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Stormers take second at State DI

The State Destination Imagination Event was held Saturday in Pierre. The Stormers, managed by Laura Clark, Amanda Bisbee and Pam Barse, took second place. In back are Isaac Smith, Ethan Clark, Carter Barse and Andrew Marzahn; in front, left to right, are Cole Bisbee, Jackson Dinger and Jacob Lewandowski.



Out of Boxers heading to Globals

The Out of Boxers team, managed by Clint and Tara Fjelstad, not only took first place at the State DI event held Saturday in Pierre, but also brought home the DaVinici award for their use of recyclables in their challenge. In back, left to right, are Lily Cutler, Halie Yarborough, Nathan Fjelstad and Trey Wright; in front, left to right, are Keri Pappas, Erin Smith and Jenifer Fjelstad. The DI Globals will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., at the end of May.



Bracinators place second at State DI

Joann Donley's team, the Bracinators, placed second at the State DI Event held Saturday in Pierre. In back, left to right, are Hattie Weismantel and AnneMarie Smith; and in front are Emma Donley and Madison Sippel.



Five Confused People heading to DI Globals

The team managed by Julie Milbrandt and Joni Groeblichhoff took first place honors at the State DI Event held Saturday in Pierre. They will be advancing to the DI Globals in Knoxville, Tenn., at the end of May. Pictured left to right are the members of the Five Confused People: Alex Kern, Luke Smith, Breanna Marzahn and Katie Groeblichhoff.

DI Fundraisers

Groton's DestiNation Imagination program will be having several fundraisers in May to help raise funds to send two teams to the DI Globals Finals May 21-24 in Knoxville, Tenn. They will have a rummage sale on May 3rd and anyone wanting to donate items for the rummage sale should contact Julie Milbrandt or Joann Donley. The DI will also be serving a meal at both the elementary and high school spring music concerts on May 6 and 8, respectively. The Run To Globals will be held Saturday, May 17. A junior high NEC track meet will be held May 15th with DI selling concessions.

New this year is the high school state rodeo even being held July 5-6 at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Groton's DI will be selling concessions both days from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. And there will be more to come!

Groton's Next Blood Drive

Thursday, April 17, Noon to 6 p.m., Groton Legion
You can make an appointment on-line at

www.bloodhero.com

Blood cannot be artificially made. The only way to have enough blood to save lives is through your blood donations.



Pictured in back, left to right, are Alexis Simon, Kayla Jensen and Patrick Gengerke; in front are Lily Cutler, Haley Unzen and Emilee Crosby; and pictured above is Alec Oleson.

January Students of the Month

The Groton Area Student Council sponsors the Students of the Month. Each month, the faculty selects seven students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have a spring lunch with the principal.

The January Students of the Month are sixth grader Kayla Jensen, seventh grader Alexis Simon, eighth grader Emilee Crosby, freshman Patrick Gengerke, sophomore Lily Cutler, junior Haley Unzen and senior Alec Oleson.

Kayla Jensen, daughter of Lynn and Robin Jensen, Claremont, is a sixth grader. She has one sister, Abby, age 8.

Kayla was in her fourth year in DestiNation Imagination and fourth year in the YMCA volleyball program. She also plays the flute in band.

Her team went to the state DI tourney in Pierre after placing second in the regions last year. She was named to the honor roll and earned third place for her D.A.R.E. essay in the fifth grade.

Kayla is interested in cupcakes, all things DI, Aberdeen Wings Hockey, rainbow loom bracelets, hunting and cats. Her favorite subjects are art and band and she would like to be an art or a music teacher. Her role model are her parents and her awesome Aunt Karen.

Alexis Simon, daughter of Nick and Jamie Simon, Groton, is a seventh grader. Her siblings are her brothers, Lucas, Cole and Carter. She has been involved in volleyball, 4-H and band.

Alexis placed second in the South Dakota State Fair judging, the MathCounts team she was on placed first in two competitions, she was named to the honor roll and she was chosen as a student of the month in sixth grade. She is interested in ice skating, golfing, sewing, babysitting, photography, making crafts off of Pinterest and painting. English is her favorite subject and she would like to become an architect or go into something with design. Her role model is her dad.

Emilee Crosby is the daughter of Russell and Robin Crosby, Claremont, and she is an eighth grader. She has a sister, Maggie. She is involved in hunting and reading and she likes animals. Science is her favorite subject and she would like to become a forensic anthropologist. Her parents are her role models.

Patrick Gengerke, a freshman, is the son of Debbie and Collin Gengerke, Groton. His siblings are Trey and Brooke. He is involved in football, FFA, lifting weights and farming.

Patrick has made the honor roll every quarter since the seventh grade and Ag and math are his favorite subjects. He future plans is to take what his dad and grandfather have built up and expand it and take it to its fullest potential. Jim Dittman, his grandfather, is his role model.

Lily Cutler, a sophomore, is the daughter of Lisa and James Cutler, Claremont. She has a brother, Greyson. Her activities include DestiNation Imagination, debate, oral interp, youth group, Sunday School and volunteering.

Lily's accomplishments including having her team make it to the DIG globals, being on the honor roll, having a 4.0 grade point average, making it to state oral interp and receiving first superiors in Oral Interp. She is interested in reading, spending time with her family and friends and DestiNation Imagination. Spanish II is her favorite subject and she would like to become a teacher in history, science or Spanish. Her parents are her role models.

Haley Unzen, a junior, is the daughter of Jake and Tiffany Unzen, Groton. Siblings are sophomore Megan, fifth grader Erin and kindergartener Nathan. Her activities include FCCLA, color guard, C&MA youth group, boys' basketball statistician, cross country student manager, FCA, Carnival of Silver Skates, warming house attendant, Star Torch and is a junior Legion Auxiliary member.

Haley's accomplishments including FCCLA president, being on the 4.0 honor roll, selected for Student of the Month and is the junior class treasurer. She likes to spend time with her family and friends, shopping, crafting, babysitting and learning new things. English is her favorite subject. She plans to attend the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, to major in medical biology and then go on to become a psychiatrist. Her mom is her role model.

Alec Oleson, a senior, is the son of Michael Oleson and Karla and Russell Davidson. His siblings are Kristopher Oleson, Michaela Oleson, Claire Davidson and Andrea Davidson. His activities include football, weight lifting, S.T.A.R./Torch, tutoring, concert band, marching band, jazz band, pep band and UMYF Church group.

Alec likes rounding up the troops to play video games, watching "Bones" with his family, playing with his dogs and thinking about philosophical questions. Chemistry is his favorite subject. He plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, to major in neuroscience in hopes of becoming a neurosurgeon. Lazar Angelov is his role model.

Conde National League

Team Standings: Cubs 23.5, Braves 21, Mets 19, Pirates 16.5, Colts 16, Giants 12.

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 216, 202 and 202; Topper Tastad 190, Chad Furney 188.

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 620, Chad Furney 522, Todd Fenske 503.

Women's High Games: Hayley Merkel 190, 181; Alice Severson 179, 178; Michelle Johnson 178.

Women's High Series: Hayley Merkel 520, Alice Severson 518, Michelle Johnson 476.

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**Brown County
March 25
Meeting
Minutes**



MARCH 25, 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 Hansen to approve the General Meeting minutes of March 18, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve the following claims: Payroll: Commission \$3,527.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$3,992.74; Auditor \$7,145.27; Treasurer \$11,620.48; Data Processing \$3,212.50; State's Attorney \$15,075.41; Blood Draws \$1,000.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,269.24; Maintenance \$4,938.63; Assessor \$12,626.90; Register of Deeds \$8,166.79; Veterans Service Office \$3,642.74; GIS \$2,147.60; Sheriff Admin \$30,516.89; Jail \$31,447.46; Coroner \$0; JDC \$14,381.70; HD \$4,755.11; Welfare Office \$3,086.87; Museum \$7,063.34; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,009.51; Fair Board \$2,755.87; 4-H \$1,143.20; Weed \$154.45; Planning and Zoning \$1,453.85; Highway \$44,606.38; Communications \$19,655.24; Emergency Management \$3,209.72; Teen Court \$143.74; 24/7 \$2,686.52; Landfill \$10,757.71 Matching Benefits: FICA \$15,286.43; Medicare \$3,574.99; Life \$673.05; Dental \$6,295.32; Health Insurance \$102,818.83; Retirement \$30,058.20

Professional Fees: Avera St Luke's \$14,286.67; Denver Sheriff Dept \$26.05; Chris Dohrer \$3,839.28; Tammy Erickson \$110.00; Harmelink, Fox & Ravnsborg Law \$138.50; Chris Jansen \$3,214.28; Kuck Law Office \$3,214.28; Colleen Meisenheimer \$20.00; Richardson, Wylly, Wise, Sauck \$3,214.28; Gina Rogers \$3,214.28; Ronayne Law Office \$3,406.88; Sanford Clinic \$516.99; Sanford Health \$83.00; SD Attorney General's Office \$5,882.26; SD Dept of Transportation \$397.86; SDACHS \$225.00; SDN, LLC \$100.00; Christy Serr \$3,836.28; Sivertsen Technology \$5,025.00; US Bank \$100.00; Yankton Law Office \$25.00. Publishing: American News \$722.36; Capital Journal \$14.15; Dex Media \$52.00.

Rentals: A & P Investments \$130.00; Ronald Erdmann \$130.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$684.53; C & L Plumbing & Heating \$927.48; Century Business Products \$11.18; Crady's Radiator Shop \$414.00; Farm Power MFG \$13.22; Sewer Duck \$421.00; Superior Jetting Inc \$3,657.98; US Bank \$1,571.42.

Supplies: A & B Business \$144.81; Assn of SD Museums \$100.00; Best Business Products \$176.80; Brick's TV & Appliance \$449.95; Dakota Electronics \$100.00; Dakota Fluid Power \$2,231.45; Earthgrains \$380.73; Galls \$529.25; GovConnection \$64.64; Marco \$93.76; Menards \$5.99; Midwest Printing \$195.00; Midwest Art Conservation \$100.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$80.75; NCFE – Warner Elevator \$21,279.05; Network Services Co \$80.36; Newman Signs \$319.14; Pharmchem \$629.00; Quality Welding \$32.00; Sanford Health \$35.00; Sewing Shoppe \$66.25; Stop & Listen \$357.00; US Bank \$10,444.06. Transcripts: Shepherd Reporting \$30.00.

Travel & Conference: Best Western Ramkota \$90.99; Maxine Fischer \$147.47; Hannah Carda \$130.00; Lynn Heupel \$38.00; Nick Juenger \$39.00; Clay Nelson \$149.46; Cathy Sauer \$26.00; SDACHS \$80.00; US Bank \$3,192.69; Chris White \$230.40. Utilities: Century Link \$2,519.97; MidContinent Communications \$124.26; Midwest Alarm \$51.50; Montana Dakota Utilities \$357.05; NVC \$537.30; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$6,929.63; Northwestern Public Service \$330.00; US Bank \$655.76; Verizon Wireless \$1,869.09. Other: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$4,611.22; Pizza Ranch \$84.95. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to

approve 2 hours holiday pay for Cathy Sauer, Auditor's Office, to process absentee ballots on April 18, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Patricia Kendall as Museum Office and Gift Shop Manager at \$13.32 per hour effective April 7, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Wiese to acknowledge resignation of Carl Fair and approve Landfill request to the fill part-time vacancy. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS:
Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: Resolution #17-14BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Dohn's Outlot 1 in the NW ¼ of Sec 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution:

Resolution #18-14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Face Addition in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Sec 35-T121 N-R62W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution:

Resolution #19-14 BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Concord Grain LLC Outlots in the SW ¼ of Sec 24-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution:

Resolution #20-14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Jeff Howard Subdivision in the S ½ SE ¼ of Sec 28-T124N-R60W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize Chairman sign the following agreements: RDO Equipment Company for lease of Expo Building on March 25-27, 2014; Steve Jorgenson for lease of

the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on July 4-6, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABSENTEE VOTING PRECINCT: Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 21-14
WHEREAS, SDCL 12-18-3 addresses activities prohibited in and within 100' of any polling place, and WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2014 HB 1074 defines the term "polling place" to mean a designated place voters may go to vote on the day of the election or go to vote absentee, and WHEREAS, Absentee Voting is conducted in the Auditor's Office 46 days prior to the June 3, 2014 Primary Election. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission prohibits all activities prohibited in SDCL 12-18-3 in and within 100' of any entrance to the Brown County Courthouse Complex, or other locations within the County that may be established for early absentee voting, for the period of time that early absentee voting is being conducted for any election which is administered by the Auditor's Office prior to July 1, 2014. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

GOVTTELLER MERCHANT AGREEMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to authorize the Chairman sign Agreement with GovTeller as a vendor for credit card processing. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID NOTICE – FURNACE/AC: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for labor and materials to install two 2stage 96% natural gas down flow furnaces, one 4-ton 3-phase 208/230 volt air conditioner and cased evaporator coil, one 3 ½ ton 3-phase 208/230 volt air conditioner and cased evaporator coil, to be held in the Commissioners Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 a.m. on April 15, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD – BRIDGE 204 Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve SDDOT award of contract to Grangard Construction in amount of \$1,106,945.60 – Item 1, March 19, 2014 Letting BRF 6170(01), PCN 020S Brown County BR 204, Structure and approach grading (172' 3-Span Concrete Girder Bridge); rejecting bids from Duininck Inc in amount of \$1,253,827.28; Industrial Builders Inc in amount of \$1,312,260.19. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy Sauer, Brown County Deputy Auditor
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Groton School Mower Bid Notice



BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR SCHOOL TRACTOR MOWER

The Board of Education of Groton Area School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota requests sealed bids on a tractor/mower combination.

Specifications and bid forms are on file in the business office. All bids must be made on the specified form. For more information contact Head Custodian, Mike Nehls, at 397-2351.

Bids must be received by Monday, April 14, 2014, at 2:00pm, in the school superintendent's office. Bids will be reviewed at the regular board meeting that evening at 7:30pm.

All bidders shall understand that payment will not be made until the start of the new fiscal year, July 15, 2014. The school board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Address bids to Business Manager, Groton Area High School, P.O. Box 410, Groton, SD 57445. Mark envelopes: "Mower Bid". (2t. March 31 & April 7, 2014)

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Brown County HVAC Contractor Notice



NOTICE TO HVAC CONTRACTORS

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 Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on April 15, 2014, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for labor and materials to Install: Two – 2 stage 96% natural gas down flow furnaces; One 4-ton 3-phase 208/230 volt air conditioner and cased evaporator coil; One 3 ½ -ton 3-phase 208/230 volt air conditioner and cased evaporator coil.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown County, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and be marked on the envelope: "Brown County Highway Heat/Cool Systems" to be opened on April 15, 2014 at 8:45AM.. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

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

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and 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 Maintenance, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 Phone: 605-626-7124

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer
Brown County Auditor
(0401.0408)
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Hickman Township Road Maintenance Bid Notice



Hickman Township Marshall County, SD Notice for Bids

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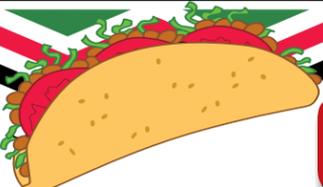
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The Northwestern Energy crew have been busy changing out the poles that wheel power from the WAPA Substation seven miles south of Groton to the NWE substation on the south edge of town that feeds power to the city. The double pole structures are being replaced with the single pole structures. Groton is currently being fed power from the east.

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POPS Concert set for April 13th

The Groton Area High School music department will present its annual POPS Concert on Sunday, April 13th, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Tickets are only five dollars in advance or seven dollars at the door. Advance tickets are available at the High School Office and Lori's Pharmacy.

The theme for this year is "Groton Live on Stage!" The concerts will feature performances from the award-winning groups Prismatic Sensations Show Choir and High School Jazz Band, as well as many talented soloists, and some smaller ensembles. They will all be performing old and new popular music that you are sure to enjoy! There will be no reserved seating, and seats do fill up quickly, so plan on arriving early to get a great view of the show! The doors will open one hour prior to show time. This concert is one of the highlights of the year for the music department, and you do not want to miss it!

Come on out, have some Coca-Cola and popcorn, and enjoy performances by many of our music department's students!

If you have card tables that the music department may borrow for the day, please label them with your name and drop them off at the high school or call Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Yeaton, or Mrs. Jensen at 397-8381 to arrange a pick up.

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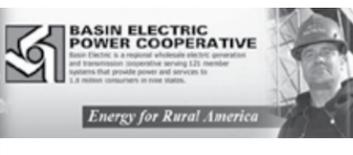
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Wednesday, April 2
School Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.

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

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Doug Doeden, Vera Musil, Randy Jaeschke

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

5:30pm: United Methodist Lenten Supper

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (Nigeria & India serve)

6:15pm: United Methodist Lenten Service

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

7:00pm: Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Kids Club, Youth Group, and Adult bible study Kids Club, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study

Thursday, April 3

School Breakfast: French toast, links, juice, fruit, milk.

School Lunch: Meatballs, mashed potato, corn, broccoli and dip, fresh and canned fruit, tea buns.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Adlyn Larsen, Haley Unzen, Marc Johnson, Randy Jaeschke, Sue Stanley

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

4:30pm: Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Ladies Bible Study

Friday, April 4

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

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, mixed vegetable, tossed salad, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, beets, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: David Krueger, Desiree Morehouse, Mitchell Madsen, Sandy Strom

1:00pm: NSU Indoor Track Meet

Saturday, April 5

Birthday: Toby Carda

Sunday, April 6

State FFA Convention in Brookings

Birthdays: Cheryl Tullis, Walker Cutler, Josh Heupel, Courtney Kurtz

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:15am: Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance School for all ages

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

10:00am: United Methodist School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion

10:15am: Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Fellowship Time

10:45am: Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

11:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Communion Session II for 5th Graders

12:00pm: United Methodist Missions Silent Easter Basket Auctions Ends

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Bethesda

7:00pm: United Methodist Worship Committee

Monday, April 7

State FFA Convention in Brookings

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

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

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, apricots, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Scott & Mary Fordham: **Birthdays:** Reilly Ell, Shelly Lerew, Steve Gibbs, Cody Becker

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00pm: City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

State FFA Convention in Brookings

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

School Lunch: Chicken patty on bun, green beans, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Sloppy joe on wheat bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, crunchy cranberry salad.

Birthdays: Amanda Wheeler, Julia Grenz, Lori Gelhaus, Mitch Hanson, Tammy Erickson

10:00am: Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Ladies Bible Study

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

3:30pm: Track at Milbank

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, April 9

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

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

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pumpkin bar with topping or carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Becca Monson, Carla Smith, Dale Grenz, Debora Tietz, Lance Larsen, Melissa Connolly, Roxie Merkel, Sydney Rossow

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

5:30pm: United Methodist Lenten Supper

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (Men Serve)

6:15pm: United Methodist Lenten Service

6:45pm: United Methodist UMYF

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

7:00pm: Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Kids Club, Youth Group, and Adult bible study Kids Club, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study

Thursday, April 10

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

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, carrots and dip, California blend, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli or carrots, garlic toast, sherbet.



NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON
 A Municipal Election will be held on April 8, 2014 in Groton, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central daylight savings time on the day of the election.
 At the election, the following offices will be filled:
 Mayor - 2 Year Term - Scott Hanlon or Eddy Nehls
 Alderman Ward 2 - 2 year

Term - David McGannon or Ronald Belden
 Alderman Ward 3 - 2 year Term - Gary Heitmann or Burt Glover
FURTHERMORE, THE FOLLOWING ARE UNOPPOSED
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 Anita Lowary
 Finance Officer
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meet at 6:00 pm on April 14th.

Motion carried.
 Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to increase contract for Cheryl Hanson from 6/7 to 1.0 FTE for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Smith to increase contract for Lindsey Tietz from 6/7 to 1.0 FTE for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Smith to reassign Cara Dennert from MS/HS Technology Teacher to Technology Teacher/Integrationist for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to reassign Bonnie Schimmel from Title I Math to RTI Coordinator/Reading Interventionist for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to reassign Jill Helvig from .3 Reading Interventionist/Para to Title I Math Teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Smith to go into executive session at 8:35 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and SDCL 1-25-2(4) to discuss personnel issues and auxiliary staff negotiations. Motion carried.
 Nelson declared the board out of executive session at 8:58 pm.
 Moved by Harder, second Smith to offer certified teaching contracts for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Smith to adjourn. Motion carried.
 M. J. Weber, Business Manager
 Dorene Nelson, President
 The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
 March 24, 2014
 President Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Harder, Nelson, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Hanson, Kjelden and Voss. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan and Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan.
 Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to approve the agenda with the following amendments under New Business Item #6a – resignation of Madeleine Gonsoir and under Old Business Item #9a – open enrollment #15-02. Motion carried.
 Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice.
 With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.
 The board listened to program presentations from Math Teachers Cheryl Hanson, Darlyne Johnson and Greg Kjellsen and Social Science Teachers Jana Duncan, Scott Thorson and Shaun Wanner.
 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee member will

Items discussed in Administrative Reports were: legislative updates, Region V Superintendent's meeting, Smarter Balanced Assessment, senior privileges, Elementary Picture Day, Kindergarten Screening results and teacher in-service.
 Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to authorize the Business Manager to advertise bids for 2014 John Deere mower and attachments or equivalent with bid opening to be held at 2:00 pm, April 14th. Motion carried.
 Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to set last day of school for 2013-14 for students as May 22nd, and for staff as May 23rd, as a result of inclement weather days. Motion carried.
 Schwan presented two school calendar drafts for 2014-15. Moved by Smith, second Harder to approve draft copy #2 with school start date of August 21st. Motion carried.
 Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to approve resignation from Aaron Helvig as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve resignation from Scott Thorson as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Smith to approve resignation of Madeline Gonsoir as Special Ed Para-professional for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to approve resignation of Gabe Kjellsen as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried.
 Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to table, until April 14th, a decision to hire Cory Harder as Head Girls Soccer Coach. Motion carried.
 Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to amend the 2013-14 contract of Counselor Ashley Seeklander to include \$300 for holding a Master's Degree in the area of assignment, per the negotiated agreement. Motion carried.
 Moved by Weismantel, second Smith to approve open enrollment application #15-01 for a student in Kindergarten. Motion carried.
 Moved by Smith, second Weismantel to approve open enrollment application #15-02 for a student in Junior Kindergarten.

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WARD 3
GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
April 8, 2014

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Eddy Nehls

Scott Hanlon

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Burt Glover

Gary Heitmann

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WARD 1
GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
April 8, 2014

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Eddy Nehls

Scott Hanlon

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SAMPLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT
WARD 2
GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
April 8, 2014

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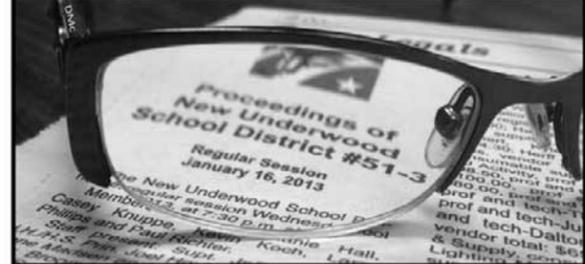
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Phantom Vision

By Richard P. Holm MD

Phantoms and ghosts are apparitions of spirit not real, and yet there is scientific support for such haunting and mysterious visions. Start with the human brain, the control center, receiving signals

from five senses, and re-directing them through memory circuits, weighing and processing thoughts, and then creating new out-going signals for muscle contraction to send a basketball arching through air to swoosh through net; to force air through vocal cords to make musical notes of perfect harmony; or even to push a button switching channels to watch this TV show.

But if that is not interesting enough: when sensory input is lost for the blind, the deaf, the amputee... we have learned that the brain fills in with phantom images, sounds and even body parts.

Take for example phantom visions of the blind called Charles Bonnet syndrome. First described in 1769, Swiss naturalist Charles Bonnet noted the hallucinations of his 89 year old grandfather, who saw smaller than normal faces, birds, trees, and patterns like tapestry all from his failing eyes. Oliver Sacks, a famous neurologist and writer, tells us that you don't have to have failing vision, and that most of us have hallucinations normally as we first close our eyes to go to sleep often with swirling patterns. The take-home message from Bonnet and Sacks is to reassure us that visual hallucinations can be very normal, simply reflecting the brain filling in when vision is diminished.

Also, there are phantom sounds of the hearing-deprived called tinnitus, and rarely musical ear syndrome. The first is a simple bother to ignore, and the second a complex form of auditory hallucinations to admire. Apparently great composers Robert Schumann and Dmitri Schostakovich both described hearing phantom symphonies in their heads from which they drew inspiration for composing music we still hear today.

Similarly, people who have lost a limb sometimes sense that the limb is still there, and this is called phantom limb syndrome. Unfortunately, these hallucinatory limbs can become painful, and too often are unresponsive to standard pain medications and treatment. Recent promising research, however, is bringing relief for some suffering with phantom limb pain by using mirrors reflecting the real limb in order to teach the amputee to unclench or relax the phantom limb.

Imagine that! When there is loss, the human brain fills in with phantom images, sounds, and limbs. And even though they are not part of the real world, they are real to our minds and we need to deal with them.

Dr. Rick Holm wrote this editorial for "On Call@," a weekly program where medical professionals discuss health concerns for the general public. "On Call@" is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University Journalism Department. "On Call@" airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting-Television at 7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain.

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