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## Sharon Simon joins Avera Medical Group Groton



Sharon Simon, a Doctor of Nursing Practitioner (DNP), is joining Avera Medical Group Groton. As a DNP, Sharon can see patients of all ages for annual physical exams, well person checks, acute conditions such as cold and flu symptoms, and managing chronic

conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes. She is trained to perform minor procedures such as mole and wart removal, laceration repair and fracture care.

Sharon has been with Avera Medical Group since January 2012 providing coverage for both Kessler's and Shopko FastCare clinics, and Avera Medical Group outreach clinics in Groton, Ipswich and Selby.

"Sharon brings with her a strong passion for rural medicine and she will be a great addition to the clinic as AMG remains committed to providing quality health care to the Groton area," said Mike Opp, Director of Primary Care Clinics for Avera Medical Group.

Avera Medical Group Groton is a primary care clinic located in the Crossroads Plaza at 8 E. Highway 12. Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (605) 397-4242 for more information or to make an appointment.



## NSU education teachers observe Groton school board meeting

Several students from Northern State University, Aberdeen, attended the Groton Area School Board meeting Monday to observe a meeting in education. It is part of their course, Foundation of American Education.

Starting at the left and going clockwise are: John Patzlaff, Platte, he will be a student teacher in Groton and will be teaching under Reid Johnson and Deb Jensen in 6-12 band and 5-6 general music; Tyler Schwan, Surrey, N.D., he will be student teaching in Chamberlain will he will be working under Phil Carlson; Hannah Treinen, Ortonville, Minn., will be student teaching at CC Lee, Aberdeen, under Rebecca Reiersen in first grade; Justin Fox, Minneota, Minn., will be student teaching in Groton under Deb Winburn in third grade; Teresa Edelman, Albertville, Minn., will be student teaching in Groton under Emily Eichler in first grade; Morgan Lock, Forman, N.D., will be student teaching in Milnor, N.D., under Pam Gabel in second grade; and Meghan Zinter, Aberdeen, will be student teaching in Langford under Susan Larson in fourth grade.

## Food Service fund improving

The food service department is seeing some stabilization in its fund balance. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that expenses are down 19 percent, October student count was down 2 percent from October of last year, November was about the same and December was actually up from December of last year. "Things are looking better," Schwan said.

Business Manager Mike Weber reported that the projections for the general fund have also improved. Original projections were for a decrease of \$100,000 to \$150,000, but that has been updated to a decrease of \$40,000. The Capital Outlay fund will see a \$40,000 to \$40,000 increase instead of the original projection of \$60,000. The special ed will have an increase of \$10,000 to \$25,000 instead of the projected \$10,000 to \$20,000 decrease.

Schwan reported that the district may need to look at having prepayment for OST services instead of paying afterwards. Also, he reported on School Store. He said the opening balance was in the hole about \$400. Only one deposit was recorded since school started in the amount of \$1,800. He said deposits need to be made more often because the store is holding on to checks for several months.

The bus bids were opened and the low bid came from Harlow's Bus Service, Webster, for \$76,662.42. The other bid was from Trucks of Bismarck in the amount of \$82,457.00.

Legislative session opens Tuesday. Schwan

said that the Common Core Standards debate will a top subject. Schwan also reported on some of the other bills that are being introduced relating to education.

Cracker Barrels have been set for 10 a.m. at Northern State University. The dates are February 8, February 22 and March 2.

The Breast Awareness Donation to Avera St. Luke's Foundation amounted to \$2,766.30. This was done during the volleyball season. Janice Hoffman spearheaded the fundraiser.

The school has received a grant for \$18,200 from Homeland Security. The monies will be used for a keyless entry system and also for rekeying locks. Certain doors can be programmed to be opened and closed at a certain time.

Anna Schwan, high/middle school principal, gave her report on the happenings. She reported that Kylie Kassube and Lexie Gustafson had the highest score in the state for speed, accuracy and tone for Middle School All-State Band. Others in Middle School All-State Band members from Groton are Kaitlin Kassube, Emily Thompson and Tylan Glover. All State Band is March 1.

Students from Northern State University will be performing Romeo and Juliet for grade 9-12 on February 27 at 2 p.m. A group of engineers from 3M will work with the eighth graders on February 25.

School board members were presented with

a certificate as this is South Dakota School Board Recognition Week.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that the profit from the second grade candy cane sales amounted to \$450. The funds were donated to OST for a computer, to a family that had a house fire, and for care packages to the military group that Ava Wienk's father (Brent) is part of as he is being shipped overseas for active duty.

The school board election will be held April 8, 2014, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.. Terms up are Steve Smith and Joy Voss, both for three-year terms. The earliest date that petitions can be taken out is January 31 and must be turned in by February 28.

Lisa Kippley will be resigning at the end of the school year to return to the healthcare profession.

Reid Johnson talked about the annual band trip to Minneapolis. He said they will no longer be going to Minneapolis as there has been not enough interest. Johnson suggested having a three-day trip to Chicago every other year. Board member Steve Smith asked if the trip could be combined with the show choir trip to help reduce the number of trips and fundraisers. Johnson said he would like to see it be just a band trip, but would be open to a combined group trip. The board directed to draft a letter to send out the parents to outline options.

# Cage teams have clean sweep over Mobridge



**Mason Madsen had a double feature night against Mobridge with 12 points and 10 rebounds.**

Wientjes four and Noah Chase had two points.

Coach Greg Kjellsen said they wanted to limit the Heumiller kid. "He's a real good player and to hold him to eight points in the game was good. Mason did a great job defending him." Heumiller's eight points were all in the first half.

"It's the first time we faced a lot of zone defense," Kjellsen said. "You work on it in practice, but everyone does it a little differently. We lived by the three today, but we need to get more touches inside. We play Tiospa Zina on Monday. I don't know much about them, except that they're a scrappy team. They're all over you—they're aggressive and foul."

The Groton girls won the junior varsity game, 41-22. Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler each had nine, Nicole Fey and Natalia Dohman each had seven, Ashley Gibbs had five and Maryn Howard and Emilie Locke each had two points.

The boys won the junior varsity game, 42-37, to make it a clean sweep for Groton on the night.

Wyatt Larson led Groton with 20 points followed by Sean Schuring with 12, Lucas Sternhagen had six, Bennett Shabazz had three and Seric Shabazz added one free throw.

## Groton boys beat Tiospa Zina to go to 8-1

Tiospa Zina controlled the first half, but Groton took command in the second half as the Tigers posted a 63-42 win. Groton trailed, 26-22 at half time.

Reilly Ell had a double feature night with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Lucas Sternhagen led the scoring for the Tigers with 16 points while Mason Madsen had 14, Kasey Kurtz nine, Wyatt Lone four, Kyler Ell three and Parker Rossow two.

Groton made 43 percent of its field goals, made 81 percent of its free throws (making 26 of 32 off of Ziospa Zina's 22 team fouls, had 27 rebounds, 11 assists with Reilly Ell having three, four blocks with Reilly Ell having three and Groton had 15 turnovers with eight being steals.

Jacob Haug and Jeffery Max Jr. led Tiospa Zina with 12 points each followed by Stefan Shephered with eight, Gabe Desrosiers seven and Bailyn Bursheim and Michael Lafontaine each having two.

The Wambdi made 36 percent of their field goals, attempted only one free throw and missed it as Groton only had eight fouls, had 20 rebounds, nine assists, two blocks and 18 turnovers with 11 being steals as Reilly Ell had four.

Groton is now 8-1 on the season and will host Milbank on Friday.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 43-39. Wyatt Larson led Groton with 17 points followed by Lucas Sternhagen with nine, Chance Strom had six, Spencer Knecht four, Matt Knecht and Adam Herman each had three and Bennett Shabazz added one point.

Sean Schuring had two of the team's five assists, Larson had 10 of the team's 20 rebounds, and Chance Strom had three of the team's five steals.

Both of the basketball teams are back on the winning track. The girls defeated Mobridge-Pollock, 49-37. Courtney Kurtz led Groton with a season high 28 points. Kylie Hawkins had five, Carly Wheeting and Tori Bjerke each had four, Halle Dohman and Camille Sippel each had three and Natalia Dohman added two points.

Groton made 17 of 42 field goals while Mobridge was eight of 23. Groton made nine of 18 free throws off of Mobridge's 14 team fouls and Mobridge made three of six free throws off of Groton's 12 team fouls. Groton had 15 turnovers, five of which were steals. Mobridge had 29 turnovers, 20 of which were steals with Kurtz having eight and Sippel four. Kurtz had four and Sippel three of the team's 20 assists. Sippel led the Tigers on the boards with five rebounds while Hawkins and Bjerke each had four.

Kaillin Goodshield led Mobridge with 14 points followed by Chelsey Hoffman with 10, Andrea Kromen had six, Naomi Storedek had four, ReAnne Kohlus two and Alexa Schaeftbauer added one free throw.

Coach Shaun Wanner said the Lady Tigers came off a game with Roncalli where there was a lot of energy and a lot of excitement. "Then we come back and play at 3:30 in the afternoon. I told the girls they just have to find a way to win. We played relaxed, I think too relaxed at times.

"Now we have to get ready for Milbank. They're 7-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference, exactly the same as us. Milbank has size that concerns me and they have one of the best players in the conference. We're going to have our hands full with her and they have a good guard. We'll have to go on the road and it's not going to be easy, but our girls are used to it."

The boys team also won, 56-38. Reilly Ell led Groton with 17 points which included five three-pointers. Lucas Sternhagen had 12 points and Mason Madsen had a double feature night with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Parker Rossow added eight, Kyler Ell four, Wyatt Lone two and Kasey Kurtz had one free throw.

Groton made 38 percent of its field goals while Mobridge made 30 percent. Groton was 13 of 18 from the line for 72 percent off of Mobridge's 17 team fouls. Mobridge made nine of 18 free throws for 72 percent off of Groton's seven team fouls.

Groton had 10 turnovers, five of which were steals. Mobridge had 13 turnovers, seven of which were steals with Reilly Ell having three steals and Mason Madsen two. Kurtz had five of the team's 11 assists.

Mobridge was led in scoring by Mason Keller with 13 points followed by Preston Fredrick with 11, Michel Heumiller had eight, Reece



**Halle Dohman uses her long arms to snatch the ball away from this Mobridge player as her and Camille Sippel play tough defense.**

## Thursday's wrestling time changed

The Wrestling Triangular scheduled for Thursday, Jan 16th at Webster has now been switched to a Quad....so, the match time will be 5:00pm....not 6pm! Kingsbury County will be coming in addition to Sisseton, Webster and Groton.

## Lady Tigers' cold shooting in loss to Roncalli

Coach Shaun Wanner said he will be happy to finally play a home game. The Tigers have played the last six games on the road. The Lady Tigers lost a 47-39 game to Aberdeen Roncalli Friday night in Aberdeen.

"This was the second time in three years that we shot in the low 20's," Wanner said, "and it was still a close game." The Lady Tigers made 25 percent of their field goals, making 14 of 55 shots. The Tigers were seven of 35 in the first half. Other than that, the Tigers outplayed the Cavaliers by having more rebounds, making more free throws and having fewer turnovers, according to Wanner.

Roncalli had a 13-9 first quarter lead and the game was tied at 20 at half time. Roncalli held a 32-31 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Courtney Kurtz led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 11, Camille Sippel had five, Ashley Gibbs three and Halle Dohman, Kylie Hawkins and Natalia Dohman each had two points.

Roncalli was led by Kate Heintzman with 16 followed by Paige Sommers with 10, Mikayla Malsam eight, Hailey Kline five and Emily Bohle and Abby Vogel each had four points.

Groton made 11 of 21 free throws off of Roncalli's 18 team fouls and Roncalli made seven of 10 free throws off of Groton's 15 team fouls with Kurtz fouling out. The Tigers had 30 rebounds with Wheeting having nine and Kylie Hawkins having five. Groton had 12 steals with Kurtz having five and Kurtz had one assist.

Groton is now 6-2 on the season and will host Moberidge-Pollock today. The visiting Tigers are 0-7 on the season.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 33-24. Katie Koehler and Natalia Dohman each had 10 points followed by Emilie Locke with three and adding two points each were Audrey Wanner, Ashley Gibbs, Torri Bjerke, Rachel Blackmun and Maryn Howard.

## Cavaliers hand Groton first season loss

It was not Groton's night in boys basketball as the Tigers suffered their first loss of the season to the hands of cross-county rival Aberdeen Roncalli, 78-59.

Groton controlled the tip and after a couple of lead changes, Groton took the lead, 12-7. The Tigers held a 16-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Then it was the dreaded second quarter. "The second quarter just killed us," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "Riley (Ell) in foul trouble hurt and we just didn't take care of the ball. When we did have it, we weren't strong inside."

Turnovers plagued the Tigers and an explosive Roncalli team quickly surged ahead, 29-20. Groton was outscored, 23-5, in the second quarter as the Cavaliers took a 35-21 lead at half time.

"It's the little things and keeping our composure that we need to work on," Kjellsen said. "We didn't value the ball very well in the second quarter—we just threw it around. Seniors that shouldn't be making bad passes were."

"We have to stop McNeary from penetrating. He was killing us at the basket. We switched and put Spencer (Knecht) on him and he did a really good job in the third quarter. We had to get one stop at a time and get back in the game."

Roncalli opened up a 15-point lead, 41-26, with 5:06 left in the third quarter. The Tigers had the lead down to seven, 48-41, with one-tenth of a second left. Roncalli had the ball out of bounds under their own basket and the inbound pass was tipped up and in as the Cavaliers took a 50-41 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Cavaliers rallied to take a 13-point lead, 61-48, with 3:33 left. Groton tried to rally at the end, getting as close as seven points, but the Tigers were denied anything closer as the Cavaliers made four of four free throws in the final 51 seconds.

Kasey Kurtz led the Tigers with 16 points. Reilly Ell got into foul trouble in the first half and scored all 14 of his points in the second half. Mason Madsen had 10 while Wyatt Lone had eight, Kyler Ell five, Parker Rossow four and Lucas Sternhagen two.

"I think we outplayed them for three quarters—first, third and fourth quarter, but the second quarter was bad," Kjellsen said. "We let their press hurt us, which it shouldn't. The boys have confidence and they will rebound."

Four players hit double figures for Roncalli with Brayden McNeary having 20, Zach Andera and Lucas Lorenz each had 15, Zach Schaeffbauer had 10 and Layne Holzer had eight as all of the scoring was done by the starters.

Groton made 38 percent of its field goals while Roncalli made 57 percent.

Groton had 13 turnovers, seven of which were steals. Roncalli had 11 turnovers, six of which were steals with Madsen having two.

Both teams had 28 rebounds with Madsen having eight. Groton had five assists and Madsen had the only block. Reilly Ell and Kurtz each had a three-pointer while the Cavaliers had four three-point shots.

Groton made 15 of 22 free throws off of Roncalli's 15 team fouls. Roncalli made 12 of 26 free throws off of Groton's 22 team fouls. Madsen and Reilly Ell both fouled out for Groton and McNeary fouled out for Roncalli.

Groton is now 6-1 and will host Moberidge-Pollock on Saturday.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 41-31. Lucas Sternhagen led the Tigers with 11 points while Wyatt Larson had five, Bennett Shabazz four, Chance Strom three and Kyler Ell, Adam Herman, Seric Shabazz and Matt Knecht each had two points.

The Cavaliers made it a clean sweep with a 48-17 win in the C game. Adam Herman had six points, Sean Schuring and Bennett Shabazz each had five and Truitt Rogers added one free throw.

# Tiger Matmen place ninth at Miller

Groton's wrestling team went to Miller yesterday and had two wrestlers in the championship match. In the words of Chanise Pray on her Facebook Page, "I just want to take a moment and give a huge shout out!!! to the Groton Wrestling Team who took 9th at the Miller tourney!!! I know some of you may be thinking '9th? That's nothing to be all that proud of.' Let me explain... we are competing with only five boys and there were 15 teams total!!! I can honestly say in the 11 years we have been on the mat with Trevor, I have never left a tourney thinking 'wow, we experienced EVERY possible emotion today...our boys absolute...'"

Kelby Hawkins lost his first match of the year in the championship match, losing to Oliver Aesoph of Faulkton, 6-5. Aesoph scored a two-point reversal in the third quarter to pull out the win. Jeric Albrecht also placed second as he was pinned by Jakob Weisbrod, Clark-Willow Lake in 3:59. Albrecht was leading at the time of the pin, 7-6.

Kelby Hawkins, 120, pinned Carter Canham, Miller/Highmore-Harrod, 1:08; he pinned Dawson, Petrik, WAG, 2:47; decisioned Leo Hopkins, LA, 8-4; and in the championship match, he was decisioned by Oliver Aesoph, Faulkton, 6-5.

Jeric Albrecht, 145, pinned EJ Leetch, 1:35; he pinned Brandon Warnke, 3:25; he decisioned Nick Dion, Wag, 8-6; and in the championship match, he was pinned by Jakob Weisbrod, CWL.

Parker Kroll, 152, pinned Wesley Yortz, Marion-Freeman, 3:58; was pinned by Devon Gnat, MHH, 1:15; and he was decisioned by Trinity Brunsen, WSW, 8-5 (Brunsen scored an escape and a two-point take-down in the third period).

Trevor Pray, 106, was pinned by Paul Lauck, MCM, 2:23; pinned Daymon Steuck, Ipswich, 2:43; and he was decisioned by Benjamin Soukup, Wag, 6-5 (Pray scored a two-point take-down and a two-point near fall in the third quarter).

Brandyn Anderson was pinned by Dawain Kerner, BG, 0:59; he scored a major decision over Cain Rotert, MCM, 13-3; and he was pinned by Ray Edgar, Faulkton, 3:06.



**Kelby Hawkins is having a very successful year in wrestling. He has lost only one match and it was a close 6-5 decision to Oliver Aesoph, Faulkton.**



**Jeric Albrecht has also been experience good success this year. He placed second at the Miller Tournament.**



which tax deeds and notices can be served. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brown County Commission authorizes the County Treasurer, Sheila Anderson to request States Attorney Larry Lovrien and States Attorney Office personnel to act as agents to process said tax deeds and notices. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-absent, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

**FAIRGROUNDS/YOUTH CAMP RENTAL RATES:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to establish the following rental rates:  
**FAIRGROUNDS RENTAL RATE - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**  
 Storage Space Rental: October 15 to April 1st - Prepaid Lease -No Refunds - \$6.00 per linear foot for each unit, including trailer hitch and any overhang. All lengths will be rounded to the nearest foot.  
 Barn Rental: Any person affiliated with NAHR that requests to occupy any building prior to the 12 days preceding the date of such racing will enter into a separate lease with the County. The lessee will be responsible to pay \$100 per barn per month and utilities used until the NAHR lease goes into effect. Lessee will also be responsible for all manure removal. Campground fee per day of \$20 for water and power or \$23 for water, power and sewer is separate.  
 Club House : 120' X 80' Per day \$300.00 - Per day for days over two \$150.00 - Clean-up additional \$75.00. Activities obtaining a Special Malt Beverage License - \$35.00 per keg (or equivalent), with proof from wholesaler, excluding Fair Activities, Race Track and Horse Racing.  
 Expo Addition: 90' x 240' - Per day \$280.00 - Per day for days over two.....\$140.00 If fairgrounds personnel needs to clean up after the activity..... Clean-up/horse shows \$300.00 - Clean-up/other activities.....\$175.00  
 Holum Expo Building: 120' x 240' - Per day \$500.00 plus utilities - Per day for days over two...\$250.00 plus utilities. If fairgrounds personnel needs to clean-up after the activity.....Clean-up/horse shows \$300.00 - Clean-up/other Activities.....\$175.00  
 Horse Stalls: Set up fee - per stall. \$25.00  
 Orange Corral Panels:- per day.....\$25.00  
 Horse Arena: 174' x 240'...\$75.00 per show. Smaller groups will be charged on an individual basis.  
 Portable Stage: Not to go out of County-except for Governmental Agencies -Per event \$100.00  
 People Movers - \$50.00 per event (lessee is liable for any damage)  
 Bleachers - Large Green - \$50.00 per day, Small Orange - \$25.00 per day Small Orange - \$80.00 per day if leaves Fairgrounds  
 10' Benches: \$3.00 per bench per event.  
 Campgrounds: \$20.00 per day or \$130.00 per week for pads with power and water. \$23.00 per day or \$150.00 per week for pads with power, water and sewer drops. This includes a 5% State Sales Tax. 232 pads with water and power and 36 with power, water, and sewer. All south campgrounds have both 50 amp and 30 amp plug-ins.  
**RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP RENTAL RATES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**  
 Booking fee in the amount of \$100.00 and proof of insurance must be submitted at least 30 days prior to date of occupancy.  
 Dorm only: \$60.00 per dorm per night for 20 people or less.

More than 20 people - \$5.00 per person.

Lodge Only: \$150.00 per day Dorm(s) and Lodge per day: \$150.00 minimum for 20 people or less. More than 20 people - \$5.00 per person.

Youth Groups: \$5.00 per person per day (Ages 17 and under.)  
 Adult Groups: \$7.00 per person per day. (Ages 18 and older)  
 Deposit: A \$100.00 deposit is required to guarantee all dates. This deposit will only be refunded if the camp is left in a clean and orderly manner and there is no damage done to the camp. If the cleaning costs and damage costs exceed the amount of the deposit, any additional repairs or cleaning costs will be billed. Signed lease, deposit and proof of insurance shall be sent to the Brown County Auditor at 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401.  
 Cleanup: \$50.00 for the Lodge and \$100.00 for the dorms.  
 Absolutely no pets allowed in any of the buildings.  
 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to declare scrap metal from Highway Department surplus for purpose of sale in 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
**ABATEMENTS:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following abatements: BNSF RR @ \$57,440.82 (railroad tax credit), DM&S RR @ \$158.70 (tax credit), Kendall Goetz @ \$329.45 (assessment error), Brown County @ \$42.98, @ \$202.71, @ \$112.79, @ \$134.76, @ \$2,019.31, (tax exempt), Cygnet Profit Sharing Plan @ \$37.83 (assessment error), Erdmann Properties @ \$61.43 (condemned MH), Susan Stewart @ \$427.14 (fire damage), Kyle Stoddard @ \$478.87 (fire damage), Lakeside Estates @ \$103.99 (MH moved), Dallas Niederbauer @ \$119.85 (MH condemned), Logan Enterprises @ \$1,208.44 (assessment error). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve the December 2013 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$14,947,981.91 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$25,378.02, Dacotah Bank @ \$347,154.65, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$14,569,649.24). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**WAIVE SOLID WASTE FEES:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize waiving the following Solid Waste credit slips: National Guard @ \$1.31, Brenner Electric @ \$1.05, Johnson Motors @ \$13.00, City of Aberdeen @ \$321.09, Dependable Sanitation @ \$888.06, Maxim Technologies @ \$8.32. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**INTEREST STATEMENT:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to accept for filing the October - December 2013 Interest Statement (\$14,583.32), submitted by County Treasurer Sheila Anderson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DEADWOOD FUND GRANT AWARD:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the South Dakota Historical Society Deadwood Fund Grant Award for the Courthouse Stained Glass Window Project in amount of \$16,000.00 (50/50 match). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**RECESS:** The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until January 14, 2014. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$282.64.

Ordinance adopted.  
**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$14.20.

**Brown County Ord. 426 Schaunaman Rezoning**

**Brown County Jan. 6 Joint Meeting**

**JANUARY 6, 2014 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING**

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Aberdeen Recreation & Cultural Center, 225 3rd Ave SE, Room 101, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Remily, Ronayne, Rux, Slaight-Hanson, Swanson and Mayor Levsen. Present from County were Commissioners Hansen, Wiese and Sutton. Commissioners Fischbach and Kippley were absent.

**ORDINANCE #13-12-03/426:** On motion by Ronayne and seconded by Rux, the City unanimously voted to approve Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #13-12-03/426.

**ORDINANCE #13-12-03/426:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #13-12-03/426, An Ordinance 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: 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). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansene-aye, Kippley-absent, Fischbach-absent, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye.

Ordinance adopted.  
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**Columbia City Jan. 7 Meeting**



Unapproved minutes January 7, 2014  
 Meeting called to order by - Mayor Mitchell  
 Roll call- Kuschel Harr, T Kampa, Davis.  
 Public attending:  
 Minutes of previous meeting:  
 Financial report/warrant vouchers; Kevin Hamilton, 767.39; Sand Lake Tree, 400.00; Hall Sand & Gravel, 161.80; Full Circle Ag.,1193.85; James Valley Tecom, 134.41; North-Western Energy, 477.02; Web Water, 19.00; Runnings, 93.94; Titan Access, 467.18; Groton Independent, 15.97; K.Vitense, 230.87; IRS, 1083.93; SD Unemployment, 31.95; GE Capital, Corp., 707.74. Sewer: NorthWestern Energy, 24.00; K. Vitense, 61.57, SD DENR, 150.00.  
 Community Comments: S Gossman inquired about temporary liquor license.  
 Correspondence: Hagen Benefits will not be associated with the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance after December 31 2014. Another agency to be named this year.  
 Unfinished Business:  
 Nuisances - Letters to be sent to Demeray, Malsom, Marshall.  
 Streets- Need to look into new Christmas Lights. Per last meeting board discussed handyman

wage T. Kampa moved 2nd by Kuschel Harr to increase the wage by \$100. per month, passed unanimously.  
 Parks- Resolution to be developed.  
 Lagoon/sewer- OK  
 Sewer accounts- OK  
 Rubble Site- OK  
 Shop- nothing yet.  
 New Business:  
 City employee salaries - Mayor \$40 each meeting with additional \$50 for each meeting attended. Council members \$30 each meeting with additional \$40 for meetings attended.  
 Finance Officer City & Sewer 316.67, monthly. Handyman \$910.00 monthly.  
 Petitions for Mayor, 2 council positions - Petitions may be circulated January 31 and until 5pm February 28.  
 Election Day - April 8 if needed  
 Appoint newspaper- Moved by Kuschel Harr 2nd by Davis to appoint Groton Independent as official paper.  
 Next meeting to be February 4 at 7 PM.  
 Cost of publishing one time \$19.27.

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• **Wednesday, January 15**

- **School Breakfast:** Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.
- **School Lunch:** Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit.
- **Senior Menu:** New England ham dinner, dinner roll, fruit cocktail cake with ice cream.
- **Birthdays:** Adam Franken, Alissia Gelhaus, Tonya Reich.
- 7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
- 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
- 3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation
- 3:45pm: UMC Confirmation
- 7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation
- 7:30pm: UMC Worship Team Rehearsal

• **Thursday, January 16**

- **School Breakfast:** Muffin, yogurt, juice, fruit, milk.
- **School Lunch:** Soft shell tacos, Spanish rice, fresh and canned fruit
- **Senior Menu:** Turkey chow mein, rice, broccoli, Waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.
- **Birthdays:** Glenna Remington, Hunter Bahr, Nicole Marzahn, Rachel Larson.
- 6:00pm: Wrestling Triangular with Sisseton at Webster

• **Friday, January 17**

- **School Breakfast:** Early risers, fruit, juice, milk.
- **School Lunch:** Garlic cheese bread, tossed greens, fresh and canned fruit.
- **Senior Menu:** BBQ chicken, Rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.
- **Anniv:** Steve and Julie Schaller
- **Birthdays:** Brina Richmond, Michael Patton.
- 6:30pm: Boys Basketball hosts Milbank with C game at 5:15 pm
- Saturday, January 18
- **Birthdays:** Aaron Nyberg, Kelly Flemming, Natalie Cassanova.
- 10:00am: JH Basketball Jamboree in Groton
- 10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court
- 2:30pm: Boys basketball classic at Redfield - Groton vs. Little Wound

• **Sunday, January 19**

- **Birthdays:** Gail Zeck, Ryder Smith.
- 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
- 9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) worship with communion
- 10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship
- 10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School
- 10:00am: UMC School
- 10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) worship with communion (install WELCA leaders)

• 11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
• 3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center ( School Serves)

• **Monday, January 20**

- Martin Luther King, Jr's Day
- **School Breakfast:** Mini pancake, fruit, juice, milk.
- **School Lunch:** Super nachos, vegetables and dip, garlic toast, fresh and canned fruit.
- **Senior Menu:** Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California bled veggies, fruit crisp, whole wheat bread.
- **Birthdays:** David Nilsson, Todd Anderson.
- 6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
- 6:00pm: JH/JV Wrestling at Redfield
- 7:00pm: City Council Meeting
- 7:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Christian Lit. Circle

• **Tuesday, January 21**

- **School Breakfast:** Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.
- **School Lunch:** Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fresh and canned fruit, tea buns.
- **Senior Menu:** Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.
- **Birthdays:** Ella Johnson, Landon Larson, Rachel Zoellner, Steve Young, Valerie Kavanaugh
- 10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
- 4:00pm: JH Wrestling at Aberdeen Central
- 6:30pm: Girls Basketball at Webster

• **Wednesday, January 22**

- **School Breakfast:** French toast, links, juice, fruit, milk.
- **School Lunch:** Taco salad, oven fries, fresh and canned fruit, mixed vegetables, bread stick.
- **Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, glorified rice, whole wheat bread.
- **Birthdays:** Mickie Locke, Trevor Larson.
- 7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
- 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
- 3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation
- 3:45pm: UMC Confirmation
- 6:45pm: UMC UMYF
- 7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

• **Thursday, January 23**

- **School Breakfast:** Toast, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
- **School Lunch:** Pizza, green beans, lettuce salad, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream.
- **Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, cookie, whole wheat bread.
- **Birthdays:** Andre Bonn, Bruce Sippel, Collin Townsend, Jeff Flihs, Laura Schuster, Lori Westby, Mick Sippel, Monte Sippel
- 6:30pm: Boys Basketball at Clark-Willow Lake with JH games at 5 pm

• **Friday, January 24**

- NO SCHOOL - Faculty Inservice
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**Groton City**  
Dec. 16  
General Meeting

December 16, 2013  
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Opp, Flihs, Mulenburgh, Heitmann, Brotherton (by telephone) and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson and the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye. Moved by Opp and seconded by Mulenburgh to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 6,655.57 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 10.00 bank fee; 1st National Bank 9,604.27 lagoon loan; A&B Business Solutions 171.85 repairs; AFLAC 683.70 emp ins; BNSF-Railroad Management Co 918.66 air rent; Car Quest 146.76 supplies; Colonial Research 114.34 cleaner; Dearborn National 86.00 life ins; Evergreen Supply 379.21 oxygen, acetylene; Fire Safety First 30.25 supplies; Fisher's Cleaning Service 3,800.00 cleaning; Groton Ford 283.95 repairs; Groton Independent 300.24 publishing; Guardian Ins 310.82 emp ins; Scott Hanlon 22.60 mileage; Heartland Cons Power District 62,331.03 power; IRBY 420.00 arm; Ken's Food Fair 643.54 supplies; Krueger Bros 7,592.80 gravel, buckshot; Locators & Supplies 247.00 hydrant markers; Meierhenry Sargent LLP 2,400.00 legal services; Olde Bank Floral N More 120.00 centerpieces; RDO-John Deere Cr 234.81 filters, elem, blades; Resco 180.10 connectors, tape; SD Supplement Retirement 3,209.98 emp retirement; Steven Lust Automotive 275.00 repairs; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,766.54 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 27,097.08 power

Department reports were given.  
A donation of \$600 from the Groton Lions Club for the park playground equipment was accepted.  
An engineering agreement with Clark Engineering for the West of 37 Street Improvements and Curb & Gutter project for \$134,000 was presented and approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Mulenburgh and seconded by Brotherton to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the 2014 Joint Powers Agreement with Northeast Council of Governments. All members present voted aye.

The following bids for the 1987 bucket truck were received and read aloud: City of Hecla, Hecla, SD - \$12,000.00; Hughes Electric, Ree Heights, SD - \$12,001.00

Because both bids were under the 90% requirement of the value set by the Council, the bids were rejected and a new value of \$18,000 was set for a rebid on a motion by Heitmann and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

No bids were received on the substation transformer.  
Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to authorize Hanlon and Lowary to attend the NW Energy meeting in Huron on Jan 15, 2014. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Heitmann to authorize Paul Kosel to attend the JUT school in Sioux Falls on Jan 21-23. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on handling of delinquent bills during the winter. Kosel showed a new electronic meter which could be used for prepaid accounts or routine shut-offs.

Discussion was held on allowing grievance hearings for fired employees. Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Heitmann to give 1st Reading to Ordinance No. 689, The Personnel Manual Update. All members present voted aye.

Values for property insurance were reviewed. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Mulenburgh to accept the updated values. All members present voted aye.  
A proposal from Independent Audit Services (Ben Elliott) to do the 2012 and 2013 audits

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for \$11,000 was received and approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye.

A proposal to update the fines to the new clerk of courts levels (\$3 increase to most fines) was reviewed. Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Mulenburgh to set Groton City fines at the new levels. All members present voted aye.

Council members Flihs and Mulenburgh were authorized to each keep a key to the Community Center for periodic inspections.

Meeting adjourned.  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$28.30.

**Westport Town**  
Jan. 6  
Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting  
January 6th, 2014

The Town of Westport met on January 6th with Larry Huettel, Wyatt Wilson, Todd Hertel, Andy VanSteenwyk, Cody Braun, Samantha Shannon and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General  
NWPS (\$376.93), Groton Independent (\$18.50), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$1.98), Allied Insurance (\$3,187.00), US treasury (\$365.98), US treasury (\$38.14), B&B Contracting (\$367.50)

Water  
WEB (\$955.71), Dept. of Revenue (\$13.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43)

Sewer  
NWPS (\$36.49), Hydro Clean (\$2,479.23), SD Dept. of Env. & Natural Resources (\$50.00)

Todd Hertel made motion to pay all bills; second by Larry Huettel.

The following deposits were presented:

City General  
Brown County Collections (\$1,422.65), Interest (\$11.85).  
Sewer  
Resident Payments- December (\$480.00), Brown County Collections (\$361.00).

Water  
Resident Payments – December (\$1999.60).

NEW BUSINESS:  
Meeting was held at the shed on Monday January 6th due to the heating problem at the town hall. It was decided to hold the meeting for February and March also at the shed.

Cody Braun and Samantha Shannon introduced themselves to the board. They are new residents to Westport.

Todd discussed NECOG's examples of ordinances for towns and the board is looking at creating and redoing ordinances the town currently has.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
Cost of publishing one time \$16.22.

**Groton City**  
Ord. 689  
Personnel Manual

ORDINANCE NO. 689  
An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance In Revision of the Personnel Manual of the City of Groton, South Dakota."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City of Groton that this Ordinance in Revision of the Personnel Manual of the City of Groton, South Dakota, is hereby read, approved, and adopted as follows:

First Reading December 16, 2013  
Second Reading January 6, 2014

Approved & Adopted January 6, 2014  
Published January 14 & 21, 2014

Effective February 18, 2014  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Attest:  
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**Coffee Cup**

**January 13 Team Standings:** Farm Girls 10, Jungle Lanes 9.5, Golden Girls 9, Ten Pins 8, JVT 7.5, Ken's Food Fair 4.

**High Games:** Nicole Kassube 191, Vickie Kramp 180, Sandra Fenske 170.

**High Series:** Vickie Kramp 490, Nicole Kassube 438, Vicki Walter 438, LaVonne Raap 433.

**Conde National**

**Team Standings:** Pirates 30, Cubs 28, Mets 22.5, Colts 18, Giants 17, Braves 16.5.

**Men's High Games:** Lance Frohling 213, Topper Tastad 201, Butch Farmen 195.

**Men's High Series:** Lance Frohling 562, Butch Farmen 549, Topper Tastad 540.

**Women's High Games:** Hayley Merkel 176 and 173, Mary Larson 166 and 161, Alice Severson 166, Hope Knoepfle 155.

**Women's High Series:** Hayley Merkel 485, Mary Larson 465, Alice Severson 462.

**Prairie Mixed**

**Team Standings:** Foxes 5, Jackelopes 5, Killer Chihuahuas 5, Pocket Gophers 3, Coyotes 3, Chipmunks 3

**Men's High Games:** Mike Wiley 202, Rick Carlson 196, Ryan Schelle 191, Brad Larson 191

**Women's High Games:** Dar Larson 195, Sue Stanley 178, Darci Spanier 177, Vicki Jorgensen 177

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**Women's High Series:** Dar Larson 502, Vicki Jorgensen 493, Sue Stanley 480

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