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Moving Police Station not an option, but discussion to continue on safety

Moving the police department to the school may not seem like a good idea, but the discussion of how to make the schools safer will continue.

Superintendent Joe Schwan and School Board President Dorene Nelson, along with officers Stacy Mayou and David Hunter, had a discussion with the city council Monday night.

Schwan asked what can be done to help increase security in the schools. City Attorney Drew Johnson explained how the program works in Aberdeen between the Aberdeen Police Department and Aberdeen Central School.

Councilman Michelle Muilenberg said, "As a mom, I applaud the city and the school for thinking out of the box and putting our children's safety first." Schwan said that he is grateful when the officers walk through the school. "They are always welcome to come," he said. Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "At least we're talking." Police Chief Stacy Mayou said, "We can do more researching and try to get more ideas. Maybe we can come up with something that will work for everyone."

The old south substation transformer has been sold to Northwest Energy for \$56,000. They have a need for it in Montana and will be picking it up within the next 10 days.

In 2013, the city has transferred \$100,000 from the water fund, \$820,000 from the electric fund and \$101,000 from the sewer fund to help pay for the street repairs in 2013.

Kim Weber and friends are collecting funds for playground equipment at the pool and would like something for the 2-year-old to 5-year-olds. "It would be wonderful if they could raise the funds," Muilenberg said. Weber has the Sunday School kids at the Methodist Church bringing in donations for the playground as a starter.

The bids were opened for the 2014 street resurfacing project. Street Superintendent Terry Herron had an estimate cost of the project at \$104,699. The low bid came in from Top Coat, Yankton, for \$104,896.64 and was accepted. Five bids were submitted.

The baseball advisory committee was appointed: Kathy Bjerke, Merle Harder, Bary Keith, Mitchell Locke, Kevin Pharis, Brian Schuring and Craig Sternhagen.

The pool and baseball fees for 2014 were tabled until the respective committees can bring back suggestions.

Approximately 60 letters will be sent out to regular delinquent utility customers. The letter will state that they need to get on a payment plan. Failure to get on a payment plan or get current by April 1 will have their electric meter disconnected by May 1. The council agreed to the plan.

Big oil wants to cut ethanol production. The EPA wants to cut back on ethanol and Hanlon said he had notified Johnson, Thune and Noem expressing that Poet is a big part of our community and hope that EPA will reconsider this cutback.

Groton City Council Update

Petitions are flying out of city hall and here are the individuals who have petitions out so far (none have been turned in, yet).

Ward 1: David Blackmun, Jr. (Incumbent Clare Brotherton)

Ward 2: David McGannon and Ron Belden (Incumbent David McGannon)

Ward 3: Burt Glover. (Incumbent Gary Heitmann)

Mayor (2 year term, fulfilling the remainder of the late Roy Olson's 3-year term): Scott Hanlon and Eddy Nehls (Incumbent Scott Hanlon)

Petitions must be turned in by 5 p.m. on February 28th.



Gabby Kramer did a great job singing the National Anthem prior to the girls varsity game with Hamlin on Friday. (Photo #861 by Paul Kosel)



South Dakota Representative, Kristi Noem, came to the Groton-Hamlin girls basketball game Friday in Groton. She has a daughter that plays on the team, but she said she enjoyed coming to Groton to watch both teams as she said that she knows several girls on the Groton team. She took time to have per picture taken with Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel. Noem is South Dakota's only representative in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. When asked what she thought about serving in Washington, D.C., she said, "There is nothing that can prepare you for the life in Washington, D.C." (Photo #925 by Paul Kosel)

Lady Tigers now just 1 game away from NEC Title

Hamlin found itself flat-footed and quickly found out that the Northeast Conference title was slipping out of its hands and into the hands of the Groton Area Tigers. It was midway in the first quarter before the Lady Chargers managed to make a field goal. The Lady Tigers were quick and aggressive on the boards and by the end of the first quarter, Groton had taken a 15-8 lead.

"We executed well in the first half," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "This win should sew up the number one seed in the region for us."

Camille Sippel and Carly Wheeting were the forces behind all of the scoring for Groton in the second period as Groton upped its lead to 14 at half time, 29-15.

The Lady Tigers upped its lead to 16 in the third quarter, 34-18, and lead by 12 at the end of the break, 38-26.

"They (Hamlin) matched up well with us," Wanner said. "They're quick and they will get after you. They were 11-5 coming into this game and they've had only one bad loss. The other four losses were by four points or less."

There was a sense of desperation by Hamlin in the fourth quarter as the Chargers picked up the pace and became more aggressive at hoop. With 2:16 left in the game, Hamlin had cut the lead to six, 42-36. "It looked like we were a little tired in the fourth quarter," Wanner said. "We panicked and we were trying not to lose. I called time out and told the girls, 'Listen, A lot of you girls have been around for a long time. You just need to calm down and relax.'"

Groton made three of six free throws in about a minute spell and with 33 seconds left, Kennedy Noem hit a three-pointer to make it a four-point game, 45-41. Groton made one of two free throws with 25 seconds left and



Tori Bjerke makes this basket with 1:58 left in the first quarter to give Groton a 15-8 lead. (Photo #878 by Paul Kosel)



Camille Sippel and Kennedy Noem are so close in the opening tip-off. Noem had the edge. (Photo #862 by Paul Kosel)

Alicia West hit a three-pointer with 10 seconds left to make it a two-point game, 46-44. Sippel was fouled with five seconds left, but this time, she made both free throws to put the game out of reach, 48-44.

The win puts Groton just one game away from securing at least a share of the Northeast Conference title. The Lady Tigers host Britton-Hecla on Thursday. The Braves pulled out a surprise overtime win over Aberdeen Roncalli, 51-44, Saturday night.

"There were two things that would pull out through this game," Wanner said. "Team work and just playing smart. Our free throws have been carrying us down the stretch. We were 12 of 17 and that's a big part."

Camille Sippel made four of six free throws in the fourth quarter led the Lady Tigers in scoring with 18 points. Carly Wheeting had a double feature night with 15 points and 11 rebounds as she made seven of eight field goals. Courtney Kurtz had 10 points while Tori Bjerke and Halle Dohman each had two and Kylie Hawkins had one free throw. The Lady Tigers were unable to make any of the seven attempted three-pointers. The Tigers were 18 of 23 in two-pointers for a sizzling 78 percent. The Lady Tigers had 22 rebounds, six steals with Kurtz having two, nine assists with Kurtz having three, and 14 personal fouls which allowed the Chargers to make five of 10 free throws. Groton had 13 turnovers.

"It doesn't get any easier," Wanner said. "We should sow up that number one seed in the region. A win is a win and we have to find a way to win. I told the girls 'This is about you. You put the time in. You went to camp. You worked in the off season. We've had some tough practices. We have to be mentally strong and that's why we're winning the big games this year. We're 16-3 right now and we've had a nice season. We'll have the advantage of playing the rest of our games on our home court.'"

Kennedy Noem led the Chargers with 10 points followed by Lexi Wadsworth with nine, Molly Koisti eight, Hanna Roe seven, Alicia West five, Brooke Opdahl three and Alli Lakness added two points

Groton won the junior varsity game, 24-22. Katie Koehler led Groton with nine points followed by Rachel Blackmun with five, Tori Bjerke four, Emily Locke three and Audrey Wanner, Marlee Jones and Maryn Howard each having one.



Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Shelby Township will also accept bids for gravel and also road maintaining, snow removal and other road work as necessary for the year 2014-2015. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2014 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges and will be required to provide date and time records of all work done. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 25, 2014. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 25, 2014 at 7 p.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisor reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Brent Miller, Township Clerk (0218.0225)

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- Paul Kosel



Courtney Kurtz drives to the basket to give Groton an 8-4 lead. (Photo #871 by Paul Kosel)



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Charger boys bolt past Groton on buzzer shot

Hamlin and Groton Area tangled in the boys varsity game in a 32-minute contest that was decided on a shot at the buzzer.

Hamlin controlled the tip and throughout the first quarter, there were three lead changes and the game was tied at 2, 4, 6 and 8 before Groton took a 14-10 first quarter lead thanks to a three-pointer by Reilly Ell with 1:10 left in the quarter.

Groton scored the first seven points of the second quarter to open up a 21-10 lead with 4:12 left in the half. The Chargers then scored the last seven points of the second quarter and it was back to a four-point game at halftime, 21-17.

"We didn't move the ball very well," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "They out played us. There's no double about it."

A pair of three-pointers by the Chargers in the third quarter made it a one-point game, 27-26, but Groton still led at the end of the break, 31-28.

Ell converted a three-point play to start off the fourth quarter as Groton took a 33-28 lead, but the Chargers surged back to take a 35-34 lead with 5:23 left in the third quarter. Groton tied the game at 35 and Kyler Ell hit a three-pointer to put Groton back on top, 39-37. In a matter of 54 seconds, the Char-



Mason Madsen was fouled by Dylan Reuer. Mason made both free throws to give Groton a 16-10 lead with 9:58 left in the second quarter. (Photo #958 by Paul Kosel)



Reilly Ell made this shot with 3:06 left in the first quarter to tie the game at eight. Ell had a double feature night with 20 points and 10 rebounds. (Photo #951 by Paul Kosel)

Kyler Ell each had three and Spencer Knecht and Kasey Kurtz each had two points.

Groton made 33 percent of its field goals compared to 42 percent for the Chargers. Groton had 13 team fouls that allowed Hamlin to make five of 10 free throws. Hamlin had 10 team fouls which allowed Groton to make nine of 13 free throws. Groton had 10 turnovers, seven of which were steals. Hamlin had seven turnovers, five of which were steals with Madsen having three. Groton had three blocks—one by Madsen and two by Reilly Ell. The Tigers had six assists—two by Madsen.

Ryder Grantham led the Chargers with 15 points followed by Ben Koisti with 10, Dylan Reuer eight, EJ Drake seven and Austin Neimann five.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 49-23. Kyler Ell led Groton with 14 points followed by Lucas Sternhagen and Chance Strom with seven each, Sean Schuring six, Wyatt Larson four, Adam Herman, Seric Shabazz and Bennett Shabazz each had three and Matt Knecht added two points.

Five players led Hamlin with four points apiece.

- Paul Kosel



Lucas Sternhagen was being defended closely by Hamlin's Ryder Grantham.

(Photo #968 by Paul Kosel)

Girls NEC Standings

Groton	7-1	(has games left with Britton-Hecla)
Clark-WL	7-1	(has games left with Roncalli)
Hamlin	5-2	(has games left with Sisseton and Deuel left)
Milbank	5-3	(has games left with Webster)
Roncalli	4-4	(has games left with Clark-WL)
Webster	4-4	(has games left with Milbank)
Sisseton	2-5	(has games left with Redfield-Doland, Hamlin)
Redfield	2-6	(has games left with Sisseton)
Britton-Hecla	1-7	(has games left with Groton)
Deuel	1-7	(has games left with Hamlin)

Region 1	Seed	Points	W-L
Groton Area		43.68	16-3
Milbank		42.22	11-7
Webster Area		41.56	10-6
Aberdeen Roncalli		40.82	11-6
Tiospa Zina		40.32	11-8
Sisseton		38.24	4-13
Britton-Hecla		37.65	5-12

Region Pairings—Games in Groton

Feb. 25:
 Game #1: 4:30 p.m. Seed #2 vs. Seed #7
 Game #2: 20 minutes later: Seed #3 vs. Seed #6
 Game #3: 20 minutes later: Seed #4 vs. Seed #5
Feb. 27:
 Game #4: 6:00 pm: Seed #1 vs. winner of Game #3
 Game #5: 20 minutes later: Winner of Game #1 vs. Winner of Game #2
Championship Game: March 4 at 7 p.m.

Boys NEC Standings

Clark-WL	8-0	(has games with Roncalli)
Roncalli	6-1	(has games left with Clark-WL, Redfield-D)
Sisseton	5-2	(has games left with Hamlin, Redfield-Doland)
Hamlin	4-2	(has games left with Sisseton, Deuel, Webster)
Groton	5-3	(has games left with Britton-Hecla)
Webster	2-5	(has games left with Milbank, Hamlin)
Redfield	2-5	(has games left with Sisseton, Roncalli)
Britton-Hecla	3-5	(has games left with Groton)
Milbank	1-7	(has games left with Webster)
Deuel	0-8	(has games left with Hamlin)

Region 1	Seed	Points	W-L
Aberdeen Roncalli		45.00	14-2
Groton Area		43.56	14-4
Sisseton		43.31	12-4
Webster Area		41.80	9-6
Tiospa Zina		41.33	12-6
Britton-Hecla		38.56	5-13
Milbank Area		37.69	3-13

Region Pairings—Games in Milbank

March 3:
 Game #1: 4:30 p.m. Seed #2 vs. Seed #7
 Game #2: 20 minutes later: Seed #3 vs. Seed #6
 Game #3: 20 minutes later: Seed #4 vs. Seed #5
March 6:
 Game #4: 6:00 pm: Seed #1 vs. winner of Game #3
 Game #5: 20 minutes later: Winner of Game #1 vs. Winner of Game #2
Championship Game: Mach 11 at 7 p.m.

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147th Band performs

The 147th Army Band came to Groton High School gym to perform for the kids and it was well liked by all. They performed for about 1 hour.

Susan Fjeldheim was a helper with one of the songs they had performed. At the end, the kindergarten students gave the band member High-Fives for their performance.



Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Farm Girls 23, Golden Girls 23, Jungle Lanes 18.5, JVT 17.5, Ten Pins 14, Ken's 12.

High Games: Nicole Kassube 181, Alice Severson 173, Sandy Fensek 168.

High Series: Nicole Kassube 460, Penny Stolle 453, Alice Severson 451.

Conde National

Team Standings: Pirates 10, Braves 10, Mets 8, Giants 8, Cubs 7, Colts 5.

Men's High Games: Todd Fenske 202 and 198, Lance Frohling 197, Bruce Herman 194.

Men's High Series: Todd Fenske 566, Bruce Herman 550, Lance Frohling 547.

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 208, Joyce Walter 204, Hayley Merkel 202.

High Series: Mary Larson 574, Joyce Walter 524, Hayley Merkel 493.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Foxes 21, Coyotes 18, Chipmunks 14, Killer Chihuahuas 13, Jackelopes 11, Pocket Gophers 7

Men's High Games: Randy Stanley 195, Ryan Schelle 193, Rick Carlson 185, 184

Women's High Games: Lori Wiley 197, Angie Carlson 194, Sue Stanley 186

Men's High Series: Randy Stanley 548, Rick Carlson 506, Doug Jorgensen 493

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 493, Dar Larson 474, Vicki Walter 472

Howard Tourney

106: Trevor Pray was decided by Carl Cronin, Potter County, 8-3; and he was decided by Kaleb Crownover, Bon Homme/Scotland, 4-1.

113: Wyatt Locke was pinned by Noah Heezen, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica, 2:20; and he was pinned by Andrew Edgar, Faulkton, 2:30.

120: Kelby Hawkins pinned Jack Whaley, Sioux Valley, 3:19; he decided Devon Sievers, Deuel, 8-1; and in the championship match, he was decided by Alex Caba, Bon Homme/Scotland, 3-2, in triple overtime.

138: Jeric Albrecht pinned Kade Hellman, Bon Homme/Scotland, 1:33; he decided Garrett Rausch, Potter County, 14-6; and in the championship match, he was pinned by Michael Scott, Stanley County, 2:48.

152: Parker Kroll pinned Jesse Wheeler, Potter County, 1:00; he was pinned by Riley Potter, Faulkton, 5:07; and he was decided by Kevin Schuelke, Clark-Willow Lake, 3-1, in overtime.

195: Brandyn Anderson was pinned by Herman Fennell III, Stanley County, 1:05; he decided Jordan Trujillo, Potter County, 9-6; and he was pinned by Ray Edgar, Faulkton, 3:04.

Stanley Co. Tourney

106: Trevor Pray decided JP Carter, Stanley County, 10-0; he won his second match by forfeit, he pinned Travis Stanbach, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree, 2:47; he pinned Collin Powell, Chamberlain, 5:44; and he was decided by Rocky Berg, Parkston, 9-2.

113: Wyatt Locke was pinned by Logan Mahoney, Parkston, 1:40; he won his next round by forfeit; he decided Logan Kennedy, Stanley County, 9-5; and he was pinned by Tobias Weddell, Todd County, 3:29.

120: Kelby Hawkins pinned Jake Lopez, Chamberlain, 1:38; he pinned Jordan Paignee, Todd County, 1:41; he pinned Luke Smith, Potter County, 1:07; and in the championship match, he scored a major decision over Jordon Jessop, Lyman County, 14-2.

138: Jeric Albrecht won his first round by forfeit; he decided Jake Weber, Parkston, 7-3; he was decided by Micheal Scott, Stanley County, 7-4; and he was decided by Ethan Murtha, Parkston, Parkston JV, 10-5.

152: Parker Kroll decided Jesse Wheeler, Potter County, 8-5; he lost by a technical fall to Devon Gnat, Miller/Highmore-Harrold, 15-0; he decided Matt Hauke, HC, 7-0; he pinned Trigg Clark, Sunshine Bible Academy, 0:56; and he was decided by Kayleb Brozik, Winner, 5-1.

195: Brandyn Anderson was pinned by Lorin Stadlman, Parkston, 1:00; he decided Kibbee Reynolds, Todd County, 9-7; and he lost by a major decision to Matt Boyle, Lyman County, 13-1.

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Brown County Feb. 11 General Meeting



FEBRUARY 11, 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 Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting minutes of February 4, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$3,527.51; Commission Assistant/HR \$3,992.74; Auditor \$7,145.27; Treasurer \$11,602.87; Data Processing \$3,182.65; State's Attorney \$15,075.40; Blood Draws \$700.00; SVA-WA Grant \$1,269.24; Maintenance \$5,156.18; Assessor \$12,626.91; Register of Deeds \$8,166.80; Veterans Service Office \$3,356.90; GIS \$2,147.60; Sheriff Admin \$31,211.50; Jail \$33,602.28; Coroner \$900.00; JDC \$16,045.68; HD \$5,002.96; Welfare Office \$3,086.87; Museum \$7,045.93; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,327.10; Fair Board \$2,735.11; 4-H \$1,143.20; Weed \$0; Planning and Zoning \$1,453.85; Highway \$44,899.48; Communications \$22,804.55; Emergency Management \$3,209.72; Teen Court \$158.87; 24/7 \$2,680.57; Landfill \$11,471.87; Matching Benefits: FICA \$15,776.41; Medicare \$3,689.68.

Professional Fees: Glas Consulting \$112.50; Helms & Associates Inc \$9,820.00; Midstates Printing \$37.95; Public Engines Inc \$2,388.00; SD Junior Point Show \$400; Shreves Law Office \$218.54; Sivertsen Tech \$5,375.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$18.

Transcripts: Shepherd Reporting, LLC \$30.

Publishing: American News \$1,044.48; Groton Independent \$132.07; Hub City Radio \$300; SD Assoc of Fairs \$200.

Rentals: Dakota Square Partners \$210; Danne Inc \$245; Lakeside Estates \$160; SD Real Estate \$300.

Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford Truck & Equip \$250.00; HC Clark Implement \$84.20; Leidholt Electric \$474.90; Pierson Ford \$121.71; Sheehan Mack Sales \$7,255.70; Sioux Equip \$2,195.96; Wallwork Truck Center \$32.00; Walth Safety Service \$160; Woodman Refrigeration \$1,300.94; A & B Business \$109.04.

Supplies: Ameripride Services Inc \$229.10; Bakken Build Maintenance \$500; Cole Papers \$122.88; Crawford Truck & Equip \$1,232.73; Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$603.85; Dakota Supply Group \$71.40; Executive Mgmt \$2.12; Farnams Genuine Parts \$9.99; Full Circle Ag \$3,262.84; GovConnection \$3,901.71; Great Western Tire \$8,443.04; Hecla Implement Co \$15; Holland's Auto Care \$46.58; Interstate Battery \$110.95; Jensen Rock & Sand \$71,129.19; Mac's \$17.98; Marco \$189.85; McFarland Supply \$18.46; Menards \$75.73; NCFE- Warner Elevator \$9,980.62; Runnings Supply \$619.94; Schaeffer's MFG Co \$501.28; Share Corp \$172; Sheehan Mack Sales \$681.51; Sioux Equip \$14.84; Sivertsen Tech \$89.99; Taylor Laundry \$38; Tractor Supply \$26.93; TrueNorth Steel \$8,600.00; Tyler Business Forms \$249.24; Wallwork Truck Center \$73.67; Walth Safety Service \$241.34; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$25.

Travel & Conference: Ross Erickson \$264.48.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$975.22; Economy Propane LLC \$3,562.67; Executive Mgmt \$88.98; JVC \$214.70; Northern Electric \$53; Northern Valley Communication \$1,769.08; Northwestern Energy \$1,185.18; Powerplan \$50.50; Town of Frederick \$32.25.

Other: Lien Transportation \$576.25; SD Assoc of Co Officials \$992.00; SD Attorney General's Office \$516; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$553,456.27.

Juror Fees: Herbert Crowther \$463.32; Roger Felix \$916.50; Aaron Hawkinson \$11.48; Paul Heinz \$11.48; Paula Hier \$742.08; Thomas Howell \$18.88; Melvin Imbery \$11.48; Ashley Landis \$11.48; Dean Lehr \$582.56; Jennifer Ann Moss \$669.24; Jessie Nelson \$11.48; Gayle Neuhardt \$12.22; Dorothy O'Keefe \$11.48; Adam Piehl \$635.52; Sandra Prissel \$12.22; Ashley Rolstad \$11.48; Charlotte

Sitter \$11.48; Dennis Slaight \$348.00; Edith Smith \$11.48; Debra Steele \$617.76; Sarah Ann Stoeber \$720.72; Arlin Wellman \$514.80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following employee step increases, effective February 16, 2014: Brian Koenigs @21.30 per hour; Nicholas Juenger @16.98 per hour; Linn Kamin @18.23 per hour; Wes Graff @18.55 per hour; Brad Nehlich @17.07. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of January 2014: Jan Weismantel – 84 @ \$47.04, Kendall Titze – 96 @ \$53.76, Mark Wendt – 480 @ \$268.80 Michael Scott – 210 @ \$117.60, Gary Vetter – 158 @ \$88.48. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Nicholas Devries, full time corrections officer for the jail effective February 10, 2014 at \$14.28 per hour; and acknowledge resignation of Chris Brick (Sheriff), effective February 15, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman sign the following agreements: Liebelts RV for lease of Holum Expo Building March 12 – 23, 2014; Prairie Partner Master Gardeners for lease of Home Arts Building May 10-11, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following abatements: Cynet Profit Sharing Plan @ \$36.93 (assessment error), William Stolle @ \$1017.74 (Groton City Special assessment error), Beverly North @ \$4,294.41 (assessment error), Debra Fickett @ \$4237.37 (assessment error), Eric Vetter @ \$2461.80 (assessment error). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RICHMOND LAND LEASE OPTION RENEWAL ADDENDUM: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve addendum for first one-year renewal option (January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014), submitted by Leslie Frohling for lease of approximately 21 acres of county hay land located at the Richmond Youth Camp, Sec 24-T124N-R65W, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD COUNTY ROAD 9.7 NEAR CLAREMONT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve SDDOT award of contract to Lien Transportation Company in amount of \$511,174.84 – Item 2, February 5, 2014 Letting ER 6462(10), PCN 03L6 Brown County #9.7 curve near Claremont (shoulder widening, base course, asphalt surfacing); rejecting bid submitted by Midland Contracting Inc @ \$563,079.17. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STP HIGHWAY FUNDING FOR COUNTY ROAD 27: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve STP Highway Funding to finance County Road 27 east of Mansfield. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE RE-INSPECTION: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #7-14. BRIDGE RE-INSPECTION FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS.** WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 151, United States Code and Title 23, Part 650, Subpart C, Code of Federal Regulations, requires initial inspection of all bridges and re-inspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are re-inspected at intervals not to exceed four years. THEREFORE, Brown County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds. Brown County requests SDDOT to hire Clark Engineering Corporation for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the county for 20% of the cost. Brown County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds. Dated this 11th day of February 2014, at Aberdeen, SD. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until February 18, 2014. Cathy Sauer, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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Groton City 2014 Street Project



ADVERTISEMENT 2014 WEST SIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS GROTON, SD

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.

Each bid shall be accompanied 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: City of Groton City Hall 209 N. Main St. Groton, SD 57445 Phone - (605) 397-8422

Clark Engineering Corp. 2301 8th Ave NE, Suite 125 PO Box 20 Aberdeen, SD 57402-0020 Phone - (605) 225-3494

Clark Engineering Corp. 16 5th Street NE Watertown, SD 57201 Phone - (605) 880-3122

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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-Widening, 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.

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. (0211.0304) Published four times at the total approximate cost of \$28.73.

Brown County Chemical Dealers Notice



NOTICE TO CHEMICAL DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 9:00 A.M. on March 4, 2014, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing of chemical for the Brown County Weed and Pest Department for 2014.

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

Contract: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall enter into a contract with Brown County in accordance with the bid as accepted. Successful bidder shall furnish proper certificates of insurance as required by Brown County. Contract for the chemicals shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of eight months from April 1 to November 30, 2014.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota and be marked "Chemical Bid for Brown County Weed and Pest Board" and to be opened at 9:00 A.M. on March 4, 2014.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or 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 Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge at the office of the Brown County Auditor and the Brown County Weed and Pest Office.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0218.0225) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$30.92.

Frederick School Feb. 10 Meeting Minutes



OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 February 10, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on February 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Lance Podoll with Eric Sumption and Dennis Walworth present. Others present were Bev Myer, Justin Downes, Deb Klapperich, Rick Downes and Lynnette Hertel.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 13-56 Motion by Walworth second by Sumption to approve the agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 13-57 Motion by Sumption second by Walworth to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- A. Minutes
- B. Financial Statements as presented.

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL, FEBRUARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND: AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC., FEES, 237.10; BARONDEAU, JANELLE, MEALS, 26.00; BONN EXPRESS, FUEL, 366.86; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC, SUPPLIES, 309.46; CHADS ELECTRIC INC., REPAIRS, 159.95; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 350.55; DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC., FEES, 129.80; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; DAKOTA OIL, BUS OIL, 21.99; DOWNS, JUSTIN MEALS, 71.00; FOREMAN SALES AND SERVICE, REPAIRS, 214.30;

GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PUBLICATIONS, 94.25; GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEES, 1,800.00; HUB AREA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, FEES, 1,616.00; J.W. PEPPER & SON INC., SUPPLIES, 299.94; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., FEES, 351.74; KARL'S TV AUDIO APPLIANCES, REPAIRS, 93.45; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 25.67; McLeod's PRINTING & SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 26.45; MENARDS ABERDEEN, SUPPLIES, 133.20; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELECTRICITY, 5,060.00; MORLOCK, MARTY MEALS, 60.52; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, REPAIRS, 20.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 62.41; OFFICEMAX, SUPPLIES, 39.99; PLAYSCRIPTS, INC., FEES, 90.00; ROSHOLT SCHOOL DISTRICT #54-4, FEES, 124.29; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., SUPPLIES, 29.98; STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES, SUPPLIES, 571.10; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, FEES, 1,517.31; WAMPLER, ANN, SUPPLIES, 27.80; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, FUEL, 193.86; WOODMAN REFRIGERATION, INC., COOLER REPAIRS, 330.07; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 325.83; DAKOTA OIL, OIL, 77.71; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 13.02; HERTEL, LYNETTE MEALS, 38.00; KENS ALIGNMENT, REPAIRS, 229.40; LITANIA SPORTS GROUP, INC., REPAIRS, 112.01; MARC, SUPPLIES, 491.73; MCFARLAND SUPPLY CO, INC., REPAIRS, 6.84; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 8.82; NSU SCIENCE FAIR REGISTRATION, FEES, 150.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 31.19; PODOLL, LANCE, MILEAGE, 272.32; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC, REPAIRS, 12.00.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: HUB AREA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, FEES, 834.00; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, HEATING FUEL, 7,177.80; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., FUEL ADDITIVE, 119.35; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 177.88; UNIVERSAL ATHLETICS, UNIFORMS, 720.00; APPLE, APPS, 500.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 747.30; GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEES, 13,303.64

FOOD SERVICE: AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC., FEES, 243.37; BLUE RIBBON MAINTENANCE, SUPPLIES, 310.01; CWD-ABERDEEN, FOOD, 4,582.20; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPART OF ED, PROCESSING, 273.46; COMMUNITY STORE, FOOD, 9.27.

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 92,529.58; Support, 10,071.77; SS & Med, 21,700.52. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. SDRS, retirement, 8262.94; Delta Dental, ins. 1067.97; AFLAC, insurance, 275.62; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 324.97; SD District Benefit Fund, ins, 10,166.18; VSP Vision, ins, 157.34; Security Benefit, retirement, 250.00; American Funds, retirement, 1515.60; Centerstone Ins., ins, 194.17; Justin Downes, driving & ref, 237.50; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 63.88; Ann Hegge, 199.50; Brock Pashen, driving & ref, 145.00; Carma Ruenz, sub, 75.00; Ellen Schlosser, sub, 80.00; Rich Schlosser, board salary, 60.55; Michelle Sumption, sub, 320.00; Lance Podoll, board salary, 71.28; Leroy Podoll, bus driving, 485.00; Eric Sumption, board salary, 63.88; Andrew Tschosik, sub, 520.00; Julie VanDover, sub, 80.00; Dennis Walworth, board salary, 57.04. Special Ed: Teachers, 8712.53; Support, 1698.85; SS & Med, 2519.60; Delta Dental, insurance, 76.39; SD District Benefit Fund, insurance, 1009.90; SDRS, retirement, 866.04; VSP, insurance, 28.38; Ann Hegge, sub, 500.50; Carma Ruenz, sub, 461.00. Food Service Fund: Support, 2325.10; SS & Med, 622.88; SDRS, retirement, 259.42; VSP, insurance, 14.04.

The following reports were given at this time:

- A. Bev Myer – Superintendent/AD
- B. Justin Downes – Principal
- C. Lance Podoll – Transportation
- D. Rick Downes – Grounds and Maintenance
- E. Bev Myer – Athletic Co-op

F. Bev Myer – Hub Area Vo Tech – Superintendents have been invited to attend the March 17, 2014 board meeting.

Enter Jeff Forsting at 5:18 PM. Action 13-58 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to accept the contract of Brigette Nemecek for the position of K-12 Art and 7-12 FACS for 2014-2015 school year. All aye, carried.

The action of declaring items as presented by Superintendent Myers was tabled until next month.

A discussion was held concerning the offering of drivers education this coming summer. A survey will be posted onto the school web site to determine parental interest.

The collective bargaining seminar was discussed.

2014-2015 Curriculum/Instruction was discussed.

Thank you and congratulations were read and will be posted on the school web site.

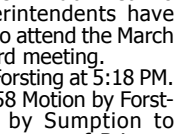
No executive session was held.

Action 13-59 Motion by Walworth, second by Sumption to set a special meeting at 6 PM on February 19, 2014 for the purpose of discussing technical education and completing the superintendent evaluation.

Action 13-60 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to adjourn. All aye, carried

Chairman Business Manager Published once at the total approximate cost of \$82.84.

Annual Meeting Riverside Township



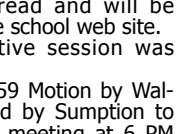
Riverside Township NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Riverside Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at Steve Simon's garage. Caucus 7:30 p.m., followed by election of officers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards, more or less, of gravel, loaded and delivered to designated places in Riverside Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at Steve Simon's shop at 7:30 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk (0218.0225) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$20.28.

Annual Meeting Henry Township



Henry Township Henry Township Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 4, 2014 at 7pm at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and road maintenance.

Darlene Sass Henry Township Clerk (0218.025) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$10.14.

	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal.	\$207,757.90	\$375,252.11	\$70,687.47	\$64,254.39
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$4,392.43	\$2,738.55	\$1,277.56	\$273.89
Local Sources	\$5.00	\$25.00		
Interest	\$56.93			
Federal & State	\$56,866.00			
Investments	\$823,437.49	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$111,051.83	\$102,068.22	\$11,457.60	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$981,463.92	\$316,376.84	\$316,682.48	\$109,717.51
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$93,484.37	\$275.09	\$722.10	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$19,182.00	\$0.00	\$7,029.46	
Disbursements	\$13,224.29	\$0.00	\$5,896.81	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$99,442.08	\$275.09	\$854.75	\$19,090.52

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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

Saturday, February 22
Birthdays: Anthony Schinkel, Chad Kampa, George Leonhardt, Leonard Broman, Robin Wanous-Williamson
10:00am: Region Wrestling at Webster

Sunday, February 23
Birthdays: Iva Mae Aeilts, Jerry Rossow
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible Study

Monday, February 24
School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Grilled chicken sandwich, vegetable, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit.
Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Madison Sippel
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
4:00pm: JH BB at Warner
7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 25
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Super nachos, tossed greens, garlic toast, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato and sour cream, squash, apple sauce, molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Barb Paepke, Brent Morehouse, Danielle Dobbins, Greg Heitmann
8:30am: 3M Engineering Expo for 8th Graders
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:30pm: Region Girls Tourney in Groton (3 games)

Wednesday, February 26
School Breakfast: Toast, yogurt, juice, fruit, milk.
School Lunch: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, tea buns, fresh and canned fruit.
Senior Menu: New England ham dinner, dinner roll, fruit cocktail cake and ice cream.
Birthdays: Mary Ann Wehde, Waylon Severson
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, February 27
Elementary Spring Picture Day
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Chili, carrots and dip, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit.
Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice, broccoli, waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Alice Severson, Eddy Nehls
11:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship Committee Meets
2:00pm: NSU Performance of "Romeo & Juliet"
6:00pm: Region GBB Tourney in Groton (2 games)

Friday, February 28
MS/HS Picture Day
NFL Debate/Oral Interp at Brookings
State Wrestling in Aberdeen
School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Taco salad, tater tots, fresh and canned fruit.
Senior Menu: BBQ chicken, rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.
Birthdays: Meagan Stearns, Shirlee Briggs

**Annual Meeting
Putney
Township**



Putney Township
NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND
ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP
Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at Mark Thompson's Shop.
Caucus at 2 p.m. followed by election of officers.
Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated placed in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to

Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 2 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Mark Thompson
Township Clerk
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The Life of Gary Raap



The funeral for Gary Raap, 51, of Pierpont, was held Monday, February 17 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Rev. Matt Richards officiated. Burial will take place at a later date in the Homer Cemetery, Pierpont.

Gary died February 11, 2014 near Pierpont. Gary Raap was born on October 15, 1962 in Sioux Falls to Marvin and Ruth (Dokter) Raap. He attended grade school in Pierpont and graduated from Langford High School. Gary continued his education at Northern State, earning an Associates Degree. He worked

for Control Data and later moved to Colorado, where he returned to college. Gary obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and graduated with honors. He returned to South Dakota in 1993 and attended Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, for IT Tech again with honors. Gary was working as Chemical Plant Supervisor for Wheat Growers at the time of his death.

In earlier years, Gary was involved with 4-H. He had a love for animals, especially his cats. Gary was a lifetime member of the Harley Owner's Group and enjoyed taking long trips on his bike. He was active as a volunteer firefighter in Pierpont and liked to hunt.

Celebrating his life are his siblings, Douglas (Jasmin) Raap of Oberusel, Germany; Lori (Carl) Klaudt of Sioux Falls and his nieces and nephew: Andrew, Autumn and Emily.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his biological brother, John Severson.

Casketbearers were Tom Woods, John Raap, Chuck Lemmon, Ethan Lemmon, Terry Hardy and Kevin Holler.

Memorials may be directed to Pierpont Fire Department, 201 West Main Street, Pierpont, SD 57468

The Life of Jack Dixon

The funeral for Jack Dixon, 84, of Groton was held Saturday, February 15 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery.

Jack died February 13, 2014 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Jack Lynn Dixon was born on March 30, 1929 in Savageton, Wyoming to Dean and Geneal (Smothers) Dixon. He attended school in Wyoming, South Dakota and Washington. He continued his education at Black Hills Teachers College. On April 27, 1957 he united in marriage with Lillian Hein. Together they had eight children.

Jack worked for several agencies as an insurance adjuster and later as an insurance agent.

Celebrating his life are his children: Steven (Nancy) Dixon of Fargo, ND, Sherry (Rick) Koehler of Groton, Patricia (Mike Lee) Smith of Pierre, Jackie (Dennis) Hales of Aberdeen, Michael (Karen) Dixon of Rapid City, Dianne (Rick) Schelle of Groton, Kelli (Dan Danburg) Nelson of Aberdeen, Kathy (Jason) Holm of Groton and his grandchildren: Jacob Dixon, Ryan, Ashleigh, Nikki and Katie Koehler, Chris Smith, David and Matthew Hales, Aaron and Garrett Dixon, Alex McKiver, Keegan Schelle, Heather Dixon, Becca Herther, Austin and Hailey Bieber, Tyler and Taylor Holm.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife and an infant granddaughter.

Jack enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family.



The Life of Jerome Osness

Jerome Earl Osness, age 73, of Yankton, and formerly of the Groton and Langford area, died early Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD. Memorial services were held Sunday, February 16, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Molly Carlson officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Hillside Cemetery, Langford, at a later date.

Jerome was born November 4, 1940 in Britton, SD to Arnold and Velma (Sherrard) Osness. He was baptized and confirmed at the Langford Evangelical Lutheran Church

where he was a long standing member. He farmed on the family farm until 1990 when he and his wife, Vera moved to Groton, SD. He also worked as a sales representative for Dakota Electronics of Aberdeen until his illness in 2002. He was a member of the Tinta Masonic Lodge of Langford. He taught Sunday school and was involved in various community activities. Jerome loved to make people laugh whether it was with his "tricks" or his many Norwegian jokes. He entertained people at nursing homes, farm and home shows, and being an emcee at many events. The things that brought him the most joy were his family (especially his grandkids), fishing (no fish in South Dakota were safe) music (dancing barbershop gospel), Garrison Keillor (Lake Wobegon) and his faith in God.

He is survived by his wife, Vera of Yankton, SD; children: Carla (Joe) Tappainer of Apple Valley, MN, Kathleen Osness of Colorado Springs, CO, Tamera Darling of Platte, SD, Alan (Laurie) Darling of Langford, SD, Charles (Tamara) Darling of Bismarck, ND, James Darling of Pierpont, SD, James Darling of Pierpont, SD, Sherry Darling of Britton, SD, and Michelle (Nathan) Franzen of Yankton, SD; 13 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Velma Osness and brother, Alan.

The family requests memorials to be directed to the American Cancer Society, 411 2nd Street NW, Rochester, MN, 55901. Please indicate Hope Lodge in the memo of the check. Condolences can be sent to Vera Osness at 214 Benedictine Lane, Yankton, SD 57078.



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Annual Meeting Bates Township

BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave, Conde. Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date.

Betty Geist, Township Clerk
(0218.0225)

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