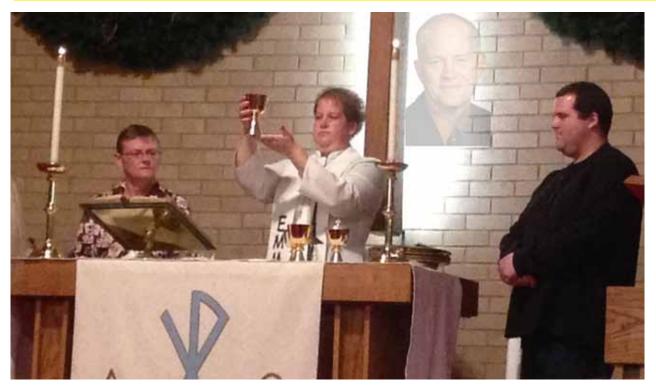


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## Communion chalice dedicated to Roy Olson

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church received the gift of new Communion Chalice this** Christmas season. The two chalice sets were dedicated at the 8 p.m. service Christmas Eve and were given in memory of Roy Olson by his family. The church has never had a matching set—two wine and two wafers. On the left is Deb Olson and on the right is Justin Olson. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson blessed the new **chalice.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Weber earns second in BIG Idea Contest

Allison Weber placed second at the Seventh Annual BIG Idea Competition held recently in Aberdeen. There were 225 entries involving 293 students from 31 schools. The event wrapped up Tuesday, December 10th, on the campus of Northern State University and the winners were determined from among the eight final entries with over \$5,000 in cash and scholarships awarded.

Weber's second place finish earned her a prize of \$500 ship and \$500 NSU University. scholarship. Her proj-

ect was entitled, "Doggie Spaw," a pet resort providing boarding, grooming and training services.

In an interview done through Facebook, the I thought of putting spa and paw together. following questions were asked and answered.

So how did you find out about this and what inspired you to participate in it? I found out from Anna Schwan and I have a passion for animals

What was the most challenging part **of the project?** The elevator pitch which is a 30 sec speach of all my information done memorized

**Describe your project.** Doggie Spaw is a overnight boarding facility that provides the very best in personalized care for you and your dog. We provide boarding, grooming, training, and excerise.



2nd Place – Doggle Spaw:

Jennifer Wegleitner, Presentation College; Allison Weber, cash, \$500 Presenta- Groton High School; Julie Johnson, Absolutely! Aberdeen; tion College scholar- Governor Dennis Daugaard; Dr. James Smith, Northern State

> How did you come up with the name? Well when I was drawing and thinking of the logo, I automatically thought of a paw and then

> This was the fith year for the Marketing Design competition where students had the option to create a logo and ad for their business idea. The \$500 cash award was sponsored by McQuillen Creative Group. Eighty-one entries were judged in this category, and the winner was The Basset by Miranda Panzer and Jennie Palmer of Pierre T.F. Riggs High School.

> The final event required finalists to make a 6 minute presentation on their idea for the three final judges – Chad Evans of Centennial Homes, Paul McDonald of Dacotah Bank, and Rod Tobin of Siegel, Barnett & Schutz.

# **Future of Pierpont** Church uncertain

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the only church left in Pierpont, is running out of funds and has low attendance. The remaining church members had considered closing the doors on January 5; however, council president Orvilla McIntosh has hinted that there is enough money to keep the church going a little longer. She is proposing keeping the church open until the funds run out.

Attendance at the Sunday service ranges from two to seven, not including the pastor and his family. Paul Kosel has been serving as its pastor since November 1, 1998.

Currently, one of its members travels all the way from Wallace for Sunday worship. The pianist, Alice Olson, travels from Aberdeen.

At one point in recent history, Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Pierpont had combined services, alternating between the two churches with Pastor Lyla Siebrecht from the Presbyterian Church and Paul Kosel from Bethlehem working together. Eventually, the relationship was discontinued after Siebrecht had retired. The Presbyterian Church closed up earlier this year and the building was moved out of town.

In the past two years, worship has been held in the church basement to help save money by not heating the sanctuary.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a member of the LCMC Synod (Lutheran Congregations Missions in Christ). It joined the synod in 2010 after withdrawing from the ELCA.

Kosel said he is drawing on the resources of the LCMC in trying to come up with a revival program for Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church holds Sunday service at 10 a.m.

After the presentations, all participants were invited to a panel discussion with AJ Hoffman of SoDak Sports, Heath Johnson of Dakota Plains Energy, and Erin Fouberg of Maggie Delaney. They spoke about all aspects of being an entrepreneur. Each panelist shared their achievements and struggles in starting and owning their own business, and offered advice for those who might one day want to turn their BIG Idea into reality.

This year's BIG Idea competition also included an honorable mention award for those applicants who scored within 10% of the finalists. (See list below.) Students from the following high schools participated in the 2013 BIG Idea Competition: Aberdeen Central, Bowdle, Brandon Valley, Brookings, Canton, Doland, Dupree, Edmunds Central, Ethan, Faith, Groton, Ipswich, Iroquois, Jones County, Langford Area, Leola, Madison, Marion, Mobridge-Pollock, Northwestern, Pierre T.F. Riggs, Rapid City Central, Rapid City Christian, Red Cloud, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Spearfish, Tri-Valley, Warner, West Central, and White River.

The BIG Idea Competition encourages students to consider new ideas and opportunities that can be implemented locally and to support them in creating an entrepreneurial view of their future. The competition is coordinated by the Small Business Development Center, funded by Absolutely! Aberdeen with support from the Aberdeen Development Corporation, McQuillen Creative Group and the Tom and Danielle Aman Foundation. The Competition is a result of the input and collaboration of many organizations including: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen Development Corporation, Aberdeen Downtown Association, Aberdeen Catholic School System - Roncalli High School, Aberdeen School District -Central High School, Dacotah Bank, Northern State University, and Presentation College.

# November Students of the Month

The student council is sponsoring Student of the Month. Each month the faculty selects seven students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have a spring lunch with the principal.

**Kya Jandel** is a sixth grader from Bath. Family members are Heather, Cole, Rease and Shea Jandel. Her activities include band, 4-H and Route 67. Accomplishments include purples in 4-H art, purple belt in taekwondo and being on the honor roll. Kya likes singing, swimming and the arts. Favorite subject is art and Kya's role model is Taylor Swift.

**Tylan Glover** is a seventh grader from Groton. Parents are Burt and Angela Glover and has a sister in the sixth grade, Tadyn.

Activities include band, choir, track, football, basketball, school play, piano and soccer. His accomplishments include being selected a snow prince, being on the 4.0 honor roll, having four parts in the all-school play, being on the MathCounts team that placed first and third, and was first at a piano contest and at the band contest.

Tylan is interested in music, sports and acting. His favorite subjects are math and science. His future plans include being a heart surgeon and an actor on Broadway. His role model is Idena Menzi.

Madison Sippel is an eighth grader from Groton. Parents are Monte and Sandi Sippel and she has two sisters, Alyssa, age 16, and Sarah, age 11.

Madison's activities include plays, basketball, volleyball, track, Destination Imagination, MathCounts, Carnival of Silver Skates and babysitting. Her accomplishments include placing third at the DI Global Finals second as a team and individual in Math-Counts competition. She is interested in baking, cooking, hunting, fishing, playing sports and helping others.

Madison's favorite subject is math. Her future plans are to attend college at USD, SDSU or NSU, and to be a math teacher at a small school. Her role model is her mom.

**Landon Marzahn** is a freshman from Groton and his parents are Wade and Renee Marzahn. Siblings are Breanna, Nicole and Andrew.

Landon's activities include hanging out with friends and family, being involved in Robotics, playing golf and working at the Dairy Queen. His accomplishments including first place at the Groton JV Golf Tournament, being 4-H Club president and being on the 4.0 honor roll.



**Back – Allison Weber, Luke Smith, Madison Sippel, Cheyenne Schaller** Front – Landon Marzahn, Tylan Glover, Kya Jandel

hanging out with family and friends. His Principal's Honor Roll, state cross country favorite subject is shop. He plants to be an engineer and to raise a family. His role model is his dad.

**Allison Weber** is a sophomore from Groton and her parents are Michael and Lorrie Weber. She is the youngest of six children. Her activities include show choir, band, Jazz Band, the school play, soccer and cheerleading.

Allison's accomplishments including being an honor student, placing in the top eight finalist for Big Idea Competition, 2 year Dairy Queen employee, selected as first runner-up in the Junior Snow Queen Contest in 2012 and was a past officer for her class. Her interests are music, babysitting, animals, dancing, and hanging out with family and friends.

Allison like band and vocal and she plans to attend college to pursue a major in business marketing, physical therapy or some other interests in the medical field (keeping an open mind). Her role models are members of her family and member of the community.

**Luke Smith** is a junior from Groton and is the son of Steve and Carol Smith. Siblings are Sam, Marah, Erin, AnneMarie and Isaac.

Luke's activities include cross country, track, choir, Chamber choir, show choir, band, jazz band, piano, Destination Imagination, FCA, youth group/CCD teacher. His accomplish-

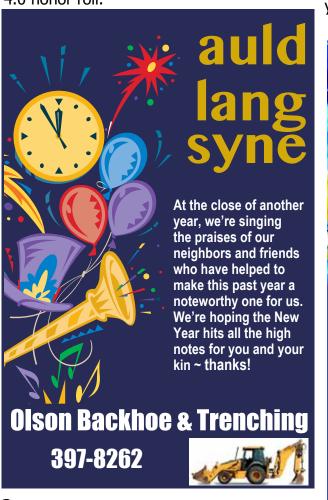
Landon's interests are building things and ments include being on the 4.0 honor roll, meet, and superior ratings in vocal, band and piano solos and ensembles. His interests are music, reading, God, physical therapy and deer and pheasant hunting. His favorite subject is Spanish II.

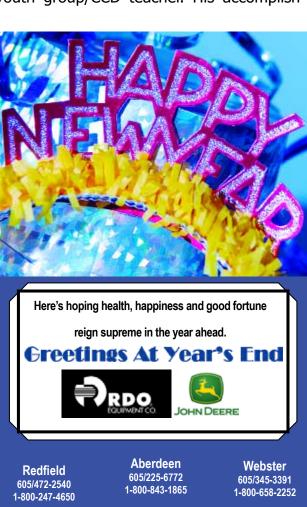
Luke plans to attend either the University of Mary or USD to pursue a major in physical therapy. His role model are his parents.

Cheyenne Schaller is a senior from Groton and is the daughter of Steven and Julie Schaller. Her sisters are Stephy Hanigan, Arielle Cameron and Jasmine Schaller, and her brother is Hunter Schaller.

Cheyenne's activities include soccer, show choir, dance team, theater, track, FCA, FCCLA, Chamber Choir, yearbook staff, figure skating, cross-country, cheerleading and indoor soccer. Her accomplishments include National Honor Society, HOBY alumni, Natural Helpers, Principal's Honor Roll, 4.0 Honor Roll, Wendy's High School Heisman School and state winner and was selected to the first team of the All-State Soccer Team.

Cheyenne's interests are Disney, volunteering, Spanish and traveling. Her favorite subjects are physics, math and organic chemistry. She plans to get a double major in clerical engineering and Spanish and to work at Disney. Her role model is her mom.







Remington's two new grandchildren
Larry and Glenna Remington would like to announce the birth of their two new grandchildren. Ryan and Christy Remington of Rapid City had a baby boy on Nov. 21st, Jaxon Glen. Jaxon weighed 7 lb. 1.7oz. and 20 inches long. Bob and Aileen Fosland of Rapid City are the maternal grandparents. Philip and Jessica Remington, of Hutchinson, Minn. had a baby girl, Maela Dawn on Dec. 10th. Maela was 7 lb. 3.7oz., and 19.5 inches long. Dave and Dawn Vandenberg of Hutchinson are the maternal grandparents and great grandparents are Eugene and Joanne Hansen. Don Remington, of Rapid City is also a great grandparent. Larry and Glenna traveled to see both newborns the day after they were born.





**Jaxon Glen Remington** 

**Maela Dawn Remington** 

### Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Coyotes 18, Jackelopes 17 1/2, Pocket Gophers 13, Killer Chihuahuas 12, Chipmunks 12, Foxes 11 ½

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 212, 211, Brad Larson 202, Mike Wiley 192, Roger Spanier 192

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 202, 178, Darci Spanier 185, Vicki Walter 177 Men's High Series: Brad Waage 597, Brad Larson 534, Mike Wiley 511 Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 522, Darci Spanier 467, Vicki Jorgensen 467

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# Dunker Family Christmas

Steve and Betty Dunker hosted the annual Dunker family Christmas party at their home on Thursday, December 26, 2013. The forty-six family members who attended were Gordon and Dorene Nelson, Groton; JoAnn Russ, Cheyenne, WY; Gary and Carmel Willett and Nicholas, Carver, MN; Corey and Brenda Nelson, Hope and Isaac, Rochester, MN; Christopher Willett and Cassie Kanzenbach, Coon Rapids, MN (Hazel Sager family); Carol and Mick Osterman, Groton (Inez Knickrehm family); Francis and Phyllis Halvorson, Aberdeen; Ralph and Jan Borge, Aberdeen (Evelyn Clausen family); Carol Dunker, Aberdeen; Darlyne Johnson, Stratford; Buzz and Linda Anderson, Eagan, MN; Beth Johnson Winterfeldt, St. Peter, MN; Joshua Lies and Ann Johnson, Washington, D.C.; Reid Johnson, Groton; Laef Johnson, Sioux Falls; Kristofer and Megan Anderson and Emmy, Becker, MN (Ray Dunker family); Betty Dunker, Groton (Wally Dunker family); Lou and Jackie Hammond, Sioux Falls; Sandy Strom, Groton; Nancy Larsen, Groton; Steve and Betty Dunker, Groton; Terry and Susan Ellingson, Aberdeen; Craig and Tasha Dunker, Colby, Rylee, and Brynlee, Groton; Alexa Schuring, Groton (Dale Dunker family) and Max Williams, Brentford (Millie Williams family).



The Groton Lions Club recently gave a check of \$600 to Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon for the new playground equipment at the city park. Pictured left to right are Lions Club members Iva McCullough, President Lee Schinkel, Cameron Howard, Brock Abeln. Mayor Scott Hanlon, and Anna and Brett Schwan.



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Alec Oleson Senior Honorable Mention All-NEC Team Academic All-State



Jackson Doeden Junior All-NEC Team



Jeric Albrecht Senior All-NEC Team Academic All-State



Kasey Kurtz
Senior
All-NEC Team
Aberdeen
American News
All-Area Team



Logan Lane
Junior
All-NEC Team



Mason Madsen Senior Academic All-State



Reilly Ell
Senior
Academic
All-State
Local Wendy's
Heisman Trophy



Spencer Knecht Junior All-NEC Team



Wyatt Larson Junior Honorable Mention All-NEC Team

## Football Awards

The photos here show the football players who earned awards this past season. In addition, here are some of the stats for the season. Kasey Kurtz led the Tigers in rushing with 167 carries for 742 yards, average of 82.4 yards per game. Jackson Doeden had 76 carries for

273 yards, 30.3 yards per game; and Alec Oleson had 31 carries for 160 yards, 17.8 yards per game.

Spencer Knecht led Groton in pass receiving with 10 catches for 174 yards, average of 17.4 yards per catch. Mason Madsen had nine catches for 127 yards, 14.1 yards per catch; and Reilly Ell had eight catches for 114 yards, 14.3 yards per catch.

Kurtz scored 50 points with eight touchdowns and one two-point conversion. Jeric Albrecht and Doeden each had four touchdowns for 24 points.

Jacob Milbrandt had 22 kick-offs for 882 yards for an average of 40.1 yards per kick-off. ReillyEll had 14 kick-offs for 591 yards for an average of 42.2 yards per kick-off.

On kick-off returns, Dylan Krueger had 11 for 173 yards, average 15.7; and Knecht had five for 59 yards, 11.8 yards average.

Reilly Ell had 31 punts for 941 yards for an average of 30.4 yards per punt. Wyatt Larson had four punts for 116 yards for an average of 29.0 yards per punt.

Spencer Knecht had the edge in punt returns with two for 19 yards while Kasey Kurtz had one for 18 yards and Dylan Krueger had three for 17 yards.







May your joy know no bounds as we leap into the New Year, and may success follow wherever you may go. We really appreciate your hopping by our way this past year ~ thanks, friends!

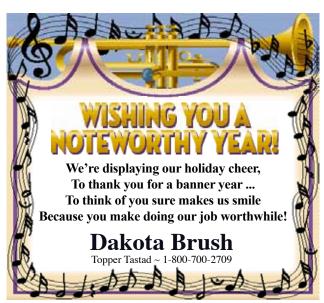
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Parker Rossow had two interceptions and one touchdown return for a total of 78 yards on defense. Jeric Albrecht had one fumble recovery, one interception and one touchdown return for 42 yards. Stevie Fey had one fumble recovery for a touchdown return for 33 yards.

Jackson Doeden led the tacklers with 76 followed by Kasey Kurtz with 71, Wyatt Larson and Spencer Knecht each had 41, Alec Oleson had 40, Jeric Albrecht 37, Logan Lane 27, Adam Herman 23, Mason Madsen 22 and Sheldon Herr with 15 for the top 10 leaders.

Kasey Kurtz had 12 sacks for 72 yards, Alec Olson had three for 33, Reilly Ell had two for 16, Spencer Knecht two for 13, Jackson Doeden and Carter Jondahl each had 11 and Logan Lane had 10.

In penalties, Logan Lane had 11 for 80 yards while Reilly Ell had four for 30 yards, Wyatt Larson had four for 20 yards and Jackson Doeden and Spencer Knecht each had three for 25 yards.

The letterrwinners are seniors Kasey Kurtz, Mason Madsen, Reilly Ell, Jeric Albrecht, Alec Oleson, Parker Rossow, Dylan Krueger, Garrett Weidrick and Nathan Wright; juniors Spencer Knecht, Jackson Doeden, Alec Voss, Logan Lane, Sheldon Herr, Nick Dalchow, Wyatt Larson, Dylan Vogel, Austin Merkel, Matt Knecht, Jacob Milbrandt and Will Hansen; sophomores Adam Herman, Carter Jondahl, Stevie Fey, Isaiah Cutler and Chris Zarycki; and freshman Bennett Shabazz.

In team stats, Groton had more first downs than the opponents, 120-105, fewer net yards rushing by just two yards, 1,328-1,326; fewer yards passing, 805-727; more punt yardage, 1,126-938; more kickoff yardage, 1,473-1,437; fewer yards penalized, 501-367; and fewer total offense per game, 237.0-228.1. Groton scored more points than the opponents, 181-166. Groton finishes the season with a 4-5 record.

# 2014 Jan. Calendar of Events





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### **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 fruit, milk. Koens

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible salad, fresh and canned fruit. Study

### Wednesday, January 1, 2014

New Year's Day

**Anniv:** Kevin & Sharolyn Jondahl **Birthdays:** Lauren Harrison, Patricia Larson,

Stephen Duncan, Tyler Kolb.

### Thursday, January 2, 2014

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Jeff & Lisa Howard

Birthdays: Briana Nordine, Holly Walter, Kara Anderson.

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle 10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship broccoli and dip, fresh and canned fruit. Committee meets

meets

### Friday, January 3, 2014

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Bob Walter, Caroline Graf, Jolene

Siders, Tanner Waage, Vicki Podoll

4:00pm: C BBB at Deuel 4:00pm: JV GBB at Deuel 5:00pm: JV BBB at Deuel 6:30pm: JV GBBB

8:00pm: BBB at Deuel

### Saturday, January 4, 2014

**Anniv:** Jay and Jean Peterson

**Birthdays:** Hannah Swanson, Heath Giedt, Val Fliehs.

## Sunday, January 5, 2014

**Birthdays:** Austin Luecke, Brett Anderson, James Torguson

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Church worship with communion

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) worship with communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

### Monday, January 6, 2014

School Resumes

Pre-School resumes at St. John's Lutheran **School Breakfast:** Cereal, fruit, yogurt,

School Lunch: Mini corn dogs, tri-tater, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit, muffin.

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Bill and Vicki Podoll

**Birthdays:** Alfred Tastad, Carla Ronning,

## 7:00pm: City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2014

6:30pm: Girls host Langford

Samantha Bunke, Zachary Townsend.

School Breakfast: French toast, links, juice,

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

School Lunch: BBQ, baked beans, lettuce

Senior Menu: Hot roast beef combination, carrots, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.

**Birthdays:** Eugene Brolin, Mary Finnesand,

Rodney Kappes, Terry Herron 1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Topic Leaders

and Good Cheer Circle

5:00pm: Wrestling Quad at Milbank with

Sioux Valley and Mobridge-Pollock 5:15pm: Boys C game at Webster 6:30pm: Boys Basketball at Webster

### Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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

School Menu: Submarines, French fries,

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad 2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Steve & Audrey McKiver

Birthdays: Andrew Kappes, Dragr PJ Monson, Taylor Anderson, Wayne Hein.

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study 8:30am: Simmons Invitational MathCounts 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid (LWML)

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

3:45pm: UMC Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:45pm: UMC UMYF

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with youth and parents

### Thursday, January 9, 2014

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

**School Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, green beans, lettuce salad, fresh and canned fruit.

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



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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. 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: MINI-

MUM BID

Aberdeen City:

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

Lot 2 Block 21 1st addition to Highlands: 919 N State St (House & Lot): \$ 30,000.00 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

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**Brown** County Dec. 23 Meeting Minutes



DECEMBER 23, 2013 - GEN-**ERAL MEETING** 

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 a.m., December 23, 2013 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley and Fischbach. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting minutes of December 17, 2013. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$100.00.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$607.30; Dependable Sanitation \$30,119.88; Chris Dohrer \$5,770.83; Kuck Law Office \$5,520.83; Lutheran Social Services \$2,200.00; Gina Rogers \$5,520.83; Sanford Health \$69.81; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,025.00; Christy Serr \$5,770.83; West Payment Center \$187.62

Publishing: Aberdeen Community Theatre \$250.00; AD Dept. \$94.50. Rentals: GPHC \$320.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$9.52; Dakota Tree Company \$472.50; Farm Power Mfg. \$29.50; Fastenal \$38.22; J Gross Equip. 189.25; Marco \$1,101.60; Midwest Pump & Tank \$715.08; Pierson-Ford \$105.00; Sheehan Mack Sales \$9.36; TW Con-struction \$525.00; Walth Safety Service \$63.44.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$206.00; A & B Business \$1,437.13; Aberdeen Area Radiator \$865.78; Aberdeen Pit Stop \$5,152,40; American Health & Safety \$385.85; Best Business Products \$176.80; Brown Co. Bar Assoc. \$100.00; Br. Co. Treasurer \$13.00; Jodi Brown \$12.50; Butler Machinery \$16.56; CarQuest Auto Parts \$2,273.41; Cartney Bearing \$424.59; Cole Papers \$1,553.01; Crawford Trucks Equip. \$1,676.50; Dakota Fluid Power \$482.20; Dakota Oil \$799.60: Ecolab Pest \$101.50: Farm Power Mfg. \$419.93; Fastenal \$67.73; Gardner Locksmithing \$67.94; GovConnection \$6,849.21; Heartland Paper \$1,119.18; Hedahl's \$22.88; Holland's Auto Care \$912.74; J Gross Equip. \$124.15; Mac's \$17.48; Menards \$217.06; Midstates Printing \$194.00; NCFE Warner Elevator \$19,937.27; Newman Signs \$89.75; Northern Lights USA \$7 585 00 Pierson-Ford \$2.88: PowerPlan \$421.51: Runnings \$222.47; Schwan Welding \$265.00; Share Corp \$256.00; Sheehan Mack Sales \$220.76: Sivertsen Technology \$43.96: Steven Lust Automotive \$50.74: Taylor Laundry \$119.00: TW Construction \$75.00; West

Travel & Conference: Exec. Mgmt. Finance \$1,689.18; Kathy Fischer \$281.53: Duane Jark \$50.76: Barry Kusler \$94.00: Leo Lesher \$451.20; Gene Loeschke \$118.44; Russell Metz \$120.32; Sherri Rawstern \$101.99; Dennis Wiedebush \$33.84.

Payment Center \$206.50.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$210.29; CenturvLink 2,498.69; Economy Propane \$1,522.95; Midcontinent \$65.00; Montana Dakota Utilities \$39.29; NWPS \$1,295.38; Verizon Wireless \$1.911.28.

Other: Pizza Ranch \$101.94; Safe Harbor \$486.00. members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve employee status change for Brian Bahr from Correctional Officer in Jail to Assistant Supervisor of the Brown County Juvenile Detention Center, effective January 6, 2014 @ \$15.32 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Marissa Mickelson as part-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective January 12, 2014 @ \$11.37 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to acknowledge resignation of part-time Maintenance Employee Marla Zastrow, effective December 31, 2013; and further approve Maintenance Department request to fill vacancy. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Robert Heupel as Part-time Maintenance Emplovee, effective January 5, 2014 @ \$8.37 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to declare scrap metal from Courthouse Elevator Repair Project surplus for purpose of sale. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HLS EQUIPMENT TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Homeland Security Equipment Transfer document giving ownership of Thermal imaging camera, Night vision goggles, and Security Systems for five schools to Brown County (transfer from Beadle Countý ÈM as regional administrator). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASÉ AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen 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 from January through December 2014. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

SHERIFF VEHICLE PUR-CHASE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the purchase of two 2014 Ford Police Utility Interceptors from Pierson Ford (matched Lamb Motors State Bid Contract #16546 base price of \$26,076) plus available options (\$875) for the Sheriff Department in total amount of \$53,902.00. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following November 2013 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution #99-13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat show-"Double S Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 21-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-absent, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution #100-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "'Replat of Lots 2 & 3, Block 35, to the City of Hecla, in the SE ¼ of Sec 22-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is

the following Resolution: Resolution #101-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Mandel Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of Sec 30-T124N-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 Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansenaye, Kippley-absent, Fischbachaye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution #102-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Krueger Subdivision of Outlot J to Ferney in the SW ¼ of Sec 31-T122N-R60W 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 Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansenaye, Kippley-absent, Fischbachaye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution 103-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "C&C Hanson 1st Subdivision in NW 1/4 Sec 30-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansenaye, Kippley-absent, Fischbachaye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution #104-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Gearey Outlot 1 in NW 1/4 Sec 24-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansenaye, Kippley-absent, Fischbachaye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the

following Resolution: Resolution

#105-13. BE IT RESOLVED by

the Board of Commissioners

of Brown County, SD, that the

plat showing "Schuring-Strom Tract 1 in the NW 1/4 of Sec

34-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M.,

Brown County, SD", having been

examined, is hereby approved in

accordance with the provisions

of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3,

and any amendments thereof.

Seconded by Commissioner Han-

sen. Roll call vote: Commission-

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1967, Chapter 11-3, and any

amendments thereof. Sec-

onded by Commissioner Hansen.

Roll call vote: Commissioners

Hansen-aye, Kippley-absent,

ischbach-aye, Wiese-absent,

Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Fischbach offered

Fischbach-aye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution #106-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "R & V 1st Subdivision in SE 1/4 Sec 7-T125N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansenaye, Kippley-absent, Fischbachaye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution #107-13. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Braun-Heilman Subdivision in SE 1/4 Sec 32-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD' having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967. Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansenaye, Kippley-absent, Fischbachave, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted

ORD 083: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to adopt 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 struc-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. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansenaye, Kippley-absent, Fischbachaye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley arrived at this time. VOTE CENTERS - PRECINCT BOUNDARIES: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #108-13. A Resolution Authorizing Use of Vote Centers. WHEREAS, as per SDCL 12-14-17, the Brown County Board of County Commissioners may authorize the use of vote centers in lieu of precinct polling places, providing that the election is conducted in conformance with all applicable election laws and rules, and WHERAS, Brown County, in its entirety, will be considered one precinct with the use of vote centers. WHEREAS, the use of vote centers will make voting more accessible for registered voters in Brown County as they will be able to vote at any one of the vote centers, and WHEREAS,

the cost of purchasing electronic pollbooks, scanners and other equipment required to facilitate vote centers is covered by Help America Vote Act Grant Funds, and WHEREAS, the use of vote centers will decrease the expense of conducting county elections. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission declares all of Brown County as one voting precinct and designates the following locations as vote centers:

1.Ramada Convention Center . Best Western Ramkota Hotel/Convention Center 3..... Courthouse Community

Room 4...Columbia Legion Building ...... Westport Town Hall Warner Community Center 7. Stratford Community Center Groton Community Center .Claremont Fire Station Hecla Community Center 11. .....Frederick Community

Center BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor's office will be used as an absentee vote center to process absentee ballots on Election Day. Dated this 23rd day of December 2013.. Seconded by Commissioner Fis-chbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-absent, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved

by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to discuss contract, per SDCL 1-25-2 (4) with Gary Vetter and Chris Dohrer in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion.

INDIGENT DEFENSE PRO-GRAM: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to adopt the Brown County Indigent Defense Program Handbook and Performance Guidelines, effective January 1, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to appoint the following to provide services to indigent defendants in Brown County, SD, effective January 1, 2014: Scott Kuck, Christopher D. Dohrer, Christy Griffin Serr, Gina J. Rog-ers, Thomas J. Cogley, Joshua K Finer and Christopher R. Jansen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

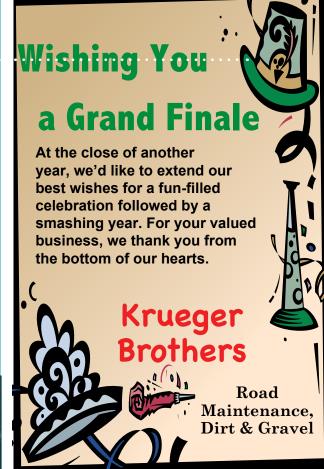
SALARY 2014: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve a 5% salary increase for all employees base step amount, except compensation established by grant reimbursement, board per diem and per call professional fee agreements; Mike Rohrbach @ \$18.17 per hour (weed and highway); Gerald Lehrkamp @ \$16.79 per hour (weed and highway); Chris White at pro-rated annual salary of \$62,500; Rvan Vogel and Karly Winter at pro-rated annual salary of \$50,000; approve employee status change for C Scott Bader from Planning Zoning Technician to Planning and Zoning Director at pro-rated annual salary of \$37,800.00; CDL differential for Highway no others. All members present voting aye. Motion

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until December 31, 2013. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Audi-

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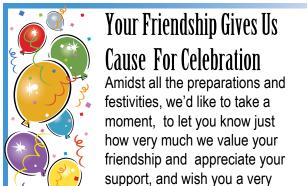
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## The Life of Jean P. Ries



Jean P. Ries, 95, Sioux Falls, formerly Groton. died Friday, December 27, 2013, at home after a long battle with cancer.

Visitation will be January 1, 2014, from 5-7pm, with a prayer service at 6:30pm, at Heartland Funeral Home, Brandon, SD. Funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m., January 2, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Sioux Falls, with Fr. Morgan officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date at the Black Hills National Cemetery. A Memorial services will also take place at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at a later date.

Jean was born on March 4, 1918 in Watertown, SD to Mary Elizabeth and John A Ries.

He was the 15th of 17 children. He grew up in Watertown, and was the high school State Golf Champion for two years. He attended Northern State College where he met his future bride, Betty Mae Sieh.

He was a decorated veteran of WW II and served in the US Army 147th field artillery unit from Aberdeen, SD. One of his biggest memories was leaving Pearl Harbor just 7 days before it was bombed. He was stationed in Darwin, Australia as well as New Guinea. He also recounted how they had guns, but each soldier only had 4 bullets... three for the Japanese, and one for themselves. Since the ammo was so limited and they could see the Japanese overhead, they were able to fool them by moving their camps often and driving back and forth over the road making it look like there were a lot more troops for both of us...he assists me a lot!" He lived there comfortably for than there really were.

After being honorably discharged, he returned to Aberdeen, and married Betty on January 11, 1945, in Groton, SD. They started their family while living in Watertown, where he worked at a dry cleaning business. After their first two daughters were born, they moved to a farm near Groton where he learned to love the land....



and more children. In total, they had 7 girls and "each one had a brother." He and Betty farmed and built a successful Grade A Dairy business for 32 years in rural Groton. The family was very involved in many different areas throughout the years, including the NFO, REA, St John the Baptist Catholic Church, American Legion, James Valley Telephone Cooperative, United Family Farmers and Catholic Rural Life. After he retired, they built a home at Tacoma Park. Betty passed away in 1980 before she could fully enjoy "the park place".

Jean always enjoyed fishing and after Betty passed, he moved to the mega capital of walleye fishing...Akaska, SD!! He lived here for 15 years and was considered a "local". He fished full time and helped the Bauers make bottom bouncers in his spare time. He even made friends with a couple of hungry garter snakes. They were always

waiting for the spent bait he would flip in their direction.

Over the years he had also renewed a past love.... Cooking! He interviewed for his first job when he was in his late 70"s! He was the camp cook at 2 different "goose camps", one at John &Odie West nearOnida, and at Big Bend Ranch near Pierre. It was here he perfected his caramel rolls and school day cookies, and made the best stew anyone has ever tasted! He loved Pheasant and Goose hunting, and especially the annual deer hunt in the Black Hills, where he would serve an awesome meal to MANY hunters! After retiring, he spent many months in Alaska with his college friend, Ned Pooley, and his son Jim, starting a new tradition of hunting and fishing. In his later years, he loveddeep sea fishing in Florida (with daughter Barbara) and walleye fishing.

In 2001, he moved from Akaska to Sioux Falls into his daughter Collette's home. Collette said "This assisted living works out well 13 years. She provided the very best care for him up to the time of his death. She had many overnight visitors, some at a moments notice. She referred to her home as the "half star hotel", but it was a 5 star experience to everyone else.

He had lots of friends through the years and many adventures too. He loved traveling, and made numerous trips to Alaska, Florida, Omaha, Lincoln, Salt Lake City, Texas, Arizona, and Colorado. At the age of 90, he camped out in the Big Horn Mtns on a trip to Yellowstone, a place he never thought he would ever get to go... Nothing like an old geezer by an old gevser!

He was excited to go to his daughter Jackie's retirement from the Navy Reserve in 2007. In 2009, he attended the decommissioning of the USS Kitty Hawk in Seattle. His grandson, Ross, was stationed on this aircraft carrier and participated in the decommissioning. A very proud Grandpa! In 2010, he was able to go on the Honor Flight for WW II Vets to Washington DC. with Collette, and had a

wonderful time.

His activities in the artillery unit robbed him of his hearing, but not his spirit. He also kidded people by saying he had aides..."yah, one for each ear!" He had a wonderful sense of humor and always accused his kids of "stealing his lines". He enjoyed a good warm can of beer, playing cards, singing German songs and "Pony Boy" to all the little children. He treated friends like family, and family like friends. There wasn't a person who he didn't love, respect, and honor...including the person reading this.

He kept in pretty good physical shape...walking on the "dreadmill"  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile twice a day, even up to just a few days before he died. I guess he needed to keep up his strength as he continued to make and share cookies and rolls as fast as he could make them. He had a bag ready to go for every visitor that came...and also shared with medical staff, St. Francis House, and for the Hospice Staff.

Survivors include his brother Joe Ries from Reno, NV; Jackie Graves, Omaha, NE; Collette Gesinger of Sioux Falls; Barbara Anderson of Jacksonville, FL; Pam Nelson of Clarksville, TN; Pierrette (Bill) Lyons of Whitewood, SD; John (Janet) Ries of Elk Point, SD; Rene' (Mark) Hill of Salt Lake City, UT. He had 15 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 15 brothers and sisters, his wife, Betty; daughter, Michele Reid; granddaughters, Stephanie Nissen and Rene' Gesinger; great granddaughter, Hailey Gesinger; son-in-law, Terry Gesinger; and his special friend, Marion Davies.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Feeding South Dakota.... (www.feedingsouthdakota.org/) Please carry on the tradition.

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Sports Notes

Groton's girls lost their first game of the season in a hard-fought 68-60 overtime loss to Ethan at the Parkston Classic. Courtney Kurtz and Camille Sippel both fouled out while Kylie Hawkins had four fouls and Carly Wheeting and Tori Bjerke each had three. Kurtz led Groton with 24 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 14, Camille Sippel had 12, Kylie Hawkins five, Ashley Gibbs four and Tori Bjerke one.

Five wrestlers placed at the Northeast Conference tournament held in Webster. Kelby Hawkins placed first, Jeric Albrecht placed second and Parker Kroll, Tyler Scott and Brandyn Anderson each placed third.

At the Oakes/Ellendale-Edgley-Kulm duals, Kelby Hawkins picked up two more wins as did Tyler Scott, Rayce Harder, Jeric Albrecht, Parker Kroll and Brandyn Anderson each went 1-1,

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