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Community raises funds for new playground equipment at city park

Nearly all of the funds have been raised for the new playground equipment at the city park. The council voted Monday night to go ahead and purchase the equipment. The city has received a grant for half of the cost of the \$24,000 project. The Groton Community Foundation has donated \$3,000, Clark Engineering has donated \$2,500, the Groton Kiwanis Club has donated \$2,000, Emmanuel Lutheran Church's Walk-A-Thon donated \$1,200, the United Methodist Church fundraiser from the Band Festival raised \$400, other donations have amounted to \$3,000 and the Groton Dairy Queen is planning a fundraising day with the help of volunteer workers during the event.

City employees and volunteers will help to erect the equipment and it will have a wood grain bedding under the playground equipment.



Ninth Avenue residents express concerns on Safe Route to School

A number of Ninth Avenue residents came before the council Monday night to express their concerns about the Safe Route to School sidewalk planned for Ninth Avenue. Those present were Jan Dedrickson, JJ Jenkins, Rose Waage, Brenda and Brad Waage, Carolyn and Robert Snyder, Aloise and Gene Brolin and not pictured is Richard Kolker. Around the council table starting at left and going right are Mary Flihs, Eddy Opp, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Finance Officer Anita Lowary, Clare Brotherton, Michelle Muilenberg and Gary Heitmann.

The residents at the meeting expressed concern that Ninth Avenue is too narrow of street to have a sidewalk. Jenkins said for the summer OST program, they could walk north on First Street and then east on 10th Avenue coming out where the four-way stop light already exists. "From what I understand, the late Mayor (Roy Olson) wanted it on 10th Avenue.

There is no boulevard on the north side and only four to four and one-half feet of boulevard on the south side—not enough for a sidewalk with the existing driveways and garages.

"We're not against it," said Rose Waage. "Our Avenue is just a smaller street."

There was also some discussion about making Ninth Avenue a one-way street which would allow putting the sidewalk in part of the street. Robert Snyder said that there needs to be more patrolling of that intersection. "Someone is going to get clobbered there one of these days," he said. Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "The kids don't obey the traffic laws and that the education needs to start at home."

The South Dakota Department of Transportation has not approved any plans for the route and construction is not expected to begin until sometime in 2015.

"We'll keep you informed of what's going on," Hanlon told the crowd as they left.

Schaller named South Dakota Wendy's Heisman Winner



Cheyenne Schaller

"State Winners are exceptional examples of well-rounded students who excel academically, lead and serve others with the passion and persistence of a Heisman winner," said Archie Griffin, two-time collegiate Heisman Trophy winner. "While these students are recognized as leaders in their communities, the Wendy's High School Heisman Award gives them the national recognition their achievements have earned."

The Wendy's High School Heisman Award, now in its 20th year, is awarded in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman. The award has set the standard for high school student-athletes and has gained tremendous prestige among universities and colleges nationwide.

The selected 2013 State Winners were chosen from 48,000 applicants, surviving rounds that narrowed contenders to one male and one female winner from each school, and then to each state's respected group of 20 State Finalists.

South Dakota's Wendy's High School Heisman Award State Winners:

Cheyenne Schaller, Female, Groton High School, Groton

Jase Kraft, Male, Wessington Springs High

These students will go on to compete against winners from other regions across the country for a chance to be named one of 12 National Finalists in Wendy's annual quest to find the nation's top scholar-athletes. These 12 outstanding students will go on to compete for the National Winner title in New York City on December 13. National Finalists will be featured during a televised ceremony on ESPN® networks and will receive gold medals and \$2,000 awards for their high schools. One male and one female National Winner will each receive a crystal Wendy's High School Heisman trophy, a \$500 Wendy's gift card, and a donation from Wendy's in the amount of \$10,000 to their respective high school. Additionally, the winners will be recognized during the collegiate Heisman Trophy announcement on December 14.



This is a history article for November from the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, which is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. As a salute to veterans on Veterans Day, the article is about Grigsby's Cowboys, men who volunteered to serve their country in the Spanish-American War. The South Dakota State Historical Society – Archives photo is of Col. Melvin Grigsby. Grigsby (1845-1917) was born in Wisconsin and served in the Civil War. He was a prisoner of war at Andersonville. He was a member of the territorial council of 1887 and served as South Dakota's attorney general from 1897-1899.



The Fighting Cowboys of Col. Melvin Grigsby

Cowboys can ride and fight.
So thought Melvin Grigsby.

Grigsby was South Dakota's attorney general and the law partner of U.S. Sen. Richard Pettigrew in Sioux Falls. When the United States entered into war with Spain in April 1898 over Cuba securing its freedom from Spanish rule, Grigsby was one of several people who proposed that volunteer regiments of cowboys be organized to fight the war.

"During the month of January, 1898, and the early part of February, and while I was at Pierre, S.D., attending to my duties as attorney general, there was much war talk. Pierre, as you know, is a great center for the cattle interests of the West and a place where the cowboys often congregate. It was while watching these cowboys ride their bronchos in the streets of Pierre that the idea first came to me that these rough and bronzed riders of the plains, used to camp life in all kinds of weather, and expert shots with rifle and revolver, would make gallant soldiers and daring fighters, in case the government should be drawn into war with Spain and need volunteers to be sent to Cuba. I found upon talking with a number of them that such service would be eagerly sought by them in case they were needed," Grigsby wrote in a letter to Otto L. Sues contained in Sues' book "Grigsby's Cowboys."

Congress passed a measure that authorized three cavalry regiments known as the First, Second and Third U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiments. Theodore Roosevelt was named commander of the First Regiment, Judge Jay L. Torrey of Wyoming commander of the Second Regiment, and Grigsby commander of the Third.

Recently commissioned as a colonel, Grigsby received orders to break his regiment into 12 troops, with five coming from South Dakota, four from Montana, two from North Dakota and one from Nebraska. Grigsby appointed five captains in South Dakota to recruit and organize the individual troops. They were Seth Bullock of Deadwood to lead Troop A, John Foster of Chamberlain to lead Troop B, George Hair of Belle Fourche to lead Troop C, John Hammond of Sturgis to lead Troop D and Joseph Binder of Pierre to lead Troop E. Patriotism was running high. Within three weeks, an entire regiment of nearly 1,000 men had been recruited, organized and mustered in.

Grigsby's Cowboys, as the Third U.S. Cavalry Regiment came to be called, was ordered to Chickamauga, Ga. Located on the site of the Civil War battlefield at Chickamauga, Camp Thomas was one of the largest training camps

for troops. Grigsby's Cowboys arrived to find no weapons, uniforms, saddles or bridles, overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions. Nevertheless, the cowboys trained and became what Sues called "a complete military machine."

An editorial in the Chattanooga Times on July 9, 1898, stated "Grigsby's Rough Riders are showing themselves superior in every respect, and are becoming familiarly

known as the crack regiment of the Park."

Grigsby's Cowboys had defeated all opponents in baseball, foot races, wrestling and boxing, stated the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader's special correspondent with Grigsby's Cowboys. The cowboys had also kept the peace when a regiment from Wisconsin wanted to disrupt a Salvation Army meeting.

"The cowboys may be a tough set, but they propose to have peace even if they have to fight for it," stated the June 22, 1898 article.

Of the three volunteer cavalry regiments, only the first fought in the Spanish-American War. While the Roosevelt Rough Riders were fighting in Cuba, Grigsby's Cowboys were battling disease in Georgia. The second regiment trained at Jacksonville, Fla., during the war.

The first casualty in Grigsby's Cowboys occurred on June 13, 1898, when Herbert Lawrence of Troop E died of typhoid fever. According to Sues, about 20 of Grigsby's cowboys died of typhoid fever, dysentery, spinal meningitis, an accidental gunshot wound and other causes while at Camp Thomas or later from diseases contracted at the camp.

Although rumors abounded in camp that the cowboys would be sent to Cuba, those orders never came. On Aug. 10, 1898, it became known that Spain had given up the war and that hostilities were ceased.

"Thus did we see every hope of active service vanish," Sues wrote.

On Sept. 5, 1898, Grigsby gave his last orders and delivered a farewell message to his men. He said, "Although it is a great disappointment to all of us that we were not permitted to form a part of the line of battle at the front, it cannot be said of the 'Cowboy Regiment' – either officers or men – that they did not do everything possible, not only to get ready at the earliest possible moment for active service, but also to induce those in authority to select this regiment as a part of the army of invasion.

"It has been well and justly said by President McKinley that those soldiers who tendered their lives to the country and performed uncomplainingly their duties in camps of instruction, under conditions most unfavorable to health and comfort are deserving of as much credit as those who were chosen to go against the enemy."

The First U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment began mustering out. The cowboys had become soldiers and now were veterans. Although Grigsby's Cowboys did not see military action such as Roosevelt's Rough Riders, they were prepared to serve their country and made history. Grigsby's Cowboys are an example of the numerous times that South Dakotans have answered their country's call to service. On Veterans Day, all who served their country are saluted.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.

Railroad Crossing Work To Be Done Today and Tomorrow

If you regularly cross the railroad tracks on the south edge of Groton, be ready for either a detour or for a wait. The Burlington Northern

Santa Fe Railroad crew will be installing a new concrete crossing in both the main track and siding starting today. The work is expected to be completed by late Friday.

Men's Fall Dinner
Groton United Methodist Church
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Thursday, November 7
Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken fajita in pita pocket, tossed greens, mixed vegetable, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pumpkin bar with topping or carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Chuck and LaVonne Raap
Birthdays: Korbin Blackmun, Marva Gellhaus • Bridget Flihs • Jami Krueger • Elizabeth Flihs

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle
2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle
4:30 pm: C&MA Ladies Bible Study
6:00pm: Volleyball region at Britton

Friday, November 8
Cook Something Bold Day
Dunce Day

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, vegetable and dip, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream.

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

Anniversary: Larry & Val Flihs
Birthdays: Marquell Albrecht • Doug Hamilton • Ronda Kutter • Sara Merkel • Pam Merkel • Sherry Koehler
6:30 am: C&MA Men's Bible Study at DQ

Saturday, November 9
Chaos Never Dies Day

Anniversary: Lance & JoAnn Flihs

Sunday, November 10
Forget-Me-Not Day
USMC Day (birth of the United States Marine Corps)

Birthdays: Lee Swenson • Sarah Berndt • Wade Millim • Andrew Davies
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship / SS Sing

9:15 am: C&MA Sunday School
10:00am: Worship at the Lord's House, Pierpont
10:15 am: C&MA Fellowship time
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
10:45 am: C&MA Church Worship Service
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
5:00pm: Worship at the Historic Trinity Church

Monday, November 11
Veterans Day

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, lettuce salad, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrots, garlic toast, sherbet.

Birthdays: Doug Sippel • Pastor Elizabeth Johnson • Jeff Loutsch • Helen Nehls • Jon

The Historic Trinity Church can be used for wedding, funerals or other special events. Call Paul at 605/397-7460 to make your reservations.

Anderson • Eleanor Opp • Sherry Koehler
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
7:30am: Veteran's Breakfast at Elementary Gym
2:45pm: Veteran's Day Program at GHS
7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12
Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
Young Readers Day

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarine sandwich, baked chips, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit. Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas

Birthdays: Mike Profeta • Debbie Herron • Clarence Hannon • Heidi Locke
10:00 am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
7:00pm: VB Regions at Britton
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 13
National Indian Pudding Day
Sadie Hawkins Day
World Kindness Day

School Breakfast: Early risers, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, vegetable and drip, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Lindsey Tietz
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm: C&MA Kids Club, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: C&MA Christmas Choir Practice
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
7:00pm: Youth Rally at GHS Arena
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation and League attend Youth Rally

Thursday, November 14
Operating Room Nurse Day

School Breakfast: Toast, juice, fruit, milk, yogurt.

School Lunch: Mini corndogs, baked beans, lettuce salad, fresh and canned fruit, muffin.

Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, cookie.

Anniversary: Loren & Holly Johnson
Birthday: Tricia Keith
1:30pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences (School Dismisses at 1:15 pm)
4:30 pm: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

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By Paul Irvin Kosel

Our girls have basketball games on Saturday in Aberdeen and a couple of weeks ago, I promised them that we would go to the Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen. It is open on weekends so after the games yesterday, we went on a tour.

If you have never been to the museum, you should go. It is remarkable at what they have on display. One of the favorites is the animal display. What they have done in a small room is spectacular and you get to see a lot of the animals close up.

You will see a few of the pictures that took yesterday. There was also a telephone room where you could actually be a dispatcher in the old days and plug in two of the same colored cords and hook two phones together and talk to each other. I had to chuckle as there were a couple of other boys there and they had

no clue how to hold the phone. One was holding on to the phone and talking into it like a microphone. His dad had to show him how to talk into it.

Sometime in November they are going to have a Gingerbread House display and if you want to put one on display, you should contact them for details. The girls already said they want to go back to see that when it's done.

There was a teepee and a cottage that was on display in the museum as well. While we were there, I was talking with a lady whose job is hauling hunting dogs all over the nation. She said many of the hunting dogs cannot travel by airplane because once they do, they do not do very good hunting. She had transported some dogs to Aberdeen. She was kind enough to take a photo of the girls and I in front of one of the houses.

Marianne Martilla was on duty at the museum and she told us about the Wačipi that was going on at the Barnett Center. So we decided to go to that for a while. It is an event where the Native Americans do dances and pow wows. The most interesting part when we were there was the potato event. Couples had to take a potato and put it between their foreheads and then motivate around the floor to the beat of the drum. They had to have their hands behind their back while doing this. It looks easy, but it really wasn't. Some dropped out in the first few seconds. Four couples went a long time and the final three even longer. The winning couple was very graceful during the event, and just to point out, they were not related so they did not practice. In fact, they were from different states.

Then after all that, we went shopping for winter wear.



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High Games: Jan Raap 189, Alice Severson 168, Mary Jane Jark 159.

High Series: Mary Jane Jark 448, Alice Severson 443, Darlene Morton 427.

Death Notice: Darlene Nehls

Darlene (Koehler) Nehls, 76, Phoenix, formerly of Groton, died November 5, 2013, being surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. Her funeral service is pending.

Cards may be sent to
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Darlene Nehls
2150 E. Evans Dr.
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Bristol Haunted Warehouse Thank You

The Haunted Warehouse in Bristol was a great success due to the hard work of many people. We would like to express a special thank you to Biersbach Lumber, Webster Lumber, Day County 4-H members, Thad and Vicki Duerre, Groton Soccer, Russell and Darlene Sass family, and all those who worked in the warehouse, brought bars and helped in any way! Proceeds will go toward Groton Soccer and Bristol Light the Bridge Project.

Garry and Merry Lone
Jeff Kroll



Sixth grade girls take first

Groton 6th grade girls took first place at the Langford tournament Saturday November 2.

Back row: Eliza Wanner, Nicole Marzan, Kaycie Hawkins, Payton Colestock.

Front Row: Indigo Rogers, Tadyn Glover, and Caitlyn Barse

2013 Soccer605 Elite Eleven

The 2013 Elite Eleven teams were selected by a small committee of coaches and soccer people who are not currently coaching high school soccer. We wanted to have the team selection be as objective as possible. There is a high probability that you will not agree with all the picks. The selection criteria were not only that the players be very good in their positions, but also what they mean to the team and to the game. And good sportsmanship was also a big factor.

You will notice that we are not using A or AA status this year, but instead are using Large Program and Small Program.

The teams that are in Small Program are those that have not played basketball games in SDHSAA Class AA or are playing Class A soccer under SDSSA. That will change next year. Any teams that are playing in Class AA basketball will be considered a large program.

Three Groton Area soccer players were named to the state's Elite Eleven Team. They are Cheyenne Schaller, Camille Sippel and Luca Kother.

Cheyenne Schaller - Senior - Defender

Groton Area

Some players were born to play certain positions and Cheyenne Schaller was born to play Stopper. Schaller's ability to see the field and anticipate opponents' attacks made things a lot easier for Groton Area keepers and defenders.

Although her primary responsibilities were defensive, Schaller also got involved regularly in possession and attack. She is a relentless ball winner who knows what to do once she gets possession. Her team relied on her for leadership and her example of drive and toughness every practice and every game.



Camille Sippel - Senior - Midfielder

Groton Area

Camille Sippel has been an instrumental part of the Groton Area program for years. Her maturity really showed through this year in her role as attacking midfielder.

Sippel's work in possession helped her team attack at the right moment and her ability to score goals at just the right moment - especially from long range - was a big boost to the team. During the SDHSAA state tourney, Sippel knocked in two amazing goals from long range.



Luca Kother - Junior - Midfielder

Groton Area

Groton Area's soccer program has been blessed by many of the people who have moved there over the years. Another blessing for the team this year is the appearance of Luca Kother, a German foreign exchange student.

Kother's skill is apparent in every match and that's why he plays in the middle of the park. In any given match, you may see him go forward to score, provide service to a team mate or run back to defend. But it's his vision and ability to run the middle of the field that really makes him special. It is rare to see a player who plays such a difficult position make it look so easy.



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Groton's volleyball team advances to region championship semifinals



Josie Doeden



Kylie Hawkins



Camille Sippel



Skyler Bonn

Groton Area, Sisseton and Aberdeen Roncalli all won first round matches at the Region 1A Volleyball Tournament being played in Britton. The host team, Britton-Hecla, had a first round bye as they are the top seeded team in the tournament.

Aberdeen Roncalli defeated Tiospa Zina, 25-15, 25-11 and 25-12.

Sisseton defeated Milbank, 25-18, 25-15 and 25-10.

Groton Area defeated Webster Area, 26-24, 25-17 and 25-23.

Webster Area jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first game. Groton came back to tie the game at three and five before taking a 7-5 lead as Kylie Hawkins got a kill.

Groton got a rally going as a Webster serve went into the net, Josie Doeden had a block to score, Skyler Bonn had an ace serve and Camille Sippel added a kill as Groton took a 14-9 lead.

The Lady Tigers held a 16-11 lead before Webster Area started to rally.

"Volleyball has a lot of momentum shifts," said Coach Aaron Helvig. "It's like a roller coaster. It's up and down. The team that has fewer ups and downs is the one that's going to win. If you can be even keel through the bad times you can go get it done."

Webster's next three out of four points were given to them as the Tigers hit the ball out of bounds with Breanna Bullert having one ace serve. The Bearcats drew to within one at 16-15 when Groton called time out.

The game was tied at 16, 17 and 19 before Groton took a 21-19 lead and Webster called time out. Groton got to 24-20, but couldn't get that last point. The next two points were given by Groton and Lindsey Vogl got an ace serve to make it 24-23. Groton called time out, but Webster tied the game with the help of a Groton miscue. Josie Doeden had a kill to give Groton a 25-24 lead and Kylie Hawkins got a kill to give Groton the 26-24 win.

"Volleyball is a unique sport," Helvig said. "It's a lot of momentum and how you're feeling that day. It's not necessarily just skill. I would say volleyball is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical. It's a very mental sport and that's when you need the teammates to support each other."

Groton scored first in the second game, but Webster scored the next five points to take a 5-1 lead. Groton eventually tied the game at seven and took a 9-7 lead with a Halle Dohman

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tip over. Dohman got another hit later on that bounced off of a Webster player and Courtney Kurtz had a reverse tip over to give Groton a 12-9 lead.

Webster came to within two, 16-14, but Camille Sippel and Josie Doeden each had a kill and Webster had one serve into the net as Groton took a 19-14 lead. Doeden had a pair of back-to-back kills as Groton took a 22-16 lead. Nikki Koehler had an ace serve after a Webster time out, but her next serve went into the net. Webster returned the favored with a net serve. Kasey Waage had the last serve and Webster ended up hitting the ball out of bounds as Groton won the second game, 25-17.

"I told the girls during the break of the second and third game that we're taking their power away—they're big hitter," Helvig said. "We're not letting them get good passes to set her up. We were taking their element that they wanted away from them for the most part."

Groton jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third game and a Doeden kill gave Groton an 8-3 lead when Webster called time out. The Lady Tigers increased its lead to 11-4 and upped it to 17-8. Webster scored six straight points to close to within three, 17-14. Sippel broke the cold spell with a kill, but Webster continued its rally and took a 19-18 lead. Groton called time out.

"We had talked that we can't get down on each other," Helvig said. "We have to play hard and keep our heads up. The girls actually brought this up during the time out. You're suppose to be there to pick up your teammates and how we have to support each other when things aren't going well. It's easy to see the negative side and it's a lot harder to pick your partner up, to pick your team up and get going and turn things around."

Regan Lewandowski had a tip over to tie the game and Doeden followed with a kill as Groton recaptured the lead, 20-19. Groton gave Webster a point with a net serve. Marisa Keller's serve for Webster was out of bounds and Hawkins had a block as Groton took a 22-20. Webster called time out.

Groton got to 24-21, but the Tigers had two miscues as it got to 24-23. Hawkins had a kill and it was touched by a Webster player as it went out of bounds to give Groton the 25-23 win.

"It's always tough when you have the lead like that to really press and finish the match," Helvig said. "It's hard to keep the pressure on that long, to get that concentration and focus, but we did and they did a good job."

"Volleyball is a unique sport," Helvig said. "It's a lot of momentum, and how you're feeling on that day. It's not necessarily just skill, I would say volleyball is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical. It's a very mental sport."

The next round will be played Thursday night in Britton with Groton Area taking on Britton-Hecla at 6 p.m. and 20 minutes after that match, Sisseton will be taking on Aberdeen Roncalli. The championship game is Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"Britton-Hecla's height will be a challenge," Helvig said. "We'll have to neutralize their height and try to get some better matchups at the net. I thought we played pretty well with them for two to two and half games the last time we played them. It's all about momentum."

Groton completed 87 percent of its serves while Webster completed 85 percent. The Tigers were 70 percent in attacks and Webster was 77 percent.

In serves, Groton was 65 of 75 with nine ace serves. Skyler Bonn was 12 of 13 with three ace serves, Kylie Hawkins was 10 of 10 with two ace serves and Courtney Kurtz was 13 of 14 with one ace serve. Webster was 55 of 65 with eight ace serves. Lindsey Vogl was 18 of 19 with four ace serves and Jobi McCreary was 13 of 14 with one ace serve.

In spikes, Groton was 73 of 105 with 36 kills. Josie Doeden was 16 of 21 with 12 kills, Kylie Hawkins was 14 of 20 with nine kills and Camille Sippel was 20 of 26 with eight kills. Webster was 52 of 68 with 18 kills. Breanna Bullert was 18 of 26 with seven kills.

Groton was 92 of 93 in sets with 25 assists. Courtney Kurtz was 83 of 84 with 23 assists. Webster was led by Devin Spindler with 43 of 45 and nine assists and Marisa Keller was 30 of 30 with five assists.

Groton had more digs, 54-51, with Kasey Waage having 14 for Groton and Jobi McCreary 15 for Webster.

Groton had two solo blocks, one by Josie Doeden and one by Camille Sippel. Webster had four solo blocks with Breanna Bullert and Jobi McCreary each having two.

- Paul Kosel



Kasey Waage



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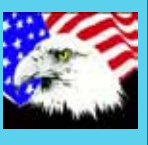
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Nov. 5
Meeting
Minutes**



NOVEMBER 5, 2013 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 a.m., November 5, 2013 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Wiese. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve General Meeting minutes of October 29, 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$3,359.55; Commission Assistant \$2,153.85; Auditor \$8,546.61; Treasurer \$11,499.17; Data Processing \$3,044.22; State's Attorney \$14,340.95; Blood Draws \$700.00; SWA-WA Grant \$1,269.24; Maintenance \$5,229.12; Assessor \$11,999.49; Register of Deeds \$7,742.62; Veterans Service Office \$3,556.26; GIS \$2,045.33; Sheriff Admin \$29,728.40; Jail \$32,230.65; Coroner \$0; JDC \$15,710.88; HD \$4,540.44; Welfare Office \$2,939.69; Museum \$6,271.10; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,776.31; Fair Board \$2,584.79; 4-H \$1,088.81; Weed \$2,446.42; Planning and Zoning \$1,384.80; Highway \$47,704.30; Communications \$20,694.08; Emergency Management \$3,033.11; Teen Court \$133.29; 24/7 \$2,572.49; Landfill \$10,791.08. Matching Benefits: FICA \$15,412.70; Medicare \$3,604.58

Professional Fees: Aberdeen Rural Firefighters \$340.00; Avera McKennan Hosp. \$2,540.83; Avera St. Luke's \$1,214.60; Denise Cody \$15.00; Dakota Wood Grinding \$19,020.00; Dan Dunker \$20.00; Helms & Associates \$8,710.35; Hosmer Law Office \$360.98; Lucy Lewno \$150.46; Lutheran Social Services \$2,200.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,128.00; SD Dept. of Transportation \$3,165.39; Sivertsen Technology \$4,350.00; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Thurman Law Office \$184.10; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$25.00.

Transcriptions: Lynnel Bruemmer \$21.00; Tammy Erickson \$38.50.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$30.16; Groton Independent \$138.40.

Rentals: Lonnie Lyke \$260.00. **Repairs & Maintenance:** A-1 Sanitation \$193.00; Aberdeen Asphalt \$29,340.00; Butler Machinery \$1,306.55; Crawford's \$2,321.20; Dakota Tree Company \$636.25; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$292.50; Eilers \$105.00; Leidholt Electric \$744.66; Lien Transportation \$7,914.14; Menards \$59.76; Schwan Welding \$200.00; Sewer Duck \$188.00; SOS Garage Door \$219.85; Jeff Vilhauer \$7,912.84; Volk Upholstery \$60.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$5,583.73.

Supplies: Aberdeen Asphalt \$51,045.30; Active Data Systems \$239.86; Alligare \$1,568.25; Balcon Enterprises \$3,087.25; Century Business Products \$125.49; Crawford's \$6,465.66; Crescent Electric \$133.50; Dakota Electronics \$999.25; Dakota Supply Group \$112.32; Danko \$91.80; GovConnection \$1,500.83; Graham Tire \$967.28; Great Western Tire \$642.20; Heartland Paper \$2,216.84; Lar-Jo's \$240.73; Marco \$105.99; McFarland Supply \$221.54; Menards \$556.68; Photo-X-Press \$390.45; SD Assoc. of Fairs & Celebrations \$200.00; Share Corp \$292.50; Shurmark \$543.70; Sivertsen Technology \$516.80; Titan Access \$198.64; Van Diest Supply \$6,933.60; Volk Upholstery \$45.00.

Travel & Conference: Best Western Ramkota \$163.98; Cindy Eppard \$52.00; SD Assoc. of Fairs & Celebrations \$125.00; Kendall Titze \$26.00; Jan Weismantel \$78.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,188.84; AT & T Mobility \$1,386.93; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; CenturyLink \$42.19; James Valley Telecommunications \$219.10; Midcontinent Communications \$377.54; Montana Dakota Utilities \$28.29; NVC \$896.84; NWPS \$9,291.09; Verizon Wireless \$78.62; Web Water \$64.72. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following step increases effective November 10, 2013: Andrew Janusz @ 13.80/hour, Sheila Anderson @ 17.45/hour, Michael Ernst @ 15.80/hour. All members present vot-

ing aye. Motion carried. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring Brian Carrels, effective November 5, 2013 for purpose of prisoner transport. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to amend date of Craig Gardner's resignation from November 7 to November 4, 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIPPA DESIGNEE: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION 93-13. REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BROWN COUNTY HIPPA PRIVACY POLICY.** Brown County, a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota, hereby adopts this policy pursuant to and in accordance with federal law and as part of the HIPPA privacy requirements as enacted by Congress and required by rules of the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Brown County further by this policy does hereby appoint and designate GARY VETTER as its privacy official, this person hereafter referred to as the designated County Privacy Official, who will be in charge of the administration and management of this policy as it relates to the County's health insurance, health information, and disclosure as well as training of employees on the uses, abuses and misuses of health information of all of the employees of the County. It is understood that no employee health information, prior, current or future, shall be accessed, discussed, disclosed to any person, party, partnership or corporation by any employee of Brown County other than the designated County Privacy Official. All inquiries, verbal or in writing, from any source at any time or from time to time shall be directed to the designated Privacy Official. All medical information of employees prior, current or contemplated to be hired shall be maintained in separate files and not contained in the personnel file of such former, current or prospective employee and shall be in a file under the exclusive control with only the access by the designated County Privacy Official. Pursuant to this policy no medical information shall be released to any third person, partnership, corporation or any other entity without the written consent of the employee and with the authorization of the designated County Privacy Official. No uses of protected health information shall be made by any employee of the County or by the designated County Privacy Official without the expressed written authorization, consent and permission, duly witnessed, of the affected employee whether former, current or prospective employee. The designated County Privacy Official, on behalf of the County, shall be the sole and exclusive person authorized to deal with the healthcare providers, including insurance company, administrators, managers or medical providers, including healthcare institutions and healthcare providers. Permitted medical information which may be construed and identified as identifiable shall be disclosed only with the written consent and permission of the affected employee and under the exclusive release and control of the designated County Privacy Official. No employee shall have access to any other employee's medical information, medical record or medical history and similarly no third party shall access the same and the information of any kind that is released or discovered through a mistake, error or oversight shall immediately be disclosed to the designated County Privacy Official. The designated County Privacy Official shall conduct from time to time with all employees, including new employees, a training program designed to implement this policy and he or she shall implement safeguards to protect health data and shall similarly establish an internal complaint process for inappropriate or improper release of health information and shall establish a procedure to rectify any information which is inadvertently by mistake or oversight disclosed or released by any person or by the designated County Privacy Official incorrectly or not in accordance with law. Any employee willfully accessing, discussing or releasing medical information of any other employee be they former employee, current or prospective, shall be subject to disciplinary action including discharge. The federal law shall control unless the South Dakota statutes at any time or from time to time are similar or even more

restrictive and in which case the state law of South Dakota shall prevail. This policy shall similarly interact with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act; the Americans With Disabilities Act; and all other U.S. Constitutional issues. This policy shall be disclosed to each and all current employees of Brown County and each employee shall acknowledge that they have been informed of the existence of the policy and know its general contents and understand the same. This policy has been adopted by the Brown County Commission at its regular meeting on this 5th day of November, 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

CDBG-NEW TEC PROJECT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Payment Request #4 Community Development Block Grant #1212-307 for New Tec in amount of \$814.91. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS CASH ANALYSIS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Fund Surplus Cash Analysis Report for September 30, 2013 @ \$683,983.97 (4.14%). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the following operating transfer, as reflected in the 2013 General Fund #101 Budget (101-911-191) to Road and Bridge Fund #201-371@ \$1,500,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NORTHERN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to set public hearing to consider application, submitted by Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a franchise from Brown County for a period of twenty years, granting said company the right and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires for the purpose of transmitting electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, in, along, and across the highways in authorization, for both its existing transmission system and any planned and necessary future expansion. Public hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on November 26, 2013 at 8:45 A.M. where application will be heard and considered by the County Commission and any company or person interested may appear and file objections and show cause why said application should not be granted. Application on file with the County Auditor and may be reviewed Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ELM LAKE ROAD DISCUSSION: Eight residents from the Elm Lake area met to discuss the following points provided by spokesperson Denny Pelkofer: 1) thanked Commission for touring the area; 2) acknowledged work has started and looking for it to continue for completion this fall; 3) the groups immediate concern is that the road will not be ground up; 4) area residents are willing travel to Pierre and testify at Legislative Committee Hearings in support of county proposals; 5) will support efforts by the County in obtaining Grant funding for road projects.

FUNDING DISCUSSION: Area resident Bill Welk met to suggest: 1) Commodity Based Tax System for producers that would generate money for roads in order to put fee on person using roads, rather than an opt out that taxes everyone; 2) establish a task force to determine main artery to meet the needs of all and change balance of roads to minimum maintenance.

SPEED ZONE AMENDMENT: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #94-13. WHEREAS,** Chapter 6.03 Speed Zones of the Second Revision of Brown County Ordinances authorizes the Brown County Commission to change the speed limit or the extent of any such limited speed zones, at any time they may deem necessary, and **WHEREAS,** all Speed Zones throughout the County were established by Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, Resolution #39-08, Resolution #72-08, Resolution #101-08, and **WHEREAS,** the Highway Superintendent has recommended a speed zone change on County Road 4. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, #39-08, #72-08, and #101-08 be amended as follows: **ADD:** County Road #4 (North Dakota Street), beginning at the intersection of 130th Street and County Road 4 (North Dakota Street) between Section 1, Township 123N, Range 64W of

the 5th PM and Section 6, Township 123N, Range 63W of the 5th PM, then south on County Road 4 (North Dakota Street) 1.0 mile to the intersection of County Road 4 (North Dakota Street) and Fairgrounds Road (24th Ave NE) between Section 1, Township 123N, Range 64W of the 5th PM and Section 6, Township 123N, Range 63W of the 5th PM, 35 MPH. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

WEB SITE RFP AWARD: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to award proposal, submitted by Quality Quick Print for revamping and enhancing the Brown County Website in amount of \$15,000.00 with option of 2 hours per month support and training at \$75.00; rejecting the following: WSI @ \$29,463 with \$500.00 per month maintenance; Avenet Web Solutions-Gov Office @ (a) \$10,850.00 (b) \$9,000.00 with \$1,150 per year maintenance on both options, neither option met specs for a secure FTP; McQuillen Creative Group @ \$20,000 to \$60,000 did not meet specs, was a resume not proposal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until November 12, 2013. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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November 4, 2013

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Brotherton, Muilenburg, Fliehs, Opp, Heitmann, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Kevin Nehls, and representatives of the press.

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

The financial report was approved on a motion by Muilenburg and seconded by Fliehs. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Opp and seconded by Heitmann. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 369.40 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,012.74 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 15,328.84 salaries; Public Works Payroll 14,542.72 salaries; Cultural & Recreational Payroll 1,218.61 salaries; First State Bank 7,466.27 ss & wh; City of Groton 950.92 dep ref, postage, util; Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; US Post Office 216.35 postage; Austin Jentz 78.57 dep refund; Blake Ronning 300.00 HWH sales incentive; Yvonne Lorenz 510.00 HWH sales incentive; April Abelen 220.00 dep flex; Guardian Insurance 154.56 emp ins; Border States 1,701.75 materials; Buhl's 30.50 rug rent; Cannon Technologies 714.00 meter retrofit; Chase Visa 2,709.85 motel, trees, postage, supplies; Chief Supply 160.33 uniforms; Clark Engineering 25,788.73 engineering; Dakota Electronics 218.09 repair; Dakota Pump & Control 537.76 repairs; Dakota Supply Group 442.42 relay,wire; Demco 31.58 bk covers; Ditch Witch 442.83 repairs; Duanes 1,204.09 gas, repairs; Dueco 154.23 repairs; Ellwein Bros 3,654.45 beer; Farm Power 99.14 metal; Groton Independent 484.45 publishing, receipts; Groton Vet Clinic 8.20 dog lead; Heartland Waste 6,150.64 garbage hauling; J Gross Equipment 62.70 filter,bulb; James Valley Tele 719.64 phone,internet; Johnson, Drew 1,450.00 legal serv; Robert Johnson Const 228.00 digging; Johnson Bros 6,526.19 liquor; McGannon Plumbing 2,223.99 repairs; Nelson Sales & Service 109.29 belts; NW Energy 10.00 nat gas; Porter Dist Co 831.55 beer; Republic National Dist Co 8,098.63 liquor; Resco 56.50 connectors; Runnings 35.39 bits; S & S Lumber 289.81 supplies; SD Dept of Health 202.00 testing; SD Retirement 7,847.31 retirement; SD State Treasurer 8,387.03 sales tax;

Specialty Mfg 30.16 metal; St Paul Stamp Works 92.15 dog tags; Ultramax 526.06 ammo; Verizon Wireless 41.61 transmitter; WEB Water 13,043.13 water; Wells Fargo Securites 8,182.00 C&G 2006 payment; Wesco 250.22 photocells

At 7:07pm Jan Dedrickson, Walter J Jenkins, Rose Waage, Brad & Brenda Waage, Bob & Carolyn Snyder, Gene & Eloise Brolin and Dick Kolker came before the Council to discuss their concerns and objections to 9th Ave Safe Route to School sidewalk project.

At 7:28pm no one came before the Council at the hearing to comment on the 2013 Special Assessment Roll. Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Brotherton to pass the following resolution. All members present voted aye.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE 2013 CURB AND GUTTER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Groton City Council deemed it necessary to install curb and gutter on certain streets within the municipality, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has provided that said assessments shall be payable in 10 installments, payable under Plan 1, Collection by the County Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has set the interest rate at 5 % commencing 30 days from and after the date of approval of this resolution and certification of the assessment roll by the municipal Finance Officer, and

WHEREAS, the whole of such assessment or any installment thereof may be paid at any time and that all installments paid prior to their respective due dates shall be deemed paid in inverse order of their due dates, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota does hereby approve the Special Assessment Roll for the 2013 Curb and Gutter Project.

The Heartland Consumer Power District area budget meeting is set for Nov 21 at the Groton American Legion at 11am. All Council members and employees are encouraged to attend.

Mayor Hannon appointed McGannon to be the WEB Water voting representative at the Annual WEB Water meeting Dec 7, 2013 in Aberdeen. Moved by Opp and seconded by Heitmann to approve this appointment. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on building maintenance and kitchen cleaning standards for the Community Center and the Baseball Concession Stand. Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Opp to hire a professional cleaning service to bring the kitchens up to standards. All members present voted aye.

Park playground equipment proposals were reviewed and Lowary reported on the votes taken at the elementary school and daycares. Fund raising has reached \$9,000 and 2 future fundraisers are still being planned.

A representative from Associated Pool Suppliers will be here later this month to inspect the pool for sharp edges and filter problems and the Tiger Slide will be returned for repainting again.

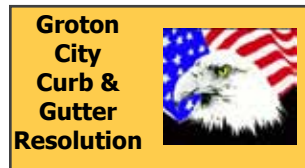
Santa Day was set for Dec 21 by the Chamber of Commerce. Discussion was held on keeping the rubble site open longer this year and lack of progress on the golf well.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg to adjourn into executive session at 8:17pm to discuss personnel matters. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:53pm.

Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Brotherton to give 1st Reading to Ordinance 687, 2014 Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Fliehs to grant a bonus of \$200 to Ed Nehls, a bonus of \$500 to Terry Herron and a bonus of \$500 to Anita Lowary. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Groton City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 7:00pm, central time, at City Hall, 209 N Main St, Groton, SD for the purpose of considering a Curb and Gutter Resolution of Necessity for approximately twenty (29) blocks located a) on both sides of West Second Avenue between North Broadway and North State Street; b) on both sides of West Third Avenue between North Broadway and North State Street; c) on both sides of North Washington Street between West Second Avenue and West Third Avenue; d) on both sides of North Lincoln Street between West Second Avenue and West Third Avenue; e) on both sides of North Garfield Street between West Second Avenue and West Third Avenue; f) on both sides of North Madison Street between West Second Avenue and West Third Avenue; g) on both sides of North State Street between West Second Avenue and West Third Avenue.

Any person, persons, or representatives of the property owners who will be liable to be assessed for the improvements may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present information for or against adoption of this resolution. Auxiliary aids and reasonable accommodations shall be made upon request to insure that the meeting is accessible to all individuals by calling City Hall at 397-8422 at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

November 1, 2013
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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ESTATE OF
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DECEASED

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Notice is given that on the 17th day of October, 2013, Loren Hassebroek, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Ronald R. Hassebroek.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claim within four (4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative on the 17th day of October, 2013, or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2013.

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Claremont Recorder

by Beverly Patterson

How do you feel about the time change? I have one of those procrastinator proof clocks. It changes the time all by itself. I don't have to remember to do it and I am liking that alot. The alarm clock on the night stand was created to do the same thing but it has a bit of an attitude. Our last confrontation occurred earlier this year when the time changed. It didn't do what it was supposed to do so in an effort to help it think, I think I ticked it off and then I feared using it as an alarm clock because I wasn't sure it was over our confrontation. I decided to set the alarm on my tablet but learned rather quickly that waking up to "Crocodile Rock", even though you love that song, isn't the best thing to hear first thing in the morning. I woke up startled, confused and fearing I had dosed off at a concert.

It seemed like such a fast paced, busy week but I have no submitted news to share. I did ask a few of the coffee drinkers if they had anything they wanted in print and all I got was one guy telling me that he did have news but feared his untimely death should he decide to share it. I told him we could print it but leave out names and for a second I had him convinced. Unfortunately that nervous look returned to his face and I reassured him I would not say anything about a certain someone getting locked out of their house.

Someone left a copy of The Fishing Dictionary on the coffee table today and as I paged through it I found the definition of Racket to be quite amusing. I am sort of thinking it would apply to hunting as well. "Racket:" The loud, obnoxious fish or pheasant frightening noise made by fishing or hunting companions who actually insist on breathing in the boat or tree strip. Come to think of it, I remember breathing when Don was pheasant hunting and I'm betting it was this and not the mindless chatter that put him over the edge. I'm sure glad I found this dictionary. It's going to be invaluable when I apply some of its definitions to my very first deer hunting experience provided Don lets me go. I'm not planning to be a big part of Don's first out of state hunting experience as he has a really good memory and that pheasant thing didn't happen all that long ago. He did run a few preliminary statements past me the other day. I reassured him that yes, I've seen a dead deer but that question about seeing someone gut a deer has me a little concerned. He said something about me holding the legs. I am already picturing myself with my back to the deer holding onto its legs behind me. With my luck I would lose my balance and fall backwards onto the deer and that would create a story that I would never hear the end of. I will give updates as they become available. Stay tuned.

Rod Hinrichs just arrived with some actual news for us. I hope you're still reading. This past weekend Brad, Jean and Davis Carson came for a visit. Jean and Rod's mother, Marge Hinrichs is a resident at Wheatcrest Hills so the four of them spent Sunday visiting with Marge.

Plans are underway for our annual Claremont Santa Day. It will be held at the Claremont Legion Hall on December 7th. Coffee and cookies will be served. There will be a craft

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Groton School
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Meeting Minutes



UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING
October 28, 2013

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Smith, Voss and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business Item #1 – approve executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss staff personnel issues and pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) to discuss a student issue. Motion carried.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

The board heard program overview presentations from K-12 Special Education teachers Meri Erickson, Nicole Johnson, Rebecca Erickson, Katie Miller,

Cindy Fadness and Julie Erdmann and K-5 Title and RTI instructors Nancy Cutler, Lynette Grieve and Bonnie Schimmel.

Schwan presented the quarterly Internal Control Assessment. Areas reviewed were food service and students handling money. No action was taken.

There were no board committee reports given.

Administrators discussed the following items: Education Summer Study Committee Results; School Law Seminar on 10/24/13; food service inspection at Elementary, Veteran's Day Activities, regional tournament format for Class A Volleyball and Boys/Girls Basketball, flu shots and health screenings, picture retakes and student learning objectives.

Moved by Kjelden, second Voss to go into executive session at 8:35 pm to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and a student issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2). Motion carried.

President Nelson declared the board out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

Moved by Kjelden, second Hanson to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager
Dorene Nelson, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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