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## September - October Students of the Month



**September Students of the Month**  
Back – Megan Unzen, Keri Pappas, Caitlyn Fluke, Kaitlyn Anderson; Front – Jenifer Fjelstad, Gabe Dohman, Nicole Marzahn

The September students of the month at Groton Area Middle/High School are senior Caitlyn Fluke, junior Gabe Dohman, sophomore Megan Unzen, freshman Keri Pappas, eighth grader Kenifer Fjelstad, seventh grader Kaitlyn Anderson and sixth grader Nicole Marzahn.

The student of the month is sponsored by the student council and is chosen by the faculty members. The students must show outstanding academic achievement and each student receives a certificate and will have a spring lunch with the principal and will receive a Dairy Queen treat at the end of the year.

Nicole Marzahn is a sixth grader and is the daughter of Renee and Wade Marzahn. Her siblings are Breanna, Landon and Andrew.

Activities include basketball, hanging out with friends, piano, doing crafts, shopping, 4-H and sports. Her accomplishments include starting to play the organ and she made it to state for "Make it with Wool."

Nicole is interested in sports, friends, family, shopping, shoes and clothes and she likes Justin Bieber. Art is her favorite subject. Nicole has her future all mapped out. She either going to be famous or get a job in Cosmetology. She plans to get married and have three kids—to be exact, two boys and one girl. Justin Bieber is her role model.

Kaitlyn Anderson is a seventh grader and is the daughter of John and Stacey Anderson, Claremont. She has one sister, Kennedy.

Kaitlyn's activities include basketball, volleyball, Carnival of Silver Skates and 4-H. Her accomplishments include being student of the month last year and was on the honor roll for the first quarter this year and all of last year. Her interests are photography, art and 4-H.

Art is her favorite subject and her future is undecided. Her dad is her role model.

Jenifer Fjelstad is an eighth grader and is the daughter of Clint and Tara Fjelstad, Groton.

Jenifer's activities include dance, Destination Imagination, flute, oral interp and debate. Her accomplishments include first place at the 2013 Groton Snow Queen Contest, second place as a team in MathCounts and various first and second place dance awards for both team and small group.

Jenifer likes to read, dance, play flute and paint. Algebra and band are her favorite subjects. She is undecided about her future except that she has ruled out the medical field. Erin Smith is her role model because "she is one of the best people, ever!"

Keri Pappas is a freshmen and is the daughter of Kelly and Valerie Pappas, Groton. Other family members include sisters Kasandra Pappas, Samantha Pappas, Shannon Pappas and Johnna Hepola; sister-in-law Kaboom Piete, brother Micky Pietz and brother-in-law Brandon Hepola.

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**October Students of the Month**  
Back – Taylor Gustafson, Joellen Gonsoir, Marlee Jones, Erin Smith; Front – Alexis Gustafson, Madeline Schuelke, AnneMarie Smith

The October Students of the Month at Groton Area Middle and High School include two sets of siblings. Seventh grader Anne Marie Smith and freshman Erin Smith were selected as well as eighth grader Alexis Gustafson and junior Taylor Gustafson. Other students named are senior Joellen Gonsoir, sophomore Marlee Jones and sixth grader Madeline Schuelke. It is also interesting to note that all of the Students of the Month for October are girls.

Madeline Schuelke is a sixth grader and is the daughter of Austin and Deb Schuelke. Other family members are Clare Schuelke, Eileen Schuelke and Bill Schuelke.

Madeline's activities include dance, gymnastics, volleyball, ice skating, Storybook Land Theatre, the School Play and Destination Imagination. Her accomplishments including winning the essay contest to take a free trip to Washington, D.C., and being on the winning team at state for Destination Imagination and going to the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn. Her interests are knitting, crocheting and acting. Her favorite subject is art and her future plans vary from being a lawyer, a photographer or a teacher. Her role model is her dad and Craig McCarthy.

Anne Marie Smith is a seventh grader and is the daughter of Dr. Steve and Carol Smith. Her siblings are Sam, Marah, Luke, Erin and Isaac.

Anne Marie's activities include being the school play, "I Hate Shakespeare," MathCounts, Destination Imagination, cross-country, track, Carnival of Silver Skates and church activities. Her accomplishments include a Superior + for piano and trumpet in the music contest, placing fourth as an individual and first place as a team in MathCounts, and seventh place for junior varsity cross-country.

Anne Marie's interests include piano, trumpet, choir and hunting. Her favorite subject is art and her role model is Katie Groeblichhoff. Her future plans are undecided.

Alexis Gustafson is an eighth grader and is the daughter of John and Beth Gustafson. She has two sisters, Taylor and Hannah.

Alexis' activities include volleyball, basketball, track, piano, trumpet, choir and snowmobiling. Her favorite subject is math and her role model is Jessica Bjerke.

Erin Smith is a freshmen and is the daughter of Dr. Steve and Carol Smith. Her siblings are Sam, Marah, Luke, Anne Marie and Issac.

Erin's activities include cross country, band, jazz band, choir, show choir pit band and Destination Imagination. Her accomplishments include receiving superior and superior + ratings at band and piano contests, attending the Destination Imagination Globals in Knoxville, Tenn., being selected as Student of the Month, earning cross country awards as well as junior high MathCounts awards.

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Keri's activities include band, oral interp, debate, Destination Imagination, Luther League, Emmanuel Lutheran Choir, teaching Sunday School and FCCLA. Her accomplishments include superiors in band, superior in oral interp, first runner-up at regionals for oral interp, honor roll, principal's honor roll, student of the month, second place in state Ecybermission team and got an article accepted to be published in Devozine®.

Keri's interests are music, hanging out with family and friends. Science and Spanish are her favorite subjects. She plans to attend Medical School and then hopes to work for the American Red Cross as disaster relief. Her role model is her oldest sister, Johnna Heopla.

Megan Unzen is a sophomore and is the daughter of Tiffany and Jake Unzen, Groton. She has a brother, Nathan, and two sisters, Haley and Erin.

Megan's activities include volleyball, FCA, all-school play, church youth group and softball. Her accomplishments include being on the 4.0 honor roll and being chosen as student of the month for four straight years. She is interested in sports, reading and likes to hang out with family and friends. Math and art are her favorite subjects and she plans to graduate from high school and then attend college. Her major is undecided at this time. Her grandpa, Dale Kurth, is her role model.

Gabe Dohman is a junior and is the son of David and Tammy Dohman, Groton. His siblings are Drew 20, Meghan 20, Halley 18 and Natalia 16.

Gabe's activities include basketball, harvest, CCD at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Star Torch and Natural Helpers. His accomplishments include being selected for the 2013 South Dakota Governor's Leadership Luncheon and being on the 4.0 honor roll.

Gabe is interested in Notre Dame athletics, Minnesota Twins baseball, hunting and likes to be a motivator. Chemistry II is his favorite subject. He plans to attend the University of South Dakota for political science. Terry Thompson is his role model.

Caitlyn Fluke is a senior and is the daughter of Jim and Tammy Weiszhaar, Bath, and Bill Fluke. She has a sister, Kellyn Fluke.

Caitlyn's activities include being a cheerleader for boys' basketball and football, the Groton Dance Team, a student at Living Art Dance Studio, Star Torch, FCCLA, senior class secretary/treasurer and a leader for the Little Leaders Cheer Clinic. She is interested in scrapbooking, cardmaking, riding horse, riding motorcycle with her dad, decorating, helping and caring for people and to enjoy free time with friends and family.

Caitlyn's accomplishments include being selected as student of the month for seventh through ninth grades, second place in elementary Algebra Contest at Northern State University, passing Cecchetti in grade one, two and three in ballet with high honors, receiving first place for South Dakota in eCybermission contest as a freshman, placing on the 4.0 honor roll throughout high school, was given the coach's award in cheerleading as a junior and was chosen as first runner-up in the Groton Area Snow Queen Contest.

Biology II, Honors English and FACS IV are her favorite subjects. She plans to attend a four-year university to pursue a major in radiologic technology. Her role models are her grandmother, Joyce Fluke, her dance instructor, Vicki Stuchl, and her parents.

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**Men's High Games:** Brad Larson 200, Steve Giedt 200, Ryan Schelle

**Women's High Games:** Hayley Merkel 219, Darci Spanier 200, Angie Carlson 159

**Men's High Series:** Ryan Schelle 536, Brad Waage 513, Brad Larson 512

**Women's High Series:** Darci Spanier 453, Dar Larson 440, Hayley Merkel 437

## October Students of the Month

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Erin's interests are reading, baking, hanging out with friends, listening to music, watching movies and spending time with family. Her favorite subject is English and she is considering a future in reflexology or nursing. Lo Magee is her role model.

Marlee Jones is a sophomore and is the daughter of Jim and Mendy Jones. Her siblings are Austin and Emerlee and her grandpa is Emery Sippel.

Marlee's activities include soccer, volleyball, basketball, swim team, track, show choir, school play, FCA, FCLA and UMYF. Her accomplishments include being on the 4.0 honor roll, being selected to the Principal's Honor Roll, being selected as Student of the Month, and was named the most improved and hardest worker in swimming.

Marlee's interests include reading, hunting, fishing, playing board games and watching movies. Algebra II (Math) is her favorite subject and she is considering a profession in the medical field. Her mom and grandpa are her role models.

Taylor Gustafson is a junior and is the daughter of John and Beth Gustafson. Her siblings are Alexis and Hannah.

Taylor's activities include volleyball, snowmobiling, reading, babysitting, yearbook, StarTorch, Natural Helpers, Luther League, piano, show choir, Carnival of Silver Skates, school play, church choir and life guarding during the summer at the city pool. Her accomplishments include Miss Teen of South Dakota Honor Court Merit Finalist, HOBY Ambassador, being on the 4.0 honor roll since her eighth grade year, was a previous Student of the Month and was honorable mention in the National Spanish Exam for both 2012 and 2013.

Taylor's interests are reading, art, snowmobiling, babysitting, music, shopping and hanging out with friends and family. English is her favorite subject and she plans to attend college and pursue a major in business marketing. Her role model is Grandma G aka Phyllis Gustafson.

Joellen Gonsoir is a senior and is the daughter of Tim and Kristen Gonsoir. Stan is her brother.

Joellen's activities include FFA, 4-H, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Living Art Dance Studio, Jazz, tap, musical theatre company, South Dakota Quarter Horse Youth Association and high school rodeo. Her interests are reading, writing, working on the ranch, volunteering and riding horse.

Joellen has earned many awards. In FFA they are sixth place in state creed speaking, first place in state horse judging team, first place in state public speaking, Nationals Public Speaking semifinalist, second place in state vet science and sixth place in state individual vet science. In 4-H she placed second in state public speaking, second in National Public Speaking, being on the first place in state and fifth nationally Quiz Bowl team, earned first place as an individual on the state level and 10th nationally in Quiz Bowl, won state both as an individual and team in Horse Judging, took first place individually in Hippology and was a Lincoln Douglas debate state quarter finalist.

English is her favorite subject and she plans to attend a four-year university to pursue a major in ag business and minors in animal science and mass communications. Grandma Krueger is her role model.

## Check-R-Board Monday



**Open House**  
**Monday**  
**Dec. 9**

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



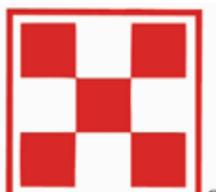
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### Tuesday, December 3

Sippel Notice Debate in Groton

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

**School Lunch:** Garlic cheese bread, roman salad, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Brook Anderson Jeff Merkel Dennis K Larson Anthony Sippel Jamie Rossow

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Good Cheer

6:00pm: JHGBB hosts Clark-Willow Lake

### Wednesday, December 4

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

**School Lunch:** Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, tea buns, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** New England Ham Dinner, dinner roll, fruit cocktail cake and ice cream.

**Birthdays:** Brennan McMahon Caitlyn Howard Samantha Larson Darlys Kampa Drew Johnson

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

### Thursday, December 5

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

**School Lunch:** Pizza, rice, green beans, vegetable and dip, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Turkey chow mein, rice, broccoli, Waldorf salad, Whole Wheat Bread.

**Birthdays:** Ilse Cameron Andy Jondahl Angela Osterman Corelea Wolter

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Elementary Christmas Concert

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

6:00pm: JHWrestling in Groton

### Friday, December 6

State Oral Interp at Watertown

**School Breakfast:** Mini-pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Taco salad, oven fries, garlic toast, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** BBQ Chicken, Rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, Strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Diane Paul Barwin Maddie Howard Nancy Sundstrom Karen Wolter

### Saturday, December 7

State Oral Interp at Watertown

**Birthdays:** Megan Weber Morgan McNickle Landon Marzahn

10:00am: JH GBB Jamboree in Groton

10:00am: Wrestling at Clark-Willow Lake

### Sunday, December 8

**Birthdays:** Colton Monson

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship (SS & Choir Sing)

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School and Bible Study

10:00am: Worship at the Lord's House, Pierpont

10:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

1:00pm: Show Choir Tour of Homes

### Monday, December 9

**School Breakfast:** Muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Meatballs, baked tiny potato, steamed carrots, muffin, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, fruit crisp, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Tracy Davies Shelby Tietz Ann Rix Brooklyn Gilbert Doris Anderson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

1:30pm: St. John's Nursery Circle

5:30pm: 8th GBB hosts Britton-Hecla

6:00pm: JHWR at Sisseton

7:00pm: Financial Aid Information Night at GHS Library

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

### Tuesday, December 10

**School Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, tater tots, tossed salad, bread sticks, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Meat loaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Lincoln Lane Jerrica Loeschke Steve Schaller Mirranda Blumhardt

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

5:00pm: 7th Grade GBB hosts Ipswich

6:30pm: GBB hosts Ipswich

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

### Wednesday, December 11

Career Cruising ACT Study Guide for Juniors

**School Breakfast:** French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, vegetable boats, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, glorified rice, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Dave & Connie Nilsson

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:30pm: Roncalli MathCounts Countdown Competition

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with youth and parents - meet in Aberdeen

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

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**Brown County Nov. 26 Joint Meeting**



NOVEMBER 26, 2013 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 a.m., November 26, 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 Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting minutes of November 26, 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$8,630.03; Danko \$52.22; Dental Center \$88.04; Christopher Dohrer \$5,770.83; Karen Harr \$150.00; Kuck Law \$5,520.83; Rapid City Regional Hospital \$180.00; Gina Rogers \$5,520.83; Schreiber Law Firm \$687.93; Christy Serr \$5,770.83; US Bank \$1,420.22; West Payment Center \$131.00.

Transcripts: Lynnel Bruemmer \$358.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$112.31.

Rentals: Evan Cummins \$260.00; GPCH \$320.00; Wolfson Apartments \$320.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Graham Tire \$3,020.06; Hoven Auto Repair \$986.93; LTK Heating & Cooling \$295.92; Overhead Door \$2,275.52; US Bank \$878.33.

Supplies: A & B Business \$14.27; Behnke Pit \$3,473.61; Brick TV & Appliance \$304.01; Dex \$52.00; Fordham Signs \$895.00; Les Frohling \$200.00; H & H Farms \$250.00; Interior Design Concepts \$51.80; Ron Jacobson \$250.00; Kustom Signals \$96.00; Marco \$271.02; Midstates Printing \$912.22; NCFE – Warner Elevator \$28,787.54; Safariland \$390.53; Spillman Technologies \$81,139.00; US Bank \$7,681.59.

Travel & Conference: Maxine Fischer \$48.67; Karen Harr \$35.00; Leo Leshar \$205.39; Gene Loeschke \$167.79; Russell Metz \$470.47; Sonje Oban \$72.00; Amy Scott \$590.02; Andrea Sjomeling \$18.00; US Bank \$3,505.70; Aaron Walberg \$60.23.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,456.49; Midcontinent \$65.00; NWPS \$1,234.93; US Bank \$552.93; Verizon Wireless \$1,630.41.

Other: Pizza Ranch \$84.95. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to acknowledge resignation of Sheriff Department (JDC Assistant) employee Teri Jondahl, effective January 4, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to authorize advertising vacant position in Sheriff Department (JDC Assistant) at Step 1 of the classification. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve employee status change for Jared Embury from Part-time to Full-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective December 9, 2014 at \$13.60 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to authorize Gary Vetter, Commission Assistant/HR Director to be designee to review, discuss and sign monthly on the job training and apprenticeship documentation for Veteran Service Officer Aaron Walberg for a designated two year program. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LIBRARY AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign agreement with the City of Aberdeen for the purpose of having unified library service for the residents of Brown County for 2014 in amount of \$15,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 083: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to set public hearing for Brown County Ordinance No. 083, An Ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4, specifically amending Chapter 4.13 Commercial District (C), Section 4.1302 Permitted

Principal Uses and Structures Paragraph 4 strike - excluding any warehousing and storage services; Section 4.1304 Special Exceptions Paragraph 5 add – General Warehousing and Storage; Section 4.1306 Minimum Yard Requirements add – There shall be a front yard of not less than a depth of ten (10) feet. There shall be a rear yard of not less than ten (10) feet. Each side yard shall not be less than five (5) feet as measured from the outermost edge of structures. All distances are measured from the lot lines; Section 4.1307 Maximum Lot Coverage add – Minimum off-street parking and loading requirements shall also be considered for lot coverage based on use, to be held on December 17, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Chairman sign agreement with A-Town Roller Girlz for lease of the Club House for practice sessions at \$10.00 per session plus \$20.00 for utilities during the months of November and December 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY CLOSING: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to close Friday, November 29th with the following policy: each employee will be compensated for eight hours regular pay for the day, if an employee is required to work a full shift on November 29th eight hours will be added to their vacation record – under no circumstances will premium pay be paid for these hours. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NORTHERN ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE, INC FRANCHISE: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION 95-13. AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF BROWN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Bath, South Dakota, on the 4th day of November, 2013, filed with the County Auditor of Brown County, South Dakota, its duly verified Petition for the purpose of obtaining and acquiring one franchise for both its existing transmission lines and system and the planned extension and future expansion thereof, from Brown County, South Dakota, by and through its County Commissioners, for the right to maintain its existing and future system and to erect and maintain poles and wires for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, in, along, and over the public highways of Brown County, South Dakota, for rural electrification throughout said County and State for a period of twenty years;

WHEREAS, said application was heard and considered by the members of the Board of County Commissioners of said County of Brown, in South Dakota, on the 26th day of November, 2013, at the hour of 8:45 o'clock a.m., in the Commissioners' Room, in the Courthouse in the City of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota, due notice of said hearing having been given by mail as provided by law to all persons, firms or corporations owning or operating transmission, telegraph or telephone lines on or along any part of the highways of said County;

WHEREAS, no person, firm or corporation having appeared in opposition to the granting of such application, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners of said County that the request contained in said Petition should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Brown County Board of Commissioners that the right to construct, maintain and operate poles and wires, both for its existing transmission lines and system, and also for its future extension and expansion, for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, over, upon, along and across the public highways within Brown County, South Dakota, for rural electrification, on a county-wide basis, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date and passage hereof, be, and it hereby is,

granted to said Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Bath, South Dakota, subject to the terms and conditions of Chapter 31-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws. Dated this 26th day of November, 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

PLATS: Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: Resolution #96-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Tuszka Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Sec 2-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter, Tom Schmitt, Mark Milbrandt, Scott Kolb, Damian Bahr, Janice Moore and Any Lake Harmon 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.

BRIDGE 204: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Right-of-Way Certificate for Project Number BRF 6170(01) Bridge #204. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY ROAD 9: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Wetland Agreement with the SD Department of Transportation, whereby the County agrees to create and restore 0.38 acres of wetlands in the road ditch of Brown County Road 9 in the SE ¼ of Sec 4 and the SW ¼ of Sec 3-T125N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD; and further that County shall pay the cost of construction, monitoring, and maintenance of the mitigation area. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Duane Riedel, County resident expressed concern about moving the Veterans Service Office and making sure an adequate facility is available for all Veterans; and asked if there is anyway the County can encourage the Beef Plant EB-5 investigation to continue until questions are answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter and Deb Finnesand 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.

BUILDING DEMO/SITE PREP SPECS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to authorize Gary Vetter obtain quotes for the demolition of the Fairgrounds building known as the 4-H Building; and obtain specifications for all necessary site preparations for moving the Aberdeen Christian School Building to this location. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until December 3, 2013. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$108.24.

**Brown County Zoning Ordinance Change**



NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 17th day of December 2013 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, to consider an ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4, specifically amending Chapter 4.13 Commercial District (C), Section 4.1302 Permitted Principal Uses and Structures Paragraph 4 strike - excluding any warehousing and storage services; Section 4.1304 Special Exceptions Paragraph 5 add – General Warehousing and Storage; Section 4.1306 Minimum Yard Requirements add – There shall be a front yard of not less than a depth of ten (10) feet. There shall be a rear yard of not less than ten (10) feet. Each side yard shall not be less than five (5) feet as measured from the outermost edge of structures. All distances are measured from the lot lines; Section 4.1307 Maximum Lot Coverage add – Minimum off-street parking and loading requirements shall also be considered for lot coverage based on use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Title 4, Chapter 4.13 Commercial District (C), Section's 4.1302, 4.1304, 4.1306 and 4.1307. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Brown County Ordinance No. 083.

Dated this 26th day of November 2013

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (1203.1010)

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**Groton School Nov. 25 Meeting Minutes**



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

REGULAR MEETING November 25, 2013

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hansen, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Voss. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to approve the agenda as presented. 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 presentations from Junior Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers Julie Milbrandt, Ann Gibbs, Renee Swisher, Shauna Remily, Emily Eichler, Jane Kroll and Anne Zoellner.

There were no board committee reports given.

Administrators reported the following: State Fire and Life Safety Inspection, Department of Homeland Security Grant, parent/teacher conferences, elementary book fair, teach-

er in-service, Common Core Standards, Oral Interp State Qualifiers, Teachscape training, Government Class Cracker Barrel session and teacher interview questions in conjunction with evaluations.

Adam Franken was present to discuss out-of-district participation in Groton Area FFA. It was reported that a half credit of Ag Education would have to be taken by the participant before receiving the FFA instruction. No action was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to approve resignation of para-professional Skyler VanderVorst effective November 26th. Motion carried.

Moved by Hanson, second Smith to approve resignation of assistant volleyball coach Joel Guthmiller, effective with the 2014-15 school year, and provided a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve Maddy Gonsoir as volunteer assistant girls basketball coach for 2013-14. Motion carried.

Moved by Hanson, second Weismantel to approve Drake Patterson as volunteer assistant boys basketball coach for 2013-14. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to approve open enrollment application #13-18 for a student in Kindergarten from the Langford School District. Motion carried.

Moved by Hanson, second Kjelden to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:30 pm to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

Nelson declared the board out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

Moved by Kjelden, second Smith 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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**Leroy Bahr Estate Notice**



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEROY H. BAHR, DECEASED IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRO. 13 -

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is given that on the 12th day of November, 2013, Lori Kay Bahr, whose address is 14076 406th Avenue, Groton, South Dakota 57401, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of LeRoy H. Bahr.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative, or within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice, if any, or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

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Marla R. Zastrow Clerk of Courts 101 SE 1st Ave. PO Box 1087 Aberdeen, SD 57402-1087 Richard Kolker, Attorney P.O. Box 467 Groton, SD 57445 (605) 397-8464 /s/ Lori Kay Bahr Lori Kay Bahr 14076 40611 Avenue Groton, South Dakota 57445 (605) 395-6532 (1119.1203)

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### NOTICES

Clara's 90th birthday on Sunday, December 15 from 2-4pm at the Hecla United Methodist Church on Main Street.

**MEDICAL NEEDS benefit for Jim Mortenson on Saturday December 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney, SD from 5pm to 7:30pm. Supplemental funds Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Come and be feed and help feed one of God's sons. \***

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Nick Simon, right, receives "congratulations" from Mr. Mark Fields, Chief Operating Officer, Ford Motor Company.

## Simon attends Ford Motor Company seminar

Recently, Nick Simon of Groton Ford participated in an intensive, four-day seminar for dealers in Dearborn, Mich., sponsored by Ford Motor Company at global headquarters.

The seminar discussed ways to meet or exceed customer expectations and to help those customers be more completely satisfied every time they visit the dealership to shop, to buy or lease a new or used vehicle, or to get their existing vehicle serviced.

Ford executives were involved with dealers throughout the seminar and a variety of programs that Ford provides to support dealership actions were highlighted.

As part of the seminar, dealers had a tour of the Ford Focus assembly plant to see for themselves' how quality is built into every new Ford vehicle, that process assisted by Ford management and UAW "United Auto Workers" sharing common goals and encouraging teamwork.

"Attending this seminar gave me a great feeling about being part of the Ford Motor Company family," said Nick Simon. "It was a good to see how closely the company and the dealers are connected in doing a great job for the people who drive the products we sell and service in Groton South Dakota. One thing I certainly brought back is that Henry Ford was an entrepreneur far ahead of his time! I am very proud to offer the Ford line with their innovation, premium products and great American heritage."

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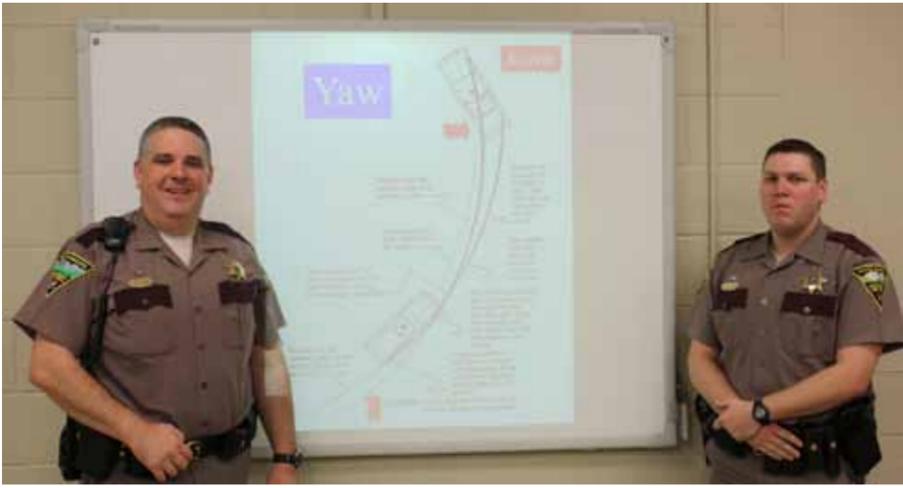
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## Highway Patrol gives presentation

The South Dakota Highway Patrol gave a presentation on Traffic Accident Reconstruction - How Physics, Algebra, Trigonometry, and Calculus apply to Law Enforcement - to the GHS Physics class on Tuesday, November 26. Troopers Joel Carda (left), Aberdeen, and Shane Snyder (right), Mobridge, state troopers with the SD Highway Patrol gave the presentation.



## All State Soccer

Four Groton boys soccer players were selected for the SDHSAA All-State Boys Soccer Team. The Groton HS Boys Soccer team placed third in the 2013 State High School Soccer tournament in Aberdeen in October.

**Luca Kother (first team), Landon Larson (first team), Chance Strom (honorable mention), Luke Sternhagen (honorable mention).** (Courtesy Photo by Jodi Sternhagen)

## Well has been drilled for Olive Grove

The well for the Olive Grove Golf Course has been drilled. The pump and wiring will be installed in the spring. The bill came in at \$5,247.90. The five-inch well is 147 feet deep and the driller anticipates that the well should pump upward to 100 gallons a minute. The original estimate was \$7,500.

The city brought in \$319,407.74 in property taxes this past month. "We're not rich by any means," said Finance Officer Anita Lowary, "but we will end the year on a positive note." The ending cash balance is \$680,619.91 with the bills coming in at \$174,421.46.



The well for the Olive Grove Golf Course was drilled right before Thanksgiving.

Cash fund transfers had to be made so that fund balances have a positive balance at the end of the year. That means taking \$320,000 from electric, \$100,000 from water and \$51,000 from sewer to transfer to the general fund. The 2013 Curb and Gutter Construction fund and the 2001 and 2003 Curb and Gutter Assessments were also closed out. Also, loans were made from the airport fund in the amount of \$29,000 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$50,000 and transferred to general fund. Those two will be paid back in January.

## North Area Honor Band

The 23rd Annual South Dakota North Area Honor Band will present their concert on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University. Dr. David Bohnert from Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska will be the guest conductor at this year's Honor Band.

The South Dakota North Area Honor Band was created when area band directors began expressing an interest in providing a regional opportunity for their experienced instrumental musicians. Upon nomination by their band director, students who auditioned for the 2013 South Dakota All-State Band are seated first in the ensemble, and additional students of high caliber complete the sections. It remains the goal of the directors to increase the interest in instrumental performance and to provide a top level learning experience for the more advanced high school band students of this area.

Groton participants are Alec Oleson, Clarinet, Kaitlin O'Neill, Contra Alto Clarinet, Rachel Blackmun, Bass Clarinet, Luke Smith, Trumpet, Matt Knecht, Trumpet, Alec Voss, Trombone, Kasey Waage, Percussion, Jaden Oliver, Percussion, Maggie Simon, Percussion.



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