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A Little Good News

Kindergartener uses life skills learned in school and at home to help his great-grandmother

The Anne Murray song, "A Little Good News" is what we are breaking with in this week's Groton Independent. It's a story about a Groton Area Elementary kindergarten student who helped his great-grandmother when she slipped on the ice. The story centers around students learning life skills and implementing them when they least expect it.

It was a typical weekend, but with an unexpected twist. Five-year-old Jacob Tewksbury was staying at his great-grandmother's home over the weekend. Judy Johnston takes Jacob bowling Saturday morning and he stays overnight and then she takes him to Sunday School the following morning.

But on the weekend of January 12, the area had received some freezing rain. Sarah Tewksbury recalled that Judy had called everyone to tell them to be careful if they had to go out of town. "I told her the same because I knew that she would be leaving to go to church," Sarah said.

Jacob said, "Grandma slipped and fell on the ice. I was waiting for her to tell me to get the phone, but she didn't say anything so I just went in to get the phone and call my dad and I said come here as quick as you can." When he went back outside, Judy was trying to crawl her way up the stairs to try and get in the house.

When Jacob called his dad, Brad recalled they were just getting out of bed that Sunday morning when the phone rang. "He said can you come over here right away? Grandma fell and she can't get up. Can you come over real quick?"

"I was just going down the steps," Judy said, "and I fell down. I was real proud of Jacob. I tell him he's my hero."

Jacob's teacher, Ann Gibbs, said just a couple of weeks before that incident, everyone had to learn their phone numbers in kindergarten. "Everyone had

to learn them," Ann said. "Jacob was the only one with his great-grandmother and because he knew his telephone number, he was able to call for help. We teach a lot of life skills and you never know when you might need them. In the upcoming month, we'll be learning our addresses. He is a little kindergarten hero."

Jacob even had the opportunity to tell his class of what he had done over the weekend.

"Brad and I are also very proud of him," Sarah said. "Grandma was so surprised that Jacob was able to do something like that and to stay so calm. She refers to him as her hero and that she was very thankful that Jacob was there. We had worked with him on teaching him his phone number and so did Mrs. Gibbs, but we never thought that a situation like this would have come up and that he would need to call for help. He told us that if daddy didn't answer the phone that he was going to call 911."

As a result of the fall, Judy broke three bones in her ankle and one in her leg. She is now staying at the Tewksbury's during her recovery period. At her home in the rural country home on the Dean Highway, her bathroom is upstairs. You may have noticed a ramp in front of the Tewksbury home on Main Street across from City Hall. That is so Judy can use her wheel chair to get around.

"Jacob is still her little helper," Sarah said, "and she is very thankful of everything he has done for her."

- Paul Kosel



Jacob Tewksbury is pictured with his great-grandmother, Judy Johnston.



And More Good News

76th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates Goes On

Around 112 skaters took part in the 76th Annual Groton Carnival of Silver Skates held this past Sunday. The original date of January 26th had to be called off due to a raging blizzard in the area. A 1 p.m. performance was held Sunday, Feb. 2. The weather was on the cold side, but it was much more manageable than the previous days that were much colder.

Pictured here is Breanna Marzahn, daughter of Wade and Renee Marzahn, Groton, was chosen as the 2014 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen.



Five grapplers place in Groton Lions Tourney

Four Groton grapplers took first place one took second at the Groton Lions Wrestling Tournament held Saturday at the Arena in Groton.

Taking first were Trevor Pray at 106 pounds, Kelby Hawkins at 120, Jeric Albrecht at 138 and Parker Kroll at 152. Brandyn Anderson took second at 195 pounds.

Hawkins beat out a tight race for the Glenn Sperry Pinner's Award. He had four pins in 4:31. Also in the running were Nathan Jones, Britton-Hecla, with four pins in 5:13 and Austin Waite, Canton, with four pins in 6:35.

Canton won the team title with 155.50 points followed by Watertown JV with 150.5, Groton Area had 117, Britton-Hecla/Langford had 114.50, Milbank 99, Huron JV 90, Warner-

Northwestern 60, Sioux Falls O'Gorman JV 56, Webster Area 44, Tiospa Zina 39, and Redfield-Doland 37.

There were 126 wrestlers at the tourney and the tournament was concluded in just under eight hours. Tom Woods was the announcer. Patti Woods did the charts (she said she put on over four miles during the day!) Scott Thorson made sure the wrestlers got to their proper places and he ran the seed meeting. Groton Senior Snow Queen Darac Harry and Groton Junior Snow Queen Heather Lone presented the medals.



Brandyn Anderson, 195, place second as he fought with everything he had against Dexter Gaikowski, Watertown JV. He ended up being pinned by Gaikowski, 5:11. He won his first two matches, pinned Drew Freeman, Britton-Hecla/Langford, 3:49; and he pinned Caden Wollschlager, Milbank, 1:32.



Groton Junior Snow Queen Heather Lone, Glenn Sperry Pinner's Award winner Kelby Hawkins, Lions Club President Lee Schinkel, Groton Senior Snow Queen Darac Harry.



Trevor Pray, 106, placed first with a 7-0 decision over Hunter Burnett, Milbank. In the first round, he pinned TJ Kissner, Huron JV, 1:15; and then he decision Scott Peterson, Canton, 7-2. Pray is now 11-6 on the season.



Parker Kroll, 152, took first place with a 10-1 major decision over Marshal Simons, Huron JV. In his previous match, he pinned Spencer Kappenman, SF O'Gorman, 1:59.



Kelby Hawkins, 120, placed first and he pinned all of his opponents and won the Glenn Sperry Pinner's Award. He pinned Shawn Stemsrud, Milbank, 0:38; Jon Binstock, SF O'Gorman JV, 1:12; Blut Htoo, Huron JV, 0:42; and in the championship match pictured here, Brandon Vasquez, Watertown JV, 1:59.



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Jeric Albrecht, 138, took first place as he pinned Ben Boyko, Britton-Hecla/Langford, 3:01. In previous matches, he pinned Brandon Roe, Redfield-Doland, 1:40; and he pinned Cole Johnson, Huron JV, 1:12.

Groton boys run past Webster

The Groton boys had a hot hand and showed off their talents in front of a crowd for Parent's Night as the Tigers defeated Webster, 72-42. Groton made 49 percent of its field goals, 50 percent of its three-pointers and 72 percent of its free throws.

Webster was no match for the Tigers, making only 26 percent of its field goals, 21 percent of its three-pointers and 60 percent of its free throws.

Four players hit double figures with Wyatt Lone leading the way with 16 points followed by Kyler Ell with 14, Mason Madsen 12, Kasey Kurtz 10, Reilly Ell eight, Lucas Sternhagen six, Spencer Knecht four and Wyatt Larson had two points.

Groton controlled the boards, 38-24, with Madsen having nine and Reilly Ell eight. Groton had 17 fouls which allowed the Bearcats to make 12 of 20 free throws. The Tigers had 12 turnovers, with only three of those being steals. Reilly Ell had one block and he had four of the team's 10 assists.

Webster had 17 team fouls which allowed Groton to make 18 of 25 free throws. The Bearcats had four assists, 12 turnovers with nine of them being steals (two each by Madsen, Kurtz and Kyler Ell).

Webster Area was led in scoring by Reid Valsvig with 12 points followed by Preston Premus with nine, Ross Bullert seven, Jeremy Hoven six, Noah Thurson four and Derek Ellis three.

Groton led at the quarterbreaks at 18-9, 33-15 and 57-27.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 51-41. Wyatt Larson had 14 points, Lucas Sternhagen 12, Sean Schuring 11, Kyler Ell five, Adam Herman four, Bennett Shabazz three and Matt Knecht two.

Shrine Chanters Christmas Dinner

Les Nehls and Lee Schinkel attended the annual Shrine Chanters Christmas dinner, recently, at the David Arlt home.

Fries passes to Planteen for game winning basket at the buzzer

Free throws under pressure were not the strengths of either team as Groton and Langford battled it out at the GHS Arena Monday night. In the closing seconds, Langford missed two free throws and in the battle for the rebound, a foul was called on Langford sending Groton to the line. The Tigers missed the front end of a bonus shot and the Lions grabbed the rebound. Then Bo Fries made a pass to Drew Planteen under the basket who got the shot off right before the buzzer to lift the Lions to a 51-50 win.

Langford held a 16-15 first quarter lead, a 36-30 lead at half time and a 43-40 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Groton's Kyler Ell led the Tigers with 20 points followed by Spencer Knecht with nine, Reilly Ell had eight, Kasey Kurtz five and Mason Madsen and Wyatt Lone each had four.

Planteen led the Lions with 18 points followed by Fries with 13, Brian Anderson had eight, Dante Blanchard and Jordan Carson each had four and Chase Larson and Zach Punt each had two points.

Groton made 48 percent of its field goals compared to 40 percent for the Lions. The Tigers were four of 10 from the line for 40 percent off of Langford's 13 team fouls. Langford was eight of 11 from the line for 73 percent off of Groton's 13 team fouls.

Both teams had eight assists with Reilly Ell having two for Groton and Fries four for Langford.

Groton had 12 turnovers with eight being steals (two each by Fries, Planteen and Olson) and Langford had nine turnovers, six of which were steals with six different players having one.

Langford had the slight edge in rebounds, 26-25, with Planteen having a double feature night to have 11 rebounds with his 18 points. Reilly Ell had six for Groton.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 37-36.

Lady Tigers dominate Langford

Groton's Lady Tigers had its highest scoring game of the season and even tied with the boys for the most points scored in a game as Groton defeated Langford, 77-35.

All of Groton's players saw a lot of playing time as it was the non-starters who led the Tigers win scoring with Audrey Wanner powering in four three-pointers to score 19 points and Tori Bjerke had 11 points. Scoring eight points each were Carly Wheeting, Camille Sippel, Courtney Kurtz and Katie Koehler. Ashley Gibbs had seven points, Marle Jones had four and Halle Dohman and Kylie Hawkins each had two points.

Tess Williams led the Lions with 16 points followed by Savannah Bivens with 10, Mandi Nelson had seven and Brandy Peterson two.

Groton made 23 of 44 field goals, had 28 rebounds with Bjerke having six, 18 steals with Koehler having three, 14 assists with Kurtz having three and 14 turnovers. The Tigers were six of 12 from the line and had 10 team fouls.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 36-10. Scoring for Groton were Taryn Rossow with 12, Marlee Jones six, Katie Koehler five, Emily Locke and Rachel Blackmun four each, Audrey Wanner three and Maryn Howard 2.

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Brown County Hot Mix Bid Notice



NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 A.M., Tuesday, February 25, 2014. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

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Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS" to be opened on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 8:45 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Section 320.5 - Basis of Payment: "A" - Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0128.0204) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$49.18.

Brown County Rental Equip. Bid Notice



NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2014. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

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ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0128.0204) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$38.02.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County.

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Supplies: A & B Business \$132.21; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$61.98; Carlsen Funeral Home \$360.00; Digital Alley \$197.00; Fordham Signs \$94.00; GovConnection \$1,023.82; Heartland Paper \$90.52; Marco \$275.84; McFarland Supply \$1,049.70; Midstates Printing \$1,636.42; NCFE - Warner Elevator \$32,355.01; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$175.39; SD Continuing Legal Education \$150.00; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; SD Sheriff's Assoc. \$111.06; Share Corp \$120.00; Sivertsen Technology \$89.99; Titan Access Account \$605.58.

Travel & Conference: Kathy Fisher \$215.73; Brenda Hamrick \$7.99; Leo Leshner \$268.37; Gene Loeschke \$108.10; Becca Tullar \$53.11; Patti Woods \$46.53.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$101.64; Century Link \$1,032.93; Midcontinent Communications \$65.00; NWPS \$6,198.58.

Other: Hecla Library \$750.00; Pizza Ranch \$251.31. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following employee step increases, effective February 2, 2014: Ben Smith @ 19.86 per hour; Anthony Sorenson @ 19.86 per hour; and Kevin Ernst @ 16.65 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Jonathan Hillestad, full time corrections officer, effective February 17, 2014 at \$14.28 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Cary Cloutier, full time highway mechanic, effective February 17, 2014 at \$18.41 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

JDC CONTRACTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Contract with Edmunds County for housing juveniles in the Detention Center at \$220.00 per day. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SVAWA GRANT DOCUMENT: Moved by Hansen seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Memorandum of Commitment for Coordinated Response Team to show how agencies are actively participating in the Stop Violence Against Women Act Program. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following agreements: Aberdeen Humane Society for lease of the Club House on April 26-27, 2014.; John Symens for lease of portable bleachers on February 27-28, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following abatements: Brown County @ \$5.77, \$1027.80 and \$8.06 (tax deed); Cygnet Profit Sharing Plan @ \$21.00 (remove solid waste); Kevin Braun @ \$154.00 (SW single family dwelling); Aberdeen City @ \$21.00 (exempt); Craig Dahme @ \$861.01 and \$606.78 assessment error). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit Claim Deed for Lt 5 Blk 32 1st Addition Frederick E 1/2 11-127-64 (acquired by tax deed) to the City of Frederick. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WELFARE GUIDELINES AMENDED: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #4-14. WHEREAS, Title 2, Second Revision of Brown County Ordinances, as amended, requires the Brown County Commission, by resolution, to adopt rules, regulations and appendices necessary for the implementation of a County Welfare Program, in accordance with SDCL 28-13; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission adopted the Brown County Welfare Guidelines by Resolution No. 4-98, dated January 6th 1998; amended by Resolution #16-2000 (3/14/2000); Resolution #23-2000 (4/4/2000); Resolution #21-02 and Resolution #22-02 (1/29/02); Resolution

#77-04 and Resolution #78-04 (9/28/04); Resolution #20-06 and Resolution #21-06 (4/4/06); Resolution #24-08 and Resolution #25-08 (3/18/08); Resolution #42-09 and Resolution 43-09 (7/28/09); Resolution #88-10 (10/5/10); Resolution #102-10 (12/7/10), and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the residents of Brown County to amend Appendix A (Income Eligibility/Determination Tests); Appendix B (Housing Assistance) and Appendix C (Burial and Funeral Assistance).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Appendix A (Income Eligibility/Determination Tests); Appendix B (Housing Assistance); and Appendix C (Burial and Funeral Assistance) be amended as follows:

Appendix A. Income Eligibility/Determination Tests
Poverty Guidelines
Family Size.....Monthly
1\$ 958
2\$1,293
3\$1,628
4\$1,963
5\$2,298
6\$2,633
7\$2,968
8\$3,303
9\$3,732
10\$4,044
Appendix B. Housing Assistance

The maximum rental supplement per household per month shall not exceed the following, including utilities:

1 Person Household: \$260 (monthly rent)
2 Person Household: \$300 (monthly rent)
3 Person Household: \$310 (monthly rent)
4+ Person Household: \$330 (monthly rent)

As a general rule, housing assistance will be available in these amounts only to clients who have no other resources available. The County Welfare Office shall not pay for any rental, security deposits, damage deposits, meter deposits, general deposits, utility deposits, or TV or cable hookups. The County Welfare Office shall not pay rent for an applicant's minor children unless those children physically reside with the applicant. The County Welfare Office shall not assist residents of subsidized housing except those applicants who pay a minimum rent regardless of what their income is.

Appendix C. Burial and Funeral Assistance
Regular Cremation
Infant to three (3) years old:
Full service \$750...\$250
Gravesite service \$250...\$250

Groton City Jan. 27 Meeting Minutes



UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING January 27, 2014 President Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Smith, Voss and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Larson to approve the agenda with one addition under New Business Item #1a - discuss purchase of heaters for gym restrooms. Motion carried.

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

The board heard program presentations from CTE Instructors Don Donley, Adam Franken and Lindsay Tietz.

No board committee reports were given.

The following items were discussed in Administrative Reports: SDHSA Board of Directors Meeting, 2013-14 School Calendar makeup days, legislative update, District travel data, Kindergarten screening, Donuts for Dads, faculty in-service, student eligibility, ACCESS testing for ELL students and earliest date to submit a petition for school board election is January 31st.

The board discussed the possibility of declaring an empty portion of bus barn property surplus as there had been a private owner interested in purchasing it. The property in question is north of the northern most bus Quonset. The consensus of the board was to retain and not sell the property.

The need for heaters in gym restrooms was discussed. Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to purchase the heaters and have them installed. Motion carried.

The board discussed the possible pursuit of a joint venture with the Groton Police Department to provide office space in the middle/high school to increase school security. The board instructed Mr. Schwan to pursue the idea with Groton City Council Members.

Changes to the 2013-14 School Calendar were discussed, including moving the FCLA Style Show to May 1 and the MS/HS Spring Concert to May 8. Moved by Hanson, second Kjelden to approve the schedule change. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve the resignation of Malerie Yeaton as .5 FTE Elementary Music, MS/HS Choir and Co-Show Choir Director, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Voss, second Smith to approve the resignation of Shauna Remily as 1st Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Hanson, second Kjelden to approve the resignation/retirement of Nancy Cutler as Elementary Technology Coordinator and RTI Director, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year, with request to be eligible for negotiated severance pay package and summer checks to be paid in June. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to approve the resignation/retirement of Jana Duncan as MS Science/Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year, with request for summer checks to be paid in June. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve the resignation of bus driver Jim Gerdes, effective February 3, 2014, as afternoon route #2 driver only. Motion carried.

Moved by Hanson, second Weismantel to amend the work agreement of bus driver Don Donley to include the afternoon half of route #7 for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year beginning February 3, 2014 with an increase in salary of \$2,188.80. Motion carried.

Moved by Voss, second Smith to amend the work agreement of bus driver Butch Farnen to replace the afternoon half of route #7 with the afternoon half of route #2 for the remainder of

the 2013-14 school year beginning February 3, 2014 with a change in salary of \$68.40. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Smith to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(12) at 8:10 pm to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

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

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

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Dorene Nelson, President

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

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Fire District Annual Meeting Notice



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

GROTON AREA FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District members who live in the District and own any real property interests in the District will be held on February 17, 2014, at 7:30p.m. in the Fire Hall located on Railroad Avenue, Groton, South Dakota.

Order of Business: This is the time and place for the annual election of Board members and a regular meeting of the Board.

All interested parties should attend.

/s/ Bruce Sippel
Bruce Sippel, Secretary

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Brown County Moving Building Notice



NOTICE TO GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD, until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on February 18, 2014. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for qualified General Contractor Services with expertise in all phases of construction as required to complete contracting services for a building to be moved to the Fairgrounds located at 400 24th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, SD (SW1/4 of Section 1, T123N and R64W and Highway B and Lot A and abandoned railroad right of way except Fairground Outlot 1 of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota).

Envelopes containing bid shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD, and shall be marked on the envelope "General Contractor Services for Fair Office Building located at 400 24th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, SD". Bids will be opened on February 18, 2014. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank draft in the amount of 5% of the total amount of bid, that has been issued by a National or State Bank authorized to do business in South Dakota; or a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total amount of bid, payable without condition to Brown County as a guarantee of good faith in entering into a contract if so awarded.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that is proposal has been accepted. Said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond or payment bond in accordance with the bid as accepted.

Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD. 605-626-7110.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

(0128.0204)
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Groton City Jan. 20 Meeting Minutes



January 20, 2014

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: Flihs, McGannon, Opp, and Brotherton (by telephone), and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Heitmann and Muienburg were absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary and Kosel of Groton Independent.

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

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye. Cons Fed Cr Union 2,225.00 emp savings, First State Bank 12,676.88 ss & wh, Milton Bowman 400.00 Fam Cr loan, AFLAC 683.70 emp ins, Banyon Data Systems 2,385.00 comp support, Buhls 30.50 rug rent, Car Quest 44.34 supplies, Dakota Electronics 90.00 pager serv, Dakota Supply Group 4,966.21 meter gateway, Dearborne National Ins 90.50 group life ins, Fire Safety First 27.90 1st aid supplies, Groton Independent 89.10 publishing, Guardian Ins 310.82 emp ins, Scott Hanlon 91.53 mileage, Heartland Cons Power District 82,802.80 power, Anita Lowary 27.00 books, NWPS 4,205.36 power delivery, Red Horse Inn 65.00 Fam Cr motel, Rose Electric 137.76 trenching, SD One Call 37.50 fees, SD Public Assurance Alliance 468.00 prop ins, SD Supplement Retirement 1,150.00 emp retirement, SD Water & Wastewater Assoc 20.00 dues, Steven Lust Automotive 490.40 repairs, Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,289.91 health ins, Western Area Power Adm 30,520.24 power, Western Printing 171.10 tickets

Department reports were given.

At 7:10pm no bids were received on the 1987 bucket truck. Moved by Flihs and seconded by McGannon to authorize Finance Officer to negotiate with another municipality to get the best offer possible. All members present voted aye.

At 7:15pm Kellie Townsend appeared before the Council to request an operating agreement and granting of an on/off sale wine license for Olde Bank Floral N More. No other persons appeared at the hearing. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to approve the license and operating agreement. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Brotherton to hold the second meeting in February on Tuesday, Feb 18, due to the Presidents Day holiday. All members present voted aye.

Skid loader bids were reviewed. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to accept low bid from J Gross Equipment for \$44,386.00 for a PT75 Terex track loader with blower and grapple forks. All members present voted aye. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to pay \$15,000 now and finance the balance of the purchase for 2 years with United Lease and Finance of Fargo, ND at 4%. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Brotherton to authorize Ward Gilchrist to attend the Electric Supt Conference in Watertown on Mar 4-5. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon reported on the NW Energy meeting that he, Lowary and Gilchrist attended. A new line from the WAPA Groton Substation to Groton's NW Energy substation will be constructed in 2014.

Council members Brotherton, McGannon, Heitmann, and Mayor Hanlon were reminded that election petitions could be taken out on Jan 31 until Feb 28 for 2 year Council terms and the 2 remaining years of the 3 year Mayor's term.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Brown County Correct Topo Errors



NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4 ZONING

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 18th day of February 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, to consider An Ordinance to Amend Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4 - Zoning, specifically amending Chapters 4.01, 4.02, 4.06, 4.07, 4.19, 4.20, 4.24, 4.28 and 4.36 to correct typographical errors, to clarify what the Ordinance covers by adding definitions and/or revising wording, to create consistency between sections, to adjust time limits and to make other similar revisions and corrections.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendments to Title 4 Zoning, Chapters 4.01, 4.02, 4.06, 4.07, 4.19, 4.20, 4.24, 4.28 and 4.36. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Brown County Ordinance No. 084.

Dated this 28th day of January 2014

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

(0204.0211)
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Frederick City Feb. 3 Meeting Minutes



City of Frederick February Minutes February 3, 2014

Frederick's Town Board monthly meeting was held Monday evening, February 3, 2014, at the Frederick Community Center. Those in attendance were Chairman Dennis Kinslow, Board Members Scott Campbell and Tom Meyer, Finance Officer Diane Bruns, New President and Vice President of the Frederick Development Corporation, Rich Bakeberg and Gary Peterson; Calvin Raisanen, Frederick Fire Department Sec/Treasurer, Lonnie Mikkonen of Osceola Township, and Patron Craig Larson.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed with motion made by Campbell/Meyer to approve. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for January was reviewed with a motion made by Meyer/Campbell to approve. Motion Carried.

Approval for the Accounts Payable due in February was made by Meyer/Campbell. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
AB Business, Inc., Sup, Genl \$284.96; Community Store, Sup, CC/FO \$11.17; Crawford Trucks, Parts, Strts \$31.31; Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., Inspec. Sewer \$560.00; DE Kinslow, Brd Chrmn, Genl \$46.17; Dennis Kinslow, UT Mgr., VA, Strts/Water \$307.38; Diane Bruns, Maint., CC \$107.35; D. Bruns, Finance Officer, FO \$903.50; Farmers Union, Heat, EBL \$1,363.65; FDC, Econ Dev, Econ Dev \$1,200.00; GDI, Legals, Genl (est) \$30.00; JVC, 4 phones+Internets, Genl/EBL/Water/FO (est) \$265.00; Mavis Cox, Librarian, EBL \$394.97; Mel Glarum, rent, EBL \$80.00; MDU, elect., Strts/CC/FO/S. Park/Fire/Sewer/Ballpark/Wtr/Christmas Lgts \$1,307.51; R. Scott Campbell, Brd Mem., Genl \$23.09; Runnings Farm & Fleet, tools, Strts \$15.49; SD Assn. of Twns&Twnships, dues, Genl \$264.75; SD Dept of Rev., Lab, Wtr \$26.00; SD Dept. of Rev., S. Tax, Garbage \$72.20; USPS, stamps, Wtr/Garbage/Sewer/Genl \$100.00; USDA-RD (AP) Wtr Repairs, Wtr \$475.00; WEB Water, 457,500 gls, Wtr \$1,654.25; Tom Meyer, Brd Mem., Genl \$23.09.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Utility report included mention of frozen pipes being taken care of by residents. Dennis Kinslow, Utility Manager, also said he and Rich Bakeberg read meters on Sunday. G. Peterson asked if there is a map of the shut-off valves in Frederick. The only map is photographs... Kinslow has been working on writing a type of manual about Utility Management in Frederick which will include the pictures when it is completed.

Kinslow is in the process of passing on his duties as Utility Manager to Frederick City employee Rich Bakeberg, as Dennis has accepted a new position in Sturgis, SD. Dennis will be Construction Manager for a completely new water system being installed by Bear Butte, SD, prior to becoming Project Manager when construction is complete. He may be gone before our next meeting. R. Bakeberg has been the Frederick Cemetery Sexton for many years. Scott Campbell voiced an official THANK YOU to Dennis commenting on what a very nice job as Utility Manager he has done and also for all the time and energy he has put into the City of Frederick over the many years he has served on the City of Frederick Board, and also with the Frederick Fire Department. We, as part of the City voice, are very grateful for his past dedication and service. We will miss you Dennis, and you will be on all our speed-dials!

No representation from Frederick Forward, Historical Society, or Emma Burnham Library.

The new President, Richard Bakeberg, and Vice-President Gary Peterson, of the Frederick Development Corporation brought up the question of Frederick's 1% Sales Tax that they profit from wondering when it can be increased for more Economic Development. They were told to attend meeting in September of this year. Also mentioned, not all businesses charge the extra 1% but all are getting better. Each business receives an Annual copy of each towns' tax base from the SD Dept. of Rev. so when goods are delivered to Frederick, or any small town, all businesses should be aware of the local tax.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to keep the same amount currently being charged to the different Townships for upkeep and repairs to the Community Center. It was

also mentioned about looking into contracting and getting quotes for propane. Motion was made by Meyer/Mikkonen to keep same amount being currently charged. Motion Carried. Calvin Raisanen then presented a check to the City for the portion that the Fire Department helps out with, after it was calculated from the 2013 totals. The FFD refunds the city 2/3 of the propane bill and 1/2 of the electricity for the Community Center building.

Fourth quarter and Annual Report for the EBL was approved. The PSbk account had not been entered previously. Motion was made by Campbell/Meyer. Motion Carried.

NE Council of Governments requested a map update. No changes.

Scott Campbell, agent for Western Continental Insurance Company, discussed values of the city's properties for upgrading and updating our policies. He is going to revisit numbers and discuss again at next months' meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence included SD Dept of Tourism Annual Report; SD Local Transportation Assist Program, DOT/Local Road Training, Mar. 5-6, Aberdeen; Signing of Signature Authorization for Menard's; DOT Learning Video Conference, Asphalt Pavement Maintenance, Mar. 4; International League of Cities interest in joining; H. Marttila-Losure letter about sending board meeting minutes to F.Y.I. (approved after published in licensed newspaper); No nominating petitions taken out by the deadline of January 31, 2014, a new board member will be appointed for a one-year term; Motion was made to send Shut-off Notices to 8 residents whom will have an end of month deadline, all have been warned before - with no response. Motion made by Campbell/Meyer. Motion Carried. Also discussed were street lights not working properly in Frederick. If yours is out call the FO and leave a message so MDU can be called.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Board Member Campbell moved to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Tom Meyer. Motion Carried.

City of Frederick
Diane Bruns, Finance Officer
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6:00pm: JH BBB hosts Leola-Frederick
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, February 12

Region SoloEnsemble Contest at NSU
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit,
juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburger, french fries,
tossed salad, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combos, mashed
potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, peaches.

Birthdays: Ashley Ptacek, Brett Merkel,
Yvonne Lorenz

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community
Center

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

Thursday, February 13

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

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, rice, corn,
fresh and canned fruit, tea buns.

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

Birthdays: Arlene Gibbs, Bradley Sheridan,
Michelle Patton

1:08pm: Elementary Dismisses

1:15pm: High School Dismisses

1:30pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 14

Valentine's Day

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Rushmore Challenge Debate at Harrisburg

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, broc-
coli, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat
bread.

Anniv: Duane and Dodie Neumann

Birthdays: Brooklyn Clara Imrie, Derek
Pfitzer, Diane Nilssen, John Neff, Joyce Krueger,
Zach Kern

4:00pm: JV GBB hosts Hamlin

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Thursday, February 6
School Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, yogurt,
juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken fihita in pita pocket,
tater tots, fresh and canned fruit.

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

Birthdays: Jake Unzen, Shawna Tunby,
Jacob Tewksbury.

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Nigeria Circle

5:00pm: Wrestling Quad at Ortonville

6:00pm: 8th Grade BBB hosts Langford

6:30pm: GBB at Sisseton

Friday, February 7

School Lunch: Submarine, baked chips,
carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit, ice
cream.

Senior Menu: Ham and raisin sauce, sweet
potatoes, California blend veggies, crazy cake,
whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Bailey Ronning, Cassie Ackman,
Gary Voss

6:30pm: BBB hosts Sisseton with C game
at 5:15 pm

Saturday, February 8

Birthdays: Carol Anderson, Larry Wheeting,
Marian Raines, Sarah Flihs, Scott Freeman

10:00am: Wrestling at Stanley Co. Tourney

2:00pm: JV GBB at Warner

3:00pm: JV BBB at Warner

4:30pm: Varsity girls at Warner

6:00pm: Varsity Boys at Warner

Sunday, February 9

Birthdays: Dale Ringgenberg, Kathy Kund-
sen, Lorin Flihs, Renee Marzahn

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship and
School sings

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

2:00pm: Emmanuel Pastor at Bethesda

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible
Study

Monday, February 10

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

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

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

Anniv: Alan and Jolene Townsend

Birthdays: Brenda Madsen, Dallas Sombke,
Dick Flihs, Dion Bahr, Gabe Smith, Jay Waage,
June Thompson, Katelyn Koehler.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: GBB hosts Roncalli

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

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

School Lunch: Mini corn dog, baked beans,
fresh vegetable, fresh and canned fruit.

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

Birthday: Julie Flihs

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible

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The Life of Pauline Meyer

Pauline Helen Meyer 96, of Carmel, died at Carmel Care, Minn., January 14, 2014. She was born in Joliet, Illinois on February 24, 1917 to Charles and Martha Dwyer. She graduated from Groton High School and later married Charles Milton Meyer. She was a head cook with the Richfield, Minnesota School System, retiring in 1975. She moved to Carmel in 1998 to be closer to her son and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her son, Charles; and sister, Mary Nehls.

She is survived by her nephew Eddie Nehls (Virginia); her daughter-in-law, Karen Meyer; her grandson, Cory D. Meyer and four great-grandchildren, Christian, Chandler, Charles and Cayden.



She was a member of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church and any memorials should be made to the church. The family wishes to thank the caring people of Orchard Park Church, the staff at Carmel Care and Harbor Light Hospice.

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Groton boys run past Webster

The Groton boys had a hot hand and showed off their talents in front of a crowd for Parent's Night as the Tigers defeated Webster, 72-42.

Groton made 49 percent of its field goals, 50 percent of its three-pointers and 72 percent of its free throws.

Webster was no match for the Tigers, making only 26 percent of its field goals, 21 percent of its three-pointers and 60 percent of its free throws.

Four players hit double figures with Wyatt Lone leading the way with 16 points followed by Kyler Ell with 14, Mason Madsen 12, Kasey Kurtz 10, Reilly Ell eight, Lucas Sternhagen six, Spencer Knecht four and Wyatt Larson had two points.

Groton controlled the boards, 38-24, with Madsen having nine and Reilly Ell eight. Groton had 17 fouls which allowed the Bearcats to make 12 of 20 free throws. The Tigers had 12 turnovers, with only three of those being steals. Reilly Ell had one block and he had four of the team's 10 assists.

Webster had 17 team fouls which allowed Groton to make 18 of 25 free throws. The Bearcats had four assists, 12 turnovers with nine of them being steals (two each by Madsen, Kurtz and Kyler Ell).

Webster Area was led in scoring by Reid Valsvig with 12 points followed by Preston Premus with nine, Ross Bullert seven, Jeremy Hoven six, Noah Thurson four and Derek Ellis three.

Groton led at the quarterbreaks at 18-9, 33-15 and 57-27.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 51-41. Wyatt Larson had 14 points, Lucas Sternhagen 12, Sean Schuring 11, Kyler Ell five, Adam Herman four, Bennett Shabazz three and Matt Knecht two.

Groton boys beat Britton-Hecla

The Groton boys rallied in the second half to beat Britton-Hecla in basketball action Tuesday in Groton, 58-41.

The lead changed hands two times and was tied twice before Mason Madsen made two free throws to give Groton a 9-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Groton took control for most of the second quarter, opening up an 18-10 lead with 5:37 left. Then the Braves battled back and with the help of three-pointers, tied the game t 25 with 1:02 left in the half. Kasey Kurtz answered with a three-pointer of his own with 50 seconds left as Groton took a 28-26 lead at half time.

The Braves tied the game at 28 and took a 33-31 lead with 4:35 left in the third quarter. Groton then scored seven unanswered points to take a 40-33 lead. Groton led, 43-35, at the end of the third quarter.

The Braves never threatened in the fourth quarter as Groton took control of the game, upping its lead to 49-36 and going on to win, 58-41.

Reilly Ell led the Tigers with 20 points followed by Mason Madsen, who made nine of 10 free throws, with 17 points, Kasey Kurtz had 10, Spencer Knecht four, Kyler Ell three and Wyatt Lone and Parker Rossow each had two points.

Groton made 33 percent of its field goals whole the Braves made 39 percent.

Groton was 15 of 23 from the line for 65 percent off of Britton-Heclas 18 team fouls. Britton-Hecla was four of eight from the line for 50 percent off of Groton's 18 team fouls.

Groton had more rebounds, 30-29, with Madsen having eight and Reilly Ell six. Madsen had three of the team's nine assists and Madsen and Lone each had two of the team's five blocks. Groton had four turnovers, all were steals, while the Braves had 21 turnovers, 13 of which were steals with Lone, Sternhagen and Knecht each having three.

Tanner Roehr led the Braves with 17 points followed by Preston Holland with nine, Eric Wegleitner and Tanner Heitmann each had five, Jadrian Gjy had three and David Flanery added two points.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 42-26. Wyatt Larson led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Seric Shabazz with seven, Lucas Sternhagen had six, Sean Schuring and Chance Strom each had five, Kyler Ell and Adam Herman each had three and Matt Knecht added two points.

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16th Avenue residents want help for their street

Fred Johnson and Brenda Englund were present to talk about 16th Avenue east of Sixth Street. They have been taking care of the street for 10 years and are now asking for help. "The way Jacobson's developed the area was not favorable for us," Englund said. That section of 16th Avenue is private property. "We live in the city and pay city taxes, but we flip the bill for street maintenance," Englund said.

"We asked the Jacobsons to replat it, but they would not do it," Englund said. "We were told that the city would eventually take over the street."

Englund said she is a single mother with two kids and is concerned if there is an emergency, how would they get out if they are snowed in. "Jesse Howard has been clearing the street out of the goodness of his heart," Johnson said. Each property owner owns 11 feet of the "street." There is a common easement of the 11 feet on each side for access to each respective driveway.

The council took no action on the request, but would consider the options.

The council reviewed the 2014 Street and Curb and Gutter project which would be Second Avenue West and Third Avenue West and intersecting streets for a total of 15 blocks. The city has budgeted \$1 million for the project. However, coming back a year later to remove three inches of gravel and putting down asphalt at a later time at a higher price could offset the difference in doing the project as a complete package. Herron said it is quite a process of taking out the gravel. Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "I think we would be better off doing it all as one project." If the bid gets too high, then the council would have to rebid it. The council decided to have the bids go out as one project with an opening date of February 28.

City Superintendent Terry reported on the water main break at Washington Street and Third Avenue West. He said there was a six-inch valve buried under the ground that was not on the map. The bolts had rusted off causing the water pipe to separate from the valve. There are a number of valves on the west side that are nearing 20 years old. Herron said he plans to change out the valves planned for this summer's west side project. The cost of materials is \$9,600.

The annual Chamber meeting is set for February 7 at the Olive Grove Golf Course.

Melissa Gilbert has requested if the city would be interested in donating a family pool pass as one of the prizes for the PAC Elementary Carnival. The city has done this for the past two years. The council decided to give the prize.

There was discussion on the baseball program with Travis Kurth, Scott Thorson and Bary Keith in attendance. Thorson said, "When this field was built, it was the pride of the whole area. Travis and I have been trying to get state tournaments, but now you see other communities that have better facilities than what we have. There are a lot of things that need to get better before we can even think about hosting a state tournament."

The council agreed that the ballpark needs a lot of work. Councilman David McGannon said he has lined up a contractor that will donate his time to shingle the concession station with the city supplying the materials. There was further talk about forming an advisory council that would help with the baseball program.

"I think it's a great first move to get a committee put together," Thorson said. "Then we can look at fundraising so we can make a quick fix. Kurth agreed and said that representation should come from each of the baseball groups. "Not only would this help with things that need replacing, but it would give you an insight into the program," Kurth said. "If you don't have kids playing, you're out of the loop."

There was discussion about the teener/junior teener programs. "The state was pushing to go with a 13-14 year-old group," Kurth said. "We were going to try and follow that lead or fall behind. It worked for a while, but our junior high classes are smaller now." He said that as of now, there are nine on each team. "It's not doable to have two teener teams. But to have 18 on one team is a catch 22. Some of the kids don't want to play a lot of games, so they go to other towns. Baseball is a commitment. They would rather go to the lake than play baseball."

Councilman Michelle Muilenberg said, "We have a challenge ahead. We have a complex that needs repair and we have a program to build back up." That is where the advisory committee could come in handy.

The council decided to go ahead and advertise for coaches, but not do the hiring until April 7. In the past, the council has hired the baseball employees in March.

Discussion now bounced to the city council on the option of having the police station at the school. City Attorney Drew Johnson expressed concern about the idea. "It would open the city up to more liability." In addition, sex offenders have to report to the police department four times a year and they cannot go into the school. Plus, there are drunks and criminals that the officers have to deal with and the school would not want those people there, either. The council was split on the idea, but will keep the doors open for further discussion and options. More discussion will be held at the February 18 council meeting.

Then the council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Life of James Neuhardt

Services for James Neuhardt, 66, of Huron was held Saturday, January 25 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Aberdeen. Rev. Liz Dieseth officiated. Burial with military honors was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Ferney.

Jim died January 21, 2014 at Manor Care Health Services in Aberdeen, after a long battle with cancer.

James Jarold was born on July 27, 1947 in Britton to Clifford and Alea (Wolff) Neuhardt. He was raised and attended school in Forbes, North Dakota, graduating in 1965. He enlisted in the US Army and served 16 months in the Vietnam War as an Infantry Small Arms Specialist. Following his honorable discharge, he purchased a business in Denver. He was united in marriage with Janice Dack on June



29, 1969 in Sterling, Colorado. The couple later moved back to the family farm and were blessed with two children. James and Janice traveled and did cooking demonstrations for Salad Master. James and Janice moved to Barnard where James worked for Stein Sign and Service Sign of Aberdeen. Jim began his insurance career working for Aid Association for Lutherans in the mid 80's after moving to Groton. Jim took a position with Royal Neighbors of America in the early 90's and moved to Elko Nevada. In the late 90's Jim moved back to SD in Huron after taking a position with Western Fraternal Life as the SD State Manager. During his years of service in the insurance world Jim earned many awards and also served as the SD Fraternal Life President.

James and Janice raised registered Cocker Spaniels and registered Great Danes, with Ginger and Baron being his two favorites. Jim not only passed on his love of animals to his family but also his understanding that animals, especially horses and dogs, are true blessings and friends. They also opened up their home as foster parents for over 64 children and they became legal guardians of their first foster child, Shane Iron Heart.

Jim loved to collect antiques, but especially antique or unique rifles, pistols, knives, and even swords. Jim loved to fish and hunt, and spent as much time as he could doing both with his family. Jim loved to make sausage and to pass on the family recipes and techniques of harvesting the food you hunt and preparing it for your family. Until his move from Groton there was always a "summer kitchen" or butcher shop built and used all year long for butchering chickens, geese, beef, pork, and deer. Butchering was a family event, gathering everyone from Grandma and Grandpa, aunts, uncles, kids and neighbors. All worked together to cut up the meat and make the sausage. Jim worked hard to be sure this continued and because of his passion it still does every year.

Celebrating his life is his daughter, Kiersten (Clint) Sombke of Ferney, his son, Shane Iron Heart, his brother, Dennis (SaDell) Neuhardt of Bristol and four grandchildren: Wyatt Sombke, Brody Sombke, Alea Neuhardt, Genevieve Neuhardt.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, Janice and his son, Destri.

Honorary Casketbearers were Jim's Minnesota relatives.

Casketbearers were Clint Sombke, Wyatt Sombke, Brody Sombke, Dennis Neuhardt, Matt Neuhardt and Nick Neuhardt.

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106: Trevor Pray was decided by Jackson Stollenburg, 10-6.

113: Wyatt Locke was pinned by Zach Stollenburg, 2:24.

120: Kelby Hawkins scored a major decision over Devon Stevers, 8-0.

138: Jeric Albrecht pinned Austin Anderson, 3:53.

145: Parker Kroll won by forfeit.

195: Brandyn Anderson won Preston Shea, 5:03.

Redfield-Doland 48, Groton 17

106: Trevor Pray decided Riley Binger, 9-3.

113: Wyatt Locke was pinned by Hunter Wright, 2:37.

120: Kelby Hawkins scored a technical fall over Carter Wegner, 15-0.

138: Jeric Albrecht pinned Caleb McNeil, 3:17.

152: Parker Kroll decided Sully Masat, 6-5.

195: Brandyn Anderson was pinned by Tyler Masat, 0:23.

Exb: Peyton Johnson was pinned by Brandon Poe, Redfield, 1:35.

Exb: Garrett Schroeder was pinned by Dylan Hagberg, Deuel, 3:55.

Exb: Peyton Johnson pinned Brexton Roth, Redfield, 3:06.

Exb: Garrett Schroeder was pinned by Joe Woodring, Redfield, 2:47.

Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Farm Girls 18, Golden Girls 18, Jungle Lanes 17.5, JVT 14.5, Ten Pins 11, Ken's 5.

High Games: Alice Severson 191, Sandy Sippel 188, Vicki Walter 181.

High Series: Alice Severson 505, Sandy Sippel 481, Joyce Walter 477.

Conde National

Team Standings: Pirates 6, Giants 6, Cubs 4, Braves 3, Mets 3, Colts 2.

Men's High Games: Todd Fenske 196, Butch Farmen 194, Chad Furney 188.

Men's High Series: John Lowary 540, Todd Fenske 502, Butch Farmen 483.

Women's High Games: Alice Severson 207, Vickie Kramp 171, Sandy Fenske 169.

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 473, Alice Severson 470, Vickie Kramp 466.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Foxes 15, Chipmunks 11, Coyotes 10, Killer Chihuahuas 10, Jackelopes 9, Pocket Gophers 5

Men's High Games: Randy Stanley 223, Brad Waage 222, 213, 212, Rick Carlson 219, Doug Jorgensen, Steve Giedt 200, Craig Dunker 200

Women's High Games: Dar Larson 186, Hayley Spitzer 177, Darci Spanier 171

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 647, Craig Dunker 591, Randy Stanley 569

Women's High Series: Angie Carlson 471, Darci Spanier 474, Dar Larson 463



4th place winners of the competition, from left: Marshall Lane, Madison Sippel, AnneMarie Smith, Jenifer Fjelstad, Madilyn Wright, and Micah Poor

Groton MathCounts takes fourth in chapter competition

The 2014 Northeastern South Dakota Chapter MathCounts Competition was held at the Crothers Engineering Building on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings on Saturday, February 1. Groton team members, Marshall Lane, Micah Poor, Madison Sippel, and AnneMarie Smith, earned the fourth place trophy and plaque. Groton students, Jenifer Fjelstad and Madilyn Wright, also participated in the event.

Other schools receiving awards were: Brookings (first place), Roncalli (second place), Milbank (third place), Simmons (fifth place), and Holgate (sixth place). The top two teams and the top two individuals now advance to the state competition in Pierre on March 7-8. The top four individuals at the state competition will represent South Dakota at the national competition later this spring. MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics achievement.

You can begin circulating petitions

Petitions can now be taken out for elected offices in the area. Petitions must be filed in your finance officer's office no later than 5 p.m. on February 28. Here is what is available:

Groton City Councilmen Ward 1, 2 year; Ward 2, two year; Ward 3, 2 year; and mayor for the remaining 2 years of the 3-year term.

One board of trustee for the Town of Frederick.

The following positions are up for the Groton Area School District: Steve Smith, 3-year term; Joy Voss, 3-year term.

The 3-year term of Russel Crosby is up in Claremont.

In Columbia, terms up are the mayor and two council positions.

One vacancy is open in Butler.

Additional Assistance for Heating Announced

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard recently announced his plan to assist South Dakota households during the current national propane shortage. The South Dakota Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is offering one-time assistance to help low-income households with critical propane needs.

Prices of propane have increased to as much as \$6.56 per gallon in some areas of the state. Current LIEAP customers who utilize propane to heat their households, who have less than \$400 remaining in LIEAP benefits for the year and who have less than 20 percent of propane remaining in their tank may be eligible for additional funding.

"This shortage of propane was unexpected, but we have measures in place that will help those most vulnerable through this crisis," said Gov. Daugaard.

South Dakota's Low Income Energy Assistance Program sets aside five percent of LIEAP funds annually to aid in emergency situations.

To be eligible for the state's LIEAP program, households must be below 175 percent of the federal poverty level or \$41,212 for a family of four, and not eligible for tribally operated LIEAP programs. Those seeking assistance with heating their household should contact the Low Income Energy Assistance Program office at 1-800-233-8503 to see if they are eligible.

The Prairie Doc Perspective

The story of edema

By Richard P. Holm MD

Joe was a 60-something diabetic patient arriving at the emergency room swollen, very short of breath, and with fluid leaking from sores over his pitting-swollen legs. His swelling-puffiness or edema, worse in the legs, extended up all over his body even around his eyes.

When his kidneys were tested we found elevated waste in the blood and protein in the urine, indicating kidneys weren't effectively excreting waste products, and yet were losing important proteins into the urine. We also learned his diet was terrible, his diabetes was out of control, his prostate had been troubling him for years, and his heart pump was weak after his heart attack five years earlier.

He was one sick fella, problems piling upon

problems, and so we admitted him into the hospital.

Edema, that puffy, swollen, sock-denting problem, formerly called dropsy, is very common to the human condition, and can simply be due to poorly functioning veins and their tiny venous valves. Poor varicose veins are treated by support hose and/or elevating the legs.

Edema can also be due to a weak heart when the pump doesn't have enough push and pull to either push the blood through the kidneys or to pull the blood back to the heart from extremities and the lungs. Mostly heart weakness is treated with diuretics and medicines.

Sometimes in men, the prostate will block urine flow enough to slow down kidney function causing edema. This can be fixed with catheters, prostate surgery, or prostate shrinking meds.

But the most challenging cause for edema

happens when blood levels of egg-white-like protein get too low. This makes blood thin and watery so that fluid leaks out of blood vessels into tissue. Low blood protein can be due to several problems: a diet lacking in essential protein building blocks; a liver that isn't making enough protein; or kidneys that no longer hold onto those proteins as they are filtered, resulting in protein lost into the urine. Low blood protein is difficult to treat.

Indeed, Joe's problem with edema had several causes. We treated him by elevating and wrapping his legs, by medicines enhancing the heart pump and removing excess fluid, by a catheter opening up urine flow, and finally by improving nutrition and diabetic control. Long-term kidney problems wouldn't go away for Joe, but for now we could help.

After a week in the hospital, Joe lost twenty pounds of water and went home without a catheter, breathing easy, leg sores healing.