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## 77th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates



Allison Weber, daughter of Mike and Lorrie Weber, Groton, was named the 2015 Queen of the Carnival of Silver Skates.



Breanna Marzahn takes a final lap around the rink as the 2014 Silver Skates Queen.



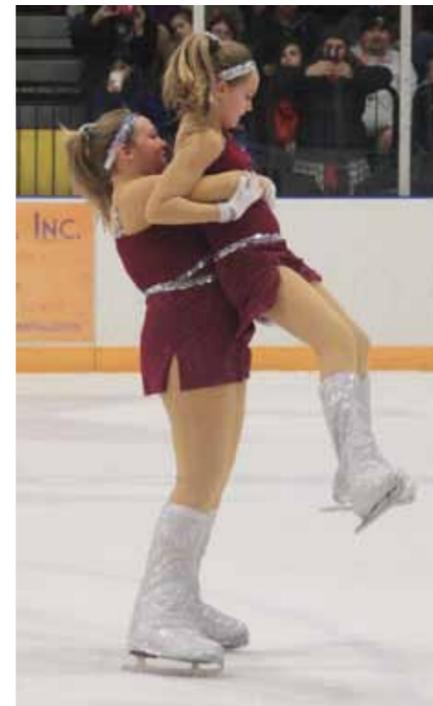
Rachel Blackmun did a specialty act entitled, "Friend Like Me."



The 2015 Silver Skates Queen Allison Weber gets a ride around the ice rink in sleigh.



The 2014 Silver Skates Queen Breanna Marzahn puts the crown on Allison Weber, the 2015 Silver Skates Queen.



Ashley Fliehs and Megan Fliehs did a specialty act to the tune of, "The Friend Song."



A large crowd was on hand at the Odde Ice Center for the afternoon performance of the Carnival of Silver Skates.



The control room of the Warming House is as busy as a beehive at the evening performance in Groton.



Breanna Marzahn started of the skating with her solo, "When We Stand Together."



Jessie Bjerke, the Groton Area Junior Snow Queen, and Kaitlin O'Neill, the Senior Snow Queen, were introduced at the Silver Skates event.



The juniors skated to, "Umbrella."



Left: The Snowflakes performed to, "Fun."



Left: The fourth graders performed to, "The Adams Family."



Here is the finale at the Groton Skating Rink.



The third graders performed, "True Friends."



The eighth graders performed, "Come With me Now."



The fifth graders performed, "We Are All In This Together."



The kindergarten skaters skated to, "Gift of a Friend."

## Volunteers needed for DI Region in Groton

If you have ever wondered what Destination Imagination (DI) is all about or if it would be something your child would enjoy, in March you have a great opportunity to find out. Groton Area School will be hosting the Northeast Regional DI tournament on Saturday, March 7.

The tournament will be held at the High School and area teams will be presenting their solutions to one of several challenges. This year's challenges include: Creature Feature (technical challenge), Making Waves (scientific challenge), Lose to Win (structural challenge), Feary Tales (fine arts challenge), The Improv Games (improvisational challenge), Brand Aid (service learning challenge), and Animal Mish Mash (rising stars challenge).

To make this tournament successful, around 60 volunteers are needed. Positions include everything from appraisers, announcers, and timekeepers to concessions, door monitors, and souvenir sales. If you would be interested in helping, please contact tournament director Kristie Erickson at [ericksong@nrctv.com](mailto:ericksong@nrctv.com) or Julie Milbrandt at [julie.milbrandt@k12.sd.us](mailto:julie.milbrandt@k12.sd.us).

We are confident that our community will continue their support of DI and we look forward to seeing you on March 7.

## Parents & other volunteers, we need you!

The Carnival of Silver Skates annual meeting will be Sunday, March 1st at 7 PM at the ice skating warming house in Groton. Parents of all skaters are encouraged to attend. An election of officers for the 2016 Carnival will be held. The Carnival of Silver Skates Executive Board includes: co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, costume chair, music/rink/instruction chair, communications coordinator and building committee chair. We need your input and help if the Carnival is to continue. Contact Janae Hughes (605-397-3010) with any questions. Please plan to attend the meeting and get involved this year.

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The sixth graders performed to, "Me and My Gang."



The seniors performed to, "Friends' Them Song."



The seventh graders performed to, "Count On Me."



The second graders performed to, "Let's Get Together."

## Class sizes a concern for English

Class sizes for the English classes are a concern to the teachers. The English Department gave their program overview at the Groton Area School Board meeting Monday night. Diane Kurtz said that class sizes are between 22 and 25 with some as large as 27 in the past. "That is too large," she said. "Behaviour is an issue with so many students." She said that they would like to see class sizes around 17, which also helps with the one-to-one student help. Jan Seibel added, "I hope we can take a look at reducing class size."

Kurtz also talked about the TIE conference that is held in the spring. The teachers have been turned down from attending the conference. She said that only technology people can attend. "It would benefit the teaching staff if we could send a couple to the conference," Kurtz said.

The Science Department also gave their overview and Kristen Gonsoir pointed out that the Physical Science books need updating. "We're in our 11th year and much of it is now outdated. Gonsoir said that it's time to get some new books.

There was only one finding on the FY'14 District Audit, and it is the same one that pops up every time. Business Manager Mike Weber said the audit reports that the district has a limited size staff for getting the financial report done and because of that, Eide Bailly completes the numbers before submitting the final report to the state.

There were a number of policy revisions that were given first reading at the board meeting.

One of the policies was about open enrollment. The board will act on open enrollment for the following school year no sooner than May 1 of the current school year. Superintendent Joe Schwan said the issue addresses junior kindergarten numbers. He said when open enrollments were done earlier, and then the numbers of resident junior kindergarten number come in, "We get into a pickle if the numbers are high," he said. He said by May 1, the district will know how many district junior kindergarten students there are before acting on the open enrollment students.

Weighting GPA for college courses taken in high school was talked about by Superintendent Joe Schwan. He said that many of the college courses are the same as one of the high school courses. "We don't weight high school courses so why should we weight college courses." Some had suggested giving a 4.5 GPA for college courses. Schwan disagreed with that theory.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow said a new family moved into the district and there are three new students in the elementary school. Try-outs for the Children's Theatre will be March 23 with the performance set for March 27.

Rachel Heggem has started student teaching in Lone's fifth grade class. On Feb. 2, Allysa Harmon-Brown will be a student teacher in Zoellner's second grade class and Molly Coyle will be in Eichler's first grade class.

Middle/High School Principal talked about the Dual Credit Courses that are being offered. She said at \$40 per credit through Northern State University, it will be a huge savings if they can get the core classes out of the way.

The elementary school food service inspection recently received a 100 percent. "Congratulations are in order," said Superintendent Joe Schwan.

## Groton girls hold Britton-Hecla to nine second-half points to win

Groton Area took control in the second half to beat Britton-Hecla in girls basketball action played Monday in Groton, 55-29. The game was tied at 20 at half time before the Lady Tigers got hot and started to make its shots. The defense gave up only nine points in the second half.

Four players hit double figures for Groton Area with Ashley Gibbs making four three-pointers for 16 points, Carly Wheeting had 12, Courtney Kurtz and Audrey Wanner each had 10, Marlee Jons, Harleigh Stange and Gia Gengerke each had two and Jessica Bjerke added a free throw.

Groton Area made 39 percent of its field goals while Britton-Hecla made 33 percent. The Tigers were nine of 17 from the line while Britton-Hecla was six of eight. Wanner had six of the team's 28 rebounds, Kurtz, Koehler and Wheeting each had two of the team's eight assists, Kurtz had six of the team's 18 steals, Wheeting had one block and Groton had 10 turnovers.

Ashley Fosness and Sydney Fosness led the Braves with six points each followed by Shyla Henrichs with five, Toni Symens and Laken Olson each had four points and Megan Morris and Brianna Beck each added two points.

Groton Area also won the junior varsity game, 21-19. Marlee Jones had six points, Harleigh Stange four, Emily Locke and Hannah Lewandowski each had three, Jessica Bjerke and Madison Sippel each had two and Miranda Hanson added one point.



The first graders skated to, "Friend Like You."



The Carnival of Silver Skates committee recognized Emmanuel Lutheran Church for opening their doors to the committee for costume hand-outs. Pictured left to right are Pastor Elizabeth Johnson, Emmanuel Church Council President Angie Osterman, Amy Warrington, Tina Kosel, Tasha Dunker, Susan Fjeldheim, Coralea Wolter, Pam Barse and Janae Hughes.



The seniors presented their instructors with a gift at the intermission. In back, left to right, are Rachel Blackmun, Kaitlin O'Neill, Instructor Katie Anderson, Taylor Gustafson, Breanna Marzahn and Danielle Schinkel; in front, left to right, are Haleyn Unzen, Instructor Coralea Wolter, Alyssa Sippel and Katie LaMee.



The freshmen and sophomores skated to, "Lean on me."



Even the skate made the trek to Aberdeen.



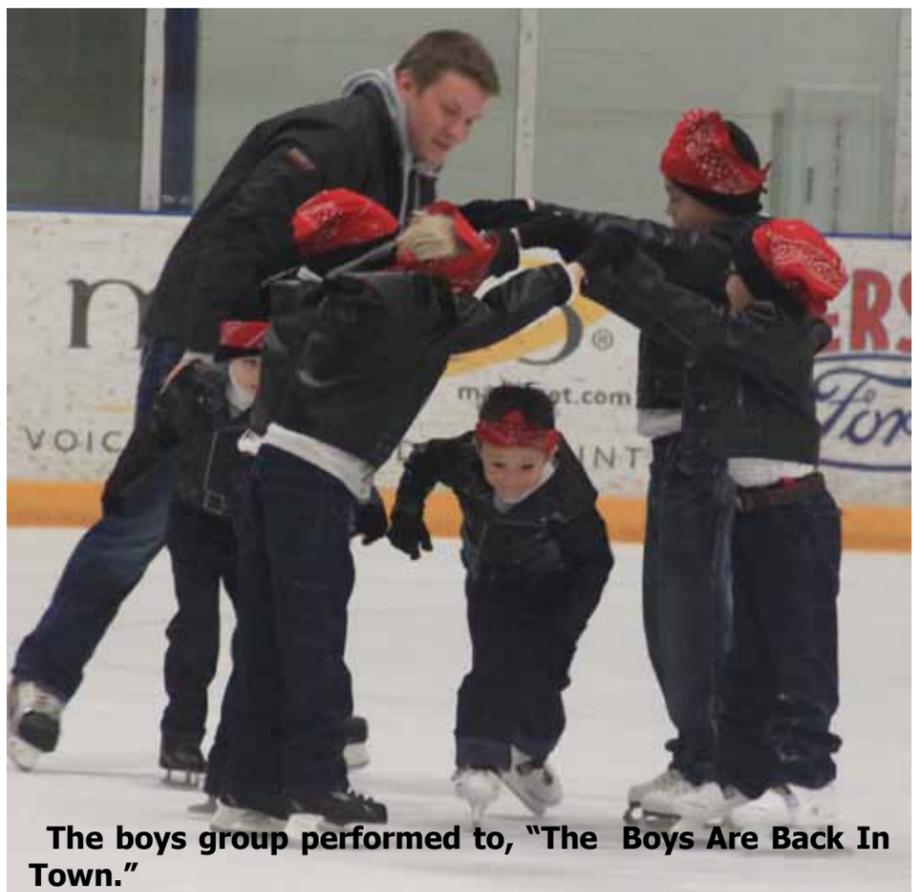
Aubray Harry did a specialty act entitled, "Answer In The Sky."



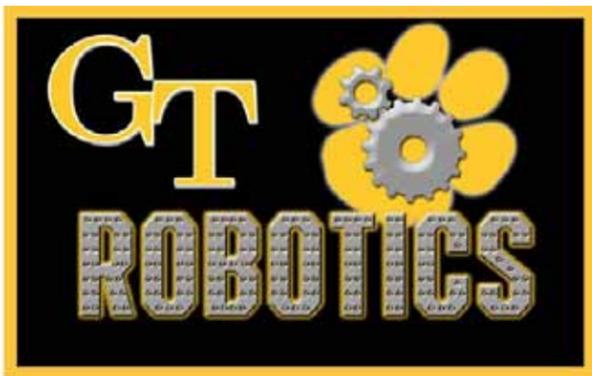
The 112 Silver Skates skaters had the finale with, "Thank You For Being a Friend."



Terry Herron from the City of Groton took the payloader to the ice rink Sunday morning to see if it could be salvaged. The scraping eliminated the boils from the thawing and the frozen slush that had accumulated through the night. The temperature got colder than predicted allowing the equipment on the ice. After the scraping, the rink was swept. The Carnival of Silver Skates committee examined the ice and decided to go ahead with the 6:30 p.m. performance at the Groton Ice Rink.



The boys group performed to, "The Boys Are Back In Town."



GAT Wrenches & Gear Heads where slammed in the final championship match. The champions show no mercy.

After a close first match of the championship with GAT & Gear Head alliance winning the autonomous round but the champions pushing hard in the driver controlled portion to squeak out a 2 point win. The champions scored a tournament high 51 points to win in the final match.

The smart money that bet on Groton to win came out ahead. It was an all Groton Championship--- The G-Force & Geek Squad alliance brought home the virtual trophy!

## GT Robotics Tournament Awards

Several awards were given out at the GT Robotics Tournament held Saturday at the GHS Gym.

The Amaze award is given for consistent high scoring, consistent autonomous and robust construction. The award was presented to the G-Force Team of Landon Marzahn, Chris Zarycki, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson and Alex Morris.

The Build Award is given for professional construction, robust, clean and elegant; effective use of mechanical and electrical components and designed with details to hazards and competition rigors. That was presented to The Battle Wagon team of Britton Vogel from Eureka.

The Create Award team is for highly creative design process and methodology, unique design solution and commitment to ambitious and creative game play. That was awarded to the Darlex team of Drezden Eberhart and Jordan Erickson from Eureka.

The Design Award is given for engineering notebook that is clear, complete document of the team's design process, it demonstrates personnel, time and resource management and the team explains their design and strategy during the season. That was presented to all three Britton-Hecla teams. Members are Blaze Jones, Preston Ochsner, Zack Person, Aimee Allcock, Lyndsey Effling, Steven Wegleitner, Jessie Allcock, AJ Anderson and Nathan Jones.

The Energy Award requirements maintains a high level of energy throughout the event, team demonstrates support for all participants and team's positive energy enriches the event experience. It was presented to the Chopper Team of Ben Batie from Eureka.

The Innovate Award is for design that demonstrates innovative engineering, innovative feature effective solution/soundly crafted, and feature integrated part of an well craft-

ed robot. That was presented to the Geek Squad of Jacob Milbrandt, Ethan Braun and Nick Dalchow of Groton.

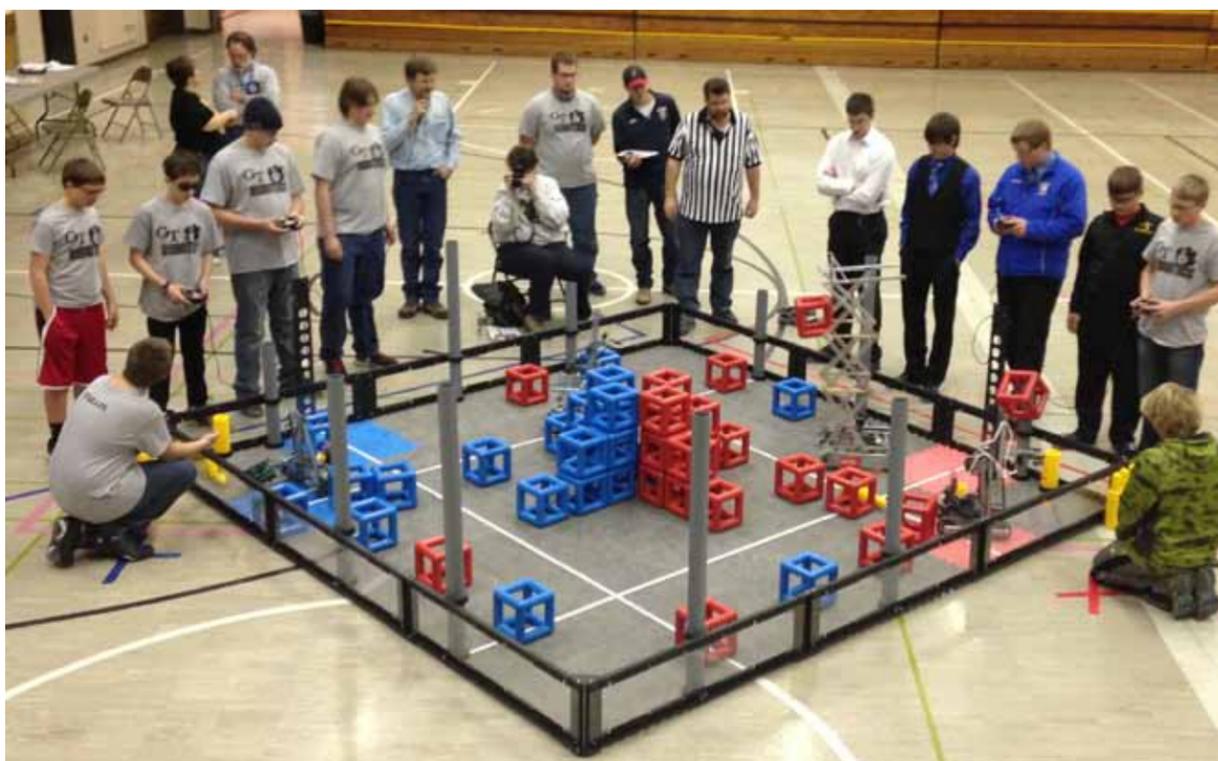
The Sportsmanship Award is for courteous, helpful and respectful to all, on and off the field; treats others on field in spirit of friendly competition and demonstrates respect and willingness to help all. That was presented to all four Groton Teams. Team members are Jacob Milbrandt, Ethan Braun, Nick Dalchow, Landon Marzahn, Chris Zarycki, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson, Alex Morris, Nathan Fjelstad, Trey Wright, Noah Tullis, Dragr Monson, Thomas Cranford, Baily Reich and Hunter Schaller.

The Think Award is presented for effective autonomous code, team explains autonomous strategy clearly and consistent autonomous code on the field. It was presented to the G-Force team of Landon Marzahn, Chris Zarycki, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson and Alex Morris of Groton.

Participating teams were four teams from Groton Area, three teams from Britton-Hecla and Eureka, and one team from Leola and Sisseton.



Eric Milbrandt and Ray Tracy were the referees for the GT Robotics Event held Saturday in Groton.

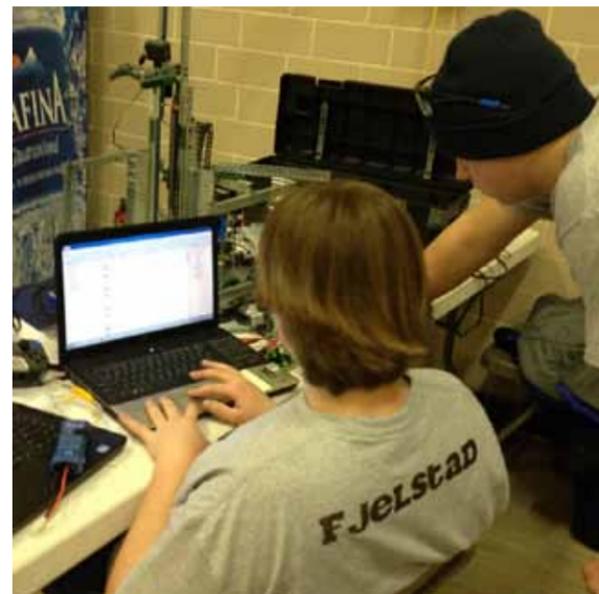


**It was the first time that two Groton teams aligned themselves with another Groton team. On the left, the Gat Wrenches aligned themselves with the Gear Heads. The red team was the Geek Squad and the G-Force. Pictured clockwise starting on the left are Noah Tullis, Hunter Schaller and Thomas Cranford from the Gat Wrenches and Trey Wright and Nathan Fjelstad from the Gear Heads. The team on the right starting with the white shirt are Ethan Braun, Jacob Milbrandt and Nick Dalchow from the Geek Squad and Alex Morris, Landon Marzahn and Hunter Monson from the G-Force team.**

**The red team on the right won the best of three events by game scores of 34-32 and 51-22.**

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Nathan Fjelstad and Trey Wright do some computer programming for their robot before the finals.



For the finals, the top teams align themselves with another team to try and win the event.



Pictured left to right are Jacob Milbrandt, Nick Dalchow, Ethan Braun, Landon Marzahn, Logan Lane, Hunter Monson, Chris Zarycki and Alex Morris. The Geek Squad and G-Force were the winners of the GT Robotics Tournament held Saturday in Groton.



The second place alliance team was the Geer Heads and Gat Wrenchs. Pictured left to right Thomas Cranford, Baily Reich, Noah Tullis, Dragr Monson, Trey Wright, Hunter Schaller and Nathan Fjelstad.

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**Webster girls win over Groton**  
After a first quarter tie, Webster Area outscored Groton Area by five points in each of the second and third quarters as the Lady Bearcats defeated the Lady Tigers, 46-38. Katie Koehler led the Tigers with 11 points while Ashley Gibbs had seven and Audrey Wanner and Courtney Kurtz each had six. Koehler made three three-pointers, Gibbs made two and Wanner made one.

Groton made 14 of 50 field goals for 28 percent, four of nine free throws for 44 percent, had 34 rebounds with Gibbs having nine, eight assists with Kurtz having five, nine steals with Kurtz having five, 12 turnovers, 12 team fouls and Gibbs had one block.

Haley Rithmiller led the Bearcats with 14 points followed by Lilndesey Vogl with 10, McKenzie Volesky had eight, Jobi McCreary five, Lindsey Shoebeck four, Mariah Volesky three and Faith Shoemaker added two points.

Webster made 18 of 59 field goals for 32 percent, made three of six free throws for 50 percent, had 37 rebounds with Rithmiller having 17 and McCreary 10, had 17 turnovers, 14 fouls, seven steals and nine assists.

Webster is now 6-3 on the season while Groton is 4-6.

Webster won the junior varsity game, 33-12. Gia Gengerke and Jessica Bjerke each had four points, Emily Locke had two and Alex Stange and Hannah Lewandowski each added one point.

## Groton Area boys beat Ipswich

Groton Area jumped out to an 18-0 lead as the boys defeated Ipswich in basketball action Tuesday night in Groton, 80-28.

Three players hit double figures for the Tigers with Kyler Ell and Hunter Lerew each having 12 points, Bennett Shabazz had 10, Gabe Dohman nine, Lucas Sternhagen seven, Spencer Knecht and Sean Schuring each had six, Adam Herman had five, Chance Strom and Wyatt Larson each had four, Landon Larson three and Seric Shabazz added two points.

Ipswich was led by Dustin Northop and Jacob Baer with six each followed by Danzan Gilborne with five, Trenton Steger and Riley Gilbert each had three and Tracy Burgod added two points.

Groton made 53 percent of its field goals while Ipswich made 23 percent. Groton was 13 of 20 from the line for 65 percent off of Ipswich's 19 team fouls. Ipswich was five of 10 from the line off of Groton's 12 team fouls. Knecht had five of Groton's 16 assists, Ell had five of Groton's 19 steals, Dohman and Lerew each had six of Groton's 35 rebounds and the Tigers three blocks and 14 turnovers.

Ipswich had 23 rebounds, five assists, 30 turnovers and six steals.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 39-31. Adam Herman led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Sean Schuring with eight, Bennett Shabazz had seven, Seric Shabazz four and Brandon Keith, Truitt Rogers and Aaron Severson each had two.

Bennett Shabazz had four of the team's eight assists, Groton made 24 percent of its field goals while Ipswich made 23 percent, and Groton was 10 of 18 from the line while Ipswich was 14 of 25. Groton had more rebounds, 38-28.

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**Brown County Jan. 20 Meeting Minutes**



LANDFILL UNIT 2 CELL 2 GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #3: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Reimbursement Request #3 for Landfill Unit 2 Cell 2 Construction Project Grant #2015G-SW-100 in amount of \$30,811.57. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SVAWA GRANT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Memorandum of Commitment for Coordinated Response Team as part of the Stop Violence Against Women Act Grant Program. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim 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 no action taken as a result of the discussion. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim 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 no action taken as a result of the discussion.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until January 27, 2015.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County Tax Deed Notice**



NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on January 26, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION, MINIMUM BID  
 Ravina Township  
 LT 4 KEATTS 3RD SUBDIVISION NE 22-124-65: \$7,500  
 127131 378TH AVE (BARE LOT - 1.33AC)  
 Frederick City  
 LT 2 BLK 1 SIMMONS ADDITION: \$500  
 603 4TH ST (BARE LOT - 50X142)  
 Columbia City  
 LTS 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213 & 215 BROADWAY PECK'S 1ST ADD: \$2,000 (BARE LOT - 200X140)  
 W 130' LTS 202, 204, 206, 208 & 210 & S 15' OF W130' LTS 212, 214 & 216 JAMES  
 STREET PECK'S 1ST ADDITION  
 204 N JAMES ST (BARE LOT): \$2,000  
 Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
 (0120.0127)  
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PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to acknowledge resignation of Marissa Johnson, Blood Draw Technician, effective January 23, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen seconded by Kippley to amend the miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicle during the month of December 2014 for Gary Vetter from 24 @ \$13.80 to 128 @ \$73.60. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY GRANT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to acknowledge approval of grant application for the Court Security Grant Program in amount of \$3,348.00 (50/50 grant) for installation of an access control security system for judge's chambers and Clerk of Courts Office (total project cost @ \$6,696.00). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abate-ments: Brown County @ \$21.30 (tax deed); Destony Bulcher @ \$77.00 (SFW fee on bare lot). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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**Jack Dixon Estate Notice**



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK DIXON, DECEASED 06 PRO. 015- NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is given that on the 22nd day of January, 2015, Kathy Holm, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Jack Dixon.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2015.

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 (0127.0210)

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**Groton City Jan. 19 Meeting Minutes**



January 19, 2015

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: McGannon, Opp, Flihs, Muilenburg, Blackmun, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glover was absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, James Stearns and representatives of the press.

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

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

Cons Fed Cr Union 2,225.00 emp savings; First State Bank 11,439.41 ss & wh; Fraternal Order of Police 100.00 dues; Groton Chamber of Commerce 5,000.00 donation refund; SD State Treasurer 8,900.43 sales tax; SD Municipal League 40.00 Leg Day Reg; AFLAC 906.52 emp ins; Arbor Day Foundation 15.00 dues; Badger Meter 215.25 water gateway rent; Banyon Data Systems 2,385.00 comp supp; Alan Bell 50.00 dep ref; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Car Quest 240.44 veh parts; Dearborne National Ins 90.50 life ins; Fire Safety First 44.60 1st aid supp; Guardian Ins 220.76 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 74,780.33 power; Marilyn Jondahl 50.00 dep ref; Ken's Food Fair 831.93 supp; Lawson Products 37.82 screws; Lori's Pharmacy 1.58 cards; NEOG 1,508.99 2015 dues; NWPS 4,509.91 power delivery; Olde Bank Floral N More 35.00 plant; Jessica Osterman 50.00 dep ref; SD One Call 34.65 locates; SD Supplement

Retirement 3,700.00 emp retire; Treeline Tree Service 800.00 trees removed; United Lease and Finance 15,000.00 loader payment; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 13,833.72 health ins; Wells Fargo 14,385.43 07 C&G pay; Western Area Power Adm 30,520.24 power; Mike Wieseler 50.00 dep ref.

A letter from Jim Stearns was read by the Council and Attorney Johnson reminded him that his time for repairs was done. Stearns requested more time to have it moved out of town, Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to allow him to present a signed contract at the February 2, 2015 meeting for removal of the structure from the lot or the City will cause it to happen. All members present voted aye. Stearns leaves the meeting.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to transfer the following budgeted cash fund balances: For 2015 loan payments: \$27,910 from General Sales Tax to West Sewer Debt Service; \$8,840 from General Sales Tax to NE Sewer Debt Service; \$30,690 from General Sales Tax to Main St Water Debt Service; \$21,160 from General Sales Tax to EPA Water Debt Service; \$17,390 from General Sales Tax to RR Crossing Sewer Debt Service; and \$14,500 from General to 4th St Reconstruction Debt Service. All members present voted aye.

Flihs leaves the meeting at this point.

Quotations for tires for the police vehicles were discussed. Moved by Opp to accept low bid from M & Js for tires on both police vehicles. All members present voted aye.

Flihs reenters the meeting. Discussion was held on Safe Route to Schools Grant, and delinquent dog licenses.

The proposed detour for the SD DOT Hwy 37 project using N 6th St was reviewed. A letter will be sent to DOT discouraging the use of 6th street and offering Railroad Ave. as an alternative due to the narrowness of 6th St, frequent walkers, and added repairs.

An update on the pool slide was given, possible construction of picnic shelter at the pool by the FFA, and baseball concession operations were discussed.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Muilenburg to move the February 16 to February 17 at 7pm. All members present voted aye.

Council members Muilenburg, Opp, Flihs, and Mayor Hanlon were reminded that election petitions could be taken out on Jan 30 until Feb 27 for 2 year Council terms. Muilenburg reported that she will be moving out of her district and will not be eligible.

Utility disconnections, and overtime of employees were discussed.

McGannon requested that Council meetings be held in a larger room. Council agreed to move the February 2, 2015 Council meeting to the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned. Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
 Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
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**Groton City Notice of Vacancy**



NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer: Councilman Ward I (two year

term)  
 Councilman Ward II (two year term)  
 Councilman Ward III (two year term)

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 30, 2015 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at 209 N Main St., Groton, SD between the hours of 8am and 5pm central standard time not later than the 27th day of February, 2015 at 5pm.

Anita Lowary  
 Finance Officer  
 (0120.0127)  
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**Groton School Notice of Vacancy**



NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

The following school board positions will become vacant July 1, 2015, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members: Kelly Kjelden, 3-year term  
 Martin D. Weismantel, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 30, 2015, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 27, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 27, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District  
 Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$12.06.  
 (2t. Jan 19 & Jan 26, 2015)

**Groton School Track Bid Notice**



Advertisement for Bids The Board of Education of Groton Area School District No. 6-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota requests sealed bids for reconstruction of its athletic running track.

For an on-site review and complete scope of the work expected contact Superintendent, Joseph Schwan at (605) 397-2351.

Sealed bids will be received by the Groton Area School District No. 6-6 until the hour of 2:00 PM local time on February 9, 2015 and will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after this date and hour will be returned unopened. No faxed bids will be allowed. Address bids to Mike Weber, Business Manager, Groton Area School District No. 6-6, P.O. Box 410, Groton, South Dakota 57445. Mark envelopes: "Track Bid".

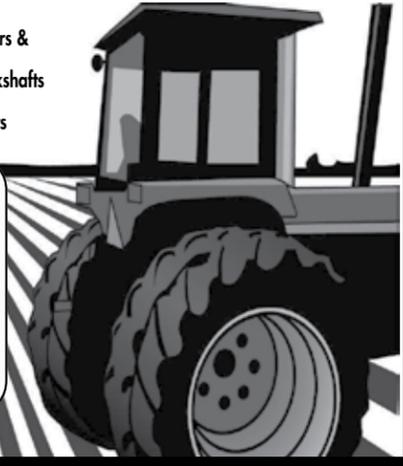
Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check for the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid and made payable to Groton Area School District No. 6-6. A recognized surety authorized to do business in the state of South Dakota shall issue the bid bond.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at their regular meeting that evening at 7:00 p.m.

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 (2t. January 26 & February 2)

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**Frederick Town Notice of Vacancy**



**NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK**

The following offices will become vacant due to expiration of the present term of office of the elected officers.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
1 YEAR TERM  
3 YEAR TERM

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 30, 2015, and petitions may be filed in the Finance Office located at 406 1/2 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD, between the hours of 9:15 AM and NOON (Central Standard Time), on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, not later than the 27th of February, 2015, at 5 PM.

Diane Bruns  
Frederick Finance Officer  
(0120.0127)

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**Groton School Jan. 12 Meeting Minutes**



**UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6**

**REGULAR MEETING January 12, 2015**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under New Business Item #10 - approve Safe Route to Schools grant amendment and under New Business Item #11 - approve resignation of Joey Padfield. 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, December 8th minutes, and bills. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** Net Salary - 159,700.19; FIT - 16,563.90; Medicare - 6,082.06; FICA - 26,006.64; SDSBF - 57,466.74; American Funds Service Co. - 643.09; Washington National - 98.40; SD Retirement - 26,517.68; 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 - 1,961.03; A&B Business - supplies, 118.44; A&B Business Solutions - toner, 109.00; Agency Fund - advance payments, 28,082.00; City of Groton - utilities, 10,608.74; Dakota Supply Group - supplies, 86.20; Dakotaland Autoglass - supplies, 73.93; Duane's - fuels, 8,330.78; Eide Bailly - audit billing, 8,400.00; G&K Services - rug service, 661.70; GCR Tires - tires, 1,234.90; GASD Food Service - supplies, 375.76; Groton Daily Independent - legal notices, 125.94; Groton Dairy Queen - meals, 30.89; Harlow's Bus Sales - parts, 47.75; Hauff Mid-America Sports - bb jerseys, 371.90; Hillyard - supplies, 1,061.56; House of Glass - keys, 20.72; James Valley Telecommunications - phone services, 809.66; Lee & Hanson - sh choir shoes, 280.00; Locke Electric - services, 4,609.45; Matheson Tri-Gas - supplies, 91.94; McLeod's - tax forms, 158.50; Mid-American Research Chemical - supplies, 1,347.36; Mike-n-Jo's Body-n-Glass - headlite, 50.00; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 78.35; Olson Backhoe - services, 1,024.92; S&S Lumber - battery, 139.99; Brian Schuring - class fees, 80.00; SDHSA - dues/fine, 106.00; SDTEA - registration, 55.00; Secretary of State - notary renewal, 30.00; Taylor Music - supplies, 323.29; Universal Athletic Services - gbb hoodies, 2,460.26; Deb Winburn - supplies, 12.00. Total General Fund - \$374,978.41.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY:** Acme Tools - scroll saw, 579.99; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 2,531.94; Connecting Point - backup drive, 374.39; Marco - copier services, 1,816.94. Total Capital Outlay - \$5,303.26.

**SPECIAL ED:** Net Salary - 23,774.78; FIT - 2,040.13; Medicare - 890.84; FICA - 3,808.68; SDSBF - 9,279.68; SD Retirement - 3,963.12; Waddell & Reed - 250.00; AFLAC - 345.83; Delta Dental - 690.40;

**SD Supplemental Retirement - 100.00;** Agency Fund - adv pmts, 565.42; Avera St. Luke's - services, 5,568.22. Total Special Ed - \$51,277.10.

**ENTERPRISE:** Net Salary - 7,042.66; FIT - 443.35; Medicare - 246.72; FICA - 1,054.80; SDSBF - 2,560.72; SD Retirement - 738.94; AFLAC - 54.22; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 36.73; CWD - food, 1,388.06; Dean Foods - dairy products, 1,838.56; Earthgrains - bakery products, 201.40; G&K Services - linen service, 348.75; Nardini Fire Equipment - inspection, 201.50; Reinhart - foods, 1,610.68; SD Dept of Ed-CANS - processed commodities, 405.69; Sysco - foods, 571.16; US Foods - foods/suppl, 2,962.95; Agency Fund - OST adv pays, 125.72. Total Enterprise - \$21,832.61.

**AGENCY FUND:** Total - \$76,227.22.

**RECEIPTS:** Local Sources, Taxes - 645,870.27; Other Local Sources - 76,736.15; County Sources - 3,526.22; State Sources - 20,891.50; Federal Sources - 34,311.53. Total Receipts - \$781,335.67.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Weber and Superintendent Schwan presented the mid-year financial report, agency report, transportation report and school lunch report. Moved by Nelson, second Weismantel to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

There were no board committee reports given.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: State Minimum Wage Increase, SDHSA Classification for Class A Golf, 2015 Legislative Cracker Barrels, Technical Education Scholarship Program, Special Education Child Count, Smarter Balance Assessment, ASBSD Collective Bargaining Seminars, SASD Salary Survey Data, Federal Desk Audit for Title I and Title II, Groton Robotics Competition January 24, Jacob Milbrandt selected KSFY Scholar of the Week and state-wide teacher shortage.

Superintendent Schwan presented Certificates of Appreciation to board members for School Board Appreciation Week.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to set April 14, 2015, as Annual School Board Election Day and authorize Weber to designate

election officials and voting precincts at Andover, Bristol, Columbia and Groton. Motion carried. Three-year terms expiring are Kelly Kjelden and Martin D. Weismantel. The earliest date to circulate a petition for school board is January 30th.

Superintendent Schwan presented a 2015-16 school calendar draft.

Bid specifications for track resurfacing were reviewed. Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to authorize Weber to advertise for bids and set date for bid opening at 2:00 pm, February 9, 2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to amend special education transportation agreement for Linda McInerney for an additional 0.5 hr/week at \$9.25 per hour, effective December 19, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Rix to approve special education transportation agreement for Brian Gravatt for 3 hours per day, Monday through Thursday, at \$9.25 per hour, effective January 12, 2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Larson to approve Brittany Kjelden as part-time student custodian for not more than 20 hours per week at \$8.50 per hour, effective January 12, 2015. Motion carried 6-0 with Kjelden abstaining.

Superintendent Schwan reported on the impact of the January 1, 2015 minimum wage increase. No action was taken.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve amendment to Safe Route to Schools Grant Agreement #714721, extending the project completion date to January 11, 2017. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Weismantel to approve resignation of custodian Joey Padfield with final day of employment January 23, 2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Kelden, second Weismantel to adjourn. 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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**Groton School Jan. 26 Meeting Minutes**



**UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6**

**REGULAR MEETING January 26, 2015**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Hanson. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals Dalchow and A. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda with one deletion under New Business Item #1a - remove Judy Wieker hiring. Motion carried.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

The board heard program presentations from Science Teachers Lance Hawkins, Travis Kurth, Kristen Gonsoir and Jodi Sternhagen and English Language Arts/Reading Teachers Sarah Hanten, Sarah Honerman, Diane Kurtz, Jan Seibel, Lindsey Tietz and Mary Johnson.

No board committee reports were given.

The board reviewed the findings of the FY '14 audit performed by Eide Bailly.

The board reviewed first readings of recommended policy revisions: AA - School District Legal Status (Amend), BB - School Board Legal Status (Amend), BBF - School Board Member Ethics (Amend), BCA - Board Organizational Meeting (Amend), BDDA - Agenda Format (Amend), HB - Negotiations Legal Status (Amend), LI - Relations with Education Accreditation Agencies (Amend), KMB - Title I Parent Involvement (Amend), KMI - Relations with Political Organizations (Amend), JECB/JECC - Open Enrollment (Amend), IGCA - Summer School & Credit Recovery (Amend), IGCD - Advanced College Placement (Amend), AFA - Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures (Delete), AFB-E - Evaluation of the

Superintendent (Delete), AFC - Evaluation of Professional Staff (Delete), AFC-E(1) - Evaluation of the Principal (Delete), AFC-E(2) - Evaluation of Teaching Staff (Delete), AFC-E(3) - Evaluation of K-12 Librarian (Delete), AFD - Evaluation of Support Staff (Delete) and AFE - Evaluation of Instructional Programs (Delete).

The following items were discussed in Administrative Reports: 2015 Legislative Session, Capital Outlay update, ASBSD Collective Bargaining Seminars, CHIPS Program documentation, Children's Theatre tryouts, staff in-service, Foster Grandparent Program, NEAP meeting, Dual-credit courses parent/teacher conferences and graduate credit opportunities.

The board reviewed the South Dakota Department of Health routine Food Service Inspection of the Groton Elementary.

Moved by Nelson, second Harder to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:35 pm to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

Moved by Kjelden, second Nelson to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager  
Steven R. Smith, President

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**Groton City Curb & Gutter Hearing**



**NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

That the Groton City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 7:15pm, central time, at the Groton Community Center, 109 N Third St, Groton, SD for the purpose of considering a Curb and Gutter Resolution of Necessity for approximately two (2) blocks located a) on the south side of West Fifth Avenue between North Washington and North Garfield Street.

Any person, persons, or representatives of the property owners who will be liable to be assessed for the improvements may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present information for or against adoption of this resolution. Auxiliary aids and reasonable accommodations shall be made upon request to insure that the meeting is accessible to all individuals by calling City Hall at 397-8422 at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

January 26, 2015  
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
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MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6									
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending December 31, 2014									
	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for District
<b>1. Beginning Balance</b>	<b>1,622,757.88</b>	<b>32,052.21</b>	<b>672,674.55</b>	<b>231,522.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>146,425.94</b>	<b>60,963.29</b>	<b>193,111.52</b>	<b>2,959,508.34</b>
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	2,140,974.79	0.00	533,805.05	279,667.50	95,069.92	103,362.11	155,300.09	322,088.07	3,630,267.53
4. Total accounted for	3,763,732.67	32,052.21	1,206,479.60	511,190.45	95,069.92	249,788.05	216,263.38	515,199.59	6,589,775.87
5. Transfers out									
6. Expenditures to date	1,748,713.22	0.00	802,759.79	232,834.60	0.00	197,845.00	141,236.15	330,393.16	3,453,781.92
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	1,748,713.22	0.00	802,759.79	232,834.60	0.00	197,845.00	141,236.15	330,393.16	3,453,781.92
<b>7. Ending Balance</b>	<b>2,015,019.45</b>	<b>32,052.21</b>	<b>403,719.81</b>	<b>278,355.85</b>	<b>95,069.92</b>	<b>51,943.05</b>	<b>75,027.23</b>	<b>184,806.43</b>	<b>3,135,993.95</b>
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	1,414,819.45	32,052.21	403,719.81	278,355.85	95,069.92	51,943.05	75,027.23	184,806.43	2,535,793.95
December Receipts	450,848.92	0.00	136,727.99	68,581.97	23,365.35	28,770.20	22,543.00	50,498.24	781,335.67
December Expenses	360,789.94	0.00	125,260.01	52,850.69	0.00	197,845.00	24,307.67	76,227.22	837,280.53
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# Groton's height, quickness too much for Webster



**Hunter Lerew towers above the Webster defenders to grab the rebound and put the ball back up and in for Groton**



**Lucas Sternhagen stole the ball and made the shot.**



**Bennett Shabazz grabs the rebound in heavy traffic. Also pictured are Landon Larson (30) and Wyatt Larson (42).**

Groton Area used its height and quickness to take care of Webster Area Friday night in the Groton Arena, 74-42.

Hunter Lerew had a season high 21 points to lead the Tigers. "We knew we had a size advantage inside and at times we were real good at getting the ball inside," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "At times we settled for too many perimeter shots."

Webster Area started out with a 3-2 lead and after a tie game at four, Webster jumped ahead, 8-4 Groton Area came back to tie the game eight. The Bearcats had its last lead of 9-8 before Groton Area took over, scoring the next 14 points to take a 22-9 lead. Groton led, 15-9, at the end of the first quarter and took a 33-20 lead at halftime as Lucas Sternhagen made a three-pointer at the buzzer. Groton went up, 49-30, after three quarter of play.

"We had to make some adjustments defensively because they didn't really have an inside post player. We've been playing pretty good defense lately and that's a key for us."

Spencer Knecht and Kyler Ell also hit double figures with 15 points apiece, Lucas Sternhagen and Bennett Shabazz each had six points, Wyatt Larson five, Gabe Dohman had three, Sean Schuring two and Seric Shabazz added one point.

Groton made 52 percent of its field goals while Webster made 33 percent. The Tigers were 13 of 21 from the line for 62 percent off of Webster's 15 team fouls. Webster made four of eight free throws for 50 percent off of Groton's 12 team fouls. The Tigers had 13 turnovers with six of them being steals. Webster had 21 turnovers with 12 of them being steals - three by Knecht and Bennett Shabazz. Sternhagen had five of the team's 17 assists and 12 of the team's 38 rebounds. Lerew had two blocks.

Groton, now 7-2, will be at Britton on Tuesday and at Sisseton on Thursday. Kjellsen said, "Britton and Sisseton will be a good test for us. We just need to keep getting better each game."

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 52-32. Brandon Keith led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Adam Herman and Seric Shabazz with 10 each, Sean Schuring had eight, Bennett Shabazz and Stevie Fey each had four, Aaron Severson and Brady Keith each had two and Anthony Sippel added one point.



**"Are you kidding me!?" Coach Greg Kjellsen was not happy about an offensive foul called on Lucas Sternhagen.**

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Janae Hughes and Susan Fjeldheim examined the ice Saturday morning.

## Carnival of Silver Skates moved to Odde Ice Arena

The 77th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates is on the move and on the go. This year's 2 p.m. event was held at the Odde Ice Arena next to the Holum Expo Building at the Brown County Fair Grounds.

The condition of the ice rink was extremely poor and got worse as the day progressed with the rain.

There was discussion of having the afternoon event at the Odde Ice Arena, but the Silver Skates committee was turned down, according to Fjeldheim.

During the basketball game Friday night, Fjeldheim then talked with Dan Dalchow and also called Julie Milbrandt to see if there would be any options. Both Dalchow and Milbrandt have players on the Aberdeen Cougars Hockey Team. They led Fjeldheim to the right person and the Silver Skates committee was able to use the facility for the 2 p.m. performance.

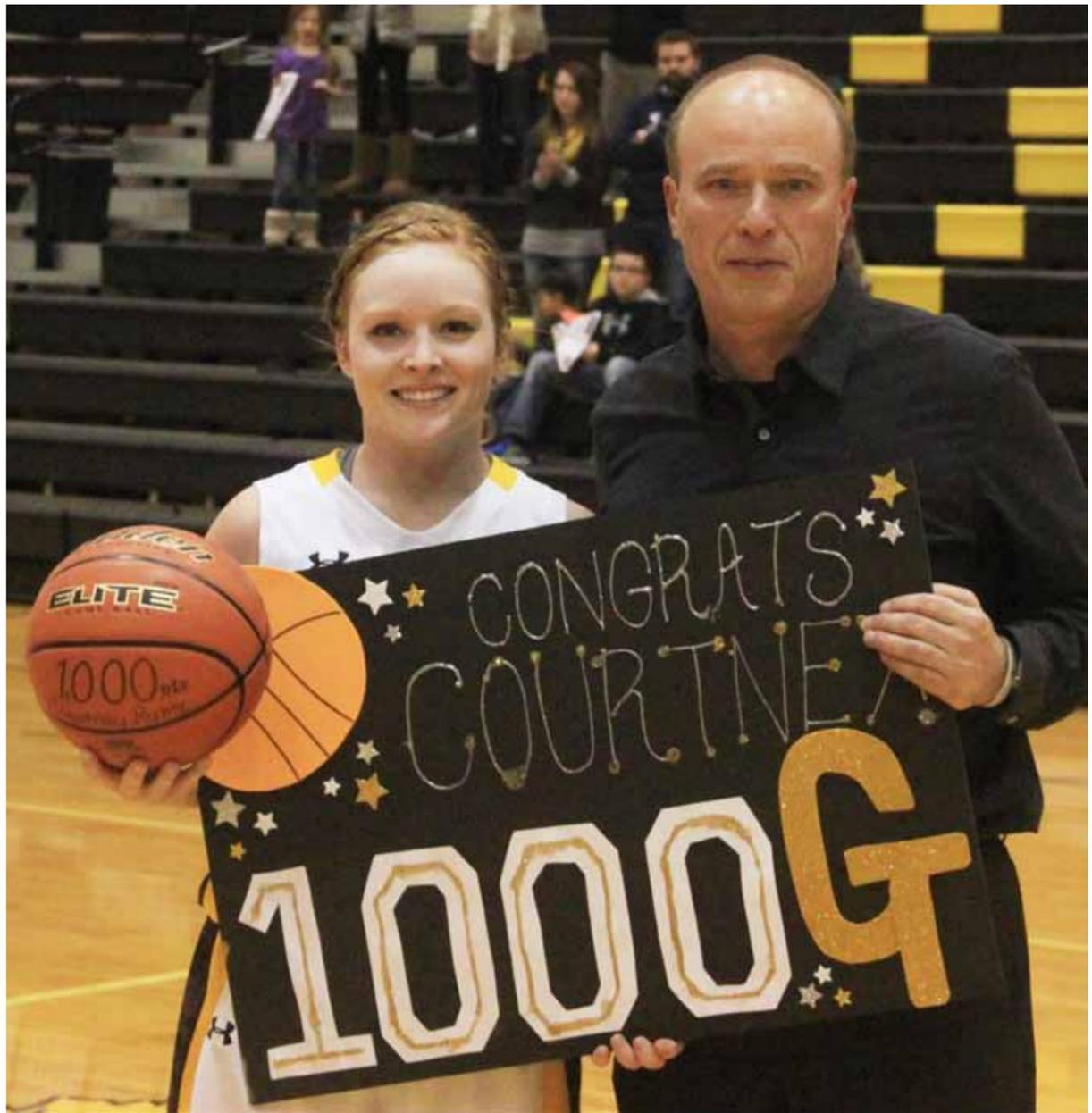
Dalchow and Milbrandt then went a step further and discussed with Aberdeen officials about the ice at the Odde Ice Arena. They suggested that the rink not be cleaned after the Cougar's game so it would have more of a roughness and it would be easier for the young Silver Skaters to stand on the ice.



Janae Hughes and Coralie Wolter gather up some stuff that they need to take to Aberdeen for the show.

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## Courtney Kurtz scores 1000th Point

With 6:26 left in the game on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, Courtney Kurtz scored her 1,000th high school career basketball point at the Groton Area Arena. Kurtz made a basket, was fouled, then made a free throw to cross the threshold. Coach Shaun Wanner presented Kurtz with a basketball and poster of her accomplishment. Groton Area was playing Webster Area and Webster was leading at the time of the event, 42-28. Kurtz is a senior and the daughter of Ryan and Diane Kurtz, Groton. Kurtz becomes the first girls player to score 1,000 points at GHS. Shannon Daly had previously scored 1,000 points in her high school career, but they were split between Frederick-Hecla and Groton.

## Groton Prairie Mixed

Jackelopes 14, Foxes 12, Pocket Gophers 10, Coyotes 9, Killer Chihuahuas 7 1/2, Chipmunks 7 1/2

High game: Men – Brad Waage 216, Mike Siegler 216, Randy Stanley 209, Brad Larson 209

Women – Vicki Jorgensen 184, 177, Sue Stanley 183, Dar Larson 177

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 589, Brad Larson 578, Mike Siegler 542

Women – Vicki Jorgensen 490, Sue Stanley 462, Darci Spanier 459

## Conde National

Team Standings: Giants 10, Braves 8, Colts 7, Mets 6, Cubs 3, Pirates 2.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckelburg 234, 213, 192; Lance Frohling 179, Chad Furney 172.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 639, Lance Frohling 488, Bryce Dagartz 469.

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 176, Nancy Radke 175, Joyce Walter 169.

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 485, Mary Larson 464, Joyce Walter 455.

## Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Golden Girls 19, Farm Girls 16, James Valley 10, Ken's 7, Ten Pins 5, Jungle Lanes 3.

High Games: Penny Stolle 174, Vickie Kramp 167, Mary Jane Jark 167, Darci Spanier 164.

High Series: Vickie Kramp 449, Penny Stolle 447, Darci Spanier 437.

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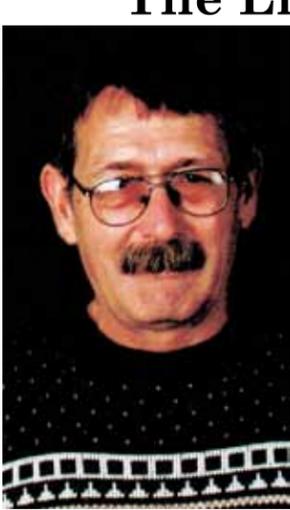
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**The Life of Michael J. "Mike" Barton**

Michael James "Mike" Barton, age 64, of Watertown, SD, died peacefully on January 22, 2015, in Sioux Falls, after a short illness. A Memorial Visitation was held Monday, January 26, 2015, at the Crawford Funeral Chapel in Watertown.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike's grandchildren and great-grandchildren and Scott Anderson, Buck Fjerstad, Joe Benthin and Doug Rislov.

Mike was born on March 9, 1950, at Faulkton, to Milo and Laverne (Lerew) Barton. He attended schools in the Aberdeen area and graduated from Frederick High School in 1968. After high school, he attended Northern State College in Aberdeen and was a member of the SD Army National Guard. Mike worked for many years in the Aberdeen area as a machinist and was also a dairy farmer.

Mike married Jolene Olson and they were blessed with two sons, Chad and Zachary. In later years, he lived and worked in the Watertown area.

He will be remembered as a dedicated and loving son, father, brother and grandfather; and for his passion, humor and intelligence; and as a hard-working man in all his endeavors.

Mike is survived by his two sons: Chad (Tashia) Barton of Watertown and Zachary (Stephanie) Townsend of Conde, SD; five grandchildren: Dustin (Chantal), Gage, CJ, Trey and

Madison; two great-grandchildren: Aubrie and Easton; his mother, Laverne, of Ellendale, ND; two brothers: Stuart (Janet) Barton of Aberdeen and Brent (Jo Beth) Barton of Mobridge, SD; three sisters: Denise (Doug) Miller of Nemo, SD, Valerie Barton and her husband, Donald Leach, of Heathsville, VA, and Karman Furman of Ellendale, ND; a very large extended family of uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and grandnieces/nephews; and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Milo; and one brother-in-law, Russell Furman.

**The Life of Delbert Leonhardt**



A Celebration of Life for Delbert Leonhardt, 83, of Groton, was held Friday, January 23rd at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial will be in the spring in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Delbert went to his heavenly home on January 17th, 2015 surrounded by his loving family at the Groton Golden Living Center.

Delbert was born on February 3, 1931 to Hans & Ella (Bahr) Leonhardt at Verdon, SD.

As a young boy his family moved to Henry Township near Groton, where they lived on various farms until purchasing their own farm in 1951. He went to school in Henry Township for all his schooling. It was during this time he met his long time friend, Jerry Erdmann.

He was baptized as a child and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at St. John's Lutheran church in Groton. He was a lifetime member and a faithful church attendee of the church.

In 1953, he was drafted into the US Army. He was stationed in France and Germany for the duration with 45th transportation Company. He served as a helicopter mechanic. He returned home in 1955 and was a member of the Groton Legion.

He started farming with his father when he finished school. In 1956 he started farming with his brother Floyd until the 1970's when they split into their own farming operations.

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