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Second of Two Christmas Editions!

This week features the rest of the Christmas Greetings and
Groton Area Kindergarten Students

The deadline for next week's paper is Sunday, Dec. 29th, 5 p.m.

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Nicholas Groeblichhoff, son of Matt and Joni Groeblichhoff, Groton. Christmas is Jesus' birthday.



Natalia Warrington, daughter of Neil and Amy Warrington, Groton. Christmas is the day baby Jesus was born.



Lucas Carda, son of Joe and Renee Carda, Ferney. Christmas is about family. It is God's birthday and you get presents.

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Olivia Stiegelmeier, daughter of Whitney Daly and Jordan Stiegelmeier, Houghton. Christmas is about family and presents.



Hailey Pray, daughter of Jessica Zoellner and Kevin Pray. Christmas is about opening presents.



Paisley Mitchell, daughter of Corey and Jaimie Mitchell, Columbia. Christmas is about family. On Christmas I play with my cousins.



Keegan Tracy, son of Ryan and Carla Tracy, Groton. Christmas is about Jesus' birthday. Christmas is about spending time with my family.

*Gloria
In
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With highest praise to the Lord at the birth of our Savior, and many thanks to you, our friends and neighbors for your goodwill during this past year. With exceeding great joy we bid you and yours a very joyous Merry Christmas!

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Groton Area girls beat Redfield-Doland

Groton's undefeated record remains untarnished as the Lady Tigers defeated Redfield-Doland, 44-33.

"This was our first real test of the team," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "We led the whole game, but Redfield-Doland had a couple of runs to cut the lead. Last year, we would have lost those types of games. This year, we held the lead. I have to complement our bench players—they did a good job."

Courtney Kurtz led the Tigers with 19 points followed by Kylie Hawkins with seven, Audrey Wanner six, Carly Wheeting five, Camille Sippel four and Tori Bjerke added three points.

Redfield-Doland was led by Allcyn Jungwirth with 19 followed by Jenanne Howe with four, Joyne Tebben and Justine Severson with three each and Roni Levtzow and Elizabeth Eser with two.

Groton led at the quarterbreaks at 9-2, 25-5 and 31-24.

Groton made eight of 47 field goals for cold 17 percent, made 16 of 26 free throws, had 22 rebounds with Kurtz having six and Wheeting four, 11 steals with Kurtz having eight, and two assists—both by Kurtz. Groton had three turnovers and 18 fouls.

Tori Bjerke led the junior varsity team to a 22-14 win with nine points followed by Audrey Wanner with eight, Katie Koehler and Marlee Jones each had two and Ashley Gibbs added one free throw.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Coyotes 14, Jackelopes 13 1/2, Pocket Gophers 12, Killer Chihuahuas 12, Chipmunks 12, Foxes 8 1/2

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 245, Doug Jorgensen 234, 213, Craig Dunker 227, Randy Stanley 218

Women's High Games: Vicki Jorgensen 189, Tasha Dunker 175, Dar Larson 174

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 626, Doug Jorgensen 608, Craig Dunker 549

Women's High Series: Vicki Jorgensen 482, Sue Stanley 470, Dar Larson 444

Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Farm Girls 6, Jungle Lanes 5, Ten Pins 4, JVT 4, Golden Girls 4, Ken's 1.

High Games: Darlene Morton 191 and 182, Mary Jane Jark 169, Vickie Kramp 166.

High Series: Darlene Morton 506, Vicki Walter 454, Vickie Kramp 452.

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Team Standings: Pirates 22, Cubs 21, Braves 14.5, Mets 13.5, Colts 13, Giants 12.

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 199 and 180, Larry Frohling 189, Lance Frohling 176.

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 539, Larry Frohling 499, Lance Frohling 483.

Women's High Games: Sandy Fenske 189, Alice Severson 164, Nicole Kassube 154, Hayley Merkel 154.

Women's High Series: Hope Knoepfle 435, Alice Severson 431, Sandy Fenske 426, Hayley Merkel 426.

Three players hit double digits in Groton's win over Redfield-Doland

Kasey Kurth and Reilly Ell both made two three-pointers in the first quarter as Groton Area exploded to a 20-6 first quarter lead. Groton opened up a 25-9 lead over Redfield-Doland in the second quarter, but then the Pheasants scored 11 unanswered points to make it a 25-20 game with 2:57 left in the half. Groton led, 27-24, at half time.

"We've got to learn the game is 32 minutes," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "We relaxed offensively and defensively in the second quarter and let them get back into the game."

It was a three-point battle to start out the third quarter with the Pheasants making two and Groton one as the lead was trimmed to two, 32-30. Another three-pointer by the Pheasants late in the quarter made it a one-point game, 38-37, but Groton powered in to straight baskets to lead, 42-37, at the end of the third quarter.

Groton was not going to be denied the win as the Tigers held an 18-point lead, 58-40, and went on to win, 58-43.

Groton Area had a balanced scoring attack from the big three—Reilly Ell with 16, Kasey Kurtz with 15 and Mason Madsen with 14. Adding to the tally were Wyatt Lone with six, Spencer Knecht four and Lucas Sternhagen three. Groton showed off its depth on the bench, but Kjellsen said it can even go deeper. "When we get Kyler Ell back we'll be able to go a little deeper," he said.

Groton, now 3-0, will travel to Oakes on Saturday. "I don't know much about Oakes," Kjellsen said. "They had a really young team last year so they should be much improved."

Groton made 49 percent of its field goals while the Pheasants made 42 percent. Groton was four of six from the line off of Redfield-Doland's 21 team fouls. The Pheasants were four of seven off of Groton's 11 team fouls. Groton had eight turnovers, three of which were steals. The Pheasants had 14 turnovers, six of which were steams (two each by Ell and Spencer Knecht). The Tigers controlled the boards, 29-21, with Wyatt Lone having seven. Groton had four blocks with two by Lucas Sternhagen.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 57-29. Chance Strom and Bennett Shabazz each had 10 points followed by Lucas Sternhagen and Spencer Knecht with nine each, Sean Schuring had eight, Truitt Rogers five and Matt Knecht, Adam Herman and McClain Lone each having two.

Groton made it a clean sweep with a C game win, 27-22. Scoring was not available.



Spencer Knecht made this shot to give Groton a 17-6 lead with 1:40 left in the first quarter. (Photo #9155 by Paul Kosel)



Mason Madsen makes this shot to give Groton a 25-20 lead with 1:56 left in the first half. (Photo #9178 by Paul Kosel)



Kasey Kurtz made this basket on a fast break after a Groton player stole the ball. (Photo #9190 by Paul Kosel)

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The Chamber Choir sang, "The Winter's Night," directed by Malerie Yeaton.



Deb Jensen directed the Junior High Band. They performed, "Christmas Spirit," "Welcome Christmas" and "Jingle Jive."



The Junior High Choir was directed by Malorie Yeaton. They sang, "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" with Erin Smith as the accompanist, then they sang, "In Winter" with Luke Smith being the accompanist, and their finale was "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child."



Reid Johnson directed the High School Band. They performed, "Adeste Fidelis," "Stille, Stille, Stille," "A Christmas Fantasia" and "Christmas Lights."



The Sixth Grade Band was directed by Deb Jensen. They performed, "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and "Winter Medley."



Reid Johnson directed the Sixth Grade Choir as they sang, "Once Again It's Christmas" and "Calypso Noel."



The High School Chorus, under the direction of Malerie Yeaton, sang, "Under Winter Moon" with Taylor Gustafson being the accompanist, "Noel Fantasy" with Joy Voss being the accompanist, and "Jingle Bells."

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Kjellsen gets 300th career win at Oakes

Groton exploded in the second quarter to help propel Coach Greg Kjellsen to his 300th career win. All but 22 of his wins have been in Groton.

Oakes held an 18-16 first quarter lead before Groton out-scored Oakes, 23-3, in the second quarter, to take a 39-21 lead at half time. Groton continued to outpace Oakes and went on to win, 74-44.

Mason Madsen led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Reilly Ell and Wyatt Lone with 13 each, Kasey Kurtz, Lucas Sternhagen and Spencer Knecht each had nine and Parker Rossow added six points.

Groton made 55 percent of its field goals while Oakes made 28 percent. The Tigers were 12 of 20 from the line off of Oakes 16 team fouls while Oakes was 10 of 19 off of Groton's 19 team fouls.

Groton controlled the boards, 40-33, with Madsen having 11. Groton had 16 assists with Kurtz having six, and four blocks with Madsen having two. Groton had 18 turnovers, with eight of them being steals. Oakes had 19 turnovers with 10 being steals (Kurtz three)

Groton won the junior varsity game, 59-51. Chance Strom led the Tigers with 19 points followed by Sean Schuring with 14, Bennett Shabazz eight, Adam Herman six, Lucas Sternhagen five, Turner Webb four and Spencer Knecht three.

Groton is now 4-0 on the season and will travel to Deuel on January 3.

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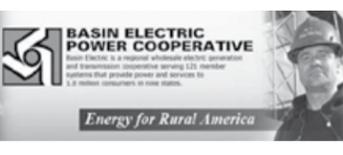
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Monday, December 23

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

Anniversaries: Jerry & Joan Johnson Jerry & Ramona Rossow

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Tuesday, December 24

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

Christmas Eve

Birthdays: Merry Jo Ball Holly Carlson Carmen Craig Brian Townsend Christine Young Katie Bull Aaron Cobb Michael Erdmann

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

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

5:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Worship

8:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas

Birthdays: Angela Carlson Scott Fordham

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

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

Thursday, December 26

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

Birthday: Ben Peterson

Friday, December 27

Senior Menu: Ham with raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, California blend veggies, crazy cake,

Hawkins wins at Gregory and Clark Tourneys

Four Groton Area wrestlers placed at the Gregory Tournament held Saturday. Kelby Hawkins placed first while Rayce Harder, Jeric Albrecht and Tyler Scott all placed second.

Hawkins, at 120 pounds, pinned his first opponent, Austin Hofer, Marion-Freeman, in 18 seconds, then he pinned Joel Brouse, Lower Brule, in 2:32; he pinned Dalton Bodewtz, Marion-Freeman, in 49 seconds, and in the championship match, he decisioned Leo Hopkins, Alcester-Hudson, 6-0.

Harder, at 132 pounds, scored a major decision over Sam Caba, Bon Homme-Scotland, 9-0; and in the championship match, he was decisioned by Nic Watson, Marion-Freeman, 3-2.

Albrecht, at 145 pounds, pinned Kale Kerstjens, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, in 23 seconds, he pinned Michael Clark, Burke-Gregory, 1:45; he pinned Michael Cremer, Marion-Freeman, 1:40; and in the championship match, he was decisioned by Levi Schonebaum, Burke-Gregory, 5-2.

Tyler Scott, at 170 pounds, scored a two-point reversal in the third period to decision Jaxson Brueggeman, Miller/Highmore-Harold, 10-9; and in the championship match, he was pinned by Jonah Bectz, Burke-Gregory, 2:45.

Other wrestlers participating were:

Wyatt Locke at 120 pounds. He was pinned by Leo Hopkins, Andes Central, 1:20; and he was pinned by Austin Hofer, Marion-Freeman,

whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Rayne Baker Raymond Alberts 1:00pm: James lowery birthday

Saturday, December 28

GBB at Parkston Classic

Birthdays: Tracey Heidrich Sharon Tullis

Sunday, December 29

Birthdays: Barbara Stauch Connie Stauch Nicole Osterman Delbert Hinkelman Brady Keith Melissa Locke

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sing Along

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

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

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bethesda

Monday, December 30

Birthday: Vera Osness

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Tuesday, December 31

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, lime pear Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

New Year's Eve

Anniversaries: Howard & Sue Felkey Paul & Tina Kosel Jake & Tiffany Unzen

Birthdays: Jill Cutler Braiden Craig Brian Koens

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

3:44.

Brandyn Anderson at 195 pounds. He was pinned by Duwain Kerner, Burke-Gregory, 1:03; and he was pinned by Alan Haataja, Bon Homme-Scotland, 3:49.

Last weekend at the Clark Tournament, Kelby Hawkins placed first, Jeric Albrecht was second and Tyler Scott was fourth.

Hawkins, 120, pinned Andrew Edgar, Faulkton, 1:04; and in the championship match, he pinned Braden Whiting, Redfield-Doland, 0:38.

Albrecht, 145, pinned Brady Miles, Redfield-Doland, 1:32; and in the championship match, he was decisioned by Austin Grout, Webster, 11-4.

Scott, 170, pinned Layne Stransness, Clark-Willow Lake, 1:15; he was pinned by Ryan Yost, Redfield-Doland, 2:44; he pinned his opponent from Warner-Northwestern, 5:03; and in the third place match, he was decisioned by Steven Wegleitner, Britton-Hecla, 5-3.

Wyatt Locke, 126, was pinned by Caleb Orris, Clark-Willow Lake, 2:15; and he was pinned by Tucker Vincent, Kingsbury County, 2:43.

Brandyn Anderson, 195, was pinned by Mitchell Giatzowski, Webster, 1:15; and he won by forfeit against a Redfield-Doland wrestler, but then was pinned by Ray Edgar, Faulkton, 5:03.

Parker Kroll, 152, was decisioned by Rob Wiley, Webster, 7-2; and he was decisioned by Sully Masat, Redfield-Doland, 7-0.

Brown County Dec. 17 Meeting Minutes



DECEMBER 17, 2013 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 a.m., December 17, 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 Hansen to approve the General Meeting minutes of December 10, 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,359.55; Commission Assistant \$2,153.85; Auditor \$8,484.79; Treasurer \$11,621.99; Data Processing \$3,141.75; State's Attorney \$14,340.92; Blood Draws \$250.00; SVA-WA Grant \$1,269.24; Maintenance \$4,712.67; Assessor \$11,999.50; Register of Deeds \$7,784.39; Veterans Service Office \$3,448.92; GIS \$2,045.33; Sheriff Admin \$28,015.33; Jail \$33,473.19; Coroner \$0; JDC \$13,004.51; HD \$4,980.98; Welfare Office \$2,939.70; Museum \$6,636.61; Parks & Fairgrounds \$3,991.20; Fair Board \$2,584.79; 4-H \$1,088.80; Weed \$0; Planning and Zoning \$1,384.80; Highway \$42,048.47; Communications \$20,184.70; Emergency Management \$3,057.11; Teen Court \$129.69; 24/7 \$2,498.58; Landfill \$10,338.24

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Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$871.14; Dakota Press \$5,311.60; Groton Independent \$811.16.

Rentals: Brenner Builders \$320.00; Zumbaum Property Mgmt. \$320.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Masonry \$1,800.00; B & B Contracting \$755.10; CarQuest \$7.27; DSG \$645.79; Dakota Tree Co. \$401.50; Farm Power Mfg. \$1,722.06; G & K Services \$479.45; GCR Tire Center \$3,454.90; Geffdog \$1,506.76; Graham Tire \$762.62; Integrated Tech & Security \$4,829.00; Kone \$96,466.50; Leidholt Electric \$2,236.87; McFarland Supply \$208.05; Midwest Pump & Tank \$286.53; Overhead Door \$1,129.49; Pro Ag Supply \$318.19; Proforma \$587.63; US Bank \$403.00.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$152.93; A & B Business \$106.48; Aberdeen Pit Stop \$2,879.67; Active Data Systems \$294.43; Ameripride \$59.28; Bruce Hoffman Family \$67.50; Cash-Wa \$3,971.30; Cole Papers \$1,236.70; Crescent Electric \$98.10; Custom Glass & Repair \$360.00; Dakota Mailing \$77.32; DPM Petty Cash \$69.36; DT Pharmacy \$610.89; Farm & Home Publishers \$473.50; Farm Power Mfg. \$824.80; Fisher's Cleaning Service \$210.00; Galls \$490.00; Gardner Locksmithing \$86.00; Geffdog \$19.50; Gov-Connection \$748.24; Heartland Paper \$93.55; Hedahl's \$30.50; J. Gross Equip. \$1,030.78; J R Huebner \$2,195.00; Kessler's \$187.13; Kmart Pharmacy \$192.72; Marco \$243.03; Medical Waste Transport \$117.70; Menards \$147.92; Midstates Printing \$273.51; Moore Medical \$100.39; Northwest Divers

\$494.20; Pierson-Ford \$60.26; Pitney Bowes \$2,937.60; Running's \$145.90; SD Redbook Fund \$904.92; SDN \$21,752.73; Sewing Shoppe \$180.50; Sivertsen Technology \$3,896.94; Taser International \$6,141.48; Taylor Laundry \$63.00; Tri-State Water \$23.05; Tyler Business Forms \$393.29; US Bank \$5,948.81; West Payment Center \$2,035.85; Woodman Refrigeration \$354.86.

Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$71.41; Executive Mgmt. \$1,654.40; Sonje Oban \$181.00; Pennington County Sheriff's Office \$208.20; Amy Scott \$242.66; US Bank \$4,095.11.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$448.99; Century-Link \$1,819.23; City of Hecla \$209.17; Dependable Sanitation \$451.00; Executive Mgmt. \$335.26; Northern Electric Coop. \$2,127.96; NWPS \$3,053.12; SDN \$2,892.75; US Bank \$553.70; Verizon Wireless \$160.04.

Other: JRWD \$23,145.43.

Machinery & Equipment: Artz Equipment \$14,350.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve the following employee step increases, effective December 22, 2013: Kathy Schlecht @ \$18.19 per hour, Sarah Jesz @ \$17.00 per hour, Craig Nelson @ \$20.24 per hour, Charles Gruenstein @ \$15.77 per hour, Adelaide Mouna @ \$14.55 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to authorize employees be taxed for personal use of County vehicles at \$0.56 per mile, effective January 1, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to amend Employee Policy Manual dated April 10, 2012, as follows Section E-3 – Sick Leave: Effective January 1, 2014, all new hires will not receive compensation for unused sick leave upon separation from the County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve expenditure for Amy Scott to participate in the Leadership Aberdeen 2014 Program, sponsored by the Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve payment of employee health insurance Affordable Care Act (ACA) Fees in amount of \$14.25 per employee per month from county funds, with employee paying the ACA fee of \$14.25 per dependent per month, effective for January 1, 2014 health care coverage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED SALE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising the following described property to be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on January 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., and further to declare property surplus for purpose of sale: Aberdeen City: Lot 201 and 202 Morning Heights Subdivision N 1/2 Sec 19-T123N-R3W (815 S Aldrich Street); Lot 2 Block 21 First Addition to the Highlands (919 N State Street); Frederick City: S 68' of Lot 4 Block 2 Original Plat to Frederick; Lot 5 Block 32 Lot 25 First Addition to Frederick E 1/2 Sec 11-T127N,R64W, Brown County, SD; and further authorize advertising an open house event for the two Aberdeen City properties. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JDC CONTRACTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Contracts with the following Counties for housing juveniles in the Detention Center at \$220.00 per day: Campbell, Corson, Dewey, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Jerauld, Marshall, McPherson, Spink, Sully and Union. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to declare 4 Tasers (SN 021959, 021975, 224168, 267904) surplus property for purpose of donation to Faulk County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW GRANT APPLICATION: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve application be

submitted to Aberdeen Downtown Association Façade Grant Program for the Courthouse Stained Glass Window Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUSPENSION/DEBARMENT PROCEDURE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to adopt the following Brown County Suspension and Debarment Procedures (Revised December 17, 2013): Summary: For projects receiving federal grant funds, the grantee is prohibited by federal regulation from issuing contracts or making purchases from vendors listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement Programs. Brown County will not knowingly form a new contract, make a new purchase from, or enter into any new business relationship with any individual or business entity that is listed by a federal agency as debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment. Procedure: Prior to entering into any contract or purchase funded by federal grants expected to equal or exceed \$25,000, a search will be performed by the grant administrator using the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) website <http://www.sam.gov>. The search will be documented with a print screen of the search results. A copy of this print screen will be attached to any contract or invoice meeting the requirements set forth above. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HLS EQUIPMENT TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Homeland Security Equipment Transfer document giving ownership of Fingerprint Station to Brown County (transfer from Beadle County EM as regional administrator). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CDBG-NEW TEC PROJECT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Payment Request #4 Community Development Block Grant #1212-307 for New Tec in amount of \$5,445.88, replacing original request in amount of \$814.91 dated November 1, 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

REGIONAL AGING COUNCIL (RAC): Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to appoint Shari Phillips and Cindy Beard as Brown County Representatives on the Northeast South Dakota Regional Aging Council (RAC) for 2014 and 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SMALL APPLIANCE POLICY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the Small Appliance Policy and Procedure for all Departments, effective December 17, 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 083 FIRST READING: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve First Reading of 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. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSMENT PLAN 2014: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to acknowledge 2014 assessment plan as presented by Mary Worlie, Director of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VETERAN DELEGATION: Veterans Service Officer Aaron Walberg, employees Kathy Schlecht, Ron Leighty and a delegation of twenty-six (26) Veterans met to express opposition to the plan to move the Veterans Service Office from its current location in the Courthouse. The following individuals spoke on behalf of various Veterans Organizations and for themselves in support of the current location: Sean Johnson, VFW Post 17; Bev North; Larry

Nupen; Bonnie Ellis; Sam Olson, American Legion; Allan Och-sner and Dale Powers, Disabled American Veterans.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Area resident Bill Welk met to suggest that all townships establish one way out policy for road maintenance and a commodity based tax system for producers.

INVENTORY SYSTEM: Paul Sivertsen discussed a program for inventory control using a scanning device.

LANDFILL EXPANSION PROJECT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Agreement with Helms and Associates to provide engineering services for the Landfill Expansion Project (Unit 2, Cell 2), as follows: Phase 1 Design and Plan Development @ \$98,200.00; Phase 2 Bidding @ \$5,000.00; and Phase 3 Construction in an amount not to exceed \$117,840.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss contract, per SDCL 1-25-2 (4) with Chris White 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 December 23, 2013. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on January 13, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MINIMUM BID

Aberdeen City:
Lot 201 and 202 Morning Heights Subdivision N1/2 19-123-63: 815 S Aldrich St - (House & Lot): \$ 20,000.00.

Frederick City:
S 68' Lot 4 Block 2 Original Plat Town of Frederick: Bare Lot: \$ 100.00.

Lot 5 Block 32 1st Addition E1/2 11-127-64 Town of Frederick: Bare Lot: \$ 200.00.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1224.1230)
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NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and Brown County Commission on the 31st day of December 2013, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the Petition filed by Craig Schaunaman to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows: Dafnis Outlot 1 in the SW 1/4 of Sec 34-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2514 NW 130th Street).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testi-

mony and comments pertaining to the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #13-12-03/426 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property.

Dated this 10th day of December 2013.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1217.1224)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
for the
Brown County Landfill Expansion Project

Brown County is seeking \$1,732,000 of funding from the Board of Water and Natural Resources for construction of a new cell at the landfill. The funds could be either a grant from the state Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program or a loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. The Drinking Water SRF loan terms are 3.0% for 20 years, and the Board of Water and Natural Resources may forgive all or a portion of loan principal. The amount, source of funds, and terms will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at the Brown County Courthouse on December 31st at 9:15am.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1217.1224)
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NOTICE OF HEARING
2013 BROWN COUNTY BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 31st day of December 2013 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, SD to consider supplementing the 2013 fiscal year budget, as follows: Brown County Fair Sponsorships - #101-5.524.426.80 @ \$54,862.00, to be funded by sponsorships received #101-4.345.50 @ \$54,862.00; Brown County Livestock Committee - #101-5.524.426.74 @ \$12,789.00, to be funded by sponsorships received #101-4.345.53 @ \$12,789.00. The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the supplements.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(1217.1224)
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Town Board of Frederick
2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 192

Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance
December 16, 2013

The 2nd reading of the 2013 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance was held in the Frederick Finance Office on Monday evening, December 16, 2013.

Present were members Dennis Kinslow, Chairman, Tom Meyer, Board Member, and Diane Bruns, Finance Officer.

Chairman Kinslow called the meeting to order. The board gave a final review of the 2013 Supplemental Appropriations

Ordinance. The following ordinance was offered:

Ordinance 192
2013 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance

Be it ordained by the City of Frederick that motion has been made by Tom Meyer and seconded by Dennis Kinslow to adopt the 2013 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance as presented. The total appropriation is \$72,546.00 transferred to the 2013 budget for the maintenance and operations of the Town of Frederick to meet its obligations for the year of 2013.

All members voting aye, motion carried.
There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned with motion made by Meyer/Kinslow. Motion carried.

Diane Bruns
Frederick Finance Officer

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Advertisement for Bids
The Board of Education of Groton Area School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota, requests sealed bids for a new, 2013 or 2014, 59-passenger school bus with minimum 220 HP electronic diesel engine and standard chassis dimensions. Vehicle must be delivered between July 20, 2014 and August 20, 2014 with payment made upon delivery.

I.... CHASSIS. The specifications of the school bus chassis shall comply with the minimum recommended standard for school buses as set forth by the Department of Education for the State of South Dakota. In addition, it shall comply with the present requirements of the Federal Government and the special requirements requested by the local school board.

II. BUS BODY. To meet the current minimum standards for the construction of school bus bodies, as adopted by the State Board of Education, available from the Department of Education, Pierre, South Dakota, in addition to special requirements of the Federal Government and the special requirements requested by the local school board.

Specifications are on file in the offices of Business Official, Mike Weber, and Bus Mechanic, Loren Bahr, at Groton, SD. Call 1-605-397-2351 for more information.

The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Address bids to Business Official, Groton Area School District No. 06-6, P.O. Box 410, Groton, South Dakota 57445. Mark envelopes: "BUS BID".

Bids will be opened at a pre-bid meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in the Office of the Superintendent at Groton Area High School for examination and recommendation to the Board of Education at their regular meeting that evening at 7:00 p.m. for acceptance or rejection.

(2t. Dec. 16 & Dec. 23, 2013)
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INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for one skid steer loader on January 6, 2014 at 7:10pm (local time) at City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. Requests for specifications, questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City requests that bids shall be valid for thirty (30) calendar days from the bid opening date for inspection of vehicles and may not be withdrawn during that period. The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.

December 16, 2013
Anita Lowary
Finance Officer
(1217.1224)

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CITY OF PLATTE is seeking proposals from qualified firms to assist City with designing, engineering and constructing new Aquatic Facility for community. Copy of request for proposals available by contacting City of Platte, Shauna Meyerink Finance Officer, 605-337-3921. Proposals shall be returned to City Office on or before February 3, 2014, at which time review process will begin.

WANT TO BUY

JUNK 1 now paying cash for semis, gravel trucks, farm trucks, road graders, caterpillars, garbage trucks and heavy equipment. Paying Cash, call Scott 605-202-0899.

Groton girls breeze past Oakes

Courtney Kurtz powered in 20 points, led the team with six of the team's 12 steals, had three assists and two rebounds as the Groton girls defeated Oakes, 54-36.

Carly Wheeting had 12 points followed by Kylie Hawkins and Ashley Gibbs with five each, Halle Dohman and Tori Bjerke each had four, Camille Sippel had three and Natalia Dohman one.

Groton made 22 of 67 field goals, seven of 11 free throws off of Oakes' 16 team fouls, had 25 rebounds, 14 assists with Sippel, Hawkins and Kurtz each having three, and seven turnovers.

The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 14-8, 31-18 and 42-30.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 65-26. For the second time this year, everyone on the junior varsity team scored: Audrey Warner and Katie Koehler each had 13, Natalia Dohman nine, Ashley Gibbs eight, Torri Bjerke and Nicole Fey six each, Rachel Blackmun five, Marlee Jones four and Emilie Locke one.

Groton led at the quarterstops at 17-4, 30-8 and 56-13.

The junior varsity team is now 4-1.

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The Life of Helen Stohr



Mass of Christian burial for Helen Stohr, 92, of Claremont was held Thursday, December 19 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Mike Kelly officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery.

Helen died December 15, 2013 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Helen Louise was born on June 16, 1921 in Lidgerwood, North Dakota to James and Stacey (Becvar) Pavek. She attended school in Claremont, graduating in 1938. She continued her education at Northern Normal College in

Aberdeen, where she earned her teaching certificate. On November 26, 1942, she united in marriage with Emery Stohr in Aberdeen and together they made their home in Claremont until his death in 2002. Helen taught country school near Claremont for six years.

Helen had many varied interests. Her baked goods were often the center of many debates among her children, grandchildren, and extended family, as everyone was certain their personal favorite was her very best creation—her angel food cake, chocolate chip cookies, and brownies were the top contenders. Gardening was her therapy, a place where she experimented with different plant varieties to paint her floral landscape. Her love for reading inspired a love for travel. Each visit to a new state was incomplete without a visit to the state capitol and it was next to impossible to pass a sign for an antique store without making a detour. And, perhaps most importantly, was her love for shopping and the eternal search for the perfect pair of jeans. She was an active member of many clubs over the years including Investment Club, Study Club, and bowling with the Lucky Coins. She was also a lifelong member of the Catholic Church in Groton.

But Helen's greatest love and joy was her family. She is survived by her children Jeff (Faye) Stohr, son Jake of Aberdeen; Kim (Jeanne) Stohr of Anchorage, Alaska, daughter Adrienne (Ryan) Lewis of Denver,

CO, son Matthew (Kim) Stohr of Anchorage, son Zachary (Rachael) Stohr of Anchorage; Christine Milanovich of Moultonborough, New Hampshire, son Sam (Suzanne) of Milwaukee, WI, son Nicholas of Pittsburgh, PA, daughter Stacey of Moultonborough, WI, daughter Elizabeth of Boston, MA; and Sarah (Mark) Cotrupi, daughters Helen and Mary Lynn of Moultonborough, New Hampshire; ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, Mead Lewis, Natalie Stohr, Gavyn Stohr, Brandon Stohr, and Henry Milanovich. Also survived by her sister-in-law Shirley Huber, nieces Tracy Jensen, Amy Jensen, Sherry Heppner, and nephew David Jensen. Preceding her in death were her husband Emery, her parents James and Stacey, her brother Butch, her sister Mary Lynn Jensen, her nephew Stanley Pavek, and her son-in-law Sam Milanovich.

Boomer Babble – Thoughts at Large

My Christmas Story

By Doug Ortman

Well Christmas is just days away and I'm remembering some Christmas's years ago. For most of us Boomers our youthful years were in the 50's and 60's and things were different then. Some say we glorify a past that wasn't all great and that there is no time like the present. Well while I'm glad to still be present in the present, I do enjoy some good memories of the past. In our small little church in our small little town we always had a traditional Christmas Eve service with the nativity story, traditional carols and all the kids left with a brown paper bag full of peanuts and an apple. If it snowed that evening it was frosting on the celebration. I look back at it now and it seems a little Norman Rockwellish. Of course as kids part of the excitement is the anticipation of Santa's visit. One year a niece of mine was old enough to announce on Christmas Eve that she no longer believed in Santa. After our evening goodies and some presents, my dad announced that he heard something outside. He turned on some outside lights that lit up the entire yard and we all rushed over to our large picture window just in time to see Santa cross the yard with a large sack over his back and disappear into the trees. My niece got so excited seeing this that she threw up and she was once again a believer.

On Christmas Eve my twin brother and I would try to stay awake as late as possible to try and catch Santa coming down the chimney. We never understood why mom and dad would get angry the later it got. Why didn't they just go to bed? Then the first thing in the morning we ran out to see if Santa had been there. We first looked to see if the milk, cookies and carrot were gone. They were and then we could check out the toys. I know most of you born in the past forty years after the Boomers have had similar experiences and I hope we can all help our grandkids experience the same kind of excitement that we remember. Yet, somehow it isn't quite the same when Lincoln Logs, Erector sets, Etch A Sketch and Coonskin caps are replaced with X-box, Play stations, Nintendo Wiis, DVD's, Ipods, I pads. I guess I can quote Cy Robertson of Duck Dynasty, "Hey, That's just the way it is Jack!" Regardless, we can still celebrate the same gift and best gift of all, in the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. A gift we should all remember.

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