

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



#### **Reilly Ell**

Reilly Ell scored his 1,000th career point Friday in 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.

### 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.

### **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



Joellen Gonsoir with her awards



# 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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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.

## 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 wellknown 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



February 18, 2014 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the follow-ing members present: McGan-non, Heitmann, Fliehs, Muilen-burg, Opp, and Brotherton (by telephone), and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Of-ficer Lowary Public Works Supt Herron, and representatives from the press. The minutes were approved

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Broth-

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 bat-tery, oil, filters; Dahme Const 2,000.00 backhoe rent; Da-kota Electronics 138.50 clip, mic; Dearborne Nati Ins 90 50 life ins; Dearborne Natl Ins 90.50 life ins Groton Independent 21.56 pub Groton Independent 21.56 pub-lishing; Groton Vet Clinic 19.80 gloves; Guardian Ins 310.82 emp ins; HD Supply Water-works 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. Share Corp 512.81 cleaners, wax; Specialty Mfg Co 255.20 tubes; Wellmark Blue Cross/ Blue Shield 12,247.16 health

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 Resurfacfor the 2014 Chip/Seal Resultac-ing Project were opened and read aloud: The Road Guy, Yankton, SD - \$126,724.38; McLaughlin & Schultz, Mar-shall, MN - \$140,702.74; Bi-tuminous Paving, Ortonville, MN - \$150,064.62; Jensen Pock & Sand Mobridge SD -

MN - \$150,064.62; Jensen Rock & Sand, Mobridge, SD -\$115,871.73; Topkote, Inc., Yankton, SD - \$104,896.64 Moved by McGannon and sec-onded by Mulenburg to accept the low bid from Topkote, Inc. All members present voted aye. Mayor Hanlon appointed Kathy Bierke Merle Harder

Tina Kose

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 re-viewed. 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 Han-Ion presented Kosel with a cer-tificate of completion from the before the board to discuss the tificate 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 base-ball 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. 2014. Meeting adjourned. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$28.12.



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by Tina Kosel'

**Camille Sippel** concluding the ses-Sions. (Photo #1130 by Tina Kosel)



Cheyenne He talked about Schaller talked making a change about building our for the bettering future, and what of the communi- the future holds for ty and the world you. And Schaller and making the also said if you people around you are going to fill listen about your outscholarships do ideas. and such an that ASAP and don't idea can make an waittodothem. (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)



Cheyenne Schaller getting interviewed. (Photo #1126 by Tina Kosel)

as read on a motion by Broth-erton 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

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ins; Western Area Power Adm 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 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

Frederick Area Schools **Pre-School Screening** 

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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



Carly Wheeting tangles up with Britton-Hecla's Emma Bennett for the rebound. (Photo #1038 by Paul Kosel)

more first quarter turnovers, 5-4, and from the line, Groton was 2 of 2 while Britton was 1 of 2.

The Braves switched from zone to man-to-man defense and then back to zone throughout the first half. Courtney Kurtz and Camille Sippel it 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 team 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 onepoint 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 Mallori 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.



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## Chamber holds annual meeting On Friday, February 7th the Groton Area Chamber of Commerce held its An-

nual 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!



**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 Jan-

gula, Hayley Merkel, Kellie Townsend, Kay Brandt (not pictured -Mark Abeln)



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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 repay-ment 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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Dale Ringgenberg was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year



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 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$9.29.

## Girls play Thursday The Groton girls basketball team will be play-

ing 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.



### 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.

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Lila Olson

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Frederick School Feb. 19

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.



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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.

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 Wal-

worth second by Forsting to adjourn. All aye, carried

Chairman

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FEBRUARY 18, 2014 - GEN-ERAL 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. Chair-Fischbach and Wiese. Chair-man Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fisch-bach seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting minutes of February 11, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to ap-

prove the following claims: Professional Fees: APCO \$644.00; Avera St. Lukes 4,433.60; Theresa Chavez \$485.48; Dakota Psychologi-cal Services \$1,995.00; Chris Dohrer \$21.68; Tammy Erick-son \$110.00; Geniusweb.com \$99.00; Language Line Ser-vices \$90.00; Lexisnexis Risk Data Mgmt \$111.20; May & Johnson \$710.42; Pizza Ranch \$138.00; Ronayne Law Office \$412.50; Schreiber Law Firm \$2,303.98; SDSU Extension \$17,254.00; Gisela Thill \$20.00; Lisa Vansteenwyk \$20.00; Ve-rizon Wireless \$160.04; Haley Wilson \$20.00.

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Rentals: B & B Rentals \$260.00; Eisenbeis Mobile Home Court \$310.00; Lundstrom Rentals \$300.00; Soltice Holdings \$260.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford Trucks & Equip \$2,000.00; Dakota Fluid Power \$659.28; Dakota Tree Co \$277.00; Double D Body Shop \$89.43; Farm Power MFG \$332.08; Farnams Genuine Parts \$152.28; G & Genuine Parts \$152.28; G & K Services \$299.38; GCR Tire Center \$205.00; Light & Siren \$12.39; Pro Ag Supply \$571.87; Schmidt Construction \$692.19; TW Construction \$350.00. Supplies: Praxair Distribution

\$1,145.11; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$1,122.75; Best Business Products \$176.80; Carquest Auto Parts \$1,155.01; Cash-Wa \$3,796.21; Custom Glass & Repair \$436.54; Da-Custom kota Electronics \$25,169.18 Dakota Fluid Power \$32.75; Dakota Oil \$6,977.12; Dial-A-Move \$1,636.25; DT Pharmacy \$1,089.83; Earthgrains Baking Co \$292.14; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$127.00; Farm Power MFG \$139.22; Farnams Genuine Parts \$233.47; Fastenal Co \$531.07; Gardner Locksmithing \$350.45; GCR Tire Center \$72.00; Gov-Connection \$1,450.89; Heartland Paper \$14.02; Hedahl's \$27.14; Kessler's \$489.00; Lawson Prod-ucts \$277.00; Leidholt Electric \$348.16; Light & Siren \$64.75; Marco \$87.93; McLeod's Printing \$184.20; Menards \$33.94; Micks Scuba \$11,192.12; Midstates Printing \$865.10; Myers Tire Supply \$118.34; NVC \$25.07; Supply \$118.34; INC \$25.07; PharmChem \$42.00; Runnings \$199.58; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$161.23; The Sewing Shoppe \$13.75; Taylor Laundry \$77.00; Tri State Water \$30.40; TW Con-struction \$65.00.

Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$70.50; Gene Loeschke \$109.51; Andrea Sjomeling \$36.00; Gary Vetter \$36.00. Utilities: Aberdeen City Trea-surer \$302.28; City of Hecla

\$237.55; Dependable Sanita-tion \$451.00; Midwest Alarm \$51.50; Northern Electric Coop \$2,841.01; NVC \$373.39; North-ern Wireless \$291.45; North-western Energy \$9,534.45; Northwestern Public Service \$260.00. Other: Area IV Nutrition \$2,500.00; James River Acct \$5,528.07; McLeod's Printing \$1.48; SD Dept of Revenue \$1,812.54. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. ABATEMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following abatement/refunds for parcels not in the Richmond Lake Sani-tary District: Travis Bindenagel (a) \$44.52, Alex Schaeffer (a) \$492.74, Lora Gray (a) \$83.50, Joel Bindenagel (a) \$4.71, Tyler Stone (a) \$5.17, Patricia Mehlhaff (a) \$84.08, Steven Herther (a) \$140.24. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abatements: Tom Fischbach @ \$77.00 (solid waste removed); US Fish & Wildlife Service – 5 parcels @ \$1,501.72 (tax exempt). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-abstain, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge resignation of Carol White (Museum), effective March 14, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve Museum request to fill vacancy. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve hiring Kelly Forrest as part-time 24/7 Sobriety Employee effective 02/17/14 at \$11.94 per hour and accept resignation of Cheryl Grant, 24/7 Sobriety Employee effective 03/27/14. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - WEED CHEMICALS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for chemicals for Brown County Weed and Pest Board, to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on March 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**INVENTORY TRANSFER:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to transfer Decal #701 1998 Chevy Van from Fair to Fairgrounds. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried. SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved

by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve the following January 2014 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following applications: American Legion Post 24 for raffle to be held during the Horse Races (May 10-11; 17-18; 25-26, 2014). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STP FUND SWAP AGREE-MENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with the SD Department of Transportation regarding the County's desire to exchange the Brown County's STP Funds of approximately \$348,602.98 for federal fiscal ear 2014 with state highway funds. All members present vot-

ing aye. Motion carried. BID - FAIR OFFICE BUILD-ING: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for General Contractor Services for all phases of construction as required for a building to be moved to the Fairgrounds located at 400 24th Ave NW. No bids were received. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to set new public hearing date and authorize re-advertising for General Contractor Services for all phases of construction as required for a building to be moved to the Fairgrounds located at 400 24th Ave NW, to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #084 FIRST READING: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to ap-prove First Reading of Ordinance #084, An Ordinance to amend Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4- Zoning, spe-cifically amending Chapters 4.01, 4.02, 4.06, 4.07, 4.19, 4.20, 4.28, and 4.36 to correct typographical errors, to clarify what the Ordinance covers by add-ing definitions and/or revising wording, to create consistency between sections, to adjust time limits and to make other similar revisions and corrections. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Tire in amount of \$200.00 per ton. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT/AIR EMMISSION IN-VENTORY: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to authorize chairman sign 2013 Operational Report and Air Emission Inventory Report for submission to the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD - CULVERTS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to award low bid, submitted by TrueNorth Steel Company, Huron for furnishing and delivery of metal culverts and bridge material, as bid by Beadle County on January 16 2014 (only bid received). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to discuss contract, per SDCL 1-25-2 (4) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter, and Kurt Smith in attendance. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

RECESS: The Chairman de-clared the Commission recessed until February 25, 2014. Cathy Sauer, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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NOTICE TO CHEMICAL DEAL-ERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse An-nex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 9:00 A.M. on March 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 de-posit or bond will be required at me of bid opening.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will he 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.

Annual

Meeting

Shelby

Township

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 recieved 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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Riverside Township NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND

HIF 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 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

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Putney Township NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND



Henry Township

Henry Township Annual Meetng Notice

Notice is herby 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 maintance.

Darlene Sass Henry Township Clerk (0218.025)

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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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NOTICE TO GENERAL CON-TRACTOR SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD, until the hour of 9:00 A.M. on March 11, 2014. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for qualified General Contractor Services with expertise in all phases of construction as required to complete contracting services for a building to be moved to the Fairgrounds located at 400 24th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, SD (SW1/4 of Section 1, T123N and R64W and Highway B and Lot A and abandoned railroad right of way except Fairground Outlot 1 of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota).

Envelopes containing bid shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD, and shall be marked on the envelope "Gen-eral Contractor Services for Fair Office Building located at 400 24th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, Bids will be opened on SD" March 11, 2014. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and

State Sales Tax. PROPOSAL G



Notice of Caucus and elec-tion in West Hanson township . West Hanson township will hold West Hanson townsnip will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday March 4, 2014 at the Groton Community Center 7:30 pm. The township will also be accepting bids for 1,000 yards more or less of screened or crushed gravel within the township. We will also take bids on the same date for road blading and mowing for road blading and mowing on township roads and snow removal work. All bids must be accompanied by certificate of contractors liability insurance. The board reserves the right to accent reject any or all bids accept reject any or all bids. Darlys Kampa Township Clerk

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Unapproved minutes

Meeting called to order by – layor Mitchell Roll call- Kuschel Harr, Davis, Kampa, Vitense Public attending: Chris ichwan C

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Schwan Minutes of previous meeting: moved by Kuschel Harr 2nd by C Kampa to approve. Passed Financial report/warrant vouchers: Warrants: Parks/ Streets: Kevin Hamilton, 767.39; Full Circle Ag., 468.93; Utilities: James Valley Tecom, 135.39; NorthWestern Energy, 571.77; Web Water, 19.00; Re-pairs/Supplies: Titan Access/ CRA, 564.84; Publishing: Groton Independent, 19.27;

CRA, 564.84; Publishing: Groton Independent, 19.27; Council Wages: K. Vitense, 230.87; Taxes: Brown County Treas., 24.99; Miscellaneous: SDML, 615.00; GE Capital, Corp., 707.74. Sewer: NorthWestern Energy, 16.00, K. Vitense, 61.57. Moved by Davis 2nd by C. Kampa to approve. passed.

to approve, passed. Community Comments: C. Schwan discussing possible

events at the park Correspondence: SDML, EM, and Brown County. Letters were read and acted upon.

Unfinished Business Nuisances – Car at Marshall's is gone, letter about the garbage in pickup+, letters to Demeray and Malsom.

Streets-Parks- Starting a to do list for spring

Tor spring Lagoon/sewer-Sewer accounts- good Rubble Site- should burn. May get metal out and recycle – conete will be used.

City shop- on going plans. New Business:

Kuschel Harrlook into Christhas decorations. Moved by Kuschel Harr 2nd by

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Groton Township

Groton Township will hold its annual township meeting and election on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Groton Community Center at 1-3 p.m. Any business concerning the township will be discussed with election of officers following the business meeting

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards of screened and crushed gravel, more or less, to be delivered to specific points in Groton Township. Bids, along with certificate of insurance, are to be sent to the Township Clerk and will be opened on March 2014

ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWN-

LANDFILL SPRING RESIDEN-TIAL CLEANUP: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Spring Residential Cleanup at the Brown County Landfill, to be held from April 25 thru May 10, 2014. Tires are limited to car/pickup tires only with a maximum of 4 tires per customer for event period. Fees will apply to commercially generated tires and other tire sizes. No free waste will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (including mobile homes). In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission would reserve the right to end the free cleanup period at such time and implement the regular fee structure. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. BID AWARD - LANDFILL WASTE TIRE REMOVAL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to accept low quote submitted by Liberty Tire to remove waste

tires from landfill in 2014 in the amount of \$144.50 per ton; rejecting quote from New Deal

approximate cost of \$30.92



#### 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:

16 124N 65W S2NE

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 -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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SHIP

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 ccept or reject any or all bids.

Mark Thompson Township Clerk

(0218.0225) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$20.28.

proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank draft in the amount of 5% of the total amount of hid that has been issued by a National or State Bank authorized to do business in South Dakota; or a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total amount of bid, pavable without condition to Brown County as a guarantee of good faith in entering into a contract if so awarded.

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

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

ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0225.0304)

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Jeff Howard, Township Clerk Published once at the approximate cost of \$7.04.



The citizens of the Township of Savo in County of Brown, South Dakota and who are quali-South Dakota and who are quali-fied to vote at Township elec-tions; are hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting for said Township will be held at Savo Church in said Township, on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2014, at 1:30 PM for the follow-ing purposes: to elect one Su-pervisor one township clerk and pervisor, one township clerk, and one township treasurer. We will be receiving bids for road main-tenance and gravel and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting when convened. Mail bids to Judy Bretsch, 10326 390th Ave., Frederick, SD 57441. Savo Township Clerk Judy Bretsch Published once at the approxi-mate cost of \$6.48.

## **Groton Calendar of Events**



#### 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. 2 Birthdays: Mary Ann Wehde, Waylon Se-

verson

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 Pierpont (LCMC) worship **Committee Meets** 

2:00pm: NSU Performance of "Romeo & ship with Communion Juliet"

6:00pm: Region GBB Tourney in Groton (2 Groton 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 juice, milk. 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 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

#### 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,

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran (ELCA) Wor-

11:00am: Tuff Tigers Youth Wrestling in

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,

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**



605-216-0270 (c) 605-262-0178 (h) jameshushy@hotmail.com

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-

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 LentenMeal (Executive Board Serves)

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

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## 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**

#### **Continued from front**

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 parentteacher 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.

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

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

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

Kroll was third at the regional wrestling tournament held in Webster.