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Elementary Christmas Concert

The elementary concert was held Friday afternoon in the GHS Gym. Above, the second through fifth graders sang several selections. Below, starting from the top, are the junior kindergarten students, kindergarten students and first grade students.



Matt Knecht sang "The Christmas Song" as the high school band provided the instrumental music. For more pictures from the high school concert, turn to pages 12-13.



*"For unto you is born this day,
in the City of David, a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord."*



Schinkel recognized as Multidistrict Lion of the Year

Groton Lions Club award: Pic, L-R: Dave Pigors, Groton Lions Club president, presenting a plaque to Lee Schinkel, past president, and past zone chairman. The plaque reads: Lion of the Year, for the Multidistrict. The multidistrict consists of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Saskatchewan. Lee personally sponsored more new Lions members into the Groton Club than any member in the multidistrict. Dave Pigors also presented Schinkel with a pin from the Lions Governor, for his membership record, this past year.

Girls Basketball is a quick team

Groton's girls return two starters and six letterwinners to this year's squad as the Lady Tigers embark on a new journey.

Returning starters are senior Courtney Kurtz, 5-5 guard; and junior Carly Wheeting, a 5-9 center.

Coach Shaun Wanner said, "We have two starters back from last season along with some that saw time off the bench. Our conference along with our non-conference schedule will be very good. This group of young girls will continue to get better as the season goes on. We should be a competitive basketball team by the end of the year."

Other returning letterwinners are Senior Ashley Gibbs, a 5-9 forward; and sophomores Audrey Wanner, a 5-8 guard; Katie Koehler, a 5-9 guard; and Emily Locke, a 5-8 forward.

The remaining roster are junior Marlee Jones, a 5-7 forward; and freshmen Harleigh Stange, a 5-6 guard; Hannah Lewandowski, a 5-8 guard; Gia Gengerke, a 5-10 forward;

Alexis Fustafson, a 5-6 guard; Jasmine Schinkel, a 5-6 guard; Alex Stange, a 5-9 forward; Jessica Bjerke, a 5-8 forward; Madison Sippel, a 5-10 center; and Hattie Weismantel, a 5-9 center.

Wanner talked about the strengths of this year's team: "Our strength should be our quickness and desire to compete hard every game. We have a good group of girls that can run the floor and put pressure on the ball. We also play good defense and rebound fairly well. Another strength will be our work ethic, this group of girls work hard and we will become better as the season goes on."

Wanner said that this is the first time that Kurtz has played with this group of girls. "She has always moved up on the team, all the way since fourth grade," Wanner said. "Courtney and Ashley our two Seniors are going to have to be good leaders for our young team. This is the first time in Courtney's career that she is playing with a different group of girls on the basketball court. I think this young group adapts better to Courtney's style of play and that will benefit us as the season progresses."

Wanner said that Kurtz and Wheeting have to be consistent in scoring this year, and that the rest have to step up to add points. "We have to become better offensively, as a coaching staff we have to find ways for our girls to score. Our offense has to come from our defensive pressure. We have to keep the turnovers down and get better perimeter shooting. We lost three three-year starters (Camille Sippel, Halle Dohman and Kylie Hawkins) so were lacking varsity experience. If we understand our roles by midseason we should be fairly competitive."

Joel Guthmiller and Maddy Gonsoir are assistant coaches. Alyssa Sippel is the student manager and Jasmine Schaller and Maggie Simon are the statisticians.



In back, left to right, are Katie Koehler, Hannah Lewandowski, Hattie Weismantel, Gia Gengerke; Coach Shaun Wanner; Madison Sippel, Alex Stange, Jasmine Schinkel and Audrey Wanner; in the chairs are Ashley Gibbs, Carly Wheeting and Courtney Kurtz; in front, left to right, are Alexis Gustafson, Jessica Bjerke, Harleigh Stange, Marlee Jones and Emily Locke.



Basketball Cheerleaders

In back, left to right, are Emily Raap, Aubray Harry, Breanna Marzahn, Sydney Thorson and Kari Hanson; in front, left to right, are Jenifer Fjelstad, Kellyn Fluke and Macy Knecht. All are boys basketball cheerleaders, Marzahn and Fjelstad are only girls basketball cheerleaders, the rest do both boys and girls games. Kelsey Hunt is the cheer coach.



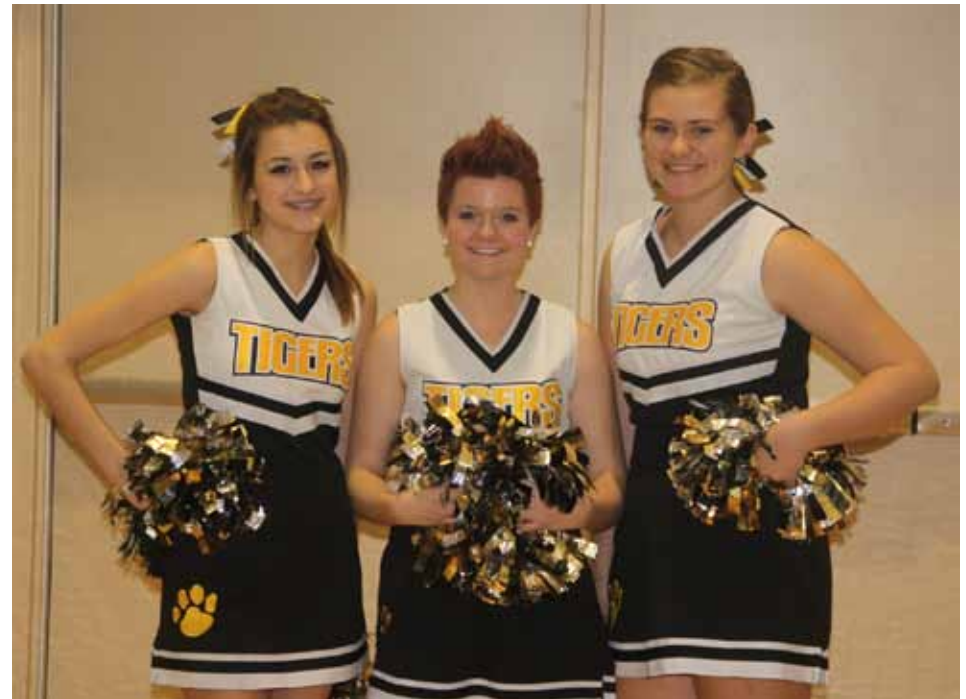
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	Boys	Girls	C Game
Tues., Dec. 23	at Aberdeen Roncalli 6:30		5:15
Sat., Dec. 27	at Parkston Classic	TBA	
Mon., Jan. 5	at Langford Area	6:30	
Tues., Jan. 6	at Milbank Area 6:30		5:15
Thurs., Jan. 8	Milbank Area	6:30	5:15
Mon., Jan. 12	at Tiospa Zina 6:30		5:15
Tues., Jan. 13	Webster	6:30	
Thurs., Jan. 15	at Clark-Willow Lake	6:30	
Fri., Jan. 16	Clark-Willow Lake 6:30		
Sat., Jan. 17	at Redfield Classic	TBA	
Tues., Jan. 20	Ipswich 6:30		
Thurs., Jan. 22	at Webster Area	6:30	
Fri., Jan. 23	Webster Area 6:30		5:15
Mon., Jan. 26	Britton-Hecla	6:30	
Tues., Jan. 27	at Britton-Hecla 6:30		
Thurs., Jan. 29	at Sisseton 6:30		5:15
Fri., Jan. 30	Sisseton	6:30	5:15
Monday, Feb. 2	Warner		5:15
Monday, Feb. 2	Warner		7:00
Tues., Feb. 3	at Langford Area 6:30		
Fri. Feb. 6	at Hamlin		4:00
Fri. Feb. 6	at Hamlin		4:00
Fri., Feb. 6	at Hamlin 8:00	6:30	
Sat., Feb. 7	Warner 6:00	4:30	
Mon. Feb. 9	at Roncalli	6:30	5:15
Tues., Feb. 10	Britton-Hecla 6:30		
Fri., Feb. 13	at Britton-Hecla	6:30	5:15
Sat., Feb. 14	at Mobridge-Pollock 6:00	4:30	
Mon., Feb. 16	Aberdeen Roncalli 6:30		5:15
Thurs., Feb. 19	at Redfield-Doland 6:30		5:15
Fri., Feb. 20	Redfield-Doland	6:30	
Mon., Feb 23	at Webster Area 6:30		5:15
Tues., Feb. 24	Region at Webster	4:30	
Thurs., Feb. 26	Region at Webster	6:00	
Mon., Mar. 2	Region at Sisseton 4:30		
Tues., Mar. 3	Region at Webster	7:00	
Thurs., Mar. 5	Region at Sisseton 6:00		
Tues., Mar. 10	Region at Sisseton 7:00		
Mar. 12-14	State at Watertown		
Mar. 19-21	State at Rapid City		



The wrestling cheerleaders are Christine Herr, Latasha Mehlhaff and Madison Sippel.

Wrestling numbers are low

The wrestling numbers may be low, but the quality is high in this year's Groton Area wrestling program. Already, Kelby Hawkins, Trevor Pray and Tyler Scott are Northeast Conference champions and Brandyn Anderson is an NEC runner-up.

Thurs., Jan. 8	Sioux Valley/Ortonville at Milbank	5:00
Sat., Jan. 10	at Miller	10:00
Thurs., Jan. 15	w/Sisseton, Webster in Groton	6:00
Thurs., Jan. 22	at Britton w/Clark	6:00
Sat., Jan. 24	at Kingsbury Co.	9:30
Thurs., Jan. 29	at Deuel w/Redfield	6:00
Sat., Jan. 31	Groton Lions Tourney	10:00
Sat., Feb. 7	at Stanley County	10:00
Sat., Feb. 14	at Howard	10:00
Sat., Feb. 21	Region at Groton	10:00
Feb. 27-28	State at Rapid City	

Scott is the lone senior, wrestling at 160 pounds. Sophomores are Kelby Hawkins at 138, Trevor Pray at 113 and Mclaine Lone. Freshman are Brandyn Anderson at 220. Wyatt Locke is an eighth grader at 132 pounds, Thomas Cranford and Garrett Schroeder are seventh graders at 106 pounds, and sixth graders are Dylan Krueger and Dragr Monson.

The returning lettermen are Anderson, Hawkins, Locke, Pray and Scott.

The assisant coach is Lance Hawkins. Statisticians are Heather Lone and Emily Locke.

If you have questions feel free to call me

Second year Coach Dana Dargatz said, "I see a desire to work hard and see results, I've noticed a lot of maturity in the kids from last

year and that's nice to see."

Lower number presents challenges for wrestling. "Technique is a challenge with lower numbers in the room," Dargatz said. "It's easy to adapt to your partners tendencies, and create bad habits, but the guys know this and do their best to try new things so there's no monotony."

The fans can see some excitement with the Groton wrestlers. "Competitiveness," he said. "The guys know they can compete with anyone they step on the mat with."

Dargatz said that lost from last year are two state qualifiers who showed the younger guys how to train and that hard work pays off: Jeric Albrecht and Parker Kroll.

Dargatz said, "As a whole the guys are always willing to work hard. "They know what it takes to be in better shape than their opponents; I'm really happy with how they support one another. This is a tough grueling sport and they push each other to get better everyday. They all set goals and push hard to reach them."



In back, left to right, are Wyatt Locke, Trevor Pray, Brandyn Anderson, Tyler Scott, Kelby Hawkins, statistician Heather Lone and Coach Dana Dargatz; in front, left to right, are Thomas Cranford, Dylan Krueger, Dragr Monson and Garret Schroeder; not pictured is Mclain Lone.

Groton boys could pose a a double threat



Boys Varsity Basketball

In back, left to right, are Lucas Sternhagen, Chance Strom, Wyatt Larson, Hunter Lerew, Landon Larson, Gabe Dohman and Kyler Ell; in front, left to right, are Adam Herman, Sean Schuring, Bennett Shabazz, Seric Shabazz, Brady Keith and Spencer Knecht.

The Groton boys basketball team return one starter and five lettermen as the Tigers face a rebuilding year.

Spencer Knecht, a 6-0 senior guard, is the lone returning starter. Other returning lettermen are seniors Lucas Sternhagen, a 6-0 guard; Kyler Ell, a 6-2 guard; Chance Strom, a 6-2 forward; and Wyatt Larson, a 6-2 forward. The remaining varsity roster are seniors Landon Larson, a 6-4 center; and Gabe Dohman, a 6-2 forward; juniors Hunter Lerew, a 6-8 forward; and Adam Herman, 5-10 guard; and sophomores Sean Schuring, a 6-1 guard; and Bennett Shabazz, a 5-10 guard.

Coach Greg Kjellsen said, "We have good depth, size, and some quickness. We need to work together and play solid team defense. We should be an uptempo team. If we can learn to play together we should be successful and fun to watch."

Players lost from last year are Reilly Ell, Kasey Kurtz, Mason Madsen and Wyatt Lone.

Hunter Lerew is a new player to Groton Area this year. He comes from Northwestern. Kjellsen said, "He didn't play last year and he needs to get confidence playing with these kids." He is one of Groton's starter.

Kjellsen is hoping for a double attack this year. "Hopefully we can play inside out. If our bigs become a threat inside, that will open up our perimeter game."

Kjellsen predicts that Clark and Roncalli will probably be the top two teams.

His assistants are Joel McNeely and Justin Hanson. The statisticians are Haley Unzen, Kasey Waage and Jodi Sternhagen.



Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

In back, left to right, are Truitt Rogers, Frankie Wuestewald, Doug Dobbins, Luke Thorson, Mitchel Thurston and Turner Webb; in front, left to right, are Marshall Lane, Jackson Oliver, Brandon Keith, Wyatt Kurtz, Anthony Sippel and Stevie Fey.

7th/8th Boys Basketball Schedule

- Sat., Jan. 10: Jamboree at Groton, 10 a.m. (Leola-Frederick, Webster MS, Britton-Hecla JH, Groton Area MS)
- Fri., Jan. 16: Host Clark/Willow Lake (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)
- Mon., Jan. 19: at Frederick (7th at 6 p.m., 8th at 7 p.m.)
- Mon., Jan. 26: Host Warner (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)
- Tues., Jan. 27: at Britton (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)
- Tues., Feb. 3: at Langford (8th only at 5 p.m.)
- Mon., Feb. 16: host Aberdeen Roncalli (7th at 3 p.m., 8th at 4 p.m.)
- Thurs., Feb. 19: at Redfield (7th at 3 p.m., 8th at 4 p.m.)
- Mon., Feb. 23: at Webster (3 p.m.)
- Sat., Feb. 28: at Britton Jamboree, 9 p.m. (Clark/Willow Lake, Sisseton, Tiospa Zina, Warner, Groton Area Middle, Webster MS, Leola-Frederick)



New additions

This past year, the South Dakota High School Activities Association implemented a new rule, mandating a 35-second clock for basketball games. The cost to the Groton Area district was around \$7,000. In addition, there needs to be an additional person at the score desk to run just the shot clock. A lighted box has also been added to the backstop which goes off at the end of the quarters.

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Addison Hoffman, daughter of Josie Hoffman, Groton. Christmas means family and Jesus' birthday.



Aiden Strom, son of Dwight and Eugenia Strom, Groton. Christmas means Santa, presents and elves.



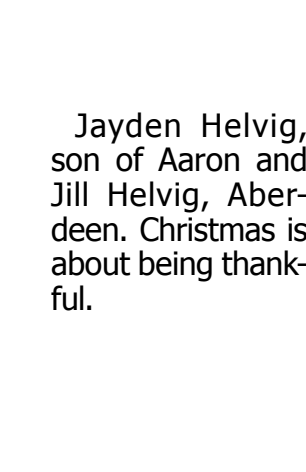
Colt Williamson, son of Judy and Gene Williamson, Bristol. Christmas means presents.



Evan Jacobson, son of Clint and Margaret Jacobson, Groton. Christmas is about Jesus. The baby Jesus was born on Christmas.



Dylan McGannon, son of Travis McGannon and Sarah Sigdestad, Bristol. Christmas means family and friends.



Jayden Helvig, son of Aaron and Jill Helvig, Aberdeen. Christmas is about being thankful.



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Gavin Kroll, son of John and Katie Kroll, Bath. Christmas is about staying home with my family and go to my grandma's house. I play with cousins.

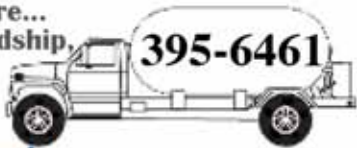


Emerlee Jones, daughter of Jim and Mendy Jones, Groton. Christmas is about family - we light the tree.

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Kella Tracy, daughter of Ryan and Carla Tracy, Groton. Christmas is about my family and Mrs. Swisher. It is Jesus' birthday.



Teagan Hanten, daughter of Cody and Sarah Hanten, Groton. Christmas is about Jesus and God. It's about our family and friends.



McKenna Tietz, daughter of Lindsey and Tom Tietz, Groton. Christmas is about Jesus' birthday.



Avery Crank, daughter of Tom and Rachael Crank, Groton. Santa gives us presents.



Ashlynn Warrington, daughter of Jason and Robyn Warrington, Groton. Christmas is about playing in the snow and decorating the tree.



Caroline Bahr, daughter of Brian and Rachel Bahr, Bristol. Santa gives me presents.



Brenna Imrie, daughter of Mike and Dawn Imrie, Groton. Christmas is about family - we get to be together. Jesus has a birthday.

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Walker Zoellner, son of Darin and Anne Zoellner, Groton. Christmas is about presents and opening them.



Addison Crosby, daughter of Evan Crosby, Groton. Santa comes and he gives you presents.



Halee Harder, daughter of TJ and Marcy Harder, Groton. We have a big party at my house and the next day, we have a big party at my friend's house. We get together with all the Kroll family.



Skyler Kramer, son of Michelle Kramer and Dale Kramer. Christmas is a bout my family and presents.



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Groton girls beat Deuel

Groton's girls jumped out to a 16-0 first quarter lead en route to a 43-19 Northeast Conference win over Deuel Friday night in Groton. Groton led at halftime, 28-13, and at the end of the third quarter, 36-16.

Courtney Kurtz led the Tigers with 20 points, including being 11 of 12 from the charity stripe. Carly Wheeting had 10 points followed by Audrey Wanner with seven, Katie Koehler three, Marlee Jones two and Ashley Gibbs added one free throw.

The Cardinals were led in scoring by Aavrie Kielty with five points followed by Micah Miller with four, Tara Rowcliffe three, adding two points each were Hailey Benson, Rachel Baer and Shiann Spilde and Becca Bauman added one free throw.

Groton made 11 of 36 field goals for 31 percent, was 20 of 29 from the line for 69 percent off of Deuel's 19 team fouls, Kurtz made one three-pointer, Koehler had seven of the team's 32 rebounds, Kurtz had three of the team's five assists and Groton had 15 turnovers, four of each were steals.

Deuel made seven of 34 field goals for 21 percent, was three of eight from the line for 38 percent off of Groton's 13 team fouls, had 11 rebounds, one assist and 13 turnovers, nine of which were steals with Harleigh Stange, Koehler and Wheeting each having two steals.

Coach Shaun Wanner said, "We're continuing to get better. We need to get some continuity on offense and once we get effective there, we should be a tough team by the end of the season. Our two all-conference players, Carly and Courtney, have to stay consistent throughout the season and others will need to fill in with the scoring."

Groton will host Aberdeen Roncalli Monday night.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 21-18. The Tigers led, 6-0, after the first quarter, 8-2 at halftime, and trailed, 13-12, after three quarters.

Gia Gengerke led the Tigers with six points followed by Emily Locke with five, Alex Stange and Harleigh Stange each had four points and Madison Sippel added two points.

Saycia Sime led Deuel with seven points.



Audrey Wanner goes up for a shot as she is defended by Rachel Baer.



Carly Wheeting

Groton explodes for 22 straight points in win over Deuel

Groton Area found itself falling behind early in the boys basketball game, but then exploded with three-pointers and turned a deficit into a 61-29 Northeast Conference win.

Deuel jumped ahead, 7-0, and took a 9-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. Trailing, 11-8, Groton then made three straight three-pointers as part of a 22 straight point run to take a 30-11 lead Groton led, 32-15, at halftime, and 45-25 at the end of the third quarter. "We're still figuring out how to play together," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "With four new starters, it will take a while to figure things out. We're trying to find our identity - are we going to be a perimeter oriented team or an inside team - or are we going to get out in transition or work the ball in the half court. It's things we have to determine."

Three players hit double figures for Groton Area with Kyler Ell, who made five three-pointers, making 21 points. Hunter Lerew had 12, Spencer Knecht 10, Lucas Sternhagen six, Bennett Shabazz three, Gabe Dohman, Sean Schuring, Chance Strom and Wyatt Larson each made two points and Seric Shabazz made a free throw.

Groton made 26 of 61 field goals for 43 percent, was three of four from the line off of Deuel's 11 team fouls, had 16 assists Knecht having five, three blocks with Landon Larson having two, and had eight turnovers, with two of them being steals.

Deuel was led in scoring by Lance Eide with 12 followed by Levi Schmahl with eight, Matt Cassels had three and Collin Magedanz, Preston Homan and Ben Witte with two each.

The Cardinals made 10 of 38 field goals for 26 percent, was

eight of 15 from the line off of Groton's 16 team fouls, had eight assists, two blocks and 22 turnovers with 10 of them being steals with Knecht having three and Ell and Larson each having two.

Groton will travel to Roncalli on Tuesday. Kjellsen said, "Roncalli is very tough. They've got good size and can really get up and down the floor. We're not going to be able to start slow and expect to stay in the game. We've got to come out focused and execute both offensively and defensively."

Groton won the junior varsity game, 48-34. Sean Schuring led Groton with 22 points followed by Adam Herman with 10, Seric Shabazz four, Bennett Shabazz and Truitt Rogers each had three points and Brandon Keight, Anthony Sippel and Luke Thorson each had two points.

Deuel was led by Witte with 12 points.



Kyler Ell made five of six three-pointers to fire Groton with 21 points.



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Groton Area has triple NEC Champions

Trevor Pray, Kelby Hawkins and Tyler Scott were all winners Saturday at the Northeast Conference Wrestling Tournament held in Sisseton. Brandyn Anderson placed second.

Trevor Pray, wrestling at 113 pounds, pinned Hunter Kloos of Deuel, 1:12; he then decisioned Austin Grout of Webster, 7-4; and in the championship match, he decisioned Brady Krause of Milbank, 3-1.

Kelby Hawkins, wrestling at 132 pounds, pinned Caleb Orris of Clark-Willow Lake, in 53 seconds; and in the championship match, he decisioned Devon Sievers of Deuel, 8-2.

Tyler Scott, wrestling at 160 pounds, pinned Braden Terry of Redfield-Doland in 22 seconds; he scored a major decision over Tyler Brown of Deuel, 15-6; and in the championship match, he decisioned Harrison Wookey of Clark-Willow Lake, 10-6.

Brandyn Anderson, wrestling at 220 pounds, decisioned Colton Koslowski of Webster, 3-1; he decisioned Caden Wollschlager of Milbank, 3-0; and in the championship match, he was pinned by Brett Christman of Redfield-Doland in 47 seconds.

Garrett Schroeder, wrestling at 106 pounds, was pinned by Hunter Burnett of Milbank in 34 seconds; and he was pinned by Dane Christopherson of Sisseton in 22 seconds.

Coach Dana Dargatz said, "The kids have been working hard in the practice room, and Saturday showed their efforts. A lot of confidence was gained with some big wins against our competition. Top to bottom, the kids fought for every point they earned, and I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments."



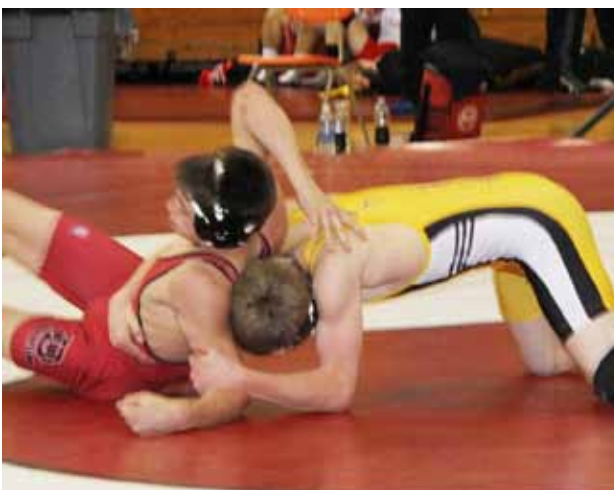
Trevor Pray decisioned Brady Krause of Milbank in the championship match, 3-1.



Tyler Scott won the NEC conference championship with a 10-6 decision over Harrison Wookey of Clark-Willow Lake.



Brandyn Anderson decisioned Caden Wollschlager of Milbank in the championship semifinals, 3-0.



Kelby Hawkins won the NEC championship with an 8-2 decision over Devon Sieverts of Deuel.

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Groton Presents Christmas Concert



Groton's Music Department presented its Christmas Concert last night. The sixth grade choir started off the event, singing, "Tardy Bell," "O Christmas Tree," "When You Are Jolly," and "We Wish You a Tasty Fruitcake." Cody Swanson directed the choir.



The junior high choir sang, "Angels Gloria," "Christmas Peace Canon" and "Winter Wonderland." The accompanists were Kari Hanson, Taylor Gustafson and Luke Smith. The director is Cody Swanson.



The High School Choir sang, "African Alleluia," "All is Well" and "Go Tell It!" Joy Voss was the accompanist. The director is Cody Swanson.



The Chamber Choir sang, "Fum, Fum, Fum," under the direction of Cody Swanson.

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We don't always appreciate the wonderful healing capacity of our bones.

I was on call a few years ago and the ambulance brought in a young college-age gentleman who had fallen three stories off a roof and onto the cement below. Apparently he landed first on his feet and fell forward. As he landed, like a row of falling dominoes, broke parts of his feet, legs, knees, hands, wrists, elbows, jaw and nose. The orthopedist who came in to help counted something like 26 fractures and the ENT specialist estimated the patient was going about 35 miles per hour when he hit the concrete.

We ended up sending the young man to the trauma center in Sioux Falls, but what was amazing was how his brain and vital organs had been protected. He had not lost consciousness, remained perfectly awake, and his heart, lungs and gut were just fine. But the best news came with how eventually, after a lot of rehabilitation, his bones repaired themselves. A year later he walked into my office without a limp and shook my hand firmly to thank me for helping him that fateful night.

Most people have the concept that our bones and joints are continuously wearing out and deteriorating over time. It's common to think that if we simply live long enough, we will end up as a slumped over pile of soft bones and frozen joints. This doesn't have to be.

Instead, our bodies are constantly remodeling and repairing bones and joints; taking apart, breaking down and then rebuilding anew. Small injuries are always happening along the way, and maybe it happens more so as we get older, but there is a continuous remodel-and-repair process always going on throughout your whole life.

The key point to remember is that the blue print for the remodel comes from the daily motion and activity we ask our bodies to perform. Rehab is always going on, especially as we get older.

We shouldn't have to fall three stories to realize the value of movement.



Under the direction of Deb Jensen, the sixth grade band performed, "First Rockin' Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," and "St. Nick Salsa."



The junior high band, under the direction of Deb Jensen, performed, "Jingle Bell Rock," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "And to All a Good Night."



Part of the high school band, under the direction of Reid Johnson, performed, "Ukrainian Bell Carol."



The high school band, under the direction of Reid Johnson, performed, "Christmas Favorites" and "A Fresh Aire Christmas."



The High School and Junior High Band, along with the choirs and the audience sang, "Deck the Hall," "Jingle Bells," "O Christmas Tree" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" as the finale.

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Minutes

DECEMBER 16, 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 Kippley to approve the General Meeting minutes of December 9, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,527.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$3,992.74; Auditor \$6,094.07; Treasurer \$11,647.67; Data Processing \$2,081.03; State's Attorney \$14,554.71; Blood Draws \$650.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,825.94; Maintenance \$6,210.77; Assessor \$11,945.78; Register of Deeds \$8,470.87; Veterans Service Office \$3,467.74; GIS \$2,147.60; Sheriff Admin \$30,603.55; Jail \$33,988.69; JDC \$14,793.76; HD \$4,928.31; Welfare Office \$3,404.47; Museum \$6,928.16; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,246.44; Fair Board \$3,991.24; 4-H \$0; Weed \$0; Planning and Zoning \$1,538.46; Highway \$43,503.24; Communications \$23,225.07; Emergency Management \$3,235.32; Teen Court \$75.65; 24/7 \$2,985.02; Landfill \$10,607.00

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Travel & Conference: Best Western Ramkota- Pierre \$85.00; City of Groton \$102.12; Clay Nelson \$187.75; Kathy Schlecht \$150.47; US Bank \$3,889.78.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treas-

urer \$339.53; AT & T Mobility \$23.85; CenturyLink \$1,158.03; Exec. Mgmt. \$80.05; Northern Electric \$1,910.79; NWPS \$3,654.53; US Bank \$705.37.

Other: Safe Harbor \$695.23; SD Assoc. of County Officials \$1,022.00.

Improvements Other Than Buildings: B & B Contracting \$104,046.67. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following employee step increases, effective December 21, 2014: Sarah Jesz @ \$17.90 per hour, Craig Nelson @ \$21.30 per hour, Charles Gruenstein @ \$16.65 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to acknowledge resignation of Christine Haggerty (Dispatch), effective December 24, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement with Centennial Village, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, concerning the maintenance, development, improvement, management, programming, promotion and operation of a portion of the Brown County Fairgrounds commonly known as "Centennial Village". All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL UNIT 2 CELL 2: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #1for Landfill Unit 2 Cell 2 Construction Project in amount of \$52,749.06 decrease to total project cost. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Wiese seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Request #6 (final) for Landfill Unit 2 Cell 2 Construction Project to B & B Contracting in amount of \$104,046.67. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to renew agreement with John and Mary Ludwig for lease of the premises located at 37925 Youth Camp Road in amount of \$575.00 per month, effective January 1 - December 31, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD - SHERIFF VEHICLES: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to award the following bid for the Sheriff Department: State Contract #16677 with Pierson Ford for (3) three Ford Interceptor SUV's in total amount of \$79,681.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COLUMBIA AREA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ELECTION: An election was held on December 11, 2014 by the eligible voters of the proposed Columbia Area Rural Fire Protection District with the following results: 99 votes in favor of forming the district, 13 votes not in favor of forming the district.

ORD 087 - TITLE 5 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve First Reading of Ordinance 087, An Ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as adopted March 12, 1997, Chapter 5.01 General Provisions, 5.0102 Jurisdiction. These regulations shall apply within the unincorporated areas of Brown County, South Dakota, including the incorporated municipalities of Claremont, Columbia, and Stratford, and Verdon, yet excluding areas of joint jurisdiction with Aberdeen, Frederick, Groton, Hecla and Warner. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY CONTRACTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Contracts with Scott T. Kuck, Christopher D. Dohrer, Christy Griffin Serr, Thomas J. Cogley, Joshua K.

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Finer and Adam Altman to provide legal services to represent an indigent party before the court, effective January 1, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FEM FRANCHISE: Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #84-14. WHEREAS, FEM Electric Association, Inc., a rural electric cooperative corporation, on the 4th day of November, 2014, filed with the County Auditor of the County of Brown, State of South Dakota, its Application and Petition for Franchise for the purpose of obtaining and acquiring the right to erect and maintain poles, wires, and underground cable for the purpose of conducting electricity for lighting, heating, and power purposes together with stay wires and braces and for the right to continue its present facilities in and along any public highway in the County of Brown, State of South Dakota, for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years and subject to the conditions set forth in SDCL Chapter 31-26 and such further reasonable regulations as the legislature of the State of South Dakota may at any time hereafter prescribe, and WHEREAS, FEM Electric Association, Inc., has agreed, if granted, the right prayed for in its Application and Petition for Franchise, that it will comply with all requirements of SDCL Chapter 31-26 and all amendments thereto hereafter or any subsequent laws prescribed by the legislature of the State of South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, said Application and Petition for Franchise was heard by the Board of County Commissioners of said County of Brown, State of South Dakota, on the 16th day of December, 2014, at 9 o'clock a.m., at the office of the Board in the Courthouse in the City of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota, and that due notice of said hearing was given pursuant to SDCL Chapter 31-21-13, and WHEREAS, no person, firm or corporation has appeared in opposition to the granting of such Application and Petition for Franchise and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, State of South Dakota, that no differences have arisen or exist between the application, FEM Electric Association, Inc., and any owner of any transmission or telephone line on or along any part of said highway or highway system; and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners that the construction, operation, and maintenance of the applicant's transmission and distribution system and electrical facilities as now installed and operating together with any additions that might be made or to be made hereafter will not interfere with the maintenance and operation of any other line upon any part of said highways or highway system. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Brown and State of South Dakota, that the right to construct, maintain, and operate poles, wires, and underground cable for the purpose of conducting and transmitting electricity for lighting, heating, and power purposes, all in accordance with SDCL Chapter 31-26 and all subsequent amendments or laws enacted hereafter, along, upon, under, and across the public highways throughout the County of Brown, State of South Dakota, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date hereof, be and is hereby granted to said FEM Electric Association, Inc., subject to the terms and conditions of all laws of the State of South Dakota pertinent thereto, and also subject to further reasonable regulations as the legislature of the State of South Dakota may hereafter prescribe. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioner Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye,

Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Establish date for groups to show interest in Club House and Grandstand concessions during the Fair; List all items to be declared surplus with the SDACC for donation to other entities; Information about proposed pipeline for North Dakota crude oil and proposed lift station in Spink County; Formation of community committee to research combining county offices.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to authorize Scott Meints purchase a copier from Marco at approximate cost of \$4,171.00 for Emergency Management Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Deputy States Attorney Chris White, Gary Vetter, Amy Scott, Janet Elsen and Commissioner Elect Feldheim 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 Kippley, seconded by Wiese to appoint the following Fair Board Members: Conald Burgard, Val Daschel and Karen Treeby 2015 only; Salei Mouna, Jerry Ochsenr, Lynnsey Briese and Katie Goulding 1st three year term (2015-2017). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until December 23, 2014.

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Brown County
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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.

Proposal Guaranty: The proposal guaranty required and which must accompany each bid is a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft certified by a national or state bank, and payable at sight to Brown County, South Dakota in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, or in lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond for ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota, and payable to Brown County, South Dakota.

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general conditions specified, shall be the determining factors.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

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.

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Groton City
Dec. 15
Meeting
Minutes

December 15, 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: Glover, McGannon, Blackmun, Opp, Flihs, Muilenburg, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, and representatives from the press.

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

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

First State Bank 1.95 fees; First State Bank 6,870.28 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,100.00 emp savings; SD State Treasurer 5,525.47 sales tax; JUTS 200.00 school reg; 1st National Bank 9,604.27 lagoon loan; April Abeln 24.00 med flex; AFLAC 906.52 emp ins; Blocker Construction 812.67 wellhouse const; BNSF-Railroad Management Co 956.46 space rent; Buhls 30.50 rug rent; Car Quest 73.86 filters, belts; City of Groton 325.91 postage, util, sav; Dakota Supply Company 19.80 materials; Dakota Tree Co 975.00 move trees; Dearborn National 90.50 life ins; Digital Ally 100.00 batteries; Fire Safety First 41.80 supplies; Gall's 50.97 uniform; Groton Independent 132.99 publishing; Guardian Ins 216.76 emp ins; Scott Hanlon 23.52 mileage; Heartland Cons Power District 68,274.47 power; Ken's Food Fair 604.49 gas, supplies; Lori's 3.99 battery; Anita Lowary 8.35 candy; New Deal Tire 163.80 tire disposal; NW Energy 3,957.85 power delivery; Olde Bank Floral N More 65.00 plants; RDO-John Deere Cr 375.82 edges; S & S Lumber 182.60 tools, supplies; SD Assoc of Code Enforcement 40.00 dues; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems 475.00 dues; SD Govt Fin Officer Assoc 70.00 dues; SD Govt Human Resource Assoc 25.00 dues; SD Municipal Electric Assoc 1,215.00 dues; SD Municipal League 1,255.66 dues; SD Mun Street Maintenance Assoc 35.00 dues; SD Police Chief's Assoc 97.04 dues; SD Supplement Retirement 4,800.00 emp retirement; SD Workers Comp Fund 17,876.00 premium; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 13,288.99 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 27,097.08 power

Department reports were given. Council requested department reports to be given at both monthly meetings and include future plans and projects. Department heads will also come to Council on the second meeting of each month.

At 7:15pm Jeff Amdahl came before the Council to request the transfer of the Malt Beverage License from Duane McDonald to MJ Enterprises as they will be the new owners as of Jan 2, 2015. Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to grant this transfer of the malt beverage license at

105 E Hwy 12, Groton, SD. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to again sponsor the prizes of electric utility credit for the holiday lighting contest. All members present voted aye.

A letter was read that informed the Council that the LWC grant for the baseball playground equipment has been denied by SD Dept of Game Fish and Parks.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the 2015 Joint Powers Agreement with NCOG. All members present voted aye.

Lowary reported that the proposed power line would not be within the Groton City Planning District or in the airport area of concern.

Discussion was held on suspending the Red Dragon Saloon Malt Beverage License. Notice will be given to owner, Tim Thurston, that a public hearing will be held Jan 5 at 7:30pm on this action.

Value for the land at the jail site was discussed. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to rescind the motion declaring the jail and land surplus. Members voting aye were: McGannon, Glover, Flihs, Muilenburg, and Blackmun. Opp voted nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanlon and Councilman Blackmun gave an update on the 2016 Hwy 37 reconstruction project.

Lowary reported on reduced 2014 revenue and increased 2014 expenses. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Muilenburg to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance 701, The 2014 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon leaves the meeting at this point and McGannon assumes the chairmanship.

2015 gravel supply bids received were opened and read aloud.

Krueger Brothers - \$16.74 per yd
 Hanlon Brothers - \$17.00 per yd

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Blackmun to accept low bid from Krueger Brothers for the 2015 gravel supply. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon reenters the meeting and assumes the chairmanship.

Skating hours and policies were discussed and updated.

Attorney Johnson reported on the progress of condemning the Jim Stearns property at 105 W 3rd Ave.

Council members were reminded of the Legislative Day in Pierre on Feb 3-4.


At 8:27pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss legal matters on a motion by Opp and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:50pm.

Meeting adjourned.
 Scott Hanlon, Mayor
 Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Frederick Town Ord. 194

Groton School Dec. 8 Meeting Minutes

Ordinance No. 194 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance For the Year 2014
Be it ordained by the Town of Frederick that the following sum is supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality necessary to carry out indispensable functions of government.
General Fund
General Administration: 6,075.00
Insurance: 210.00
Emma Burnham Library: 2,810.00
Simmons Park: 5,472.00
Cemetery: 825.00
Landfill: 820.00
Community Center: 430.00
Fire: 1,972.00
Streets/Contract Labor/Wages/Repairs: 1,430.00
Total Appropriations: \$20,044.00
Source of Funding
Undesignated funds: \$6,545.00 (w \$1770, G200, S 4575)
Cash on Hand: 13,499.00
Total Source of Funding: \$20,044.00
Signed and dated by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Frederick;
R. Scott Campbell, Chairman /s/ R. Scott Campbell Date: 12/17/14
Thomas Meyer, Board Member /s/ Thomas Meyer Date: 12/17/14
Robert Smith, Board Member /s/ Robert Smith: 12/17/14
Passed First Reading: December 01, 2014
Passed Second Reading: December 15, 2014
Published: December 23, 2014
Effective Immediately
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING December 8, 2014
President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Harder, Hanson, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and Dalchow, and Business Manager Weber.
Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve the agenda as proposed. Motion carried.
Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve all consent agenda items as follows: North Central Special Ed Coop school of record agenda items, November 10 and 24 District minutes, bills, financial report, agency report, transportation report and school lunch report. Motion carried.
GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 155,779.57; FIT - 16,563.42; Medicare - 5,965.80; FICA - 25,509.18; SDSBF - 57,347.02; American Funds - 643.09; Washington National - 98.40; SD Retirement - 26,483.66; First National Bank HSAs - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,420.31; Horace Mann - 298.74; Thrivent - 186.03; AFLAC - 1,757.81; Gentry Finance - 75.00; Delta Dental - 4,466.86; Surety Finance - 237.00; SD Supplemental Retirement - 748.11; SDRS Prior years Deferred - 1,554.32; A&B Business - supplies, 76.11; Acme Tools - cables, 219.98; Agency Fund - advance payments, 29,470.73; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman - legal services, 361.50; City of Groton - utilities, 11,788.20; Cole papers - supplies, 3,672.99; Crawford Trucks - repair services, 673.82; Dakota Outdoors - services, 334.95; Dakota Supply Group - supplies, 162.28; Dakotaland Autoglass - supplies, 569.45; Dana Dargatz - class fees, 80.00; Days Inn - OI lodging, 144.00; Farnams - auto parts, 444.84; Full Circle Ag - gas, 561.70; G&K Services - rug service, 330.85; GCR Tires - tires, 472.90; Geffdog Designs - sh choir shirts, 89.50; GASD Food Service - supplies, 185.25; Groton Daily

Independent - legal notices, 214.84; Groton Ford - repair services, 1,180.84; Harlow's Bus Sales - repair services, 365.24; Hauff Mid-America Sports - ath supplies, 1,680.20; Hillyard - janitor supplies, 623.84; JW Pepper - music, 75.99; James Valley Telecomm. - capital credit/ services, 447.41; Janitor's Closet - mops, 191.72; Mac's - supplies, 8.58; Matheson - welding supplies, 352.01; McLeod's Printing - checks, 227.67; Mid-American Research Chemical - supplies, 955.87; Nelson Sales & Services - auto parts, 106.48; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 16.19; Prorate Services - drug/alc testing renewal, 50.00; Really Good Stuff - music supplies, 120.95; SD Counseling Assn - conf registration, 200.00; Taylor Music - repair services, 91.00; Weissman Designs - sh choir costumes, 615.55; West Music - elem supplies, 45.03.
Total General Fund - \$356,442.78.
CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund - adv pmts, 1,965.64; Hauff Mid-America - ath jerseys, 2,816.60; Paula Johnson - laundry playset, 116.59; Knowbuddy resources - lib books, 149.24; MakeMusic - subscription, 140.00; Marco, Inc - copier services, 1,816.94; Menards - heater, 66.99; Musician's Friend - tin whistles, 49.75; Wells Fargo Securities - BAB interest & principal, 110,913.15; West Music - elem music equipment, 7,753.11. Total Capital Outlay Fund -- \$125,788.01.
SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 23,927.63; FIT - 2,002.41; Medicare - 893.96; FICA - 3,822.58; SDSBF - 9,281.93; SD Retirement - 3,933.66; Waddell & Reed - 250.00; AFLAC - 345.83; Delta Dental - 690.40; SD Supplemental Retirement - 100.00; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 164.29; Avera St. Luke's - services, 7,107.82; Groton Area Patron - mileage reimb, 435.12. Total Special Education Fund - \$52,955.63.
BOND REDEMPTION: First National Bank - arena bond payment, \$197,845.00.
ENTERPRISE: Net Salary - 7,024.10; FIT - 467.03; Medicare - 247.16; FICA - 1,056.72; SDSBF - 2,560.72; SD Retirement - 758.04; AFLAC - 54.22; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 82.77; CWD-Aberdeen - food/suppl, 942.40; Dean Foods - dairy product, 1,925.88; Earthgrains - bakery product, 198.95; G&K Services - linen serv, 279.00; Mid-American Research Chemi-

cal - supplies, 247.33; Reinhart Foodservice - food/suppl, 2,042.09; Rux Plumbing - dw repairs, 2,061.94; SD Dept of Ed-CANS - processed commodities, 659.03; Sysco - food, 1,126.57; US Foods - food/suppl, 2,255.72; Woodman Refrigeration - valve, 95.58; Agency Fund - OST adv pmts, 249.00. Total Enterprise - \$24,334.25.
AGENCY FUND: Total - \$52,376.70.
RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 1,536,062.78; Other Local Sources - 111,520.32; County Sources - 3,725.50; State Sources - 20,405.00; Federal Sources - 57,719.32. Total Receipts - \$1,729,432.92.
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.
There were no committee reports given.
Following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Governor's Budget Address, State Superintendent's Meeting, Capital Outlay skeleton bill, Highway 37 Project Meeting, 15-16 School Calendar draft, ASBSD Delegate Assembly Legislative Priorities, Math Interventions, AR Banner in elementary gym, DIBELS benchmark testing, CHIPS DNA testing for K-5 students, CTE meeting, All-School Play, students tutoring, Financial Aid Night, FCCLA food drive, music concerts and SASD Salary Survey.
Moved by Nelson, second Hanson to authorize Weber to establish an account with Edward Jones to receive funds for the Dick and Gert Ruden Scholarship. Motion carried.
The board received a request for transportation from members of the Robotics team. No action was taken.
Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve volunteer assistant wrestling coaches: Lance Hawkins, Randy Kurtz, Baker Haar and Corbin Surat. Motion carried.
Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.
M. J. Weber, Business Manager
Steven R. Smith, President
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.
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Frederick Town Dec. 15 Special Meeting

Town of Frederick
2nd Reading of Ordinance 194 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance
The 2nd Reading of the 2014 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance for the Year 2014 was held in the Frederick Community Center on Monday evening, December 15, at 7 PM. Present were Board Members Thomas Meyer and Robert Smith, and Finance Officer Diane Bruns.
Board Member Meyer called the meeting to order. The board gave final review of the 2014 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. The following Ordinance was offered:
Ordinance #194
2014 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance
Be it ordained by the City of Frederick that motion has been made by Smith and seconded by Meyer to adopt the 2014 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance as presented. The total Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance is \$20,044.00 for the maintenance and operations of the Town of Frederick to meet its obligations.
Roll call vote: Meyer-aye; Smith-aye. Motion carried.
There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned motioned by Meyer/Smith. Motion carried.
Diane Bruns
Frederick Finance Officer
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Groton Prairie Mixed Team Standings: Jackelopes 4, Foxes 3 1/2, Pocket Gophers 3, Coyotes 1, Chipmunks 1/2, Killer Chihuahuas 0
Men's High Games: Brad Waage 279, 211, Randy Stanley 219, Ron Belden 212, 201, Brad Larson 211, Roger Spanier 200
Women's High Games: Dar Larson 201, Sue Stanley 196, Lori Giedt 191
Men's High Series: Brad Waage 686, Rick Carlson 579, Brad Larson 572
Women's High Series: Dar Larson 517, Lori Wiley 498, Sue Stanley 493

Groton Coffee Cup Team Standings: Ten Pens 36 (Winners of first half), Jungle Lanes 28.5, Farm Girls 27.5, James Valley 27, Ken's 26.5, Golden Girls 22.5.
High Games: Vickie Walter 181, 164; Penny Stolle 166, Jan Raap 155.
High Series: Vickie Walter 486, Penny Stolle 457, Sue Stanley 425.

Conde National Team Standings: Gians 25.5, Pirates 20.5, Mets 20.5, Cubs 19, Colts 18.5, Braves 16.
Men's High Games: Larry Frohling 197, Lance Frohling 192, Bryce Dargatz 172.
Women's High Games: Mary Larson 179, 165; Ranae Ball 167, Nicole Kassube 164.
Men's High Series: Larry Frohling 512, Lance Frohling 474, Topper Tastad 458.
Women's High Series: Mary Larson 470, Nicole Kassube 452, Hope Knoepfle 430.

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6									
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending November 30, 2014									
	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for District
1. Beginning Balance	1,622,757.88	32,052.21	672,674.55	231,522.95	0.00	146,425.94	60,963.29	193,111.52	2,959,508.34
a. cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. securities invested	1,622,757.88	32,052.21	672,674.55	231,522.95	0.00	146,425.94	60,963.29	193,111.52	2,959,508.34
2. Transfers in									
3. Revenue to date	1,689,030.62	0.00	397,077.06	211,085.53	71,704.57	74,591.91	132,757.09	271,589.83	2,847,836.61
4. Total accounted for	3,311,788.50	32,052.21	1,069,751.61	442,608.48	71,704.57	221,017.85	193,720.38	464,701.35	5,807,344.95
5. Transfers out									
6. Expenditures to date	1,386,828.03	0.00	677,499.78	179,983.91	0.00	0.00	116,928.48	254,165.94	2,615,406.14
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	1,386,828.03	0.00	677,499.78	179,983.91	0.00	0.00	116,928.48	254,165.94	2,615,406.14
7. Ending Balance	1,924,960.47	32,052.21	392,251.83	262,624.57	71,704.57	221,017.85	76,791.90	210,535.41	3,191,938.81
a. cash	600,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600,200.00
b. securities invested	1,324,760.47	32,052.21	392,251.83	262,624.57	71,704.57	221,017.85	76,791.90	210,535.41	2,591,738.81
November Receipts	939,947.11	0.00	367,398.67	193,341.72	66,441.96	69,097.36	25,256.22	67,949.88	1,729,432.92
November Expenses	346,212.74	0.00	27,942.69	53,286.34	0.00	0.00	31,005.05	52,376.70	510,823.52
Agency Cash on Hand	0.00								
District Savings	2,591,738.81								
Certificate of Deposit	0.00								
District Cash on Hand	0.00								
Total for District	2,591,738.81								



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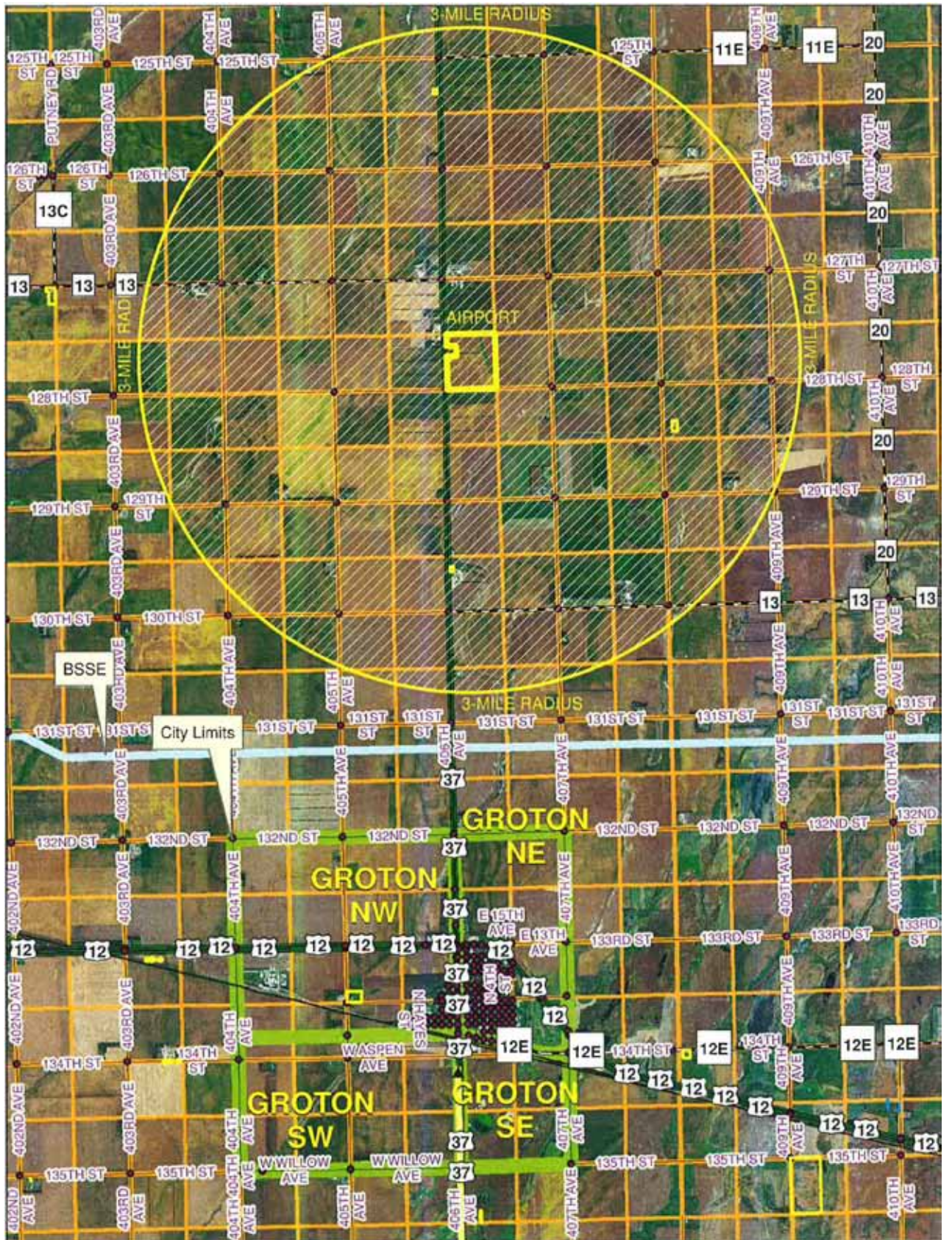
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