



One Groton alliance beats another Groton alliance at Harrisburg Robotics

Saturday in Harrisburg the Geek Squad was selected by the Mitchell Mr. Kernels to form the third place alliance and they went on to defeat the Groton alliance of the Monkey Wrenches and Gear Heads to win the competition. The Geek Squad consists of team members: Nick Dalchow, Ethan Braun, Devon Poppen, and Jacob Milbrandt. The next state wide competition will be held in Rapid City on December 13. Groton will host another tournament on January 24.

Pictured are Geek Squad members Nick Dalchow, Jacob Milbrandt, and Ethan Braun and Mr. Kernel members Halle Mickelson, Gage Renken, and Aubree Vanderbilt.

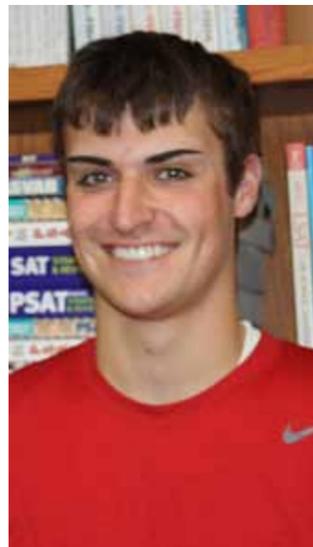
Dohman chosen for Good Citizen Award

Gabriel Dohman, a Groton High School senior, has been chosen as the 2014-2015 Groton DAR Good Citizen. The Groton faculty and the senior class selected him for this award.

The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must show leadership and patriotism in home, school, and community to an outstanding degree. Gabriel competed in the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Contest by completing an application and writing an essay. The DAR Good Citizen candidate from each school competes in a state-wide competition. State winners will compete in geographical and national competitions for scholarships ranging up to \$2000.

Gabriel is involved in many activities at Groton including basketball, track, class president, and Future Business Leaders of America. He has been selected for awards such as Student of the Month, 4.0 Honor Roll, National Honor Society, and the 2013 SD Governor's Leadership Luncheon.

Gabriel is the son of David and Tammy Dohman of Groton. He plans to attend a four-year college and major in either aviation, political science, or homeland security.



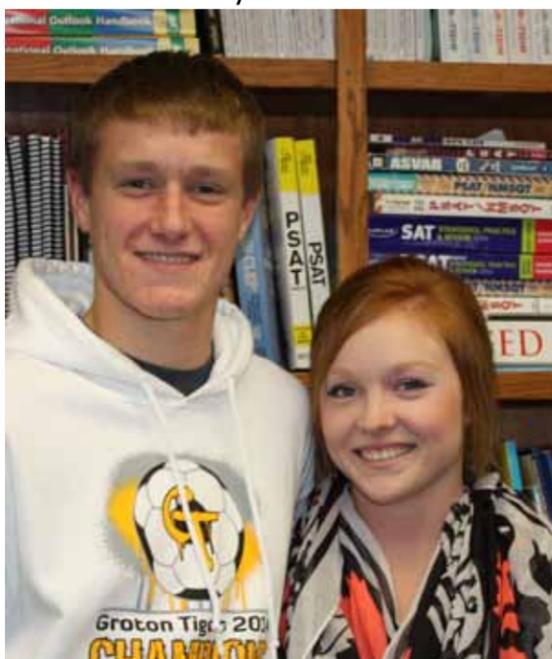
Gabriel Dohman

Sternhagen, Kurtz chosen for Wendy's High School Heisman

Lucas Sternhagen and Courtney Kurtz, both seniors at Groton High School, were nominated for the annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award and were named school winners. The national awards program, created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City, recognizes academic achievement, community service and athletic accomplishments. Courtney was also named state finalist for the Wendy's girls division.

Luke has been involved in many sports including soccer, basketball, and track and has participated in the Natural Helper group and FFA. He has been selected for the All-State Soccer Team for 2 years, Academic All-State, National Honor Society, the Principal's Honor Roll and placed at the State FFA Convention in the Farm and Business Management competition. Lucas has volunteered at his church and has been a referee and scorekeeper. Luke is the son of Craig and Jodi Sternhagen of Groton. He plans to attend a four year college and major in information technology.

Courtney has been involved in basketball, volleyball, track, Future Business Leaders of America and the yearbook. She has won awards such as MVP in basketball, track and volleyball, has been selected as Student of the Month and is on the honor roll. Courtney volunteers her time as a YMCA youth volleyball coach, working at concessions stands, refereeing games, and with the Groton American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39. Courtney is the daughter of Ryan and Diane Kurtz of Groton. She plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in business administration.



Luke Sternhagen and Courtney Kurtz

SDDOT Awards Economic Development Grant to Groton

PIERRE, S.D. – At its Nov. 20, 2014 meeting, the South Dakota Transportation Commission awarded \$1.12 million in grants for road improvements in smaller communities in South Dakota.

The Community Access grant program funds were awarded to improve roads leading to schools, main business areas, hospitals, grain elevators and other economic areas in the communities. The grants pay for 60 percent of the construction costs, up to a maximum of \$200,000.

Groton received \$200,000 for Railroad Avenue which serves the elevator. Those funds will be given to Brown County as they will be doing the work on Railroad Avenue east of Sixth Street.

Also receiving \$200,000 were Arlington for Main Street which serves the school, Burke for Seventh Street which serves a business area, and Wessington Springs for Main Street and Dakota Avenue which serves the downtown area. Ipswich received \$183,500 for Second Avenue which serves the school, Menno received \$55,800 for Poplar Street which serves a business area, and Sully County received \$81,000 for Ash Avenue and 18th St. which serves a business area.

From Groton Area's
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Camille Gonsoir, daughter of Desiree Craig, Groton. Camille is thankful for Thanksgiving, healthy apples and a mouse in the house.

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Taryn Thompson, daughter of Mark and June Thompson, Groton. Taryn is thankful for family and her guinea pig.



Brayden Barrera, son of Beltran and Tasha Barrera, Groton. Brayden is thankful for his family and friends.



Ella Kettner, daughter of Alex and Kendra Kettner, Groton. Ella is thankful for her grandma.

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Owen Sperry, son of Ryan and Amanda Sperry, Aberdeen. Owen is thankful for his sister.



Damion Myburgh, son of Andries and Judi Myburgh, Columbia. Damion is thankful for turkey.



Cameron Feist, son of Dannielle Pullan, Groton. Cameron is thankful for mom and dad.



Rylie Rose, daughter of Ian and Karen Rose, Groton. Rylie is thankful for family, Dominos and books.

Bountiful Blessings at Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men; but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude.

~ E.P. Powell, American author & journalist

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~E.P. Powell

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Wyatt Wambach, son of Jason and Ricahl Wambach, Groton. Wyatt is thankful for going to school.



Braeden Flihs, son of Lance and JoAnn Flihs, Groton. Braeden is thankful for the whole world.



Jaxon Khali, son of Djamel and Kristen Khali, Groton. Jaxon is thankful for cleaning up his house.



George Marshall, son of Dusty and Tracy Marshall, Columbia. George is thankful for his sister.



Sydney Locke, daughter of Matt and Tammy Locke, Groton. Sydney is thankful for family.



Quinn Cogley, son of Steven and Michele Cogley, Claremont. Quinn is thankful for mom and family.



Baron Fischbach, son of Justin Fischbach and Amber Fischbach, Groton. Baron is thankful for dad.

From Groton Area's Junior Kindergarten Class

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and remember to give thanks for the blessings you have!

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Groton students excel at MathCounts

The Roncalli Invitational MathCounts Competition was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. Over 180 students from nine Aberdeen area schools (Britton-Hecla, Eureka, Frederick, Holgate, Northwestern, Roncalli, Simmons, Warner, and Groton) participated in the event, which was sponsored by 3M of Aberdeen.

Kaycie Hawkins, Kayla Jensen, Noah Poor, and Madeline Schuelke were awarded the first place trophies in the seventh grade team competition. Two Groton students earned medals in the seventh grade individual/countdown round: Kayla Jensen (first place) and Isaac Smith (fourth place).

Jennie Doeden, Tylan Glover, Micah Poor, and AnneMarie Smith were awarded the first place trophies in the eighth grade team competition.

Three Groton students earned medals in the eighth grade individual/countdown round: AnneMarie Smith (first place), Micah Poor (fifth place), and Cassandra Townsend (sixth place).

MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics. Area competitions consisting of several types of tests are held monthly. The next junior high competition will be the Roncalli Invitational MathCounts Countdown Competition on Wednesday, December 10.

Meanwhile the sixth graders took part in the Holgate competition held November 18 in Aberdeen. Isaac Smith took first in the individual contest. Groton's team placed first.



7th Grade Individuals:
Front row from left: Kayla Jensen, Groton, 1st place; Abe Wieland, Simmons, 2nd place; Logan Snell, Holgate, 3rd place
Back row from left: Issac Smith, Groton, 4th place; Ian Pharris, Roncalli, 5th place; Travis Sharp, Holgate, 6th place



7th Grade Teams:
Front row from left: Groton, 1st place, Kaycie Hawkins, Kayla Jensen, Noah Poor, Madeline Schuelke
Middle row from left: Roncalli, 2nd place, Erica Carda, Ian Pharris, Riley Weinmeister, Madison Wetz
Back row from left: Holgate, 3rd place, Jennifer Appl, Luke Jacobs, Travis Sharp, Logan Snell



8th Grade Teams:
Front row from left: Groton, 1st place, Jennie Doeden, Tylan Glover, Micah Poor, AnneMarie Smith
Middle row from left: Simmons, 2nd place, Taryn Fergel, Culver Lewis, Layne Nieber, Abe Wieland
Back row from left: Roncalli, 3rd place, Alison Dix, Joseph Goetz, Mary Guttenkauf, Connor Hansen



8th Grade Individuals:
Front row from left: AnneMarie Smith, Groton, 1st place; Jessica Hertel, Frederick, 2nd place; Laurie Rogers, Warner, 3rd place
Back row from left: Joseph Goetz, Roncalli, 4th place; Micah Poor, Groton, 5th place; Cassandra Townsend, Groton, 6th place

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Holgate, 6th Grade Individual Awards
Holgate Middle School hosted a MATHCOUNTS competition on 11/19/2014. The 6th grade individual winners following the Countdown Round were, Front row, from left: Isaac Smith, Groton, 1st place; William Goscicki, Roncalli, 2nd place; Capri Hellwig, Roncalli, 3rd place. Back row, from left: Melanie Jacobs, Holgate, 4th place; Rolli Jark, Warner, 5th place; Mason Myers, Holgate, 6th place.



Holgate, 6th Grade Team Awards
Holgate Middle School hosted a MATHCOUNTS competition on 11/19/2014. The 6th grade team winners were, front row from left: Groton, 1st place, Tanae Lipp, Dragr Monson, Samantha Pappas, Isaac Smith. Middle row from left: Roncalli, 2nd place, William Goscicki, Capri Hellwig, Jackson Henrich, Sam Sather. Back row from left: Holgate, 3rd place, Greta Adolf, Melanie Jacobs, Braydon Jones, Gavin Peterson

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Brown County Nov. 10 General Meeting



NOVEMBER 18, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting minutes of November 10, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,527.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$3,992.74; Elections & 1,268.47; Auditor \$7,170.69; Treasurer \$11,647.69; Data Processing \$3,186.40; State's Attorney \$14,554.70; Blood Draws \$450.00; SVA-WA Grant \$1,825.94; Maintenance \$6,445.30; Assessor \$12,387.30; Register of Deeds \$8,455.67; Veterans Service Office \$3,467.74; GIS \$2,147.60; Sheriff Admin \$30,457.81; Jail \$31,959.31; Coroner \$1,650.00; JDC \$15,297.97; HD \$4,759.51; Welfare Office \$3,404.47; Museum \$6,928.16; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,007.97; Fair Board \$3,991.24; Weed \$2,267.93; Planning and Zoning \$2,168.46; Highway \$47,330.40; Communications \$20,878.65; Emergency Management \$3,235.32; Teen Court \$68.09; 24/7 \$2,746.22; Landfill \$11,489.10

Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,130.25; Medicare \$3,772.45

Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$218.39; AMG Radiology \$205.02; Avera St. Luke's \$9,519.48; Birmingham & Cwach Law Office \$136.34; Diane Bruns \$50.00; Mavis Cox \$50.00; Dental Center \$55.86; Deb Gustafson \$50.00; Language Line Services \$103.49; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgmt. \$115.85; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$8,526.70; Sivertsen Technology \$4,775.00; Spot Freight \$1,585.00; US Bank \$240.54

Transcripts: Michelle Galkowski \$1,276.80

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$245.94; Groton Independent \$1,643.20

Rentals: Gohn Rentals \$300.00; P & H Investments \$310.00

Repairs & Maintenance: 446-Praxair \$73.24; CNH Industrial Capital \$398.50; Dakota Tree Co. \$1,232.00; Do-All Insulation \$1,509.00; Farm Power Mfg. \$15.00; GCR Tires \$522.20; Graham Tire \$1,416.88; Leidholt Electric \$3,357.34; Sewer Duck \$152.50; US Bank \$1,040.94; Vernon Korab \$100.00; Walth

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Supplies: 446-Praxair \$392.59; A & B Business \$119.99; Aberdeen Asphalt \$17,179.59; Active Data Systems \$227.56; Ameripride Services \$74.43; Br. Co. Treasurer \$46.38; CarQuest Auto Parts \$1,312.39; Cash-Wa Dist. \$4,934.68; Cass County Heating \$299.24; CNH Industrial Capital \$567.37; Crawford MS & F \$7.99; EcoLab Pest Elimination \$225.64; Election Source \$218.18; Farm Power Mfg. \$287.39; Fire Safety First \$110.25; Gall's \$562.42; Hedahl's \$69.59; Kessler's \$367.63; Marco \$68.66; McKesson Medical-Surgical \$177.38; Menards \$37.58; Midstates Printing \$546.00; Diane Mielke \$69.83; North Star Energy \$232.50; Premier Biotech \$369.75; Pro Ag Supply \$876.04; Dirk Rogers \$70.36; TrueNorth Steel \$17,649.80; US Bank \$10,191.04

Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$40.70; Sara Hagman \$18.00; Duane Jark \$15.00; Gerald Lehrkamp \$15.00; Mike Rohrbach \$15.00; Becca Tullar \$150.00; US Bank \$836.46; Dennis Wiedebush \$15.00

Utilities: A-1 Sanitation \$193.00; Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,708.42; CenturyLink \$1,167.29; City of Hecla \$132.40; Exec. Mgmt. of Finance \$177.29; Northern Electric \$1,107.79; NWPS \$1,307.67; US Bank \$737.84; Verizon \$2,202.73

Other: JRWD \$86,176.31; Safe Harbor \$926.00; SD Assoc. of County Officials \$1,170.00

Bond Payments: Alan or Angela Bernard \$13,027.27; James Gressett \$16,283.55. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Tracy Engquist as part-time Elections employee, effective November 4, 2014 at \$13.58 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign request to fill vacancy, submitted by Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor; and further acknowledge resignation of Dana Menzia, effective November 12, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Vice Chairman sign the following Abatements: Alan Zoellner @ \$195.07, taxes paid prior to moving into Brown County; Dennis Stebner @ \$85.91, mobile home moved. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COLUMBIA FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION NOTICE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to authorize advertising notice of election for the Columbia Area Rural Fire District, to be held at the Columbia Legion on December 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOND: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the following Township Bonds: Hecla #50 (clerk) Jodi Hebi and (treasurer) Susan Rosendahl. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried.

TEEN COURT JABG AWARD: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Vice Chairman sign award documents for Department of Corrections – Juvenile Accountability Block Grant in amount of \$4,341.60 (match of \$482.40 required), effective October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the following operating transfer in total amount of \$1,333,613.61, as reflected in the 2014 General Fund #101 Budget (101-911-191): Road and Bridge Fund #201-371@ \$1,299,256.64, EM Fund #226-371@ \$27,356.97, Teen Court #230-371 @ \$7,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY CONTRACT: Contracted Attorney's Tom Cogley, Josh Finer, Chris Dohrer and Christy Serr met to discuss the Commission's plan in regard to Court Appointed Attorney's in 2015. Adam Altman and William Gerdes were also in attendance. No action was taken at this time.

MAGISTRATE COURT RENOVATION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve an additional County expenditure in the Magistrate Court Room for woodwork behind the bench at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, to be included in a change order to the City's bid for the renovation of City Hall, as presented by Buffy King, HKG Architects. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID DATE – FIRST FLOOR ANNEX LIGHTING PROJECT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to authorize advertising for sealed bids for labor and material to replace all light fixtures on the first floor of the Brown County Courthouse Annex, to be opened and considered in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROADCAST MUSIC INC. CONTRACT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Vice Chairman sign Music License for Local Governmental Entities with Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) for Jan – Dec 2015 at annual cost of \$330.00 to be expended from Commission Budget, as covers all departments of Brown County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Vice Chairman sign Court Security Grant application letter in amount of \$6,696.00 (50/50 match grant). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Vice Chairman declared the Commission recessed until November 25, 2014.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Light Fixtures Bid Notice



NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2014, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project-replacement of Light Fixtures in the first floor of the Brown County Courthouse Annex in accordance with specifications.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope. "Lighting Replacement Project" to be opened on December 9, 2014.

A Pre-bid walk thru will be held on December 1st and December 2nd at 8:00 A.M. Bidders should meet at west entrance of the annex. Bidders are encouraged to attend at least one pre-bid walk thru.

Work related to this project will not begin until after January 1st, 2015, with a completion date of late April 2015.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or bank draft for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the 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 in an amount equal to the contract price.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities of irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Electronic Specifications are on file at Mettler Sichmeller Engineering, 801 Railroad Ave. SE Aberdeen, South Dakota. Please call 605-225-4344 to request a copy by e-mail.

ATTEST:
 By
 Maxine Fischer
 Brown County Auditor
 (1125.1202)

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Groton City Nov. 17 Meeting Minutes



November 17, 2014
 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, Muilenburg, Opp, Glover, Blackmun and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Councilman McGannon was absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, and representatives from the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 7,125.00 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; SD State Treasurer 7,260.75 sales tax; 1st State Bank 10.50 bank fees; April Abeln 218.50 dep care; AFLAC 906.52 emp ins; Avera Queen of Peace 116.80 drug tests; Batteris & Bulbs 2,070.00 batteries; Car Quest 451.78 repairs; Chief Supply 143.29 uniforms; Clark Eng 6,000.88 engineering; Dacotah Bank 63,482.37 pool loan; Dearborn National Life 90.50 life ins; Groton Independent 126.40 publishing; Guardian Ins 218.76 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 38,824.31 power; Hedahls Auto Parts 88.94 muffler; Kay's Computing 94.98 tester; Ken's Food Fair 1,402.26 gas, cleaners; McGannon Plumbing 1,073.27 repairs; Meierhenry Sargent 2,500.00 legal services; NW Energy 3,403.56 power delivery; SD Supplement Retirement 4,800.00 emp retirement; Share Corp 363.46 ice melt; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 14,378.45 health ins; Wells Fargo Bank 35,468.95 2009 C&G loan; Western Area Power Adm 26,952.74 power

Department reports were given.

Water rates were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance 700, Water Rates Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

At 7:15pm the 2014 Special Assessment Role Hearing was held with Martha Farman and Wendy and Stan Monson Jr. coming before the Council. Their concerns were the approach payment costs and the failure to receive notice that the costs of the approaches would be an extra charge. The hearing was tabled until the next meeting to check with the engineer and public works department.

Cleanup of the nuisance property for the Jim and Linda Stearns on W 3rd Ave was discussed. A letter will be sent requesting more information on their plans.

Drew Johnson, attorney, reported that the airport needs to stay open to the public if the City of Groton will continue ownership of the land. The runway dimensions will have to be widened and lengthened to the original measurements. An air space application will be filed on the Gengerke bins. The County will be reminded of the need for notification on all construction within 3 miles of the airport. The renter will be reminded to keep the grain planted the required distances from the runway.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to declare the jail with a 100 ft lot be declared surplus and request appraisal quotations on the land. All members present voted aye.

Lowary was authorized to attend the election school in Pierre on Dec 11 on a motion by Opp and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

At 8:42pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg for discussion on personnel. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session

at 9:02pm.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Glover to give second reading to Ordinance 699, 2015 Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.
 Scott Hanlon, Mayor
 Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Brown County Columbia Fire District



NOTICE OF MEETING AND ELECTION
 PROPOSED COLUMBIA AREA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A Meeting and Election will be held on December 11, 2014 to determine if the proposed COLUMBIA AREA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT shall be formed. If the district is formed by this election, nomination and election of a board of trustees will take place at the meeting.

Residents within the proposed district who are also registered voters within the district are eligible to vote in this election.

The meeting and election will begin at 7:00 P.M. central standard time and continue until all present have voted.

The meeting and election will be held at the Columbia Legion, Columbia, South Dakota.

The area to be included in the proposed district is:

Brainard Township: Sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Township 126N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M. and Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 126N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

Shelby Township: Sections 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 126N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., and Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 126N, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Westport Township: Sections 1 through 24 (except Town of Westport), Township 125N, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M. and Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, and 30, Township 125N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Garland Township: Sections 1-5, 8-17 and 20-29, Township 125N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., and Section 5, 6, 7 and 18, Township 125N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Columbia Township: Sections 1-4, 8-17, and 19-36 (except the City of Columbia), Township 125N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M. and the W 1/2 and the NE 1/4 of Section 2; Sections 3-10; the NW 1/4 of Section 11; the W 1/2 and the NE 1/4 of Section 15; Sections 16-20; the N 1/2 of Section 21; the W 1/2 and the NE 1/4 of Section 29; Sections 30 and 31, all in Township 125N, Range 61 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Ordway Township: Sections 1 through 36 (except Prairiewood Township located in Section 33), Township 124N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., and Sections 31 and 36, Township 125N, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Cambria Township: Sections 1 through 36, Township 124N, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Town of Westport: Brown County, South Dakota;

City of Columbia: Brown County, South Dakota.

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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Joellen Gonsoir, Freshman at the University of Minnesota Crookston Attends Premier Training in Kansas City

Gonsoir to attend premier training in Kansas City

In 1997, 65 students sat in the Westin Crown Center Century Ballroom to kick off the first Agriculture Future of America Leaders Conference with a message from Captain Charlie Plumb. On Nov. 6, 2014, nearly 600 students gathered just down the street in Crown Center Exhibit Hall B to kick off that same event with a message from the same opening speaker 17 years later.

"Since the first AFA Leaders Conference, our delegation has grown significantly, but our commitment to creating a quality experience that prepares young leaders for the future remains the same," said Russ Weathers, AFA president and CEO.

AFA Leaders Conference annually welcomes outstanding college men and women pursuing degrees in the agriculture and food industry. Selected through a competitive application process, these students are passionate and committed to the

future of agriculture. Joellen Gonsoir, a freshman at the University of Minnesota Crookston, was sponsored by Water Street Solutions of Peoria, IL. In addition to her sponsorship to attend the conference, Gonsoir will also receive a \$1600 scholarship for the spring semester from Water Street Solutions. Gonsoir is double majoring in agricultural business and communications.

This year's delegation represented over 20 areas of study and 92 schools from 37 states. Throughout the four-day experience, delegates were encouraged and challenged by recognized industry leaders. Sessions highlighted the theme "Activate," which was developed by the 2014 AFA student leaders.

Delegates were broken into four Tracks that paralleled their year in school. Each Track provided professional skill development and networking opportunities. The AFA Opportunity Fair, held during Conference, connected students to internship, job, study abroad and graduate school opportunities.

Groton Holiday Tour of Homes Set for Dec. 7

Groton's holiday Tour of Homes will be held Sunday, December 7. The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the Prismatic Sensations Show Choir of Groton Area High School. Funds raised help make it possible to purchase costumes and assist with travel costs to show choir competitions.

Home owners who have graciously agreed to open their homes for the tour are Dale & Sandy Carr, Glenn & Wendy Cooper, Jarod & Kristie Flihs and Nikki Kotzer all of Groton. This line-up of homes promises a fun variety of decorating styles and creative holiday touches.

The self-guided tour will be from 1 to 5 p.m., with refreshments served in the high school arena lobby. Tickets are \$8 each and are available now from any of the following show choir members: Korbin Blackmun, Rachel Blackmun, Michaela Cutler, Jenifer Fjelstad, Laura Garcia, Tylan Glover, Taylor Gustafson, Kari Hanson, Christine Herr, Alex Kern, Brittany Kjelden, Macy Knecht, Matt Knecht, Mitchell Koens, Kiana Kokales, Jamie Krueger, Heather Lone, Kaitlin O'Neill, Micah Poor, Devon Poppen, Emily Raap, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Truitt Rogers, Aaron Severson, Jasmine Schaller, Maggie Simon, Luke Smith, Garrett Stene, Chance Strom, Sydney Thorson, Allison Weber, Danielle Schinkel, Erin Smith and Whitney Voss plus technical/pit crew members Erika Herr, Marlee Jones, Katie LaMee, Jaden Oliver, Jasmine Schinkel, Alyssa Sippel, Alec Voss and Kasey Waage.

Tickets are also available at these Groton businesses: First State Bank, Lori's Pharmacy and Olde Bank Floral 'N More and will also be for sale at the Groton HS Arena on the day of the event. In case of inclement weather, the tour will not be rescheduled; tickets are non-refundable. A map for the tour will be printed on the back side of the tickets.

GROTON CITY SNOW SEASON PARKING

Owners of vehicles, parked on streets or avenues that are plowed around after a snowfall, will have 24 hours to move them or they will be towed away at the owner's expense. Vehicles parked across public sidewalks, preventing snow plowing or pedestrian traffic, will be ticketed and fined.

SNOW REMOVAL

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Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 183, 179, Dar Larson 173, Karen Spanier 166

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Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 517, Dar Larson 487, Karen Spanier 437

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High Series: Joyce Walter 470, Vicki Walter 447, Nicole Kassube 441.

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Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 793, Larry Frohling 471, Chad Furney 439.

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2. corn and
3. beans.

Friends Coming For Dessert!

Miller places sixth at Aberdeen

GHS began its debate season with the Golden Eagle Cup invitational at Aberdeen Central High School. Junior Katie Miller had a great showing placing sixth in Original Oratory. Also competing for Groton at the GEC were juniors Lily Cutler and Kelsey Iverson, Sophomore Keri Pappas, and eighth grader Caroline Graf.

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Left to right: In front is Lily Cutler, Devon Poppen, and Keri Pappas. In the back is Katie Miller, Jenifer Fjelstad, and Erin Smith.

Several advace to State Oral Interp

The Groton Area Oral Interp team began its first post season competition at the region contest on Monday, November 17, 2014. Advancing to the State Oral Interp Festival are the following GHS students: Readers Theater- Devon Poppen, Lily Cutler, Katie Miller, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith, Jenifer Fjelstad; Poetry-Culter; Storytelling- Cutler. Smith was named alternate for Non-Original Oratory. Also competing for Groton were Fjelstad in Serious; Pappas and Miller in Duo; and Poppen in Humorous. The State Oral Interp Festival will be held in Huron, SD on December 5th and 6th.

Adult Birthday Club

The November meeting of the Adult Birthday Club was held with Lorraine Sippel as hostess. Prizes were awarded to Ella Johnson, Arlene Anderson and Marian Raines.

Arlene Anderson received the honor prize. Guests were Arlene Anderson, Mel Eikamp and Arlowyn Spencer.

The next meeting will be held 1 p.m., December 2 at Rosewood Court with Amy Flemmer as hostess.

PEO

Cheryl Wold was the speaker at the Groton PEO meeting held Oct. 27. Wold has a Doctorate in Special Education and is now teaching at Northern State University, Aberdeen.

Her husband and their family moved to Aberdeen from Carrington, N.D.. She is the daughter of LaVonne Helmer, Groton. The meeting was held at the home of Sharon Wheeting.

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