

Tiospa Zina GBB rescheduled for Feb. 17th
MS/HS Concert is Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.
Elementary Concert is Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.
BB Doubleheader with Deuel, Dec. 19
Groton Area Christmas Vacation: Dec. 22-Jan. 4
Saturday Doubleheader with Oakes Cancelled
Wrestling in Groton Dec. 16th

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City revenue is down

The city has a cash flow problem, not just because of some items being over budget, but because of a shortfall of revenue. The city's revenue are down by \$265,424 from last year. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary reported to the council Monday night that:

Property taxes are short by \$60,000.

Sales tax revenue is \$50,000 behind of what it was last year at this time.

The wheel tax revenue is short by \$1,338.

Pool admissions is short by \$2,186

Baseball admissions is short by \$4,600

Burial fees is down by \$400

Liquor revenue is down by \$900 between to the two major bars.

Water sales are down by \$21,000

Collection for special assessments from 2005-2007 are short by \$5,000

Electric sales are down by \$120,000.

"It's not the fact that we ran over," Lowary said, "but we also ran short. It's a tight year and it's going to get tighter, yet."

The council then talked about the west side street project. Councilman David McGannon talked about bonding the city to finish up the project, but he did not like the idea of making \$300,000 a year payment for the next 10 years. Lowary pointed out that Groton is one of the few communities in South Dakota that is addressing the street issues from the years of the flooding in town. McGannon said, "It's something we should discuss before we go to bid in March. Councilman Eddy Opp said that it is bad business, "if we keep spending money we don't have." McGannon said, "I agree, but we should have some sort of a plan."

Apparently the handicap accessible sidewalks at First Street and Fourth Avenue and First Street and Fifth Avenue are not to code and the state wants them redone with the Safe Route to School project. Clark Engineering is trying to get something figured out.

Several things were brought up during the department reports.

It was reported that the trees at the pool were removed. They are the locust trees with big seed packets that created a mess around the pool area.

Councilman Burt Glover then said that he would like to see what is going to be happening in the public works department for the next two weeks. "I'd like to see what is going to happen instead of what happened - to get a front-side report. That is my request." Councilman Michelle Muilenberg said, "They have to have a schedule of things that are happening." She also requested that the department heads meet at the first part of



The Public Forum Team of Keri Pappas and Kelsey Iverson placed first at the Just Maas Debate Tournament at Milbank on December 9th. Iverson and Pappas were undefeated. Caroline Graf also competed for GHS at Lincoln Douglas debate.



Lily Cutler, a junior at GHS, earned a Superior Rating in Storytelling at the SDHSAA State Oral Interp Festival in Huron this past weekend. Storytelling is a new event in 2014. The subject for the storytelling this year was Grimm's Fairy tales. Also competing at the State Festival from Groton were Cutler, Devon Poppen, Kaite Miller, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith, and Jenifer Fjelstad in Readers Theater and Cutler in Poetry Reading.



Jeff Amdahl will be operating MJ's Sinclair and the Fuel Stop starting January 2, 2015.

the second monthly meetings. That would be Stacy Mayou from the Police Department, Terry Herron from the water department, Dwight Zerr from the waste water department, and Ward Gilchrist from the electric department. This would begin in January.

The holiday lighting contest was approved with prizes again this year.

The Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks denied funding for new playground equipment at the baseball complex.

The council approved the Northeast Council of Government Joint Powers Agreement for 2015 in the amount of \$1,508.99.

Jeff Amdahl and his brother, Matt, will be taking over Duane's Sinclair on January 2, 2015. The council granted the approval of the transfer of the malt beverage license. Jeff works at RDO in Aberdeen and he will be on-site nearly every day. They bought both the Sinclair station and the Fuel Stop. Jeff appeared at the meeting and said that they are excited about their new venture.

The city will not be selling the property south of the community center. Councilman David McGannon said, "I don't think we should sell the property," he said. "I think selling the land is wrong. Some day, we may want to build a new city hall and attach it to the community center." Clint Jacobson submitted the only valuation of \$8,500. McGannon said that the jail building could be removed at minimal expense. The council will put no money into repairs in the jail building. On a 5-1 vote with Councilman Opp voting no, the council decided not to sell the property.

Lowary gave a report on the cost of the new well for the Olive Grove Golf Course. So far the city has spent \$15,975.94 on the well. Originally, \$20,000 was budgeted for the project. There are still two outstanding bills.

The Jim Stearns property at Washington Street and Third Avenue West update was given by City Attorney Drew Johnson. He had a findings and conclusions document that **Continues on the bottom of page 2**

Tigers beat Titans in boys hoop action

Groton Area hit the road Saturday night and came home with a 63-53 non-conference win over Leola-Frederick. Gabe Dohman led the Tigers with 11 points and nine rebounds while Chance Strom had 10 points, Kyler Ell had nine points and nine rebounds, Lucas Sternhagen had seven points and nine of the team's 12 assists, Hunter Lerew and Landon Larson each had six points and Sean Schuring and Bennett Shabazz each had three points.

Strom made two three-pointers while Sternhagen, Ell and Shabazz each made one. Groton had 20 turnovers, five of which were steals. The Tigers were four of nine from the line off of Leola-Frederick's 15 team fouls. Groton made 42 percent of its field goals. Sternhagen had two blocks and Larson had one. Fouling out for Groton were Lerew and Strom.

The Titans made 12 of 18 free throws off of Groton's 22 team fouls and made 38 percent of its field goals. Leola-Frederick had 23 turnovers, 16 of which were steals as Sternhagen had seven.

Logan Weisser led the Titans with 25 points while Kyle Kenser had 14 points and nine rebounds, Logan Heupel seven, Zach Sumption six and Jayden Mikkonen one. Weisser and Sumption each had one block.

Groton will host Deuel on Friday in a double header.

The boys junior varsity team came home with a 45-19 win over the Titans. Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 13 points and

five steals followed by Adam Herman with 12 points and six rebounds, Brandon Keith had six, Sean Schuring five, Bennett Shabazz four, Luke Thorson two and Jackson Oliver added one free throw.

Socring for the Titans were Sam Kenser with four, Lance Feickert three and adding two points each were Fred Lapka, Tyler Heilman, Alex Sumption, Cole Franck, Shane Davis and Lincoln Bernhard.

Groton girls beat Titans

Groton Area girls defeated Leola-Frederick, 49-44, in hoop action played in Frederick. Courtney Kurtz and Carly Wheeting led the Tigers with 14 points each followed by Audrey Wanner with nine, Katie Koehler six, Ashley Gibbs four and Marlee Jones two.

Mackenzie led the Titans with 14 points followed by Michaela Podoll with 10, April Hoffman had nine, Chandler Ellwein seven and Abby Berreth and Cassandra Hinz each had two points.

Groton made nine of 18 free throws of the Titans' 16 team fouls. The Titans made five of nine free throws off of Groton's 15 team fouls. Michaela Podoll made two three-pointers and Ellwein added one.

Groton's junior varsity team also won by a five-point margin, 29-24. Emily Locke led the Tigers with nine points followed by Jessica Bjerke with eight, Gia Gengerke had six and Harleigh Stange and Madison Sippel each had three points.

The Titans were led by Cassandra Hinz with nine points.

Groton Area girls will host Tiospa Zina tomorrow.

Groton girls open season at Ipswich

Courtney Kurtz led Groton Area with 16 points and Carly Wheeting added 11 as the Lady Tigers dropped a 46-33 game to the Ipswich Tigers last night in girls basketball action in Ipswich.

It was the season opener for the Tigers.

Audrey Wanner had four points and Katie Koehler added two for the Tigers.

Ipswich scoring was led by Tara Heinz with 18 points followed by Rachael Severson with 13, Angela Heine 12, Kristi Pond had two and Emily Grabowska added one free throw.

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Kurtz had one three-pointer. Groton Area was 10 of 25 from the line for 40 percent off of Ipswich's 18 team fouls. Ipswich was 12 of 23 from the line for 52 percent off of Groton's 20 team fouls. Wanner fouled out for Groton Area.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 27-23. Jessica Bjerke led Groton Area with 11 points followed by Gia Gengerke with six, Alexa Stange had four and adding two points each were Harleigh Stange, Emily Locke and Lexi Gustafson.

Kaylee Braun and Kamryn Heinz each led Ipswich with eight points while Margaret Thares had four and Chelsea Weig added one.

There will be a double header Saturday in Frederick with the girls playing at 4:30 p.m. and the boys at 6 p.m.

Coffee Cup League

Team Standings: Ten Pins 36, Jungle Lanes 26.5, Farm Girls 26.5, Ken's 24.5, James Valley 24, Golden Girls 18.5.

High Games: Vickie Kramp 189, Penny Stolle, 183, Joyce Walter 180.

High Series: Vickie KRamp 523, Joyce Walter 488, Penny Stolle 469.

Conde National

Team Standings: Giants 21.5, Mets 20.5, Colts 17.5, Pirates 16.5, Braves 16, Cubs 16.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckelburg 238, 207, 192; Bryce Dargatz 180, Lance Frohling 180, Charlie Dirks 179.

Women's High Games: Joyce Walter 198, 190, 183; Breanna Kuckelburg 194, 182, 179; Mary Larosn 176.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 637, Bryce Dargatz 525, Lance Frohling 480.

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 571, Breanna Kuckelburg 555, Mary Larson 482.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 21, Chipmunks 17, Foxes 14, Coyotes 12, Pocket Gophers 11, Killer Chihuahuas 9

Women's High Games: Angie Carlson 176, Vicki Walter 171, Darci Spanier 166

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 220, 204, Mike Siegler 210, Rick Carlson 189

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 470, Vicki Walter 465, Angie Carlson 445

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 591, Mike Siegler 544, Rick Carlson 539

City council

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was served to the Stearns on Monday by the Groton Police Department. Johnson said that after talking with Mayor Scott Hanlon and Finance Officer Anita Lowary, it would be better to try and resolve this locally instead of going to state court where costs would be much higher. Stearns will have 30 days to respond to the findings.

There was discussion on the malt beverage license for the Red Dragon Salon in downtown Groton. It was reported that Tim Thurston has been charged with a felony and the councilmen wanted to revoke his license. City Attorney Drew Johnson said he is still innocent until proven guilty and that the council should not act on it at the Monday night meeting. "We need to give him notice and give him the opportunity to confront his allegations at a meeting," Johnson said. "He has a right to show cause as to why his license shouldn't be suspended." The council set the next meeting for a hearing date.

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Five grapplers place at LaMoure Tourney

Five Groton Area wrestlers placed at the LaMoure Tourney held Saturday. Kelby Hawkins placed first, Tyler Scott, Trevor Pray and Brandyn Anderson each placed second and Garrett Schroeder placed fifth.

106: Garrett Schroeder pinned Chris Heyd, LaMore, 0:15; he was pinned by Darin Vangorkom, SB, 1:14; and he was pinned by Easton Ogren, Kin., 0:57; and in the fifth place match, he scored a major decision over Curtis Bird, TZ, 15-4.

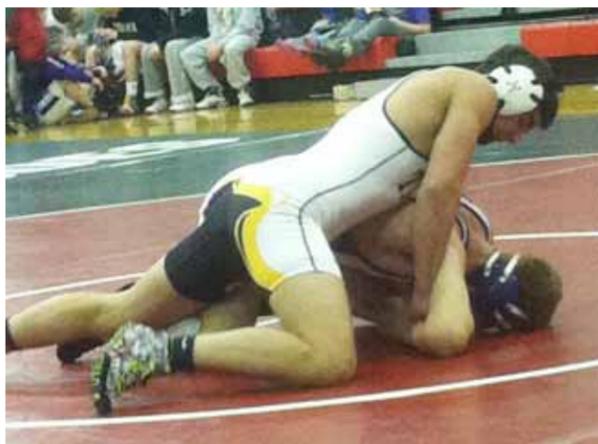
113: Trevor Pray scored a major decision over Kolton Keisenauer, Man, 13-1; he decided Preston Jones, B-H, 7-2; and in the championship match, he was decided by Brandon Oien, Lin, 1-0, as Oien scored an escape in the third period.

132: Wyatt Locke was pinned by Dalton Aabrekke, Lis, 3:40; and he was pinned by Merrick McCahon, Br, 2:20.

138: Kelby Hawkins pinned Cole Dauphinais, Br, 0:45; he pinned Jonathon Mundt, BH, 0:31; and in the championship match, he decided Caleb Dorich, LaMoure, 4-3.

160: Tyler Scott pinned Keaton Smith, BR, 1:22; he pinned Eli Noel, LaMour, 1:17; and in the championship match, he was decided by Corbin Manley, BR, 8-6, in overtime.

220: Brandyn Anderson pinned Seth Strong, EEK, 0:49; he decided Nathan Lee, BR, 6-2; and in the championship match, he lost by a technical fall to Richard Rico, SB, 18-3.



Tyler Scott lost a thriller to Corbin Manley of Bishop, 8-6, in overtime.

Christmas week at Groton C&MA

"Celebrating Heaven's Child" is coming to the Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church on Sunday, December 21 at 5:00 pm with a musical program presented by members of the congregation.

The congregation invites the community and the area to their seventeenth Christmas celebration at their church, 706 N. Main Street across from the city park. The 'Celebration' is being presented by

children, youth, and adult members of the congregation. Music to be shared by these talented persons include traditional Christmas carols as well as 'Mary, Did you Know?', 'My Heart Is Bethlehem',

'Heaven's Child', and 'While You Were Sleeping' while the children will sing selections like 'The Gospel Song', 'It's About the Cross' and the Christmas Carol 'Silent Night'. The children will also be presenting

the Nativity scene as a part of the celebration of Heaven's child. The program has been arranged by Carrie Olson with the Children's portion being a co-effort of Krista Tunby and Larry Remington.

Narrators are Nancy Cutler, Larry Remington, and Ryan Olson. Families and individuals have prepared to share their gifts in music in celebration of the real meaning of Christmas, which is the Birth of our

LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. These include the Doug Duncan and Lars Tunby families, Pastor Bill and Jana Duncan, Moira & Darby Duncan, Matt Knecht, Reed Litch, Adam Franken, Glenna Remington,

JoAnne Ehresmann, Debbie Jacobs, Linda Bahr, Candace Carlson, Rick Buhler, Paul Perkins, the Kids' Club, and Carrie Olson.

Following the 5:00 pm celebration from Heaven all the attendees are invited to join in a feast of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings as the congregation shares a Christmas dinner in the church social hall to all who attend. There is no charge, and you are encouraged to bring a friend and join us in "Celebrating Heaven's Child" with the congregational family of Groton C&MA Church this Sunday, Dec. 21st.



Trevor Pray took on Brandon Oien from Linton, N.D., in the championship match. It was a very hard fought match as Oien edged Pray 2-1 for the championship.



Kelby Hawkins won a physical match-up over Caleb Dorich from Lamoure, 4-3.

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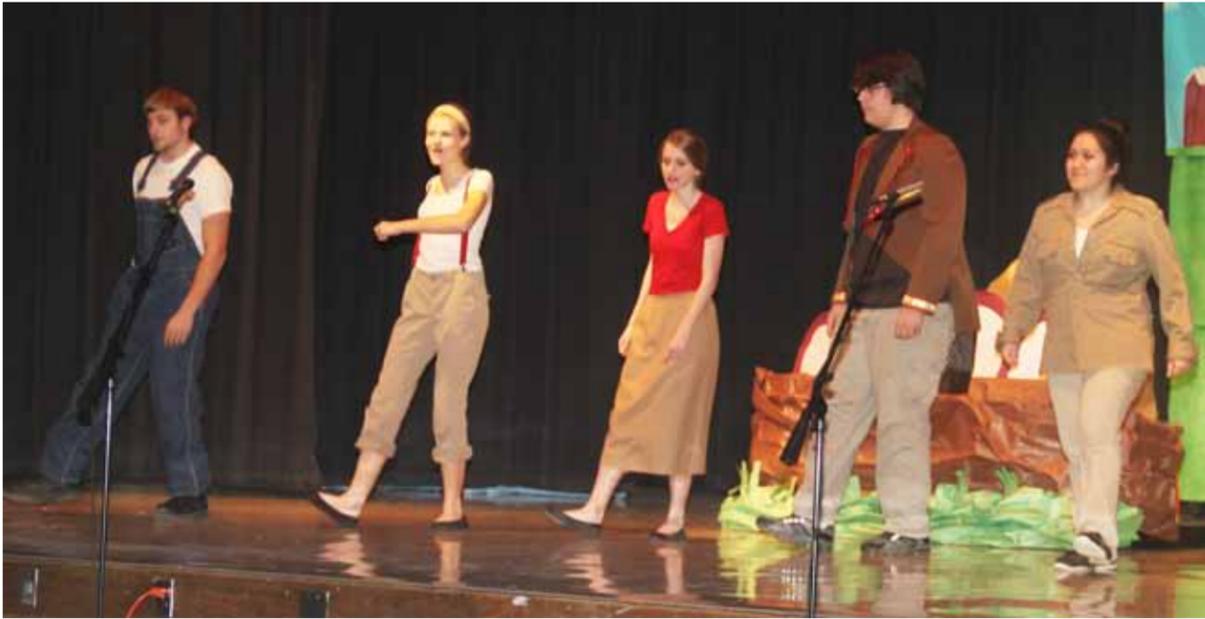
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Groton Area presents musical "Honk"



Groton Area put on the musical, "Honk," Sunday night at the GHS Gym. Pictured are Alec Voss as the drake, Gabbie Kramer as Ida, Erin Smith as Maureen, Alex Kern as the turkey and Laura Garcia as Henrietta.



Barb Bunk played the piano throughout the entire two-hour play as Cody Swanson directed the music.



Laura Garcia (Henrietta) and Maureen (Erin Smith) celebrate as the four ducklings hatched out - Madeline Schuelke as Beaky, AnneMarie Smith as Downy, Alexis Hanten as Fluff and Isaac Smith as Billy.



The cat, played by Jerick Hanson, is looking for an easy meal.



Then the big egg hatches and out comes Ugly played by Adam Herman, who goes "Honk" instead of Quack.



The military folks are ready to take off on an airplane as they stand at attention. Pictured are Alec Voss as Greylag, Adam Herman as Ugly, Taylor Gustafson as Dot, Luke Smith as Barnacles, Tylan Glover as Pinkfoot and Jasmine Schinkel as Snowy.



The fish, played by Sarah Stange, Jasmine Schinkel, Devon Poppen and Kaitlin O'Neill, swim around Ugly and Laura Garcia as Henrietta showed Ugly how to swim.

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The drama continues with the musical, "Honk." Here Hannah Fischbach is the camera man as Katie Groeblichhoff is the Jay Bird announcer. They interviewed Henrietta after Ugly had disappeared.



The frog, played by Luke Smith, tells Ugly (Adam Herman) that life is not that bad and that one day, ugly will be "in."



Sarah Honerman was the director of the play. She, along with Cody Swanson and Barb Bunk, we given gifts by the cast members.



Below: Ugly and the Cat are lost in a blizzard; as is Henrietta who is looking for Ugly.



Mother and son are reunited.



As the swans and Henrietta cry over the loss, Ugly emerged from the snowbank as a Swan.



Ugly (Adam Herman) untangles a swan (Kari Hanson) as she got tangled up in a fishing line.



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Brown County Dec. 9 Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 9, 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.

PRESENTATION: Tony Skonhovd, Basin Electric presented a donation to Sheriff Mark Milbrandt in amount of \$2,500.00 to be used for the Brown County Dive Team.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the Joint City/County Meeting minutes and the General Meeting minutes of December 2, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance: \$194.00.

Professional Fees: Avera Orthopedic Specialists \$1,737.68; Avera St. Luke's \$1,251.04; Kristi Brandt \$190.00; Certified Languages \$260.70; Clark Engineering \$180.00; DAV \$2,000.00; Sanford Health \$743.12; Kristi Spitzer \$449.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$25.00; Zylstra Investigations \$3,322.55.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$2,474.64; Hub City Radio \$300.00; Romeo Entertainment \$810.00.

Rentals: Cleberg Enterprises \$330.00; Falcon Rentals \$300.00; Theodore Huss \$310.00; Monte McNickle \$310.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$1,704.24; DFP \$21,046.52; Diesel Machinery \$6,759.14; Graham Tire \$16.59; Great Western Tire \$557.76; Hoven Auto Repair \$2,069.06; J Gross Equip. \$18.54; Lawson Products \$54.86; Lien Transportation \$507.00; Overhead Door \$102.04; Pierson-Ford \$1,699.76; PowerPlan \$1,328.40; Running's \$634.95; Sheehan Mack \$10,247.65; Specialty Mfg. \$18.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$111.99; Walth Safety Service \$468.06; Woodman Refrigeration \$320.89.

Supplies: A & B Business \$402.12; Aberdeen Clean-All \$1,055.00; Ameripride \$185.76; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Bonnie Bitz \$48.00; Century Business Products \$39.44; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$5,834.99; Crescent Electric \$90.58; DFP \$1,123.24; Dakota Oil \$3,085.16; DSG \$285.68; Diesel Machinery \$7,476.44; DPM \$45.14; Earthgrains \$390.80; Elections Systems & Software \$2,639.95; Full Circle Ag \$686.08; Galls \$449.03; GovConnection \$279.75; Great Western Tire \$11,465.28; Interstate Battery \$451.80; J Gross Equip. \$333.38; Jones Drug \$59.38; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$17.48; Lar-Jo's \$260.66; Lawson Products \$739.00; Mac's \$298.45; Marco \$208.59; McKesson-Medical \$103.64; Menards \$29.18; Midstates Printing \$55.65; Muth Electric \$58.86; NCFE-Warner Elevator \$16,692.33; Performance Oil \$8,583.90; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; PowerPlan \$5,865.09; Running's \$139.81; Seeing Shoppe \$47.50; Sheehan Mack \$4,707.54; Specialty Mfg. \$364.60; Taylor Laundry \$95.50; Tri-State Water \$30.40; Walth Safety Service \$12.70; Witmer Public Safety Group \$2,500.00.

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Western Ramkota-Pierre \$146.99; Dietrich's \$1,836.64; Leo Leshar \$210.09; Mark Milbrandt \$549.00; Sherri Rawstern \$466.24.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,219.89; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; CenturyLink \$47.54; City of Hecla \$265.82; Economy Propane \$1,048.75; James Valley Telecommunications \$219.90; Midcontinent \$313.46; Northern Elec. \$59.08; NVC \$2,893.93; NWPS \$2,005.82; Town of Frederick \$33.25; Verizon Wireless \$78.62.

Other: Darrin Erdmann \$550.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$442,912.62. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Brenda Dreyer as full-time employee in the 4-H Office, effective December 22, 2014 at \$13.32 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Jaclyn Nagel as part-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective December 29, 2014 at \$11.94 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of November 2014: Kendall Titze - 102 @ \$57.12, Michael Scott - 90 @ \$50.40, Gary Vetter - 111 @ \$62.16, Dirk Rogers - 608 @ \$340.48. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - SCBA TANKS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to set public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of 36 (thirty-six) SCBA Tanks (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for use by the Brown County Rural Fire Chiefs Association (Homeland Security Grant Funding), to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 a.m. on December 30, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INCREASE SPENDING AUTHORITY/ESTIMATED REVENUE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to increase spending authority and estimated revenue in the following funds for unanticipated reimbursement for expenditures: Fund #101-4.373 @ \$63,768.26, #101-5.161.425 @ \$59,989.31, #101-5.211.426 @ \$3,778.95 (Insurance Claims); Fund #101-4.334 @ \$16,000.00, #101-5.161.425 @ \$16,000.00 (Deadwood Grant); Fund #101-4.334.03 @ \$33,107.20, #101-5.615.434 @ \$24,374.00, #101-5.615.426.23 @ \$8,733.20 (Weed & Pest Grant); Fund #101-4.331.90 @ \$26,101.77, #101-5.211.411 @ \$22,580.52, #101-5.211.412.10 @ \$1,395.00, #101-5.211.412.20 @ \$326.25, #101-5.211.413 @ \$1,800.00 (Highway Safety Grant); Fund #226-4.331.23 @ \$20,895.71, #226-5.228.426.68 @ \$12,255.81, #226-5.228.426.64 @ \$5,859.00, #226-5.228.427.66 @ \$2,780.90 (HLS); Fund #101-4.331.23 @ \$32,927.00, #101-5.211.426.26 @ \$10,977.00 (HLS); Fund #207-4.331.23 @ \$12,144.00, #207-5.225.426 @ \$12,144.00 (HLS). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID WEED & PEST VEHICLE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to amend amount of bid award in minutes of November 25, 2014 on State Contract #16677 to include options on Weed and Pest vehicle (total cost not to exceed \$29,473.00). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR: Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill, (Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 4, Mansfield, 32-121-64). Marge Frohling DBA The Connection (Lots 13, 14, & 15, Block 2, Houghton, 31-127-61). Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60). RETAIL (ON-SALE) AND SUNDAY LIQUOR: Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill (Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 4, Mansfield 32-121-64). Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60). Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, 33-124-63). Dave Schumaker DBA Elm Lake Resort (Lot 1 Elm Lake Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of 8-128-65). Stacy Gossman DBA Big Fella's (Lot 1B Gossman 1st Addn S 1/2 of 15-123-63). Dennis O Jones DBA Dakota River Ranch/Tacoma Park Place (5 acres in NE corner of NW 1/4 of 23-124N-62W). PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort Subd Lt 1, Subd OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve the following November 2014 Sheriff Report: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the November 2014 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$19,586,880.70 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$30,441.00, Dacotah Bank @ \$513,359.90, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$19,037,279.80). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JAIL/JDC CONTRACT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Contract with McPherson County for housing inmates at the Jail at \$50.00 for each prisoner-day and for housing juveniles in the Detention Center at \$220.00 per prisoner-day. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Jim Barringer and Jarrett Jones explained that the activity occurring on the west side of the 281 by-pass (approximately 150 acres) was to make area construction ready for potential future development.

BID - ANNEX FIRST FLOOR LIGHTING PROJECT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve Addendum No. E-1 to electrical plans and specifications for the Annex First Floor Lighting Project, whereby existing registers that are 2' x 2' will be replaced to match the new registers. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for the Annex First Floor Lighting Project. Bids were received from Burdette Electric, Ladner Electric, Eframson Electric, Jacobson Electric and Mattern Electric. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to award bid submitted by Mattern Electric in amount of \$91,981.00 for replacement of light fixtures in the first floor of the Brown County Courthouse Annex; rejecting the following: Burdette Electric @ \$98,737.00, Ladner Electric @ \$112,500.00, Eframson Electric @ \$99,690.00, and Jacobson Electric @ \$102,888.26. All

members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VEHICLE DISCUSSION: Tom Schmitt, Chief Deputy Sheriff discussed purchase of vehicle postponed earlier this year and the need to purchase the vehicle to keep rotation up to date. Tentative concurrence was given to purchase the vehicle in 2015 and supplement the 2015 budget, if needed later in the year.

PHASE III JAIL PROJECT: Tom Schmitt and Judy Dosch, Maintenance Supervisor presented an updated cost estimate of \$2,376,750.00 for Phase III of the existing Jail Renovation Project. Plans will be reviewed and funding options will be explored.

MUSEUM ELEVATOR: Judy Dosch explained that \$95,000.00 has been designated in the 2015 Budget for modernization of the elevator at the Museum, but the cylinder is leaking (additional \$45,000.00 cost estimate) and suggested this be repaired in conjunction with the modernization project to save elevator down time and mobilization costs. Tentative concurrence was given to combine the projects.

ANNEX SECOND FLOOR: As requested, Judy Dosch presented a cost estimate of \$2,058,000.00 for construction of a second floor on the Courthouse Annex.

EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER BADGING SYSTEM: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to implement the new Employee/Volunteer Badging System on January 1, 2015 with no changes on encryption at this time. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSION ASSISTANT REPORT: Gary Vetter briefly discussed the 1st Avenue Office Building sign and an addendum to the race track agreement in regard to the Website.

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 and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to hire Paul Sivertsen as IT Chief Information Officer, effective January 5, 2015 at a pro-rated annual salary of \$102,000.00. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-nay, Fischbach-nay, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until December 16, 2014.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County SCBA Dealer Notice

NOTICE TO SCBA (SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS) TANK DEALERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 until 8:45 A.M., on December 30, 2014. At that time and place, all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners, for furnishing and delivery of 36 (thirty-six) SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) Tanks to be purchased with Homeland Security Grant Funds for use by the Brown County Fire Chief's Association. Delivery shall be made F.O.B. to Brown County.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Court House Annex, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401. Bids are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid on "SCBA Tanks" to be opened on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 8:45 A.M.

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Specifications are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office, and the Brown County Emergency Management Department Office, and may be obtained at no charge.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (1216.1223)
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Westport Town Dec. 1 Meeting Minutes

The Town of Westport met on December 1st, 2014 with Larry Huettl, Wyatt Wilson, Todd Hertel, Doreen Hertel, Shane Storm, Janine Rathert, Kathy, Yvonne Gilbertson, Walter Achberg, and Deb Schlosser present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$293.58), Postmaster (\$115.00) SD municipal league-membership (\$140.59) Payroll - Wyatt Wilson (\$75.00), Larry Huettl (\$75.00), Todd Hertel (\$150.19) & Doreen Hertel (\$206.49).

Sewer
NWPS (\$36.06), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13), Quick Print (\$2.40), Payroll - Todd Hertel (\$60.00), Doreen Hertel (\$60.00).

Water
WEB (\$918.10), Dept. of Revenue (\$26.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), Payroll - Todd Hertel (\$180.00), Doreen Hertel (\$60.00).

Todd Hertel made motion to pay all bills; second by Larry Huettl.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$3,501.90), Brown County Treasurer (\$50.00), State of SD (\$3,378.97), Hall Rental (\$100.00), Liquor License (\$900.00), Building Permit (\$5.00), Interest (\$11.51).

Sewer Resident Payments- (\$2,106.00), Brown Co Collections (\$3,068.99).

Water Resident Payments - (\$1,659.28).
NEW BUSINESS:

Janine Rathert asked about an inactive fee for the water and sewer hookup. The City will try to calculate a rate to work with these property owners.

The city is also waiting to receive responses from letters sent out to property owners to see if they will continue to be connected to the water and sewer utilities.

WEB water will be raising their water rates next year. The water rates will not be raised until the sewer project is under way. The sewer rates will be connected to the amount of water used.

Ordinance will be placed on the City web site in the future. The board members will also have a paper copy of the ordinances.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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The Life of Robert Johnson



A Celebration of life for Robert Johnson, 93, Groton, was held Monday, Dec. 15 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Matt Richards will officiate. Private inurnment will be held in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Bob died December 11, 2014 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Robert A. Johnson was the only son born to Pearl and Alfred L. Johnson, September 29, 1921, in Chicago, IL. He was raised on a farm in the Groton, SD area, educated in the Groton Public School and South Dakota State

College, Brookings, SD.

After a five year courtship he married his high school sweetheart, Marvel Green, January 22, 1943, at the Augustana Lutheran Church by Claremont, SD. Bob and Marvel celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on January 22, 2013. To this marriage six children were born: R. Van Johnson (Jean), Sioux Falls, SD; Kent Johnson (Christie), Groton, SD; Drew Johnson (Marsha), Aberdeen, SD; Jay Johnson (Linda), Groton, SD; Marc Johnson (Jane), Groton, SD; and daughter Ann J. Brown, Watertown, SD; 17 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

The couple lived on the family farm south of Groton until moving to their twin home in Groton in 2004. Bob and Marvel owned a cabin at Pickerel Lake for many years. The place they shared with so many and loved so much.

Bob's activities included: Groton Farmers Elevator, Northern Electric Cooperative, East River Transmission Cooperative, James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, SD REA, Dakota Electric Cooperative/Basin Electric Cooperative, The Johnson Agency, Prairie States Life Insurance Company, Brown County Federal Credit Union, SD Railroad Board, SD Association of Cooperatives, Groton Community Transit System, and Groton Chamber of Commerce from which he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011, and was inducted into the SD Cooperative Hall of Fame. Bob was elected and served six years in the SD State Senate.

Bob was a member of the Groton Masonic Lodge, active member of the Groton Kiwanis Club and active member of the Groton United Methodist Church.

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The SDCUC is announcing director positions that are open in Districts 1, 3, 5 & 8. A SDCUC director's position consists of a three-year term beginning on March 1, 2015. Each director can serve a maximum of two terms, resulting in a six-year director's position.

If interested in seeking a board seat in one of the open districts, you must obtain and file with the corn office a nominating petition. All nominating petitions must contain at least 15 "participating" corn producer signatures from your district. (A "participating" corn producer has not requested a refund of his/her corn assessment since January of 2014). Eligible candidates who wish to seek a director's position cannot have requested a checkoff refund from the SDCUC since January of 2010. Nominating petitions must be returned back to the SDCUC office by 5 p.m. on January 2, 2015.

To request a petition please contact the SDCUC office in writing at 4712 South Technopolis Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 or call 605-334-0100.

If more than one nominating petition is received by the SDCUC office for any district, a special election will be conducted for that district. The elections will be held February 2-6, 2015 at the local extension offices in those counties.

The counties assigned to the districts accepting nominations for director positions are detailed below:

- District 1 – Clay, Lincoln, Turner, Union, Yankton
- District 3 – Brookings, Codington, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury
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