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Reilly Ell scores 1,000th high school career point at Britton



Reilly Ell

Reilly Ell scored his 1,000th career point Friday in boys basketball action at Britton. He scored 22 points to help lift the Tigers to a 78-39 Northeast Conference win.

Groton led at the quarterstops at 23-10, 42-17 and 59-27.

Mason Madsen had a double feature night with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Wyatt Lone had 12 points while Kyler Ell had nine, Kasey Kurtz eight, Spencer Knecht six, Lucas Sternhagen five, Chance Strom three and Sean Schuring two.

Leading the way for the Braves was Preston Holland with 10 points followed by Eric Wegleitner with eight, Tanner Roehr and Cully Olson each had six, Tanner Heitmann had five and Jadrian Guy and AJ Anderson each had two points.

Groton made 55 percent of its field goals while Britton-Hecla made 25 percent. The Tigers had more rebounds, 34-29. Groton had many more assists than Britton, 15-5, with Kurtz having four. Groton had six turnovers with only one being a stolen ball. Britton-Hecla had 16 turnovers with Groton stealing the ball 10 times with Madsen having four. Wyatt Lone had all three of Groton's blocks.

Groton made a perfect 12 of 12 in free throws off of Britton's 15 team fouls. Britton-Hecla made eight of nine free throws off of Groton's 14 team fouls.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 43-32. Lucas Sternhagen and Kyler Ell each had 14 points followed by Bennett Shabazz with seven and having two each were Sean Schuring, Wyatt Larson, Adam Herman and Matt Knecht.

Groton is pilot school for new teacher evaluation

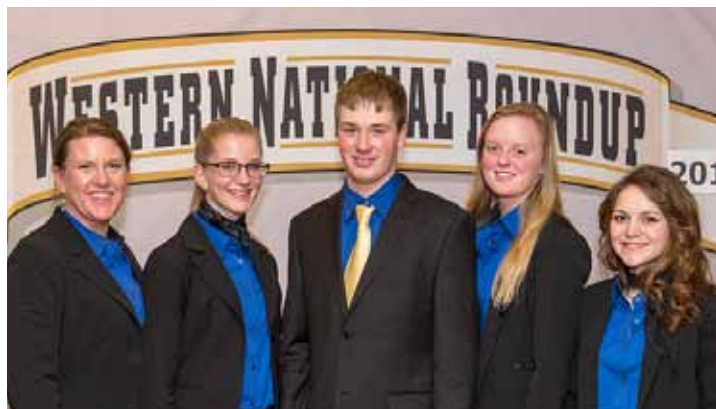
Principals Dan Dalchow and Anne Schwan talked about the teacher evaluation program that is being implemented this year. Through the Teachscape program, notes are taken during the observations and then the observations are categorized. This is a new tool devised by the state and all schools will be required to use this for teacher evaluation. The program will not be used every year as Dalchow said, "Everyone would get burned out if we used this every year."

"Most teachers don't need this strong of scrutiny every year," said Superintendent Joe Schwan. "I think this is really

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Gonsoir earns National Championship and Reserve National Championship

Brown County had two members represent South Dakota on the State Horse Judging Team that competed in Denver, Colorado at the 4-H Western National Roundup. The South Dakota State Horse Judging team consisted of Joellen Gonsoir and Tyra Leonhardt of Brown County, Cooper Gordon of Spink County and Roni Jankord of Hamlin County. Kristen Gonsoir served as the team's coach. At the Denver competition the team judged five performance classes, three halter classes, and gave four sets of oral reasons. The South Dakota team placed 6th overall, 5th in oral reasons, 6th in performance, and 3rd in halter. Joellen Gonsoir earned several national individual awards. Gonsoir was named the High Point overall individual in performance with a score of 338 out of 350 dropping only three points on the floor and nine points in reasons. Gonsoir was also named the reserve national champion overall horse judge, 3rd high individual oral reasons, and 7th high individual halter.



Kristen Gonsoir was the coach. Pictured are Joellen Gonsoir of Brown County, Cooper Gordon of Spink County, Roni Jankord of Hamlin County and Tyra Leonhardt of Brown County.



Joellen Gonsoir with her awards

Groton Petitions

So far, there is an election for Groton Mayor for a 2 year term, and councilman for a 2-year term in Ward 3.

Scott Hanlon and Eddy Nehls have turned in their petitions for mayor.

Gary Heitmann and Burt Glover have turned in their petitions for Ward 3.

In Ward 2, David McGannon and Ron Belden have outstanding petitions.

In Ward 2, David Blackmun, Jr., has turned in his petition.

Meanwhile on the school side, Steve Smith has turned in his petition. Joy Voss as decided not to run for office and no one else has taken out a petition.

Petitions need to be turned in by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.

Show Choir Public Performance

The Junior High Show Choir and the High School Show Choir will perform Friday, March 7 at 6:00p.m., High School Gym



Senator John Thune came to Groton last week to talk to students from Groton, Redfield, Langford and Ipswich. He also talked about the blizzard that he got stuck here in 1999 and he played basketball in the school while he was confined to Groton. See Page 2 for details.

(Photo #1121 by Tina Kosel)

Senator John Thune speaks at Groton Cracker Barrell

John Thune grew up in Murdo, South Dakota. His interest in politics was sparked at a young age after making five of six free throws during a freshman high school basketball game. He was later greeted by a spectator who said, "I noticed you missed one." That spectator happened to be well-known sports enthusiast and South Dakota U.S. Representative



Senator John Thune with Groton Area senior class. (Photo #1128 by Tina Kosel)

Jim Abdnor. The introduction was the start of a friendship that ignited John's career in public service.

John received his undergraduate degree at Biola University and his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. Upon completion of his Master's Degree in 1984, he married Kimberley Weems, a native of Doland, South Dakota.

John's attraction to public service took him to Washington, D.C. to work for that sports enthusiast and then-U.S. Senator Jim Abdnor. He then served at the Small Business Administration under an appointment from President Ronald Reagan.

In 1989, John and his family returned to South Dakota, where he served as the Executive Director of the South Dakota Republican Party. In 1991, Governor George S. Mickelson appointed him the State Railroad Director, a position he held until 1993, when he became Executive Director of the South Dakota Municipal League.

In 1996, with a shoestring budget and the support of family and friends, John won his first term as South Dakota's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives. John was reelected to a second term by the largest margin in South Dakota history. He returned again to Washington in 2001 to serve his third term in the House.

John then honored his 1996 campaign pledge to serve only three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. After a narrow loss in a U.S. Senate race in 2002, he won his current U.S. Senate seat in 2004, when he made history by defeating a sitting U.S. Senate party leader for the first time in 52 years.

In 2010, John was elected to serve a second term in the U.S. Senate in a rare unopposed race. He was only the third Republican and the only South Dakotan to run unopposed for the U.S. Senate since direct elections were created in 1913.

For the 113th Congress, Senator Thune serves on the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; and the Finance Committee. Thune, who is the senior most Republican on the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, serves as Ranking Member. Thune also served in Republican leadership as Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee from 2009 – 2011 and now serves as the Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, the number three position in Senate Republican leadership.

John and his wife Kimberley live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and have two grown daughters, Brittany and Larissa. In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his family, pheasant hunting, and running



The Cracker Barrell started out with Alec Oleson welcoming everyone. He talked about making a change for the bettering of the community and the world and making the people around you listen about your ideas. and such an idea can make an impacted in the world. Your idea can change the world and all teenagers can make a differences. (Photo #1118 by Tina Kosel)



C h e y e n n e Schaller talked about building our future, and what the future holds for you. And Schaller also said if you are going to fill out scholarships do that ASAP and don't wait to do them. (Photo #1119 by Tina Kosel)



Scott Thorson talked about making a difference and how making a change takes a lot character. He introduced Senator John Thune to the crowd. (Photo #1120 by Tina Kosel)



Camille Sippel concluding the sessions. (Photo #1130 by Tina Kosel)

- Tina Kosel

Groton City
Feb. 18
Meeting
Minutes

February 18, 2014
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Heitmann, Flihs, Muilenburg, Opp, and Brotherton (by telephone), and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary Public Works Supt Herron, 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.
Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.
Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank

7,410.93 ss & wh; City of Groton 50.00 emp sav; AFLAC 945.08 emp ins; Avera Queen of Peace 175.20 drug tests; Buhls 30.50 rug rent; Car Quest 201.11 battery, oil, filters; Dahme Const 2,000.00 backhoe rent; Dakota Electronics 138.50 clip, mic; Dearborne Natl Ins 90.50 life ins; Groton Independent 21.56 publishing; Groton Vet Clinic 19.80 gloves; Guardian Ins 310.82 emp ins; HD Supply Waterworks 493.48 cplgs; Heartland Cons Power District 86,857.21 power; Kens Food Fair 403.89 fuel, supplies; NWPS 4,563.11 power delivery; Overhead Door 155.00 heater; SD Supplement Retirement 1,150.00 emp retire; Share Corp 512.81 cleaners, wax; Specialty Mfg Co 255.20 tubes; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,247.16 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 32,737.79 power
Department reports were given. Discussion was held on the expected swimming pool repairs before mid-May, negotiations with Hecla City on the bucket truck and with NW

Energy on the used substation transformer, and enterprise fund operations in 2013.
Kim Weber has started fund raising for playground equipment at the swimming pool. Additional seating in the future slide area was also discussed.
At 7:15pm the following bids for the 2014 Chip/Seal Resurfacing Project were opened and read aloud: The Road Guy, Yankton, SD - \$126,724.38; McLaughlin & Schultz, Marshall, MN - \$140,702.74; Bituminous Paving, Ortonville, MN - \$150,064.62; Jensen Rock & Sand, Moberge, SD - \$115,871.73; Topkote, Inc., Yankton, SD - \$104,896.64
Moved by McGannon and seconded by Muilenburg to accept the low bid from Topkote, Inc. All members present voted aye.
Mayor Hanlon appointed Kathy Bjerke, Merle Harder, Bary Keith, Mitchell Locke, Kevin Pharis, Brian Schuring, and Craig Sternhagen to be the baseball advisory committee. Moved by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg to approve these

appointments. All members present voted aye.
Baseball & swimming pool fees were reviewed and tabled until the advisory committees have presented their recommendations.
Delinquent utility bills and collection procedures were reviewed. The Finance Officer was directed to notify any customer who is currently delinquent that on May 2 there will be no extensions for any reasons and shut offs will be automatically done.
Supt Joe Schwan, School Board President Dorene Nelson and Police Chief Mayou came before the board to discuss the suggestion to locate an office for the police department in the high school. Many details would have to be defined before this could happen, but the City and Police Department are willing to now have the officers visit school more often. All agreed that student safety was primary.
Mayor Hanlon and Finance Officer Lowary reported on Local Govt Day at Pierre. Mayor Hanlon presented Kosel with a certificate of completion from the JUT school he attended in Sioux Falls on transformers. Finance Officer Lowary reported on the Heartland Customer Committee meeting that she attended.
Grant availabilities for baseball field repairs, baseball tournament fees, tourism events, transportation planning, a walking path, storm sewer cleaning, and energy conservation lighting were discussed and Council directed the Finance Officer to apply for as many as possible for Groton.
Hanlon, Muilenburg and Lowary stated that they were willing to attend the SDML district meeting in Eureka on Mar 25.
Lowary reported that so far one election petition was turned in and 5 other election petitions that are out are due Feb. 28, 2014.
Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Cheyenne Schaller getting interviewed. (Photo #1126 by Tina Kosel)

Frederick Area Schools Pre-School Screening

The following areas will be screened:
fine motor, gross motor, language, speech, vision and hearing.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
From 8:30am to 2:30 pm
In the Frederick School Gym

Target Students:

- Children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2014
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- Children with concerns in the screened areas

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Britton-Hecla spoils Groton's NEC hunt

It was a battle to the end, but Groton's 17 percent field goal shooting was the demise of the Lady Tigers as Britton-Hecla edged Groton, 39-36. Clark-Willow Lake defeated Roncalli to win the Northeast Conference Title this year.

"Our girls were relaxed coming into the game," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "They were focused and had a game plan."

Britton controlled the tip, but Groton scored first. The Lady Tigers took advantage of four turnovers to jump out to a 7-1 lead. Groton led at the end of the first quarter, 9-3. The Lady Tigers made 3 of 14 field goals for 21 percent while Britton-Hecla was 1 of 8 for 13 percent. The Braves had more first quarter turnovers, 5-4, and from the line, Groton was 2 of 2 while Britton was 1 of 2.



Carly Wheeting tangles up with Britton-Hecla's Emma Bennett for the rebound.

(Photo #1038 by Paul Kosel)

The Braves switched from zone to man-to-man defense and then back to zone throughout the first half. Courtney Kurtz and Camille Sippel hit back-to-back three-pointers and Carly Wheeting converted a three-point play as Groton took an 18-10 lead with 3:48 left in the second quarter. Then the Polar Vortex set in upon Groton. Struggling and battling to try and made a basket, it would seven minutes before Groton would make a field goal as the Lady Tigers made only one free-throw in that stretch. By that time, Britton-Hecla had taken a 26-19 lead. Groton closed to within one, 26-25, and again when Kurtz made two free throws with three seconds left, 28-27, to close out the third quarter.

In the second quarter, Groton made 3 of 15 field goals for 20 percent while Britton-Hecla was 6 of 11 for 55 percent. From the line, Groton was 1 of 1 and Britton-Hecla was 2 of 2. Each team had four turnovers in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Groton made 3 of 17 field goals for 18 percent and Britton-Hecla was 4 of 12 for 33 percent. Groton was 1 of 1 from the line and Britton-Hecla attempted no free throws. Each team had two turnovers in the third quarter.

"I told the girls at halftime, 'Don't play to lose, girls.' We did everything that we wanted to do and I knew our girls were going to fight back. They did and they got the lead back, but we missed a lot of shots under the basket. Those are the little things you have to recognize, especially this time of year."

Kurtz made a three-pointer early in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 30 and the Lady Tigers took the lead, 32-30, with two free throws by Kurtz. The Braves answered with a three-pointer to retake the lead, 35-32.

In three minutes, there were three time-outs, both teams had a turnover and both teams were zero of 1 from the charity stripe.

Kurtz made two free throws with 68 seconds left to make it a one-point game, 35-34. Toni Symens made the first of two free throws. She missed the second, and scramble for the rebound allowed the Braves to get it which was followed by a foul. Ashley Fosness made one of two free throws with 49 seconds left as Britton-Hecla took a 37-34 lead. Groton called time-out. Groton missed a shot, but the



Groton Coach Shaun Wanner and Britton-Hecla Coach Terry Nelson watch as Courtney Kurtz and Toni Symens battle for the ball late in the game. (Photo #1095 by Paul Kosel)

Braves were called for a double dribble with 22 seconds left.

Kurtz was fouled with 15 seconds left and she made two free throws to make it 37-36. The Braves answered with two free throws with 11 seconds left to make it 39-36. Groton called time out with the ball and with eight seconds left on the clock. The Tigers set up the play for a tying basket, but it did not go in as the Braves won the game, 39-36.

"I'm proud of the girls," Wanner said. "It told the girls after the game, 'Listen, number one, we played not to lose. We didn't play to win. This does not take away from what we want to accomplish. This is not an easy time of the year. Sometimes the best team does not always win.' Yes, our girls are disappointed, but come Monday, it's the start of a brand new season. Our region is up for grabs and whoever puts three or two games together will go to state."

Courtney Kurtz led the Tigers with 20 points followed by Carly Wheeting with nine, Camille Sippel had three and Kylie Hawkins and Ashley Gibbs each had two points.

Emily Bremmon and Ashley Fosness led the Braves with 10 points each followed by Emma Bennett with seven, Toni Symens and Mal-lori Rabenberg each had six.

Groton made 17 percent of its field goals, making 10 of 56 shots while the Braves made 40 percent, making 14 of 35.

Groton had more rebounds, 28-25, with Ashley Gibbs having seven, Sippel six and Hawkins and Kurtz each having five for Groton and Bremmon and Symens each had seven for Britton-Hecla.

Groton had nine turnovers, 10 steals with Gibbs having three, six assists with Hawkins having two and 17 team fouls.

Britton-Hecla had 15 turnovers, 10 steals, 13 assists and 14 team fouls.

Groton made 12 of 14 free throws while Britton-Hecla made seven of 11.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 36-14. Audrey Wanner led Groton with 12 points followed by Katie Koehler and Maryn Howard with nine each, Marlee Jones had four and Rachel Blackmun added two points.

- Paul Kosel

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Chamber holds annual meeting

On Friday, February 7th the Groton Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Meeting at Olive Grove Golf Course. Social hour was from 5:30 to 6:30 followed by supper.

During supper new President Jennifer Dirks spoke on the focus of the Chamber for the upcoming year. Along with the many other community projects the Chamber is involved in, this year a heavy emphasis will be put on helping to get the ball field back into 'tournament' condition. Ball tournaments bring traffic through Groton which equals increased spending at business in town. Steve Geidt spoke on the needs to bring the facility back to its original condition.

"First Dollar of Profit" was presented to Kellie Townsend, new owner of Olde Bank Floral and new Chamber Board Member. Kellie then spoke about the Farm Family of the Year nomination procedure.

The Chamber was honored to recognize Dale Ringgenberg as the Groton Volunteer of the Year. Dale has been with the Groton Volunteer Fire Department since 1974 and tirelessly worked to keep the department one of the best in the area. He has also volunteered for many other local organizations and his generosity of time and talent has not been overlooked. Way to go Dale!

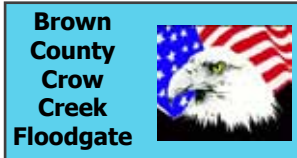


Dale Ringgenberg was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year



Groton Chamber Board of Directors
Back row-left to right: Cody Hanten, Tim Yeaton, Mandy Boe, President Jennifer Dirks, Wes Dinger, Lance Frohling.

Front row-left to right: Michelle Colestock-Muilenburg, Carla Jangua, Hayley Merkel, Kellie Townsend, Kay Brandt (not pictured - Mark Abeln)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 for the
 Brown County Crow Creek Control Structure
 Replacement Project

Brown County is seeking \$150,000 of funding from the Board of Water and Natural Resources to replace the existing floodgate control structure at the confluence of Crow Creek and the James River. These improvements include replacing the existing control

structure in the same place with the same size of control system. The funds could be either a grant from the state Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program or a loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. The Clean Water SRF loan terms are 3.25% for 30 years, and the Board of Water and Natural Resources may forgive all or a portion of loan principal. The amount, source of funds, and terms will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at Brown County Courthouse on March 11 at 8:45am.

ATTEST:
 Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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March 3 – March 7

Parents of children ages 3-6 not yet attending school are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time.

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

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Kellie Townsend of Olde Bank Floral 'N More was presented with the "First Dollar of Profit."



Notice of Public Progress Hearing

A progress hearing will be held at 8:50am on March 11, 2014 at the Brown County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to receive questions and comments concerning the Community Development Block Grant Brown County received for the Welding Training program being conducted by the North Eastern Work and Technical Education Center.

This hearing will be open to the public and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Written comments pertaining to the projects or its funding may be submitted to Maxine Fischer at the Brown County Courthouse, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 by 8:30 am on March 11, 2014.

ATTEST:
 Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Girls play Thursday

The Groton girls basketball team will be playing its first game of the regional on Thursday at 6 p.m. The regional championship game is Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Region 1A Girls tourney is being played in Groton.



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Lila Olson Thank You

THANK YOU to my family and extended family for hosting a fantastic birthday celebration. Words cannot provide sufficient gratitude for the amazing number of friends and relatives who attended, and the flowers, gifts, telephone calls and many cards from near and far that made this such a heartwarming event. I am so grateful to Pastor Elizabeth, Jim & Rosalie Gerdes, and the Emmanuel Church committee for their help.

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Lila Olson

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Frederick School Feb. 19 Meeting Minutes



OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
February 19, 2014

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on February 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Lance Podoll with all members present. Others present were Bev Myer, Justin Downes and Deb Klapperich.

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

Action 13-61 Motion by Forsting second by Walworth to approve the agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 13-62 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to approve the School Improvement Plan. All aye, carried.

2014-2015 Instruction/Technical Education was discussed. Superintendent Myer and board representative Richard Schlosser reported on the discussion that took place at the Multi District Hub Area Vo Tech meeting held on February 17, 2014.

Although no action was taken at that meeting, it was stated that there are plans to dissolve the Multi District Co-op based on the grant received by Aberdeen School District for the purpose of building A-TEC Academy on the Central Campus for Career and Technical education. Discussion followed concerning the offering of technical education at our district. The board instructed Superintendent Myer to contact the school attorney for advice concerning the dissolution of the Multi District Co-op. Superintendent Myer was also instructed to obtain quotes/prices for the construction of a new building or an addition to the present building for tech ed classes to be presented at the regular March board meeting.

Action 13-63 Motion by Sumption, second by Walworth to enter into executive session at 7:30 pm for the purpose of superintendent evaluation. All aye, carried.

Chairman Podoll declared executive session over at 8:01 pm.

Action 13-64 Motion by Walworth second by Forsting to adjourn. All aye, carried
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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

Saturday, March 1
NFL Debate/Oral Interp at Brookings
State Wrestling in Aberdeen

Anniv: Craig & Tasha Dunker

Birthdays: Delores Leonhardt, Mary Jane Schott, Mitchell Locke

9:00am: JHBB Jamboree in Britton
9:00 am: PAC 6 Boys Basketball Tourney in Groton

4th Grade

9:00 Groton vs. Warner - Court 3
9:00 Hamlin vs. Redfield A - Court 4

10:00 Warner vs. Hamlin - Court 3
10:00 Groton vs. Redfield A - Court 4

11:00 Redfield B vs. Langford - Court 4
12:00 Ipswich vs. Fred/Leola - Court 4

1:00 Groton vs. Hamlin - Court 3
1:00 Warner vs. Redfield A - Court 4

2:00 Fred/Leola vs. Redfield B - Court 4
3:00 Langford vs. Ipswich - Court 4

4:00 Ipswich vs. Redfield B - Court 3
4:00 Fred/Leola vs. Langford - Court 4

5th Grade

9:00 Northwestern vs. Groton Black- Court 1
9:00 Warner vs. Langford - Court 2

10:00 Groton Black vs. Warner - Court 1
10:00 Northwestern vs. Langford - Court 2

11:00 Hamlin vs. Redfield - Court 3
12:00 Groton Black vs. Langford - Court 1
12:00 Groton Gold vs. Roncalli Green/Fred-

Court 2
12:00 Warner vs. Northwestern - Court 3
2:00 Roncalli Green/Fred vs. Hamlin - Court 2

2:00 Redfield vs. Groton Gold - Court 3
3:00 Groton Gold vs. Hamlin - Court 3

4:00 Redfield vs. Roncalli Green/Fred - Court 2

6th Grade

11:00 Hamlin vs. Groton - Court 1
11:00 Langford vs. Ipswich - Court 2

1:00 Aberdeen Roncalli vs. Hamlin - Court 1
1:00 Groton vs. Langford - Court 2

2:00 Ipswich vs. Aberdeen Roncalli - Court 1
3:00 Groton vs. Ipswich - Court 1

3:00 Hamlin vs. Langford - Court 2
4:00 Groton vs. Aberdeen Roncalli - Court 1

** Courts 1 & 2 are in the North Gym
** Courts 3 & 4 are in the South Gym

Sunday, March 2

Birthdays: Lisa Howard, Mandy Hansen, Megan McKiver, Merle Hanson, Rick Schelle

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran (ELCA) Worship with Communion

11:00am: Tuff Tigers Youth Wrestling in Groton

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
2:00pm: Groton DI Dessert Theater at GES Gym

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran "I AM" Bible Study

Monday, March 3

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Cheese stick, mixed vegetable, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit

Anniversaries: Cal & Mary Hayenga, David & Cheryl Krueger

Birthdays: Christine Zoellner, Josie LaMee

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study Leaders Meet

4:30pm: Boys Region at Milbank

Tuesday, March 4

School Breakfast: Early Risers, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, tossed salad, fresh and canned fruit.

Birthdays: Christina Zoellner, Kale Pharis, Kay Brandt

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
7:00pm: Girls Region Title Game in Groton

Wednesday, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

School Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, fresh and canned fruit, tea buns.

Birthday: Chance Strom, Linda Locken

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

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle
6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (Executive Board Serves)

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

Important Upcoming DI Dates

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



Huntley Hale Overacker

Jesse and Jaymie Overacker are the proud parents of a son, Huntley Hale. He was born on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at 5:44 pm at Avera St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen. He was 8 lbs, 0 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed by two excited sisters, KayLynn 10 and Emily 7. Grandparents are Roger and Marjorie Overacker, Groton; Doug and Roxanne Collings, Aberdeen and great grandparents, Leonard and Pauline Grajczyk of Aberdeen.

School Board

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good stuff, but there's a lot there." Groton School is one of the pilot schools in South Dakota using Teachscape.

Schwan said the city will have open to having a discussion about working with the police department to have increased security at the school.

NSU will bring a production entitled, "Romeo and Juliet" on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2:15 p.m. Freshmen through seniors will attend and after the production, the cast will answer questions previously prepared by the English classes.

There was a 97 percent turnout at the elementary school for parent-teacher conferences.

Joy Voss has not taken out a petition for school board. Steve Smith has turned in his petition.

The board approve Summer 2014 Driver's Education employment agreement for Shaun Wanner at rate of \$19.00/hour for student driving plus the stipend for classroom instruction based upon enrollment figures not to exceed \$600.

The resignation of Dennis Davies as custodian effective January 31, 2014 was approved.

The board amended Dorothy Reder's custodial work agreement from 30 hrs./week to 40 hrs./week effective 2/18/14.

Brooke Lingbeck was hired as a Business Education/Technology teacher for 2014-2015 school year with salary to be published in July.

The board approve wage increase for Madeleine Gonsoir from \$10.00/hour to \$12.00/hour effective February 21, 2014 as a result of obtaining valid South Dakota Teacher Certificate pursuant to Negotiated Agreement for a total increase of \$868.

Deb Winburn made the presentation for the third grade program overview. Kristi Anderson was unable to be present for the presentation - she lost her voice. There are 43 students in the third grade. They have been making adjustments to prepare for the Common Core program. Winburn noticed that over the past couple of years, students are having a more difficult time listening due to technology. She said that some of the tests reflect listening skills.

Joel Guthmiller and Susan Fjeldheim gave a report on the fourth grade. There are 45 students in the fourth grade. The Smarter Balance tests is something new they are using this year. They are also looking for Common Core Standards to use in the classroom. Fjeldheim said one concern is the lack of time, especially for science. She said they only have about 20 minutes and it is difficult to do experience. With RTI, that cuts into the classrooms. Guthmiller said when he first started, they had 45 minutes for science.

Deb Jensen talked about the various things going on in music. She said on Monday, the fifth graders will be picking out their musical instruments. There are five middle school students in All-State Middle School Band. "That is fantastic for a school our size," Jensen said.

Reid Johnson talked about high school band and he said there are 39 students in band. Scheduling and retention are areas of concern for Johnson. He said he is grateful for the one-hour band. Many students are making tough choices when it comes to electives. He said the band went from a record high of 63 members just a few years ago to 39 members now. He said there are only three seniors so he hopes to see an increase in numbers next year. There are three students selected for All-State Band.

Malerie Yeaton and Lea Kooiman talked about the vocal department. They would like to get more "other" instruments like Orff instruments, African drums and hand drums. Yeaton said students have taken an interest in music with these types of instruments. Four students have gotten into honors choir. Yeaton said there are 59 students in high school choir, 12 students in Chamber Choir, and 24 performers, six tech crew and four pit crew in Show Choir.

Three grapplers go to state

Kelby Hawkins placed first, Jeric Albrecht placed second and Parker Kroll was third at the regional wrestling tournament held in Webster. These three Groton wrestlers will participate in the state tournament this weekend in Aberdeen.

In the championship match, Kelby Hawkins won by forfeit over Oliver Aesoph, Faulkton; and Jeric Albrecht lost by a major decision to Nolan Richie, Webster, 14-3. In the third place match, Parker Kroll decisioned Kevin Schuelke, Clark-Wilow Lake, 3-2.

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