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## Optional make-up days, moving graduation to a Saturday is discussed for 2014-15 school year

The proposed 2014-15 school calendar was discussed. Superintendent Joe Schwan explained a few changes on the calendar. The first day of school is set for August 21 with the last day set at May 15. He noted there was no empty day between the fall in-service and the first day of school. He also noted that the elementary Christmas concert is set for the last day of school in 2014 on December 19. He said that they would keep an eye on the weather and if it looks bad for that Friday, they may move it up.

Board member Marty Weismantel suggested that President's Day and Easter Monday could be considered optional make-up days instead of attaching them at the end of the school year. It was noted though that there would be a long stretch in January through March with no days off for the faculty. Merle Harder brought up that perhaps graduation could be done on a Saturday instead of Sunday. Schwan is going to check on the athletic calendar to see if there were any Saturdays open.

Harder mentioned that there needs to be some improvements at the bus barns and that it needs to be added to the Capital Outlay budget for next year.

The GRASP OST Payment Policy was discussed and will be approved through its addition in the school policy handbook. One thing of note is that when a family balance drops below a negative \$100, OST services will be denied until such a time when a satisfactory payment plan has been established between the family and the OST director. The rate is \$2.50 per hour per child with reduced rates for multiple children from the same family.

Schwan said he will be meeting with the Groton City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., to discuss the option of having the police department stationed at the high school.

Middle/High School Principal Anna Schwan reported on the fact that Joellen Gonsoir is a national semi-finalist in the Ronald Reagan Scholarship competition. It is based on leadership and integrity and if selected as a finalist, she will be interviewed over the telephone. Up to \$10,000 for four years is at stake.

The 147th Army Band Concert will be held February 12 starting at 9:30 a.m. It is open to the public and will be held in the GHS Gym.

The fee for the 2014 Driver's Education will remain at \$250.

Anna Schwan proposed adding a business program at GHS. It would include Accounting for grades 10-12, Business Law for grades 11-12, Introduction to Business for grades 9-12, and an extra-curricular program entitled, "Future Business Leaders of America." She proposed to having it start with the 2014-15 school year. Schwan said, "I'm a huge proponent for it and it would be a great asset to our school." Without hesitation, the board gave the okay for the program. Superintendent Schwan said with all of the resignations and retirements, by adding this to the curriculum would not affect the number of teachers the district will have. Mr. Schwan said there would be a shuffling of classes and instructors to make it work.

### DI Dates

Instant Challenge Day-Monday, Feb. 17 at Groton Elementary from 1pm-4pm. The Groton DI teams and a few from another school in our region will be attending. This is a great learning experience for our DI kids! Each Team Manager has an instant challenge prepared and will be located in different rooms in the school. The teams then rotate to the different instant challenges (about 15-20min. in each IC). This is beneficial for the teams as they experience different challenges and comments from the "appraisers" (team managers). **RISING STARS TEAM WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE INSTANT CHALLENGE DAY-**

Sunday, Mar. 2-Dessert Theater 2-4 (approx.) at Groton Elementary Gym - All Groton DI teams present their performance, giving them a "trial run" in front of an audience before regional tournament. Each team provides 2-3 desserts and desserts are served with a free will offering taken. This is a great way for the kids to have a practice before regions and an opportunity for the community to see what DI is all about and watch all the teams!

Regional DI tournament - Saturday, March 8 in Aberdeen @NSU

State DI tournament - (for those teams placing 1st or 2nd at Regional Tournament) Saturday, March 29 in Pierre at Riggs High School --Rising Stars team does not have to worry about this date

## Miller native at Now-Alive Ministries to be at Aberdeen Alliance Church on Feb. 20

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## Groton Area School District's



**March 3 – March 7**

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Kindergarten Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena. Please park and use the east entrance to the arena.

# Groton girls avenge earlier loss to Roncalli



**Camille Sippel sets, shoots and makes this three-pointer to give Groton a 7-2 lead.**

It was another intense, crowd-pleasing home game for the Groton Area Tigers as this time, the Lady Tigers beat Aberdeen Roncalli, 52-38. It was the third lowest scoring game for Roncalli this year.

"I told the girls we're not going to play as bad as we did the first time we played them," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "The first time we just got out hustled and we didn't rebound very well. And I thought if we did those two things a little bit better, we're going to win." Groton controlled the boards, 31-21.

The non-conference win will boost Groton's standing in the regional standings, edging ever so closer to that number one seed, which is where Groton has been for the past several weeks. Roncalli is now 11-5 on the season while Groton goes to 15-3. Right now, the number two seeded team is Milbank followed by Webster at number three.

A huge test is happening on Friday where the Northeast Conference Championship will be at stake. Groton, Hamlin and Clark-Willow Lake each have one loss in the conference race. "At this time of year, your experienced basketball players and junior and seniors need to perform and that's what it takes," Wanner said. "I remind them a lot about that. This game gives us extra confidence going into Friday's game. Hamlin is like Roncalli. They are not very big. They have some girls that can defend. Roncalli lost to Hamlin down there by three points. Of all the surprise teams, that is Hamlin. Their coach has them playing well."

The game was tied twice in the first quarter with Roncalli get the early lead, but the Tigers went on a five-point scoring run and took a 7-2 lead with the help of a three-pointer by



**Camille Sippel jumps to control the opening tip-off.**

Cheyenne Schaller. The Cavaliers quickly came back to tie it at seven, but Courtney Kurtz responded with a three-pointer of her own to keep the Tigers ahead and Groton took a 13-12 lead into the second quarter.

The game was tied at 15 and 17 and there were two more lead changes before the momentum switched to Groton. Groton scored the last seven points of the second quarter to take a 24-17 lead at halftime. Kurtz picked up her third foul with 2:05 left in the first half. "We switched a few things defensively in the second half," Wanner said. "I put Courtney on the (Kate) Heintzman girl and flip flopped Camille over to (Paige) Sommers. So that really helped us a lot."

Roncalli never threatened in the second half. Sippel and Kurtz each had a three-pointer to keep the Tigers on top at the end of the third quarter, 36-23. "Offensively, we converted when we needed too," Wanner said. "We played the pace of the game to the way we wanted too. We did an excellent job on the execution on the offensive side. We put up 52 points against a good defensive team. Roncalli likes to play fast. I thought we controlled the pace of the game, especially in the second half. We held them to 38 points."

Groton opened up a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter and went on to win by 14, 52-38.

After a long stretch of playing on the road, the Lady Tigers will be playing at home all the way up to state. Groton hosts Hamlin on Friday, Britton-Hecla on February 20th and the regions starting February 25.

Three players hit double figures for the Lady Tigers with Courtney Kurtz leading the way with 19 points followed by Camille Sippel with 17, Carly Wheeting with 10, Kylie Hawkins four and Tori Bjerke two.

Groton made 32 percent of its field goals, making 12 of 28 shots. Sippel and Kurtz each made two three-pointers. The same two girls



**Kylie Hawkins made this basket to give Groton a 12-7 lead early in the game.**



**Coach Shaun Wanner called time-out with 5 seconds left in the first half. The time out allowed the Tigers to set up the final play. Carly Wheeting made her move as Courtney Kurtz made the inbound pass that allowed Wheeting to make the basket and give Groton a 24-17 lead at half time.**

shined from the line, making and attempting all of Groton's free throws. They made 16 of 22 free throws for 73 percent. "That was big for us," Wanner said. Kylie Hawkins had eight rebounds while Kurtz had seven and Sippel and Wheeting each had five. Groton had six steals as the Cavaliers threw the ball away six more times on their own. Sippel and Hawkins each had two steals. Groton had five assists with Kurtz and Wheeting each having two. Groton turned the ball over only three times on their own as the Cavaliers had nine steals. Groton had 16 fouls with Wheeting having four.

It was Roncalli's starting five that scored all but two points. Paige Sommers had 10 with six of those coming from the charity stripe. Harley Kline and Emily ohle each had nine, Kate Heintzman had five, MiKayla Malsam had three and Abby Vogel added two points.

The Cavaliers made 31 percent of its field goals and was four of 10 in three-pointers. Roncalli made 11 of 17 free throws, had 22 fouls, nine steals and nine assists.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 31-14. Marlee Jones had 10 points, Katie Koehler seven, Audrey Wanner six, Emily Locke five, Rachel Blackmun two and Tori Bjerke added one free throw.



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<b>Girls NEC Standings</b>		
Groton	6-1	(has games left with Hamlin, Britton-Hecla)
Clark-WL	6-1	(has games left with Redfield-Doland, Roncalli)
Hamlin	5-1	(has games left with Groton, Sisseton and Deuel left)
Roncalli	4-2	(has games left with Webster, Britton-Hecla, Clark-WL)
Milbank	5-3	(has games left with Webster)
Webster	3-3	(has games left with Roncalli, Milbank)
Sisseton	2-5	(has games left with Redfield-Doland, Hamlin)
Redfield	2-5	(has games left with Clark-Willow Lake, Sisseton)
Britton-Hecla	0-6	(has games left with Deuel, Roncalli, Groton)
Deuel	0-7	(has games left with Britton-Hecla, Hamlin)

<b>Boys NEC Standings</b>		
Clark-WL	7-0	(has games with Redfield-Doland, Roncalli)
Roncalli	5-1	(has games left with Webster, Clark-WL, Redfield-D)
Groton	5-2	(has games left with Hamlin, Britton-Hecla)
Sisseton	5-2	(has games left with Hamlin, Redfield-Doland)
Hamlin	3-2	(has games left with Groton, Sisseton, Deuel, Webster)
Webster	2-4	(has games left with Roncalli, Milbank, Hamlin)
Redfield	2-4	(has games left with Cl-WL, Sisseton, Roncalli)
Britton-Hecla	2-5	(has games left with Deuel, Groton)
Milbank	1-7	(has games left with Webster)
Deuel	0-7	(has games left with Britton-Hecla, Hamlin)

## Groton Boys beat Warner

The Groton boys improved its season record to 15-3 with a 58-50 non-conference win over Warner. It was part of a double header at Warner on Saturday.

Groton led at the quarterstops at 12-9, 30-23 and 41-37.

Mason Madsen had a double feature night with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Kasey Kurtz had 12 points and five assists. Reilly Ell had 11 points followed by Kyler Ell and Spencer Knecht with seen each and Wyatt Lone had two points.

Groton made 19 of 46 field goals for 41 percent, was 15 of 24 from the line for 63 percent off of Warner's 20 team fouls. Warner had the edge in rebounds, 33-32. The Tigers had 14 turnovers, seven of which were steals while Warner had 15 turnovers, seven of which were steals with two each by Madsen, Knecht and Kyler Ell. Groton had eight assists. Groton had four blocks—two by Lone and one each by Madsen and Knecht. Reilly Ell made three three-pointers while Knecht and Kyler Ell each made one.

Warner made 20 of 55 field goals for 36 percent, was seven of 13 from the line for 54 percent off of Groton's 15 team fouls. Warner had three assists.

The Monarchs were led in scoring by Derrek Tuszka with 27 points followed by Michael Rogers with seven, Tyler Rozell and Ethan Westby each had five, Micah Hoellein four and Ryan Heilman added two points.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 38-30. Groton trailed, 26-25, going into the fourth quarter. The Tigers outscored Warner, 13-4, in the final period. Wyatt Larson led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Lucas Sternhagen with 10, Bennett Shabazz had six, Sean Schuring four, Chance Strom three and Kyler Ell two. Bennett Shabazz had nine of the team's 27 rebounds, Sternhagen had two of the team's six assists and Sternhagen and Seric Shabazz each had three of the team's 12 steals.

## Lady Tigers fall to third rated Monarchs

Groton's girls shot only 19 percent from the field as the Lady Tigers lost to the Class B third rated Warner Monarchs, 41-28. The game was played Saturday in Warner.

"Our girls played good defense and we out rebounded them, 32-29," Wanner said, "but we just couldn't put the ball in the hoop. This was probably our worst shooting game." It is the lowest scoring game for the Lady Tigers. The other lowest scoring game was against Roncalli with 39 points.

Warner held an 11-2 first quarter lead, a 27-15 lead at halftime and a 32-22 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Carly Wheeting made one three-pointer towards her 10 total points. Wheeting had a double feature night with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Courtney Kurtz had seven points while Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler each had three points and Halle Dohman and Tori Bjerke each had two points.

Miranda Ristau led the Lady Monarchs with 21 points while Caryl Rozell had seven, Kaitlyn Boesl and Ashley Rozell each had four, Trissa

Nelson three and Jaici Schlosser added two points.

Groton had three assists, three steals and 15 turnovers. The Tigers were seven of 11 from the line for 64 percent while the Monarchs were six of 11 for 55 percent.

"We're on a tough stretch right now," Wanner said. "We went to Sisseton on Thursday and that was a war. We had a day off then we went to Warner. Now we have a day off then we'll be running with Roncalli."

The game with Roncalli Monday night is a non-conference game, but Wanner emphasized that the upcoming games will be very important in the seeding of the regional tournament. "We have to win at least two of the next three games to be the number one seed," Wanner said.

Warner won the junior varsity game, 24-21. Audrey Wanner had six points, Marlee Jones and Taryn Rossow each had four, Emily Locke three, and Rachel Blackmun and Torri Bjerke each had two points.

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# Groton boys hand Sisseton second NEC loss, 53-38



**Sisseton's Dominic White gets all tangled up with the ball as he lands on Mason Madsen with Wyatt Lone on top trying to get the ball away.**



**Kasey Kurtz drives the line and passes the ball off to a teammate before he got in trouble with the Sisseton defense.**



**Lucas Sternhagen made this three-pointer to give Groton a 40-29 lead late in the game.**

It was an intense game, but one that the Groton Area boys were ready for the task. "We had a different game plan going in," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "Basically for a couple of our guys, forget everything you've learned about playing defense. Don't guard your guy."

The Tiger defense went right to work and from the start, it frustrated the Sisseton Redmen. It didn't matter that Youngblom was 6-8 and Cornelius was 6-7 in height. "We used those two extra guys to guard the big guy in the middle and Cornelius at the perimeter," Kjellsen said. "Cornelius had eight points and I know that was a season low for him and Youngblom had four. If you would have told me before the game that those two kids would score 12 points, I would have said that we would win by 15."

Reilly Ell stole the show in the first half. He stole the ball to score, made a basket behind the Redmen defense and even sank a three-pointer as Groton quickly discovered it could play with the trees from Sisseton. In the first quarter, the lead changed hands four times and the game was tied twice as Ell's three-pointer propelled the Tigers to an 11-9 first quarter lead.

Five different players found their way to the hoop in the second quarter for Groton Area while the Redmen struggled against the feisty Tiger defense. "Spencer Knecht ran his butt off guarding Cornelius and did a great job," Kjellsen said. Cornelius only made two baskets and two free throws in the second quarter. And what about that big guy under the basket, Youngblom—well, all he had was two free throws in the first half for every time he got the ball, the Tiger defensive would collapse on him denying a shot at the basket.

Groton opened up a 19-13 lead early in the second quarter as Kyler Ell hit a three-pointer. Sisseton battled back to make it 21-19, but then Groton took command in an impressive show. Knecht stole the ball and handed it off to Kasey Kurtz who made the basket. Kurtz, who tried to make a basket under the basket, ended up passing off to Reilly Ell who sank a three-pointer. Seconds later, Reilly Ell hit another three-pointer and the first quarter ended with Kurtz making a basket with three second left.

As the team went into the locker room, the Groton crowd rose to their feet for a round of applause. Groton was leading at half time, 33-21.

Reilly Ell scored all 18 of his points in the first half. "That's the way our guys work," Kjellsen said. "A different guy will step up to lead the scoring. The kids did what we wanted them to do and everyone did an excellent job."

Sisseton rallied in the beginning of the second half, closing the game to five, 33-27. Four different players contributed to the Tiger scoring in the third quarter. Kurtz had a basket, Mason Madsen had two free throws, Lucas Sternhagen made a three-pointer and Knecht made a shot at the buzzer as Groton took a 42-29 into the fourth quarter.

Madsen started out the fourth quarter with a pair of baskets and Wyatt Lone found several openings under the branches of the trees to tally in six points in the fourth quarter. Sternhagen had one of two free throws as Groton won by 15 points, 53-38.

Reilly Ell led Groton in scoring with 18 points followed by Wyatt Lone with 10, Mason Madsen and Kasey Kurtz each had six, Kyler Ell had five and Spencer Knecht and Lucas Sternhagen each had four points.

No one hit double figures for Sisseton as Jordan Cornelius and Dominic White each had eight points, Ethan Kranhold had seven, Hunter Medenwald six, Brayden Tasa five and Wyatt Youngblom had four points.

Groton had the hotter hand, making 49 percent of its field goals while Sisseton made 37 percent.

There were only 19 team fouls in the whole game with Groton having 10 and Sisseton nine. Groton made four of seven free throws for 57 percent and Sisseton made seven of 10 for 70 percent.

Sisseton had 15 turnovers with Groton stealing the ball nine times. Madsen, Ell, Knecht and Sternhagen each had two steals. Groton had



**Reilly Ell had stolen the ball and goes for the shot right over Sisseton's Wyatt Youngblom as the shot tied the game at two.**



**Spencer Knecht is right in the thick of things trying to get the rebound out of the hands of these Sisseton players, Dominic White and Ethan Kranhold.**

10 turnovers with four being steals.

Groton had twice as many assists than Sisseton, 10-5, with Madsen and Kurtz each having three.

Reilly Ell had one block and Sisseton had two blocks.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 42-33. Lucas Sternhagen led Groton in scoring with 11 points followed by Sean Schuring with six, Chance Strom, Wyatt Larson and Bennett Shabazz each had five points, Kyler Ell and Seric Shabazz each had four points and Matt Knecht added two points.

Groton won the C game, 44-24. Sean Schuring and Seric Shabazz each had 13 points, Bennett Shabazz had nine, Adam Herman seven and Truitt Rogers added two points.

That concludes a very successful week for the Tigers for between the boys and girls team, Groton goes 5-0 against Sisseton.

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An open house bridal shower for Desiree Morehouse, bride-to-be of Corey Foltz, will be held Saturday, Feb. 15th from 9am to 11am at United Methodist Church in Groton. Desiree and Corey have a gift registry at Menards, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

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**Brown County Feb. 4 General Meeting**



**FEBRUARY 4, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING**

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

**MINUTES:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting minutes of January 28, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Professional Fees: Avera St. Lukes \$5,413.58; Beltrami County Sheriff \$60; Jodi Brown \$207.50; Cass County Sheriff \$33.50; Merv Ekeren \$15; Joan Kittelson \$15; Lucy Lewno \$150.49; Lincoln County Treasurer \$86.25; Sanford Health \$1,333.23; SD Dept of Revenue \$1,006; SD Human Services Center \$600; SDACES \$30; Kristi Spitzer \$449; Yankton County Sheriff \$25; Yankton County Treasurer \$212.50.

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Rentals: East Briar Commons \$280; Hunstad Rental \$150; Mary Lou Kautz \$260; Sunshine Park Townhomes \$320.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$1,264.81; Butler Machinery \$4; Marco Inc \$72; Nelson Sales & Service \$36.50; State Radio Communications \$5,530; Swede's Body Shop \$245.

Supplies: A & B Business \$1,875.47; Aberdeen Insurance Agency \$50; Bonnie Bitz \$24; Brown County Treasurer \$14; Dakota Ink & Toner \$3,399.98; Digital Alley \$40; Gardner Locksmithing \$80.80; GovConnection \$1,618.47; J & K Painting \$1,401.24; Lar-Jo's \$350.68; Marco Inc \$338.55; Mathe-son Tri-Gas \$116.16; Menards \$18.14; Midcontinent \$205; Midstates Printing \$1,306.25; NCFE \$1,185.73; Plaques & Engraving \$110.10; SD Planners Assoc \$30; US Postmaster \$140; Western Printing \$122.10; Zones \$2,867.14.

Travel & Conference: SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$300; SD Planners Assoc \$25.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$419.47; AT & T \$1,018.07; BDM \$30; Century Link \$1,004.13; Diesel Machinery \$1,115; Midcontinent \$293.89; Montana Dakota Utilities Co \$43.76; Northern Valley Communications \$143.68; NorthWestern Energy \$10,728.19; Web Water \$63.80.

Other: Clark Engineering \$5,176.99; Dakota Tree Co \$718.00; Jefferson Lines \$39; Lien Transportation \$145; Specialty MFG \$3,410; State Radio Communications \$2,750; West Payment Center \$1,726.32. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONEL:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to accept resignation of Jan Weismantel, Highway Superintendent effective April 21, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve appointment of Devin

Rogers, Deputy Coroner effective February 4, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve Maintenance Department request to fill vacancy. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**QUOTE OFFICE REMODEL:** Moved by Kippley seconded by Hansen to accept low quote submitted by Vilhauer Roofing and Construction in amount of \$2,100.00 for the construction of a dividing wall in Human Resource Office; rejecting the following Bob Ross @ \$3,300.00 and House of Glass Inc. @ \$4,966.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNT:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve the January 2014 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$15,809,696.17 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00), US Bank @ \$40,568.91, Dacotah Bank @ \$493,390.60, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$15,269,936.66). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize Chairman sign agreements with 4-H Horse Club for lease of Open Horse Arena on the following days, May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2014; First United Methodist Church for lease of Richmond Youth Camp Lodge April 5-6, 2014; Relay for Life for lease of Expo Building June 6-7, 2014; Tammy Wieseler for lease of Club House June 14-15, 2014; Aberdeen Home Builders Association for lease of Expo Building March 8-9, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF FEES WAIVED:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to waive the following fees billed by the Sheriff Department in September 2013: #1-14 @ \$28.87. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:** Discuss replacing printers in Auditor's Office. No action taken.

**COUNTY VEHICLE USE FOR TRAVEL:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the use of county highway vehicle to transport participants to Pierre for the Teen Court Mock Trial Competition on February 21-22, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BCCHC REPORT:** DeAnna Kyburz presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for October-December 2013.

**PERSONNEL:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising for Full-Time Highway Superintendent. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CENTRAL VILLAS:** Bryan Samson, Aberdeen Housing Authority discussed new construction of a housing project, Central Villa's, and requested fees at the Landfill be waived. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to authorize Mike Scott, Landfill Manager to waive construction scrap fees at the Landfill for the Central Villa's Apartment Complex Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BUILDING PURCHASE:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to authorize Chairman to sign closing agreement for purchase of Aberdeen Christian Building. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RECESS:** The Chairman declared the Commission recessed

until February 11, 2014. Cathy Sauer, Brown County Deputy Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$52.98.

**Butler Town Feb. 3 Meeting Minutes**



Butler Town Regular Meeting Feb.3rd 2014

President Kimberly Huwe brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm at her residence. All members were present Galen Sichmeller and James Marko. A motion was made by Marko and second by Sichmeller to read and approve the minute of the Jan. 7th meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Sichmeller and second by Marko to pay bills at this time. Motion carried. Bills submitted for payment were Northwestern Energy for electricity was 104.54, G Todd Garry for tax preparation was 50.00, United States Treasury for taxes was 289.17, Rob Ash for snow removal was 562.50, Dependable Sanitation Inc. for garbage was 175.00, and Groton Daily Independent for publishing was 19.26. With no further business, a motion was made by Sichmeller and second by Marko to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be March 3rd at 7:00pm at the James Marko residence.

Georgia Sichmeller Secretary Published once at the total approximate cost of \$10.39.

**Groton City 2014 Street Project**



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Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Groton, South Dakota until 2 P.M. local time on the 28th day of February, 2014 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. The City of Groton reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the office of the Finance Office, such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed by the City of Groton at a subsequent meeting of the Groton City Council.

The Project includes the following Work:

\* Street improvements and reconstruction on 15 blocks in the City of Groton.

\* The project will include street excavation, storm sewer, geotextile fabric, drain tile, gravel base course, curb and gutter, approach pavement, fillets, asphalt concrete pavement and associated seeding and erosion control.

\* Additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents.

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by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed:

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The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Aberdeen, SD Builders Exchange; Rapid City, SD Builders Exchange; Sioux Falls, SD Builders Exchange; Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD; McGraw Hill Construction, Edina, MN; Construction Plans Exchange of Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, ND; or Construction Plans Exchange of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND.

An electronic copy of the Bidding Documents on a compact disc may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of Clark Engineering Corporation.

BY: City of Groton Anita Lowary, Finance Officer (0211.0218)

Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$34.70.

**Westport Town Feb. 3 Meeting Minutes**



Town of Westport General Meeting February 3rd, 2014

The Town of Westport met on February 3rd with Larry Huettl, Wyatt Wilson, Todd Hertel, and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$398.97), Groton Independent (\$16.22), B&B Contracting (\$82.50), Northstar Energy-Propane (\$756.86), Rick's Heating and Air Conditioning (\$523.32)

Water WEB (\$906.26), Dept. of Revenue (\$13.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43)

Sewer NWPS (\$46.16), Sewer Duck (\$817.50)

Wyatt Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Todd Hertel.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$73.42), Interest (\$11.41), The Shed-Liquor license (\$900.00), Town Hall (\$200.00)

Sewer Resident Payments- Decem-

ber (\$1176.00), Water Resident Payments - December (\$1884.80).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting was held on Monday February 3rd at the Shed. Discussion was held on the recent repair of the lift station for the sewer. The board is looking at purchasing a pump, leasing or repair of the current second pump, whatever is most cost effective.

There will be a renewal of the contract with Water District Maintenance to continue with the water sampling and other needs of the water and sewer system beginning in March.

There will be a public hearing will be held at Westport City Hall on March 24 at 6:00pm with Ted Dickey to discuss the replacement of the water meters.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$16.98

**School Land Lease Auction Notice**



SCHOOL LAND LEASE AUCTION

A school land lease auction will be held at the Brown County Courthouse in Aberdeen, SD on March 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM (CT) on the following tract:

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A list of tracts available for lease may also be obtained at the Brown County Auditor's Office or by contacting the Office of School & Public Lands at (605) 773-4172. For more information contact Mike Cornelison, Office of School & Public Lands, 500 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 or phone (605)773-4172. Disabled individuals needing assistance should contact the Office of School and Public Lands at least 48 hours in advance of the auction to make any necessary arrangements.

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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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**Groton City February 3 Meeting Minutes**



February 3, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Muilenburg, Flihs, Opp, Heitmann, Brotherton (by telephone) and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Terry Herron, Deb Olson, Fred Johnson, Brenda Englund, and representatives from the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by Opp. All

members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

Scott Thorson and Bary Keith enter the meeting at this point.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 438.66 salaries; Administrative Payroll 7,888.43 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 13,931.23 salaries; Public Works Payroll 26,228.48 salaries; Cultural & Recr Payroll 2,612.17 salaries; First State Bank 7,484.19 ss & wh; Consol Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; City of Groton 536.16 dep ref, postage, sav, util; US Post Office 198.32 postage; Brenda Hockhalter 213.20 dep refund; SD Municipal League 70.00 reg; SD Municipal Electric Assoc 60.00 reg; United Lease & Finance 15,125.00 loader pay; Border States 290.00 meters; Cannon Tech 1,500.00 LM mit fee; Chase Visa 270.33 banner,software, supplies; Clark Engineering 17,000.00 eng; Cole Paper 113.84 bags; Colonial Research 70.76 ice melt; Dakota Electronics 1,378.70 radios; Darrel's Sinclair 682.80 tires, repairs; Duane's 2,599.16 gas, dsl, tires, oil chg; Farmers Union Coop 1,970.00 dsl; Gall 84.00 gloves; Heartland Waste 6,082.11 garbage hauling; James Valley Tele 737.87 phones, internet; Johnson, Drew 1,000.00 legal serv; Locke Electric 456.07 repair; NW Energy 10.67 nat gas; Patios Plus 3,181.13 labor; Runnings 206.25 paint, blade; S&S Lumber 3,943.57 materials; SD Dept of Health 26.00 testing; SD Retirement 9,657.61 retirement; SD State Treasurer 9,624.50 sales tax; SD Federal Surplus Property 43.50 supplies, chair; Verizon 41.61 data comm.; WEB Water 9,015.93 water

Public Work Supt Herron explained what happened with the Washington and 3rd Ave water break. Discussion was held on other valve boxes in the 2014 street project area and whether to replace all of them before the street project.

Fred Johnson and Brenda Englund addressed the Council asking what it would take to make their private driveways located between Lots 2 & 3, Walters Subdivision become a public street or alley. Discussion was held on platting requirements and alternatives for snow removal and maintenance. More study is needed. Fred Johnson, Brenda Englund and Deb Olson left the meeting.

Separation of the asphalt from the 2014 street reconstruction was discussed. Financing the whole project may prove to be less expensive than dividing the project. Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Opp to bid the project as one contract for completion of the base and surface in 2014. All members present voted aye.

Herron leaves the meeting at this point.

The annual Chamber of Commerce meeting for Feb 7 was discussed and members were encouraged to attend.

A request from PAC to have a family swimming pool season ticket donated for their fund raising carnival was granted on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Travis Kurth enters the meeting at this point. Scott Thorson, Bary Keith, and Travis Kurth discussed the future of Grotons baseball program, the difficulties currently existing and parent complaints. McGannon reported that volunteers were addressing some of the capital improvements that are needed. Mayor Hanlon was encouraged to appoint an advisory board to help prioritize the needs and advise on the division of teams.

A remedy for the cut feet and toes at the swimming pool will be sought from Associated Pool Builders.

A number of new job listings will be included in the summer jobs advertisement and hiring will occur April 7.

The news reports that the school was interested in having the police office at the school were discussed. To answer many questions, the school will be invited to the Feb 18 meeting. At 8:43pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matters on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye. At 8:58pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Meeting adjourned. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$29.76.

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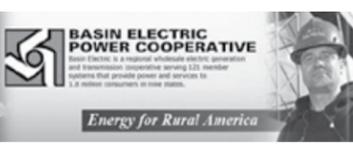
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**Thursday, February 13**  
**School Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**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

Faculty In-Service - NO SCHOOL

Rushmore Challenge Debate at Harrisburg

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, 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

5:00pm: JV BBB hosts Hamlin

5:30pm: Wedding at Emmanuel Lutheran

6:30pm: Varsity Girls host Hamlin

8:00pm: Varsity boys host Hamlin

**Saturday, February 15**

**Birthdays:** Bennett Shabazz, Penny Stolle, Shirley Larson

10:00am: Wrestling Tourney at Howard

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

**Sunday, February 16**

**Birthday:** Pernell Graf

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Holy Communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship at Golden Living Center (Men Serve)

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible Study

**Monday, February 17**

**Birthdays:** Darien Shabazz, Lila Olson, Marie Gengerke

Presidents' Day (Washington's Birthday)

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:00pm: JHBB at Roncalli Elementary School

6:30pm: Boys Basketball at Roncalli with C game at 5:15 pm

**Tuesday, February 18**

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

**School Lunch:** Soft shell taco, tater tots, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Hot roast beef combo, carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Peanut Butter Cookie.

**Anniv:** Chuck and Mickey Padfleid

**Birthdays:** Crystal Young, Zach Herron

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

**Wednesday, February 19**

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

**School Lunch:** Pizza, vegetable, tossed salad, fresh and canned fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, Ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

1994: Kara and Todd Anderson

**Wednesday, Feb 19, 2014**

**Birthdays:** Connor Hanson, Gaylene Voss, Heather Westby, Heidi Westby, Robert Sippel, Robin O'Neill, Terry Furman, Tyler Kampa

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

**Thursday, February 20**

**School Breakfast:** Mini pancake, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potato, corn, fruit.

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

**Anniv:** Ken & Leslie Dinger

**Birthdays:** Gerald Osterman, Lori Giedt, Michael Wells

6:30pm: GBB hosts Britton-Hecla

**Friday, February 21**

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

**School Lunch:** Turkey wrap, baked beans, fresh vegetable, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream.

**Senior Menu:** Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Kate Profeta, Leah Swanson, Les Nehls, Natalia Warrington, Ruth Thompson, Scott Smith

6:30pm: Boys Basketball at Britton

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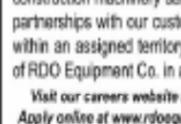
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**Olson to celebrate 90th Birthday**  
**Lila (Herr) Ball Olson**  
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**Girls beat Webster**

The Groton girls basketball team defeated Webster, 43-33, in action played January 30 in Groton. Camille Sippel led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Courtney Kurtz with 13, Carly Wheeting 12 and Kylie Hawkins and Tori Bjerke each added two points. Groton made 14 of 28 field goals, 15 of 22 free throws, had 19 rebounds with Ashley Gibbs having five and Hawkins and Wheeting each having four, 12 steals with Halle Dohman and Kurtz each having three, and five assists with Sippel having two. Groton had 18 turnovers and 12 team fouls. Webster was led in scoring by Jodi McCrary with eight points followed by McKanzi Volesky and Brenna Bullert with six each, Lindsey Vogl had five, Mariah Volskey four and Whitney Keller and Dylan Hanson each had two. Groton won the junior varsity game, 24-19. Marlee Jones led Groton with 13 points while Katie Koehler, Maryn Howard and Emily Locke each had three and Tori Bjerke added two points.

**Boys junior varsity team beats Langford**  
 Groton boys junior varsity game with Langford. Groton won, 37-36.

Scoring: Luke Sternhagen 14, Wyatt Larson 9, Adam Herman 8, Kyler Ell 3, Chance Strom 2, Seric Shabazz 1. Wyatt Larson had four rebounds, Luke Sternhagen had three assists and Seric Shabazz had three steals.

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