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President's Message
By Larry Browning

I'm writing this on Groundhog Day – which I sometimes think of as a national weather day. Groundhog Day is actually a Cross-Quarter day that is half-way between Winter Solstice and Vernal Equinox. We often regard it as the middle of winter, but some have regarded it as the beginning of Spring. In spite of the snow, I like the second interpretation best.

The officers for the coming year are the same: Joanne Anderson is Vice President, Tim Masters is Secretary, and Brian Karstens is Treasurer. Be sure to thank them for their support if you get the chance.

Science and Engineering Fairs will be here soon. We can always use judges. The Mitchell Science Fair is March 23 and the Brookings one is April 2. Judging Guidelines are available at:

<http://www.sciserv.org/isef/judges/judges_guidelines.asp>. I should caution any of you who are interested in judging that these guidelines are not completely

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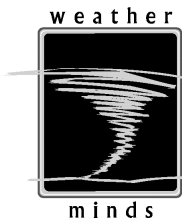
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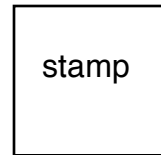
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meeting Tuesday,
February 10, 2004.
Meet by 5:30 PM at Ruby
Tuesday. The meeting will start at
7:00 PM at the Sioux Falls
Forecast Office. See map on next
page.

The National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, along with Weather Minds, will be sponsoring the 8th Annual Northern Plains Convective Workshop from April 14-16, 2004. The workshop will include presentations from researchers, storm chasers, and forecasters about severe convection and its impact on the public. The February meeting of WXMINDS will be the first planning meeting to discuss different duties that need to be completed, evaluation of abstracts, and planning for a storm chaser video session Wednesday night and workshop dinner on Thursday night.





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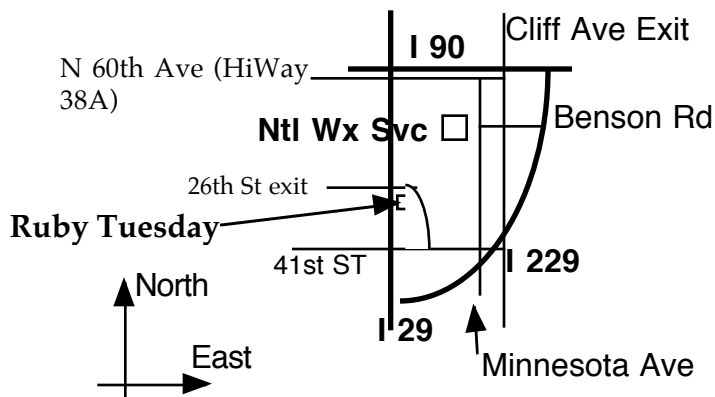
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appropriate for us, since we provide a special award, but they do give you some idea of what's involved. I am also in the process of ordering more umbrellas. They seemed to be a good prize last year and at the last meeting we decided to use them again.

Phil Schumacher is planning the 2004 Northern Plains Convective Workshop. The workshop will be held in Sioux Falls on April 14-16. I know he could use our help and our next meeting is devoted to learning about the workshop and how we can best help with it. Hope you can make it and I know Phil will appreciate it if you can lend a hand in April.



Larry



To get to Ruby Tuesday: Exit I29 at 26th street. Travel east to the first stop light (don't count any at the overpass) and then turn right or west. Ruby Tuesday is close to the Century Theater movie complex which you can see from the 26th street overpass.