especially the leprechauns. It is said that leprechauns, little knee-high fairies, try to stay away from people. If you see one, don't take your eyes off of him or he will disappear. In your sight, he may have to lead you to his secret wealth. **To find out what that is, do these two puzzles!**

I was trying to sneak up on this leprechaun. When I caught up with him all I could see him doing was cooking a great-smelling meal. He knew I was there all along. He invited me to dinner.

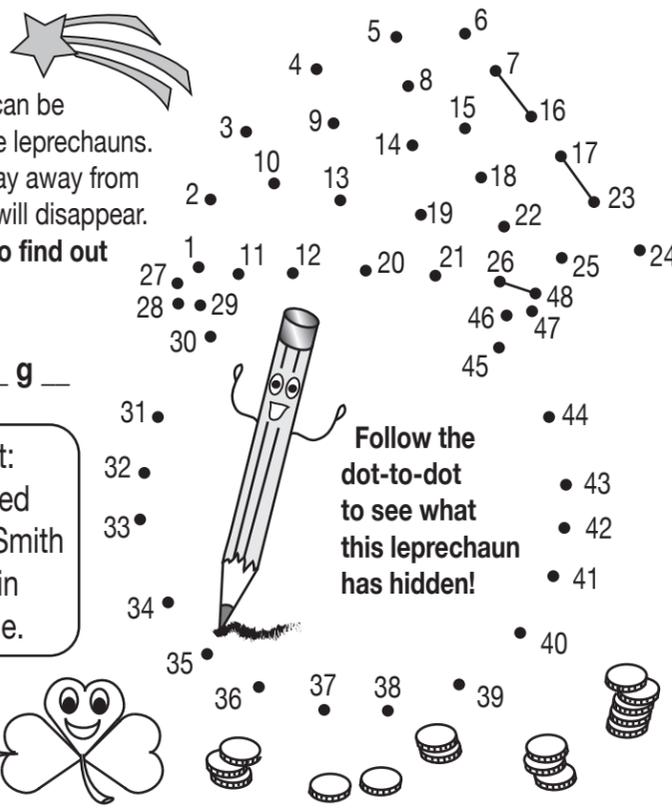
Fill in the words with the vowels given to see what he was cooking:



- C _ r n _ d B _ _ f and C _ bb _ g _**
e e o a e e a
- S _ d _ Br _ _ d**
e a o a
- _ p p l _ Mince P _ _**
e A e i

★ Hint: He used Granny Smith ones in the pie.

Find and circle all the words spelled using the letter "I" as in the word "lucky".



Proudly Singing!

On Saint Patrick's Day, Irish-Americans will be singing. **What message will they be sharing with everyone? Use the alphabet key to fill in the blanks to find out:**

Alphabet key for secret message:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
O	P	Q	R	S	T	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
21	22	23	24	25	26	

" _____
23 8 5 14 9 18 9 19 8

1 18 5 19 13 9 12 9 14 7
_____!"

Music to this song was written by Ernest R. Ball. The words (lyrics) are by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr.

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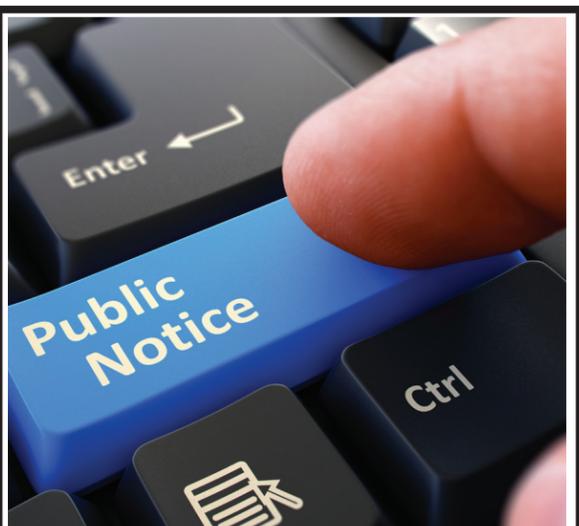
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Frederick School Voter Registration Notice

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 6-2

Voter registration for the 2023 School Board Election to be held on April 11, 2023, will close on March 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at 605-626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Shauna Severson Business Manager Published March 8 and March 15, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$25.94 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 21995

Brown County Reich Malt Beverage Application

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2-5, a Public Hearing on the Application of a Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License is set for the 28th day of March, 2023 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Brown County, South Dakota at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear.

PURCHASE – RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE

Tonya & Shane Reich DBA: Richmond Pavilion LLC an application for Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License at 12805 S. Shore Dr., Aberdeen, SD – Richmond Resort Outlot 2, NE ¼ of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Amend Title 4 Zoning

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 28th day of March 2023 to consider an ordinance amending portions of Title 4 Zoning, Chapters 4.01 Definitions, 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P), Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG), 4.15 Light Industrial District (L-I), and Chapter 4.16 Heavy Industrial District (H-I). The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 243.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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Putney Township Equalization Meeting Notice

Putney Township Equalization Meeting Notice:

The Putney Township Board of Equalization will meet at Mark Thompson's Shop on Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

All persons disputing their assessments are requested to notify the clerk prior to the meeting.

Mark Thompson
Putney Township Clerk
(0309.0316)

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Riverside Twp. Equalization Meeting Notice

The Riverside Township Board of Equalization will meet at the Rix Farm Shop on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

All persons disputing their assessments are requested to notify the clerk prior to the meeting.

Bruce Sippel
Township Clerk

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Riverside Twp Notice of Annual Caucus & Bids

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Riverside Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2022, at the Rix Farm Shop. Caucus 7:30 p.m., followed by election of officers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards, more or less, of gravel, loaded and delivered to designated places in Riverside Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at Rix Farm shop at 7:30 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk (0216.0223)

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City of Columbia Voter Registration Notice

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the 2023 Municipal Election to be held on April 11, 2023, will close on March 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at 605-626-7110.

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Cara Dennert
Finance Officer
City of Columbia

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West Hanson Equalization Meeting Notice

WEST HANSON TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the West Hanson Township Board, acting as the West Hanson Township Board of Equalization, will meet on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00pm at the home of Charles Dirks, 40305 138th St., Groton, SD. Persons wishing to appear regarding their assessment should notify the clerk by Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Jennifer L. Dirks
Clerk, West Hanson Township
40305 138th St.
Groton, SD 57445

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Westport Town March 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

March 6th, 2023

The Town of Westport met on March 6th, 2023 Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
NWPS (\$578.45), Groton Independent (\$13.25), Cardmember services – Computer virus protection (\$156.74), Dahme Construction- Hydrant leak (2,220.44), Payroll – Larry Schmit (\$150.00), Shane Storm (\$50.00), Mitch Wilson (\$150.00), & Doreen Hertel (\$900.00).

Sewer
NWPS (\$55.40), NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13) & Payroll –Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Water
WEB (\$2,825.99), Water Maintenance District (\$459.18), Payroll- Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Larry Schmit.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$619.35), John Badgley- Cemetery (\$250.00), State of SD (\$7,594.95) & Interest (\$96.48).

Sewer
Resident Payments - (\$2,350.00).

Water
Resident Payments - (\$3,523.91).

NEW BUSINESS:

Equalization meeting will be held on Monday March 20th 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the town hall. Reviewed contract with Water Maintenance District, it was decided to hold off until the board got a hold of Andy VanSteenwyk, the owner. We received a letter that we were out of compliance at the DENR with the SD Operator Certification concerning the Water maintenance district contract. The board approved the Westport City Facebook page and Groton paper to be able to use as an official notice publication site.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Putney Township Notice to Vacate Road

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ROAD VACATION PUTNEY TOWNSHIP, BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as provided by statute that the Board of Supervisors of Putney Township, Brown County, South Dakota are giving notice of petition to vacate township road and right-of-way as described:

Second Ave, Campbell & Butler Addition of Putney, Brown County, South Dakota running southwest to northeast between 5th st and 6th st.

Said right-of-way being approximately 66 feet wide and 300 feet in length.

This platted road right-of-way were never developed as usable right-of-ways, so it would be in the best interest of the public that this roadway be vacated for the development of residential structure.

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Columbia City Notice to Vacate Right-of-Ways

Notice is hereby given that a Petition requesting that (2) two right-of-way areas be vacated in the City of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL: 31-3-6, as hereinafter specifically described has been received by the City Council of the City of Columbia; that the Petition may be examined by contacting the Mayor of the City of Columbia at this address: Corey Mitchell, 211 South James Street, Columbia, SD 57433 (605) 290-6239 that the specific description of the properties being requested to be vacated are:

The Townsend Avenue right-of-way between Block 7 and Block 8, Original Plat of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota, running east and west from South James Street to South Lake Boulevard.

That said public right-of-way being approximately 66 feet wide and 140 feet in length.

The Townsend Avenue right-of-way between Block 1 and Block 2, Original Plat of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota, running east and west from South Lake Boulevard west to the east property line of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the unplanted portions of the E 1/2 of Section 29-T125N-R62W, except railroad and except land deeded, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

That said public right-of-way being approximately 66 feet wide and 140 feet in length.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Columbia will hold a public hearing to consider the vacation of the above described right of ways; that such meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 2023, at 6:30 o'clock P.M., at City Office.

That any person interested in the proposed action may be present at said date and time and present their information, opinions, and/or arguments relative to the proposed action.

Any person(s) unable to attend this meeting may deliver their written opinion for consideration by the City Council of the City of Columbia. Such testimony should be delivered prior to the date and time of the scheduled hearing by mailing or delivering the opinion to: Corey Mitchell, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Brown County, City of Columbia, Brown County, SD

/s/ Corey Mitchell

Mayor: Corey Mitchell

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Groton Township Equalization Meeting Notice

Groton Township Equalization Meeting Notice:

The Groton Township Board of Equalization will meet at Love To Travel, 8 US 12, Groton, on Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

All persons disputing their assessments are requested to notify the clerk prior to the meeting.

Jeff Howard
Groton Township Clerk

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Conde National League

March 13, 2023 Team Standings: Tigers 32, Cubs 26, Pirates 25, Braves 24, Mets 19, Giants 18.

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 198, Chad Furney 188, Austin Schuelke 182

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 503, Chad Furney 497, Austin Schuelke 494

Women's High Games: Sam Bahr 168, Nancy Radke 142, Michelle Johnson 140

Women's High Series: Sam Bahr 450, Michelle Johnson 395, Vickie Kramp 395, Nancy Radke 359



Happily stuffing Easter Eggs are the Groton Area High School Lions Scholarship candidates, the Groton Girl Scout Troop, and Groton Lions members. The Groton Lions Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1st. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Girl Scouts Emery Blackwood and Rosalyn Block along with Lion and Mayor Scott Hanlon helping to stuff Easter Eggs Thursday evening. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

South Dakota Wrestling Coaches Association's Region 2 Tournament

The Region 2 Tournament was held Saturday in Pierre with Groton having 20 youth wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament to be held March 25-26 in Aberdeen. Groton's region results are as follows:

- Tots 37: Laiken Neigel – 5th
- Tots 37: Brooks Sombke – Champion – state qualifier
- Tots 40: Ryker Herron – 2nd - state qualifier
- Tots 46: Landry Johnson – 3rd – state qualifier
- Bantam 50: Bennett Iverson – 3rd – state qualifier
- Bantam 70: Kroy Khali – 4th
- Bantam 76: Braxten Sombke – Champion – state qualifier
- Midgets 63: Henry Pharis – Champion – state qualifier
- Midgets 72: Huntley Overacker – 3rd – state qualifier
- Midgets 96: Keenan Moody - 2nd – state qualifier
- Midgets 134: Hank Flihs – Champion – state qualifier
- Novice 68: Bentley Ehresmann – 2nd – state qualifier
- Novice 77: Preston Hinkelman – 4th
- Novice 87: Keegan Kucker - 3rd – state qualifier
- Novice 93: Kyson Kucker – 3rd – state qualifier
- Schoolboy 85: Luke Gauer – Champion – state qualifier
- Schoolboy 90: Wyatt Hagen – 4th – state qualifier
- Schoolboy 110: Donovan Block – Champion – state qualifier
- Schoolboy 180: Layne Johnson – 3rd – state qualifier
- Girls A (Grades PreK-2) 50: Alex Clark – 6th
- Girls A (Grades PreK-2) 75: Elsy Hagen – 2nd – state qualifier
- Girls B (Grades 3-5) 82: Rosalyn Block – 2nd – state qualifier
- Girls C (Grades 6-8) 110: Liza Krueger – Champion – state qualifier
- Cadets 220: Gavin Englund – 2nd – state qualifier

Other participants:
 Tots 43: Andy Clark
 Bantam 70: Samuel Flihs
 Midgets 77: Adam Flihs

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Borrow a book of Irish tales from the library.

Shetland ponies!

A Bit O'Fun!

Everyone can join in the fun.

A Delicious Surprise!
 The leprechaun is cooking up a great meal of:
 1. Corned Beef and Cabbage
 2. Soda Bread
 3. Apple Mince Pie

Proudly Singing!

Music to this song was written by Ernest R. Ball. The words (lyrics) are by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr.

When Irish Are Smiling!

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In another look at the 2023-2024 school year, there are still positions available, with more added after Monday's meeting.

The board accepted two letters of resignation.

Jordan Kjellsen, middle school math teacher and junior high track coach submitted his letter of resignation to take affect at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Kjellsen thanked the district and fellow teachers in his resignation letter that was read to the board.

Kjellsen, who received a Master's Degree in leadership and administration from Northern State University in December, did not cite a reason for his resignation or job plans in the letter to the board.

The board also accepted the immediate resignation of food service staff member Amanda Tarpein.

The district is currently seeking an elementary school special education instructor, middle school math teacher, middle school/high school special education teacher, middle school/high school business education/personal finance/CTE or middle school/high school science/CTE health science instructor, a middle school/high school special education paraprofessional and a part time kitchen staff member.

- JLG Architects is preparing a Preliminary Design Study with rough cost estimates to renovate the 1968 gymnasium, restroom, locker room and stage area. The preliminary report could be ready as early as mid-April.

- Supply chain issues have pushed back completion of the air conditioning project in the new high school gym. An electrical shut off component won't be available until late October, Superintendent Joe Schwan said. Installation of the rest of the project can continue as scheduled, but the air conditioning system can't start running until that part is installed.

- Project costs for renovations of the health science lab are still up in the air, Schwan said, but the subcontractor for the flooring portion of the project has said the asbestos flooring needs to be replaced. The current floor is very bumpy, and, if the district were to just cover the existing flooring, those bumps would still be visible. The cost to abate and replace the current floor tiles in the 52 foot by 30 foot room is estimated to cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000, he said.

- Superintendent Schwan recapped legislation that could impact the Groton Area School District, including Senate Bill 24, which sets the school district maximum property tax levy in 2024. The bill also increases the target teacher salaries for South Dakota by 7% to \$59,659.25.

- The governor has already signed Senate Bill 76, which would provide for licensure by endorsement for certain licensed professionals and occupations, including teaching, Schwan said. It should make it easier for teachers in good standing in other states to be able to transfer their teaching licenses to South Dakota.

- Senate Bill 182 will also have an impact on the school district, Schwan said. It involves standardizing how schools issue credits for dual-credit classes. It could impact grade-point averages for those taking the college-level classes where students receive both college and high school credit.

- Alexa Schuring, who has been interning at the middle/high school while working toward an administrative endorsement and certification, reported that 18 Groton high school students will be inducted into the National Honors Society.

- The Smarter Balance Assessment for grades six, seven, eight and 11, will take place between March 27 and April 14, though that doesn't include additional snow days, said middle school/high school Principal Kiersten Sombke.

- Summer school and Connect 4Ed classes at the elementary school will continue this summer, though only for June and July, said elementary school Principal Brett Schwan. That will save the district some money, though the cost for three staff members for the twice a week Connect 4Ed program for two months is nearly \$8,000. Currently, 33 students have been recommended for the program.

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Aberdeen Senior Center
Anderson Park 1303 7th Ave SE,
Aberdeen
No Gifts Please!

Brown County Tax Exempt Properties

EXEMPT PROPERTY NAME, LEGAL DESCRIPTION, TYPE
#8 SHELBY TWP
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (SHELBY), W2 LT 7 & LT 8 BK 6 HOUGHTON, CHURCH

#10 CLAREMONT TWP
AUGUSTANA CHURCH, NE CORNER 35-125-60, CHURCH

#16 RIVERSIDE TWP
AUGUSTANA CHURCH (CEMETARY), 3 AC NW 1-124-60, CEMETERY

#19 BATH TWP
BATH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 13-18 BLK 10 BATH, CHURCH
"SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS, INC.," LT 1 SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS MAINTENANCE ADD (W 295' OF 166' N OF S 966' OF SW SW 14-123-63), MAINTENANCE FOR CEMETERY
"SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS, INC.," SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS 15-123-63 INC: ALL GARDENS, CEMETERY

#20 ABERDEEN TWP
ABERDEEN AQUA ADDICTS, LT 1 ABERDEEN AQUA ADDICTS SD NW 35-123-64, WATER SKI TRAINING
ABERDEEN AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, OL 1 JANUSZ SW 27-123-64, ANIMAL SHELTER
ABERDEEN MOTOCROSS ASSOC., LT 3 WOLFFS 1ST ADD 1/2 21-123-64 (1.71 A), MOTOCROSS RACES
ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), E 540' OF N 403.33' NE 28-123-64 (5AC), GROUP HOME
AVERA ST LUKES, 500' W OF E 700' OF N 658' NW 11-123-64 EX HWY & EX H1 (4.9 A), HOSPITAL STORAGE & CARPENTER SHOP
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH LT B CENTURY 21 OL 1 SW 2-123-64 (6.35AC), CHURCH
NORTHERN PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH, LT 1 BUD SMITH 1ST ADD. SE SE 20-123-63, CHURCH
SPURS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER INC, LT 1 SPURS 2ND ADD NW 6-123-63, THERAPEUTIC CENTER

#23 WARNER TWP
FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH FIREARMS SAFETY INC, N 820' OF SE 15-122-64 E OF RR EX HWY, PUBLIC RIFLE RANGE
MANSFIELD COMMUNITY BETTERMENT, LT 1-3 BK 4 MANSFIELD SE 32-121-64, COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK
MANSFIELD COMMUNITY BETTERMENT, E 18' OF N 20' LT 7 BK 4 MANSFIELD SE 32-121-64, BARE LOT
WARNER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY, WARNER CEMETERY N2 NW 2-121-64 (REFER BK 24 PF 283 & BK 151 PG 344), CEMETERY

#24 GEM TWP
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY, EAST GEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY LT W2 SE 4-122-62, CEMETERY
SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CEMETERY, CEMETERY IN E2 NE 30-122-62, CEMETERY
SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CONGREGATION, LT 2 SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD SE 19-122-62, CHURCH

#25 EAST HANSON TWP
ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FERNEY/EAST HANSON), S 60' LT 7-12 BK 9 SD BK 9-13 & OL E-F FERNEY SW 31-122-60, PARKING LOT
ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FERNEY/EAST HANSON), BK 15 SD BK 14-16 & OL H-1-J-K FERNEY SW 31-122-60, CHURCH

#30 SAVO TWP
APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN PIONEER CHURCH, 10 ACRES IN SE 3-128-63, CHURCH & CEMETERY
SAVO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2 AC NW 27-128-63, CHURCH
SAVO HALL ASSOCIATION, 3 ACRES IN SW CORNER SW 22-128-63, HALL
SOUTH SAVO CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, W 244' OF E 752' OF N 387.5' IN NE SE 29-128-63 (3 AC), CEMETERY

#32 ABERDEEN CITY
ABERDEEN ALLIANCE CHURCH, FRANCIS EVELO ADDN. OL A NE 1/4 19-123-63, CHURCH
ABERDEEN BMX, LT 2 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S 2ND SD, BMX AND PARKING

ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, LT 1 RONCOLLI NEARLY NEW ADD (BK 8 NORTH ABDN ADDN), NEARLY NEW STORE

ABERDEEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION, LT 1 ABERDEEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL-AVERA ADD NW 11-123-64, "K-12 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL replat 10401, 10402, 10403, 28167"

ABERDEEN CHURCH OF GOD, LT A CHURCH OF GOD ADD (LT 1 NORTHWEST POND ADD (PT L32 AUTO PLAZA), CHURCH

ABERDEEN CORPORATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, LT 2 ISAIAH'S ADDN (LT 5 & 6 MELROS SOUTHVIEW ADDN) EX H1, CHURCH & PARKING LOT
ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 2 CCC ADD (LT 1 SPEE-DEE ADD NE 16-123-63), LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 1 ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORP 2013-1 SD (BK 5 ABDN INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST) NE 16-123-63, LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 2 BK 1 ABDN INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST ADD NE16-123-63, LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 5 ADC 2020-1 1ST SD NE 16-123-63, LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 4 JONES NATURAL GOLD SD SE 16-123-63, LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, UNIT 1 MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD (LT 1-5 BK 31 1ST ADD), CONDO

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, 75% INTEREST OF COMMON AREAS MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD (LT 1-5 BK 31 1ST ADD), CONDO

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 2 ADC 2022-1 SD NE 16-123-63 (LT 3 ADC 2019-1 1ST SD), EMPTY LAND

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, "E 94'8" LT 7-9 BK 38 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD", LAND HELD FOR RECRUITMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 1 1ST OVERPASS SD (BK 38 BENN & THOMAS), LAND HELD FOR RECRUITMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 5-6 BK 15 NORTH ABDN ADD, LAND HELD FOR RECRUITMENT

ABERDEEN FAMILY YMCA, LT 1 HAGERTY & LLOYDS 3RD SD SE 13-123-64, YMCA HOLDING POND

ABERDEEN FAMILY YMCA, LT 2 HAGERTY & LLOYDS 3RD SD SE 13-123-64 (BK 69), YMCA HEALTH CENTER

ABERDEEN FAMILY YMCA, LT 1 HAGERTY & LLOYD 9TH SD (PT BK 66 & 67 H&L), LEARNING TREE

ABIDING LOVE FELLOWSHIP INC., S 25' LT 5 & LT 6 BK 9 1ST ADD TO HIGHLAND,

ACT 2 INC, #2 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 10-12 BK 27 1ST ADD, THEATRE ARTS

ACT 2 INC, #3 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 13-18 BK 27 1ST ADD EX MEZZANINE HALLWAY UNIT 3, THEATRE EDUCATION

ACT 2 INC, MEZZANINE STORAGE UNIT 4A #4 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 13-18 BK 27 1ST ADD, STORAGE

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), ATC 1ST SD BK 47 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD, PARKING LOTS

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), LT 11-12 BK 47 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD, PARKING LOTS

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), LT 3 BERKSHIRE ADD NW 13-123-64, OFFICES

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), E 77' LT 1-2 BLK 19 THOMAS ADDN, GROUP HOME

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), N2 LT 193 & LT 194 -196 MORNING HTS ADD, GROUP HOME

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), W 150' OF N 100' OL B LAWSONS OL'S RPL OF LT 8 BONACCORD HTS 19-123-63, GROUP HOME

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), LT 849-852 MORNING HTS EXT ADD, GROUP HOME

ALANO SOCIETY OF ABERDEEN, W 8' LT 3 & LT 4-9 BK 1 THOMAS ADD & LT 12 & W 115' OF S 8.5' LT 13 & E 27' LT 13- 14 PIERCES SD OF BK 103 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD & V/A, AA MEETING HOUSE

AQUINAS STUDENT CENTER, N 38' OF E 52' LT 21 & E 52' LT 22 BK 1 NORMAL ADD, PARKING LOT

ASPIRE, LT 10 BK 42 2ND ADD, GROUP HOME

ASPIRE, LT 1 MARTIN'S 1ST CONS SD (LT 94-95 MORNING HTS ADD), GROUP HOME

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 4 HAGERTY & LLOYDS 3RD SD SE 13-123-64, "AMG INTERNAL MED, PODIATRY, DAKOTA MED CLINIC, ASC THERAPY STORAGE, ETC."

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 3 AVERALAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD (B72 H&L & OL 2 LANES), AMG EAR NOSE AND THROAT/ASC FOUNDATION OFFICE

AVERA ST LUKES, LOT 1 AVERA LAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD, PARKING LOT 2

AVERA ST LUKES, LOT 2 AVERA LAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD, PARKING LOT

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 2 AVERA ST LUKES ADD (SLMRMC LTS) EX H2, PARKING LOT K

AVERA ST LUKES, "LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES ADD (B86, 87, & 96 H&L ETC)", HOSPITAL BUILDING

AVERA ST LUKES, AVERA ST LUKES WEST ADD (BK 88 H & L), PARKING LOTS I & J

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 3 HAGERTY & LLOYDS 3RD SD SE 13-123-64, POOL/REHAB CENTER

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 1-6 BK 95 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, PARKING LOT H

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L), BUILDING ONLY

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L), LAND ONLY

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 7-12 BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYDS ADD & S 150' LT 2-4 ST LUKES RPL BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYDS ADD, HOSPITAL

AVERA ST LUKES, PORTION OF BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD & ETC. (SEE R.O.D. FOR FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION), MEDICAL CLINIC AND PATIENT BUSINESS OFFICES

AVERA ST LUKES, LT B OF LT 2 HOWARDS OL B NE 14-123-64 (7.36 A), HOSPITAL

AVERA ST LUKES MOTHER JOSEPH MANOR, S 732' OF W 336' HIGHLANDS OL 3 SE 12-123-64, NURSING HOME

AVERA ST LUKES MOTHER JOSEPH MANOR, S 60' HIGHLAND SCHOOL LOT SE 12-123-64, PARKING LOT

BETHESDA HOME OF ABERDEEN, CLARKS 2ND ADD OF MELROS ESTATES EX H1 (18.842 A), NURSING HOME & TOWNE SQUARE

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, LT 1 BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD SE 18-123-63, CHURCH

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, OL 2 BK F EX E 25' OF S 255' LINCOLN & BOYD ADD EX BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD SE 18-123-63, NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER-LAND

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ABERDEEN, LT 1 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2ND SD, YOUTH PROGRAM

BPOE ELKS LODGE #1046 INC, LT 26 PLAT OF AUTO PLAZA ADD, LODGE

CALVARY CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, W 67' LT 7 & S 12' OF W 67' LT 8 & N 38' LT 8 EX S 12' OF E 30' BK 6 NORTH ABDN ADD, CHURCH & PARSONAGE

CATHOLIC CHANCERY OFFICE CORP., LT 1-3 BK 1 NORMAL ADD, STUDENT CENTER

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, LT 1 CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADDN, SCHOOL

CENTRAL VILLAS, LT 1 CENTRAL VILLAS 1ST ADD W2 NE 30-123-63 (LT M-P HAPI 1ST CENTRAL), HOUSING FOR INCOME QUALIFIED FAMILIES

CHURCH OF CHRIST, LOT 1 BLK 1 GORDER'S REPLAT OF 4TH ADDN, CHURCH

CHURCH OF CHRIST, LT 2 & N 15' LT 3 BK 1 GORDERS RPL 4TH ADD, PARSONAGE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, LT 5 GUGEL'S 1ST SD SW 6-123-63, CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL BNAI ISAAC SYNAGOGUE, W 66' OF LOTS 13 & 14 BLK 38 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, SYNAGOGUE

DAK CONF WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH/HUB CITY CHURCH, WESLEYAN OL 1 SE 7-123-63, CHURCH

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 8-9 & W 83' LT 10 UNION SD BK 105 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, CHURCH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LT 1 1ST RPL SOUTHAVEN 1ST ADD NW 30-123-63, CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LT 9-12 BK 90 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LT 7-8 BK 90 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, PARKING LOT

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, LOTS 1-3 LAWSON'S REPLAT BLK 10 WOOLVERTON'S ADDN, CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH, LT 1-2 BK 29 1ST ADD, PARKING & OFFICES

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 12-13 BK 29 SD OF LT 4-5 BK 29 1ST ADD & LT 12-13 BK 29 2ND ADD, PARKING FOR VANS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 1 FUMC CORNER SD (BK 30 1ST & 2ND ADD), CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 7 BLK 30 1ST ADDITION TO ABERDEEN, PARKING LOT

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 1 FUMC-JOURNEY PARKING SD (BK 28 1ST ADD), PARKING LOT

"FOHO I, LLC", LT 8 BK 5 ADDISONS ADD, RENTAL PROPERTY FOR NSU STUDENTS

"FOHO I, LLC", LT 21 RPL BK 1 HUFFMANS 2ND ADD, RENTAL PROPERTY FOR NSU STUDENTS

FREEDOM WORSHIP CENTER, LT 2 ADC 2005-1 SD NE 16-123-63 (INDUSTRIAL PK EAST), CHURCH

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 1 GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 2ND SD (B1 1ST HIGHLAND), CHURCH

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT D LT 3 PHEASANT RUN SD SW 11-123-64, CHURCH

HORIZON HEALTH CARE INC, LT 1 MOCCASIN PLAZA ADD (L26 PIERSONS), COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE

IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH, LOT 14 EASTON'S 1ST SD OF BLK 35 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD, CHURCH

JACKSON HEIGHTS APARTMENTS, LT 1 JACKSON HEIGHTS 1ST ADD, HOUSING FOR INCOME QUALIFIED FAMILIES

JOURNEY CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, W 100' LT 1 NW OF NE 25-123-64, CHURCH & NON PROFIT DAYCARE

JOURNEY CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, LT 2 FUMC-JOURNEY PARKING SD (BK 28 1ST ADD), RELIGIOUS MEETINGS & HOMELSS SHELTER

JOURNEY CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, E 108.7' OF LT 1 NE 25-123-64 (.999 A), GYMNASIUM

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER (OLIVE DRIVE RENTALS LLC), LT 1 LEE PARK ADD (LT 3 SKYWAG ADD), "THRIFT STORE & MEAL PACKETS"

LANDMARK APOSTOLIC CHURCH, LT 2 JUNG'S GOLDEN ACRE ADD (MEIDINGER 1ST), CHURCH

LAWSON VIEW TOWNHOMES, N 300' OF S 600' OL 4A GANJE ADD OF MEL ROS EST, HOUSING FOR INCOME QUALIFIED FAMILIES

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE LODGE #590, LT 1-8 & ALL OF VAC ALLEY BLK 54 2ND ADDN, MEETING ROOM & CLUBHOUSE

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION, LOT 8-12 BK 30 1ST ADD, MEETING ROOM

MEADOW WOOD TOWNHOMES, LT 1 MEADOWWOOD ADD (LT 1 INMANS 5TH B20 ROCHES), HOUSING FOR INCOME QUALIFIED FAMILIES

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF ABERDEEN, HOWARD'S OL A NE 1/4 14-123-64 & THE STRIP OF LAND IMMEDIATELY E OF SAID OL BETWEEN THE OL & THE W LINE OF RR R/O/W, SCHOOL

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER, BOLLS OL 2 BK F EX E 25' OF S 255' LINCOLN & BOYDS ADD SE 18-123-63 (CTR BUILDING), GROUP HOME FOR CHILDREN & OFFICE

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP, W 8.75' LT 4 & LT 5-7 & E 15' LT 8 BK 77 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, CHURCH

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP, W 10' LT 8 & LT 9 & E 15' LT 10 BK 77 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, PARKING & RECREATION

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, LT A OF LT 2 HOWARDS OL B NE 14-123-64 (4.63) AC, CHURCH

NORTH HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH, N HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST BLDG ADD & LT 7 BK 3 1ST ADD TO HIGHLANDS, CHURCH

NORTH HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH, LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 3 1ST ADDN TO HIGHLANDS, PARSONAGE

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, LT 2 JOHNSONS 1ST RPL OF LT 1 JOHNSONS RPL LT 5-6 BK 26 THOMAS ADD, RENTAL PROPERTY

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, LT 2 JOHNSONS RPL OF LT 5-6 BK 26 THOMAS ADD, POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT IN FUTURE

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, LT 1 & N 7' LT 2 SD OF N 421.7' BK 9 SIMMONS 1ST ADD 1ST ADD, VACANT LOT

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, S 40' LT 2 & N 3' LT 3 SD OF N 421.7' BK 9 SIMMONS 1ST ADD, RENTAL PROPERTY FOR NSU STUDENTS

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, LT 2 RANDALL 1ST SD (B1 NORMAL), VACANT LOT

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, LT 6 BK 1 NORMAL ADD, VACANT LOT

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, LT 7 BK 1 NORMAL ADD, VACANT LOT

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, LT 1 RPL BK 1 HUFFMANS 2ND ADD, CLASSROOMS FOR NSU

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, LT 2 STOKES 1ST ADD (LT 1&2 RIDGEWOOD) PRAIRIEWOOD, RESIDENCE FOR NSU PRESIDENT

OLD APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH, W 70' OF N 12.75' LT 18 & W 70' LT 19-24 DAWSON & LOWES RPL BK 21 WEST HILL ADD, CHURCH

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 13-14 BK 9 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, PARKING LOT

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 1ST SD (RPL LT 15-24 BK 9 H&L), CHURCH

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LT A NW 25-123-64 & CMSTP&PRC OL 1 & PORT LT B N OF LT 1 BITZ SD, CHURCH

PRAIRIE LAKES DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, LT 1 NAZARENE 1ST SD (B3 MEL ROS 8TH), CHURCH

PRAIRIE LAKES DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - PARSONAGE, LT 2 EISENBEISKULM ADD (LT 511-512 MORNING HTS ADD), PARSONAGE FOR DAK DIST CHURCH OF NAZARENE

PRESENTATION SISTERS, BOLLS S 732' OF W 366' HIGHLANDS OL 3 SE 12-123-64, PC SISTERS HOUSING (MOTHER JOSEPH)

PRESENTATION SISTERS COLLEGE, BK 1 PRESENTATION HTS ADD (MULTI USE CENTER), STUDENT SUITES

PRESENTATION SISTERS CONVENT, OL A PRESENTATION HTS ADD BK 1 (3.547 AC), CONVENT

PRESENTATION SISTERS CONVENT, LT 1 RUSSO ADDN (NW 12-123-64) (25.42 A), FOOTBALL FIELD

QUINT CITY TRADES & LABOR, LT 2 RESTAURANT GROWTH 2ND ADD (B10 HIGHLAND PARK), LABOR UNION BUILDING

SACRED HEART PARISH OF BROWN COUNTY, LT 3 SACRED HEART 1ST SD & 1/2 VA (BK 80&81 H&L), VACANT LOT

SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, LT 1 SACRED HEART 1ST SD (BK 80 & 81 H&L), "CHURCH, SCHOOL, RECTORY, PARKING LOT"

SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, LT 2 SACRED HEART 1ST SD (BK 80 & 81 H&L), PARKING LOT

SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY (9.47 AC) SW OF NE 18-123-63, CEMETERY

SAFE HARBOR/RESOURCE CENTER FOR WOMEN, LT 1 BK 5 HAPI 3RD CENTRAL SD W2 NE 30-123-63, GROUP HOME

SALVATION ARMY, SALVATION ARMY 1ST ADD EX H1 (B1 PLEASANT HILL), THRIFT STORE

SALVATION ARMY, LT 4 REHFELDS RPL OF BK 1 PLEASANT HILL ADD, STORAGE AND PROGRAMS

SALVATION ARMY, LT A BK 3 GARDEN PARK ADD EX H1 NW 23-123-64, WORSHIP BLDG.

SALVATION ARMY, LT 14 BK 1 HOMES ARE POSSIBLE (KO LEE SD), PARSONAGE

SANFORD HEALTH NETWORK, LT 1 MUTUAL OF OMAHA 5TH ADD (LT 1 3RD), MEDICAL CENTER

SD CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS, E 29' LT 15 & LT 16 BK 1 ADDISONS ADD, CHURCH

SHERMAN APARTMENTS, LT 1 ABERDEEN HOUSING AUTHORITY 1ST SD (L7-12 B6 ORIG), SHERMAN APARTMENTS

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH, LT 3 AMERICAN NEWS 1ST SD (BK 18 1ST ADD), CHURCH

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH, LT 2 AMERICAN NEWS 1ST SD (BK 18 1ST ADD), PARKING LOT

ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LT 1 MARK'S EPISCOPAL 1 SD (SPAULDING'S 3RD & LT 1 & 2 B5 4TH), CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) C. R., ST MARY'S 2ND ADD ABERDEEN NE 13-123-64 (B38 H&L), CHURCH & PARSONAGE

ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) CEMETERY, SE NE NE 12-123-64 EX STRIP 1.5 RODS WIDE ON W & S SIDES, CEMETERY

ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) E. P. L., LT 1 ST MARY'S SD BK 39 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADDN, PARKING LOT

ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) SCHOOL, LT 1 ST MARY'S SD BK 47 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, SCHOOL

ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LT 1-2 BK 36 2ND ADD, CHURCH & PARKING LOT

ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LOT 4 & W 10' OF LOT 3 BLK 45 2ND ADD, PRESCHOOL

SUNSHINE PARK TOWNHOMES, BLK 4 MELROS SOUTHVIEW ADDITION S2 19-123-63, HOUSING FOR INCOME QUALIFIED FAMILIES

TDAF/ TOM AMAN, LT 1 BLACKSTONE 2ND SD (2.48AC) (RR ROW), "OFFICE, EXHIBITS, CULTURAL CENTER"

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), "LT 1 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD (COE&HOWARD, DIVISIONS)", CHURCH REPLAT ALL PARCELS

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#38 FREDERICK CITY
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, N 62' LT 7 & N 62' OF W 40' LT 8 BK 2 ORIG PL FREDERICK, HOUSING FOR SUPERINTENDENT
FREDERICK CEMETERY, "LT 1-4 BK 1, LT 1 & 4 BK 2, N 126.67' LT 1-2 BK 6 & N 126.67' LT 1 BK 5 HARLEM HEIGHTS VILLA SITES SE 2-127-64 (CEMETERY)", CEMETERY
FREDERICK WAYSIDE CEMETERY, BK 1-2 EX LT 2-3 BK 2 & N 126.67 LT 1 BK 5 & N 126.67' LT 1-2 BK 6 HARLEM HEIGHTS INCLUDING WAYSIDE CEMETERY FREDERICK, CEMETERY
METHODIST CHURCH, LT 5-6 BK 6 ORIG PL FREDERICK, CHURCH
ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FREDERICK), LT 5-8 BK 14 CURTIS 1ST RAR SD BK 14 1ST ADD FREDERICK, TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURT

#39 LINCOLN TWP
OLD APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 2 OALC 1ST SD SE 34-124-64, CHURCH (NEW BUILDING)

#40 HECLA CITY
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 4 & E 25' LT 3 BK 32 OF PLAT N2 BK 11 & S2 BK 17-20 & BK 27-34 INC & OL F-L INC HECLA VLG, PARSONAGE
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 4-5 BK 45 SD N2 BK 25 & 35-46 & OL M HECLA VLG EX HWY, CHURCH
ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (HECLA), LT 1 & 2 BK 14 SD BK 11-14 HECLA VLG, CHURCH & PARKING
UNITED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (HECLA), LT 9-12 BK 4 HECLA VLG, CHURCH

#42 CLAREMONT CITY
ADA CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, LT 7-10 BK 10 ORIG PL EX NW 25' LT 7 CLAREMONT, MEETING ROOM
AMERICAN LEGION POST #262, LT 11-12 BLK 10 ORIGINAL PL CLAREMONT, MEETING ROOM & LOT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (CLAREMONT), LT 1 OF OL E DINSMORES 1ST ADDITION CLAREMONT (2.18AC), PARKING LOT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (CLAREMONT), CLAREMONT'S 1ST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SD DINSMORES 1ST ADD, PARSONAGE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (CLAREMONT), LT 1 LEONARDS SD CLAREMONT, PARKING LOT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (CLAREMONT), LT 13-18 BK 1 DINSMORES 2ND ADD CLAREMONT, CHURCH

#43 COLUMBIA CITY
AMERICAN LEGION POST #58, "MILL ST. PECK'S 1ST

ADDN.LOTS 107,109,111,113,115,117,119,121,123,125,127", PLAYGROUND
AMERICAN LEGION POST #58, "BROADWAY PECKS 1ST ADD LT 102,104,106,108,110,112,114,116,118,120,122,124,126,128", MEETING ROOM
CATHOLIC CEMETERY, BALDWIN'S 3RD ADD S2 BK 21, CEMETERY
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, "BROADWAY PECKS 1ST ADD LT 217,219,221,223,225,227,229,231", GRASS LOT OVERFLOW PARKING
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, "LT 218,220,222,224,226,228,230,232 JAMES STREET PECKS ADD COLUMBIA", GRASS LOT OVERFLOW PARKING
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, "BROADWAY SMITHS 1ST ADDN.LOTS 301,303,305,307", CHURCH
ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (COLUMBIA), "LT 23,25,27 JAMES STREET PECKS ADD COLUMBIA CITY", CHURCH
ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (COLUMBIA), LT 26 & 28 JAMES STREET PECKS ADD COLUMBIA, PARKING LOT

#44 BATES TWP
ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FERNEY/BATES TWP), CEMETERY LOT IN NW OF NE 6-121-60, CEMETERY

#45 STRATFORD CITY
ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (STRATFORD), LT 5-6 BK 9 STRATFORD, CHURCH

#46 GARLAND TWP
ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY (GARLAND), N 23 RODS W 23 RODS NW4 5-125-62 (CEMETERY)(3.3 AC), CEMETERY
ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY (GARLAND), LT 1 ST JOHN'S ASSOC NW 5-125-62, CHURCH

#49 WEST HANSON
MEHLHAFF CEMETERY, MEHLHAFF CEMETERY SW 28-122-61, CEMETERY

#51 WESTPORT CITY
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH (WESTPORT), LT 6 MATTESONS 2ND SD OF LT 1 WESTPORT (.77AC), CHURCH
SACRED HEART CEMETARY ASSN (WESTPORT), SACRED HEART CEMETARY NE 14-125-64 (3.81AC) WESTPORT, CEMETERY

#52 WARNER CITY
ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (WARNER), ST JOHNS ADD (3.08AC) (ST JOHN'S OL1-3), CHURCH

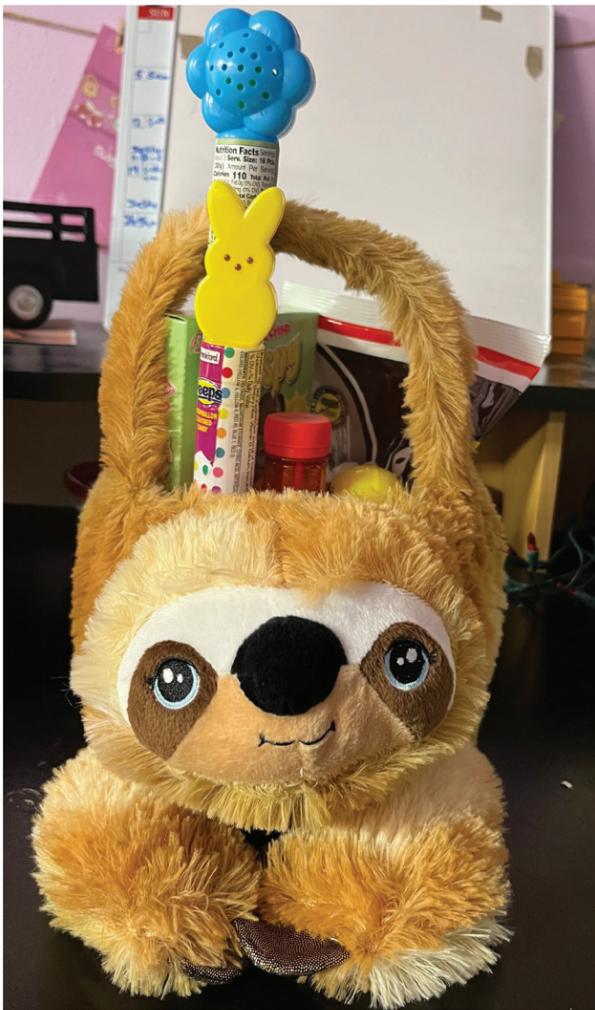
#57 WEST RONDELL
OAKWOOD CEMETERY, 2 AC FOR CEMETERY SE 25-121-63, CEMETERY

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Exercise Caution When Driving



The snow piles in Groton are creating problems with visibility at intersections around town. Take this intersection, for example, at West 5th Ave. and Washington Street. The top photo features me stopped at the

stop sign on Washington Street, going north. As you can tell, there is no visibility looking to the left (west), especially in a low profile vehicle like mine.

The bottom photo features how far I have to go out into the intersection before I can clearly see any incoming traffic from the west. A vehicle with an even a longer front end will have more exposure to an accident if someone coming from the west does not see the vehicle crossing the intersection.

And think about this - while I am really trying to see if there is anyone coming from the west, someone could be coming from the east as well and I wouldn't know it I am concentrating to see traffic from the west. Unfortunately, we only have eyes on one side of our heads.

This intersection is not the only one with visibility issues. And not everyone has a high profile vehicle who can look over the piles. There already was an accident at the above named intersection (no injuries). Granted, had the stop signs remained in place, it would probably not have happened. But that's a discussion for another day.

And I am sure that Groton is not unique with intersection visibility problems.

Meanwhile, until spring comes and melts the snow piles away, please drive carefully and slowly around town. We don't need any more accidents.



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43rd Annual Meeting
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Monday, March 27, 2023
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As nominating petitions for the incumbent Directors for Districts Two and Five were the only ones received, no elections will be held.
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Dear EarthTalk: What's new with the de-extinction movement that's trying to bring back extinct wildlife species?

-- P.L., Danbury, CT

De-extinction, the concept of resurrecting extinct species, has long been a topic of debate among scientists and the general public. In recent years, scientific advances have made it more feasible to bring back extinct species, leading to a renewed interest in doing so. The non-profit Revive & Restore was created in 2012 by Stewart Brand (founder of the Whole Earth Catalog) and Ryan Phelan to help usher in a new age of conservation based on the implementation of de-extinction strategies.

One of the most significant developments has been the successful cloning of extinct species, such as the Pyrenean ibex and the bucardo, both wild goat species. In 2009, scientists successfully cloned a Pyrenean ibex, but the newborn goat died shortly after birth due to respiratory failure. In 2021, researchers successfully cloned a black-footed ferret, an endangered species that was declared extinct in 1979. The cloned ferret, named Elizabeth Ann, was born in a lab and has since been released into the wild to help boost the population of the species.

Another development has been the use of genetic engineering to recreate extinct spe-

cies. Scientists can extract DNA from fossils, museum specimens or frozen tissue samples and use it to create an embryo of the extinct species. In 2013, scientists successfully created a hybrid elephant-mammoth embryo using DNA from a woolly mammoth and an Asian elephant. The embryo was not brought to term, but the research demonstrates the possibility of using genetic engineering to create extinct species.

The de-extinction movement is not without its critics, however. Many argue that the focus on de-extinction takes resources and attention away from conservation efforts aimed at protecting and preserving endangered species. Others worry about the ecological implications of reintroducing extinct species to the environment. The ecosystem may have changed since the species went extinct, and reintroducing them could have unintended consequences, such as disrupting existing relationships between organisms and the environment or spreading disease.

Despite these concerns, the de-extinction movement continues to move forward. The for-profit Colossal Biosciences has raised \$225 million over four rounds of venture capital investment to fund its efforts to bring back Dodo birds, Tasmanian tigers and woolly mammoths, among other extinct species, using genetic engineering. In the case of the mammoth, the company is working on the creation of an elephant-mammoth hybrid embryo that could be carried to term by an elephant surrogate. The researchers hope to release



The birth of this black-footed ferret named Elizabeth Ann on December 10, 2020 marked the first time a U.S. endangered species has been successfully cloned. Credit: Revive & Restore..

these Frankenstein mammoths into the wild in the Arctic tundra, where they would help restore the ecosystem by grazing on the grasslands and helping to prevent permafrost from melting.

There are many challenges that must be overcome before extinct species can be successfully brought back. In numbers. However, advances in genetic engineering and cloning technologies have made it increasingly feasible to resurrect extinct species, and the possibility of bringing back species such as the woolly mammoth has captured the public's imagination. As the de-extinction movement continues to evolve, it will be important to balance the potential benefits with the ecological and ethical considerations involved.

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Humanities and the Physician

After 40 years as a doctor interacting with patients, in the last two and a half years the tables turned, and I've become the patient.

Although most are good, I've found some doctors are detached, some are too quick, some would rather be somewhere else, some are even angry; but, when a physician who cares walks into the room, and I'm not exaggerating, the day becomes better, the pain becomes less, and hope fills my heart. Scientific knowledge is important, but the ability to convey honest concern, human thoughtfulness and compassion is equal in importance in this healing profession. So, how do we select pre-med students for that, or teach compassion in medical school?

There are studies that show those interested in humanities or taught disciplines that explore how people tick, do better in the compassion department. These disciplines include history, literature, religion, ethics, anthropology, psychology, cultural studies and the arts of theater, film, painting and poetry. Some explain that the humanities give us the very reason to learn science and mathematics.

Several studies support the value of humanities in medicine. Seven hundred medical students were surveyed about their lifetime exposure to the humanities and the results indicated that those who had more humanities knowledge had more empathy, tolerance to ambiguity, resourcefulness, emotional intelligence and less burnout. Another study found that a med student's ability to recognize diagnostic clues increased by more than 35 percent after taking a visual arts class. Another study found practicing improv theater helped med students learn to prepare for unexpected questions and conversations. A fourth study showed how writing exercises helped med students have foresight into what a patient may be experiencing. Clearly, an exposure to the humanities makes a better doctor.

I believe that care providers who have had a well-rounded humanities education have a better chance of understanding about how it feels to face pain, nausea, loss of bodily functions or even a cancer diagnosis. Those steeped in good literature or art have a better opportunity to tap creative juices to problem solve and tolerate a life that can be ambiguous and unpredictable. Those who are knowledgeable of history, ethics, cultural ways will find it easier to know when it is time to stop aggressive care and move toward comfort.

This is a call for all students to become readers, to find time to enjoy the humanities, to exercise your caring and compassion muscles; so, when you come into the room of a person suffering, it makes their pain less and day better.

Richard P. Holm, MD, passed away in March of 2020 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. Dr. Holm's legacy lives on through his Prairie Doc® organization. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit www.prairiedoc.org and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook, featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. Central.

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