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It's gone

After years of back-and-forth communications, the Jim Stearns mobile home at Washington Street and Third Avenue West was demolished on Tuesday. An agreement was made with Jim and Linda Stearns that the city would have the mobile home removed. Hanlon Brothers did the demolition work.

DI, custodian and transportation reports given

Julie Milbrandt and JoAnn Donley gave their report on Destination Imagination. Groton will be hosting the regional tournament this year on March 7. There are twenty-three teams in this region. There will be greeters at the door to help guide people to the proper rooms at the high school building. "Volunteers are the hub for DI and they are important in its success," Donley said. "Volunteers are needed to help run the regional tournament."

Loren Bahr gave a report on the bus routes. He said, "There are some ruts that are 5-6 inches deep already right down the middle of the road." He talked about the condition of the buses and the vans.

Mike Nehls talked about the custodian department. He talked about what was done last summer and things that need to be done this summer. The showers in the elementary school were updated. There were new partitions installed in the girls bathroom near the gym. All of the exit and emergency lights were updated at the elementary school. "I thought last summer was busy, but I think this summer will be even busier," he said. The outside doors of the gym at the elementary school are shot and will need to be replaced. The lower pod bathrooms and the boys bathroom by the gym need new partitions. The kitchen floor needs to be redone in the near future. He said the heating and cooling system at the elementary school are getting in tough shape. "We really need to look at something different for heating and cooling in both schools," he said.

The past summer the upstairs boys bathrooms at the high school was remodeled. The whirlpool room and Brian Schuring's office floors need to get done and the junior high locker room floor needs to be done. The exit signs and emergency lights were also replaced at the high school complex. Resurfacing the Arena parking should be done this year and get it striped. He said there has been a request by the public to put in a sidewalk at the football field from the bleachers to the bathrooms and then from the bathrooms to the concession stand. There may be a new scoreboard in the works and the flag pole may need to be moved. Nehls mentioned that the lights in the Arena may need to be changed out. He said that there are several fixtures that get a burned out compacator. Nehls said that he would like to see T-5 Florescent lights at least over the playing area. They are looking for a rubble site trailer to replace the truck. "The city has been so good for us in putting down salt sand," he said. "It would be nice if we could get our own sander for the back of a pickup." The lighting in the stage needs to be replaced and Business Manager Mike Weber said that is already in the music budget.

Superintendent Joe Schwan gave a report on the number of legislative issues. One issue is that South Dakota is considering doing away with the Common Core requirements and perhaps going back to the South Dakota standards.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that there was a 99 percent attendance rate at the elementary school. Auditions for the Children's Theater for "Space School Musical" will be held March 23 after school in the GHS gym. The elementary school rehearsal will be held March 27 at 2 p.m. with a 7 p.m. performance open to the public.

Middle/High School Prinicpal Anna Schwan reported on National FFA Week going on this week. There was one eighth grade student who left the district. There were no changes at the elementary school.

There once was a Township school in Putney that had been closed and the property had been sold several times; however, with the last sale attempt, it was brought up that the paper work had never been done. The quit claim deed needs to be signed by the school board present to make everything legal.

DI Dessert Theatre

Come and see what the Groton Area Destination Imagination teams have been doing during the past few months. They will present their skits in preparation for the regional competition.

The dessert theatre will be held Sunday, March 1, 3 p.m., at the Groton Area Elementary Gym.

The regional competition will be held at GHS on March 7th.

Pierpont Service

Join us for a Holy Communion on Sunday, March 1. Heaven Bound Ministries (www.hbm.church) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont will have a regular worship service at 10:00 am followed by Holy Communion at 10:45 am. A free will donation pancake brunch will follow. The event is open to people of all faiths.

Girls advance in region play

Groton Area defeated Sisseton, 50-38, in the first round of the regional tournament being played in Webster.

Groton's next game will be Thursday at Webster. The Lady Tigers will play 20 minutes after the 6 p.m. game. Groton will play the winner of the Milbank-Britton/Hecla game.

The championship game is set for March 3 at Webster, 7 p.m.

Community Calendar

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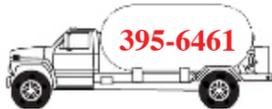
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Wednesday, Feb. 25

Birthdays: Barb Paepke, Brent Morehouse, Danielle Dobbins, Greg Heitmann

6:00 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal served by Sarah Circle

7:00 pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

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

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, vegetable cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/Mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

8:30 a.m.: MS/HS Spring Pictures

Thursday, Feb. 26

Birthdays: Mary Ann Wehde, Waylon Severson

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

School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, remain salad, fruit, garlic toast.

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini de-Pepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

GBB Region at Webster

Friday, Feb. 27

Birthdays: Alice Severson, Eddy Nehls

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

State Wrestling at Rapid City

Saturday, Feb. 28

Birthdays: Meagan Stearns, Shirlee Briggs

State Wrestling at Rapid City
Robotics (State VRC Championship at Mitchell Technical Institute)

9:00 am: Boys 7th Grade at Britton Jamboree

Sunday, March 1

Birthdays: Delores Leonhardt, Mitchell Locke, Alicia Clocksene

Anniv: Craig & Tasha Dunker

9 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10 a.m.: Worship with Communion at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont.

10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with Holy Communion

3 p.m.: Di Dessert Theater at Elementary School Gym

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Open Gym for Grades JK-8th Grade

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Open Gym for Grades 9 and up

Monday, March 2

Birthdays: Lisa Howard, Mandy Hansen, Megan McKiver, Rick Schelle

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study leaders meet

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

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, baked potato, veggie cups, fruit.

Kindergarten Screening
4:30 p.m.: Boys Basketball Regional at Sisseton

7:00 p.m.: City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

Birthdays: Christine Zoellner, Josie LaMee, Tim Yeaton, Tristan Kampa

Anniv: David & Cheryl Krueger; Cal & Mary Hayenga

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk,

School Lunch: Hamburger, sweet tots, lettuce, fruit.

Kindergarten Screening
7 p.m.: Region GBB at Webster

Wednesday, March 4

Birthdays: Christina Zoellner, Kale Pharis, Kay Brandt

6 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (SS Serves)

7 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

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

School Lunch: Pizza cruncher, corn, carrots and dip, fruit.

Kindergarten Screening

Thursday, March 5

Birthdays: Chance Strom, Linda Locken

9:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran India Circle

2 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

School Breakfast: Cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, green beans, veggie cups, fruit, tea bun.

Kindergarten Screening
6 p.m.: Boys Regional at Sisseton

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Groton Lions Club

The Groton Lions Club met last Thursday evening, for its monthly potluck supper. President, Dave Pigors; presented past president, Lee Schinkel, with two more membership awards from the district (eastern half of South Dakota). Several fundraisers were mentioned, and, the club voted to again sponsor the Easter egg hunt, in the city park, the Saturday right before Palm Sunday.

State wrestling this weekend in Rapid City

PIERRE – The 56th Annual South Dakota State High School Wrestling Championship Tournaments will take place this Friday & Saturday, featuring the Class 'A' Tournament in Sioux Falls and the Class 'B' event in Rapid City. A total of 16 returning individual state champions will be participating, as well as Defending Team Champions Parkston and Aberdeen Central. Both tournaments can be viewed with live statistics and results via South Dakota Public Broadcasting's website: sports.sdpb.org.

The Class 'B' field features eight returning Individual Champions, including one young man who will be gunning for his fourth straight individual title: 138-pound Luke Loudenberg of Howard (34-1, titles at 13-2 pounds in 2014, 120-pounds in 2013, 106-pounds in 2012). In addition, four young men have an opportunity to cap an undefeated season: Sam Ireland of Bennett County (38-0, 160 pounds), Kurt Braun of Burke/Gregory (7-0, 138 pounds), and a pair of Bon Homme/Scotland competitors in Duncan Stoebner (36-0, 120 pounds) and Dan Stibral (28-0, 285 pounds).

On the Class 'A' side, ten individual state champions return, highlighted by 160-pound Regan Bye of Vermillion. Bye is a perfect 47-0 on the 2014-15 campaign, and is seeking his third individual state title after reaching the top of the podium in 2013 & 2014 at the 145-pound weight class. Four other individuals will look to cap an undefeated season on the Class A side as well, including Brett Bye of Vermillion (39-0, 170 pounds), John Frisco of Aberdeen Central (38-0, 182 pounds), and a pair of Rapid City Central Cobblers: Hayden Hansen (41-0, 145 pounds) and Martin Mueller (36-0, 195 pounds).

The chase for the team title in Class 'B' is one to knock-off two-time defending champion Parkston. Beresford, Bon Homme/Scotland and Parkston are the lone three schools to qualify ten or more wrestlers for the meet and figure to lead the way to the title chase with Canton's eight wrestlers also in strong contention. Aberdeen Central is the lone team in either class to qualify all fourteen wrestlers to the State Finals and figures to lead the Class 'A' title chase, followed by Pierre, Huron and SF Roosevelt who each qualified 13 participants.

Groton Area boys beat Redfield-Doland

Groton Area boys held Redfield-Doland to single digits in each of the four quarters as the Tigers defeated the Pheasants, 48-33.

Hunter Lerew led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Lucas Sternhagen with nine, Spencer Knecht eight, Kyler Ell six, Bennett Shabazz three, Landon Larson and Wyatt Larson each with two and Seric Shabazz one.

Groton made 39 percent of its field goals while the Pheasants made just 20 percent. Groton was six of 14 from the line off of Redfield's 16 team fouls. Redfield-Doland was 11 of 15 from the line off of Groton's 17 team fouls.

Groton had more rebounds, 34-32, with Knecht and Larson each having seven for Groton and Ephram Albrecht having 12 for Redfield-Doland.

Sternhagen had three of the team's 11 assists and Groton had 10 blocks on the night - three by Lerew, two by Knecht, Bennett Shabazz and Larson and one by Chance Strom. Groton had nine turnovers, four of which were steals.

Redfield-Doland was led in scoring by Albrecht with 16 followed by Kyle Stover with five, Jake Baloun four, Carter Klapperich three, Alan Masat and Keven Krumm with two each and Bradyn Binger with one.

The Pheasants had five assists, 13 turnovers with eight of them being steals (two each by Sternhagen and Ell).

Redfield-Doland won the junior varsity game, 38-31. Scoring for Groton were Bennett Shabazz with seven, Aaron Severson six, Sean Shucring and Brandon Keith with five each and Seric Shabazz and Adam Herman with four each.

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Groton Area boys beat Webster

The Groton Area boys basketball team finished up its regular season Monday night with a 62-33 win over Webster. The game was played in Webster.

Groton Area shot 43 percent from the field while the Bearcats made only 25 percent of its field goals. The Tigers were 14 of 19 from the line for 74 percent off of Webster Area's 19 team fouls. Groton's 13 team fouls allowed Webster to shoot six of 11 from the line for 55 percent.

Webster Area had only one assist on the night while the Tigers teamed for 11 with Lucas Sternhagen having four. The Tigers controlled the boards, 36-25, with Gabe Dohman having eight for Groton and Marcus Block seven for Webster. Groton had 10 turnovers with five being steals. Webster had 19 turnovers with 10 being steals as Sternhagen, Spencer Knecht and Dohman each had two steals.

Sternhagen and Dohman led the Tigers in scoring with 14 points each while Landon Larson had 10, Bennett Shabazz had six, Knecht had four, Lerew also had four points and had four blocks, Kyler Ell and Sean Schuring each had three and Seric Shabazz and Brady Keith each had two points.

Webster was led by Block with 12 points followed by Jordan Bauer with six, Noah Thurston, Riley Reetz and Braden Rithmiller each had four, Ben Fromelt had two and Glen Vansipe added one.

Webster Area won the junior varsity game, 41-32. Adam Herman led the Tigers with nine points followed by Bennett Shabazz and Seric Shabazz with eight each, Sean Schuring had six and Aaron Severson added one point.

Adult Birthday Club

The Adult Birthday Club met at the Dairy Queen with Ella Johnson as hostess for the month of February. Prizes were awarded to Arlene Anderson, Mel Eikamp and Ruby Meracle. Grace Albrecht received the honor's prize. Guests were Arlene Anderson, Mel Eikamp and Ruby Meracle. On March 3, ABC will meet at the Dairy Queen at 1 o'clock with Deloris Knoll, as hostess.

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3rd place winners of the competition, seated from left: Micah Poor, AnneMarie Smith, Isaac Smith, Jennie Doeden
Individuals, standing from left: Alexis Simon, Emily Thompson, Tylan Glover, Ashley Garduno, Kayla Jensen, Cassandra Townsend

MathCounts team places third

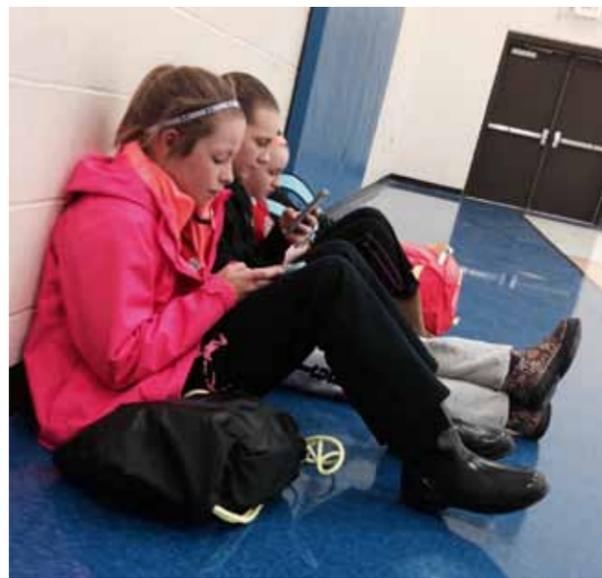
The 2015 Northeastern South Dakota Chapter MathCounts Competition was held at the Main Building on the campus of Presentation College in Aberdeen on Wednesday, February 4. Groton team members, Jennie Doeden, Micah Poor, AnneMarie Smith, and Isaac Smith, earned the third place trophy and plaque. Mickelson Middle School of Brookings won the team competition, and Milbank placed second.

One Groton student also received individual recognition. Micah Poor earned eighth place in the individual/countdown portion of the competition and advances to the state competition. Besides the team, six individuals also participated in the event: Ashley Garduno, Tylan Glover, Kayla Jensen, Alexis Simon, Emily Thompson, and Cassandra Townsend.

The top two teams advance to the South Dakota State MathCounts Competition at the Kings Inn Hotel in Pierre on Saturday, March 14. The top four highest scoring individuals

and the coach of the winning team at the state level will represent South Dakota at the National MathCounts Competition in Boston, Massachusetts, May 7-10, 2015.

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Madelin Flihs, Trista Keith and Alyssa Locke keep themselves occupied with their phones in between volleyball matches Saturday in Aberdeen.

Girls beat Sisseton

The Groton Area girls basketball team defeated Sisseton in the first round of the regional tournament, 50-38.

Groton led at the quarterstops at 12-4, 23-12 and 35-24.

Courtney Kurtz led the Tigers with 18 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 15, Audrey Wanner 12 and Ashley Gibbs added five.

Groton made 40 percent of its field goals and was 17 of 25 from the line for 68 percent. The Tigers had 26 rebounds with Katie Koehler having seven, had nine assists with Kurtz having four, 10 steals with Kurtz having five, 10 fouls and 14 turnovers.

Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Golden girls 31, Farm girls 26, James Valley 22, Ken's 9, Jungle Lanes 8.

High Games: Mary Jane Jark 198, Vicki Walter 181 and 175, Vickie KRamp 169.

High Series: Vicki Waltr 517, Alice Severson 466, Mary Jane Jark 454.

Conde National

Team Standings: Giants 20, Mets 18, Braves 17, Colts 14, Pirates 10, Cubs 5.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckelburg 222 and 215, Bryce Dargatz 192, John Gelhaus 182.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 612, John Gelhaus 512, Bryce Dargatz 495.

Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 182 and 168, Michelle Johnson 169, Hope Knoepfle 165.

Women's High Series: Nancy Radke 493, Michelle Johnson 462, Mary Larson 443.

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Pictured left to right are Wyatt Locke, Trevor Pray, Brandyn Anderson, Tyler Scott and Kelby Hawkins.

Five wrestlers advance to state

All five Groton wrestlers placed at the regional wrestling tournament held Saturday in Groton and will advance to the state wrestling tournament February 27-28 in Rapid City.

Trevor Pray and Kelby Hawkins both placed first, Tyler Scott placed second and Wyatt Locke and Brandyn Anderson both placed fourth.

Webster won the team title with 145 points followed by Redfield-Doland with 140, Clark/Willow Lake 92, Deuel 87, Sioux Valley 83, Faulkton 79, Groton Area 74, Kingsburg County 62, Britton-Hecla 56.5, Warner/Northwestern 34, Tiospa Zina 27 and Ipswich/Leola 24.

113 - Trevor Pray (31-5) placed 1st and scored 23.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 won by fall over Chris Landmark (Deuel) 8-13 (Fall 3:35)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 won by major decision over Cade Shoemaker (Webster Area) 24-16 (MD 8-0)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5 won by decision over Carsten McNeil (Redfield/Doland) 29-10 (Dec 7-4)

1st Place - Trevor Pray of Groton Area
2nd Place - Carsten McNeil of Redfield/Doland

3rd Place - Cade Shoemaker of Webster Area

4th Place - Jeremy Cook of Tiospa Zina

1st Place Match
Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 31-5, So. over Carsten McNeil (Redfield/Doland) 29-10, 8th. (Dec 7-4).

3rd Place Match
Cade Shoemaker (Webster Area) 24-16, 7th. over Jeremy Cook (Tiospa Zina) 24-13, Jr. (Dec 4-3).

126 - Wyatt Locke (12-15) placed 4th and scored 6.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 won by decision over Gage Carter (Faulkton Area) 9-8 (Dec 10-4)

Semifinal - Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 30-9 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 (Fall 0:43)

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Barrett Wren (Redfield/Doland) 16-12 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15 (Fall 1:47)

1st Place - Aaron Elijah of Sioux Valley
2nd Place - Brandan Gehrke of Clark/Willow Lake

3rd Place - Barrett Wren of Redfield/Doland
4th Place - Wyatt Locke of Groton Area

1st Place Match
Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 30-9, So. over Brandan Gehrke (Clark/Willow Lake) 16-14, 8th. (Fall 5:59).

3rd Place Match
Barrett Wren (Redfield/Doland) 16-12, 8th. over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 12-15, 8th. (Fall 1:47).

132 - Kelby Hawkins (33-1) placed 1st and scored 22.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1 won by injury default over Deion Beardemphl (Redfield/Doland) 19-18 (Inj. 0:00)

1st Place Match - Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1 won by fall over Nick Evangelisto (Warner/Northwestern) 28-7 (Fall 2:47)

1st Place - Kelby Hawkins of Groton Area
2nd Place - Nick Evangelisto of Warner/Northwestern

3rd Place - Devon Sievers of Deuel
4th Place - Deion Beardemphl of Redfield/Doland

1st Place Match
Kelby Hawkins (Groton Area) 33-1, So. over Nick Evangelisto (Warner/Northwestern) 28-7, So. (Fall 2:47).

3rd Place Match
Devon Sievers (Deuel) 18-4, So. over Deion Beardemphl (Redfield/Doland) 19-18, Sr. (Inj. 0:00).

160 - Tyler Scott (23-12) placed 2nd and scored 16.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12 won by fall over Austin Dreyer (Warner/Northwestern) 6-27 (Fall 0:33)

Semifinal - Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12 won by decision over Harrison Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake) 21-10 (Dec 10-7)

1st Place Match - Jordan Lovre (Deuel) 31-8 won by fall over Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12 (Fall 0:58)

1st Place - Jordan Lovre of Deuel
2nd Place - Tyler Scott of Groton Area
3rd Place - Harrison Wookey of Clark/Willow Lake

4th Place - Dawson Mathison of Webster Area

1st Place Match
Jordan Lovre (Deuel) 31-8, Sr. over Tyler Scott (Groton Area) 23-12, Sr. (Fall 0:58).

3rd Place Match
Harrison Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake) 21-10, Sr. over Dawson Mathison (Webster Area) 14-18, So. (Fall 0:21).

220 - Brandyn Anderson (22-15) placed 4th and scored 7.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Colton Koslowski (Webster Area) 17-15 won by major decision over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 (MD 13-4)

Cons. Semi - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 won by fall over Karsten Stieglmeier (Britton-Hecla) 17-18 (Fall 1:55)

3rd Place Match - Ray Edgar (Faulkton Area) 23-19 won by decision over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15 (Dec 4-3)

1st Place - Brett Christman of Redfield/Doland

2nd Place - Colton Koslowski of Webster Area

3rd Place - Ray Edgar of Faulkton Area
4th Place - Brandyn Anderson of Groton Area

1st Place Match
Brett Christman (Redfield/Doland) 19-6, Sr. over Colton Koslowski (Webster Area) 17-15, So. (Dec 3-1).

3rd Place Match
Ray Edgar (Faulkton Area) 23-19, Sr. over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-15, Fr. (Dec 4-3).

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D. Ezra Jack Keats

3. S + _____ - FL = _____

4. The _____ Could Fly: American Black Folktales

by _____ (hint: author initials are "V.H.")

Brown County Feb. 17 Meeting Minutes



FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – 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 Fjeldheim. Commissioner Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Fischbach seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Active Data Systems \$497.02; Avera St. Luke's \$705.00; Jeanne Collison \$15.00; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$1,500.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$480.00; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; LexisNexis \$50.00; Public Engines \$2,388.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$120.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$390.00; SDSU Extension \$17,780.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$86.00; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Univ. of ND \$2,000.00; US Bank \$128.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$25.00; Sara Zahn \$120.60; Marla Zastrow \$17.04.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$842.38.
Rentals: Aberdeen Housing Authority \$247.00; BJS Properties \$260.00; Golden West \$260.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: 446-Praxair \$54.00; Dakota Tree Co. \$390.50; GCR Tires & Service \$1,225.29; Hoven Auto Repair \$1,149.25; US Bank \$19.56.

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Travel & Conference: Mark Milbrandt \$354.00; Pennington Co. Sheriff's Office \$92.65; US Bank \$3,055.75; Ryan Vogel \$266.00; Chris White \$216.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$25.67; CenturyLink \$52.78; Executive Mgmt. \$72.39; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$30.10; Northern Electric \$2,441.03; NVC \$308.97; NWPS \$9,378.22; Town of Frederick \$33.25; US Bank \$634.64; Verizon \$256.88.

Machinery & Equipment: Lamb Chevrolet \$25,099.00.

Other: James River \$4,039.88; Worthmore \$20,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve hiring Daniel McCoy, Aaron Follmer and Trent Ehler as Deputy Coroner's, effective February 17, 2015 at \$150.00 per call (background checks waived). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Jennifer Stoddard, as Deputy States Attorney on a temporary basis, effective March 2, 2015 at \$2,000.00 per month. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following January 2015 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Chairman sign the following agreements: RDO Equipment Company for lease of the Expo Building on March 24 – 26, 2015; Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association for lease of the Akkerman Open Horse Arena on June 7 and

21, July 19 and August 2, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Abatement: Rick Mettler @ \$96.51 (assessment error). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HLS PROPERTY TRANSFERS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following 2014 Homeland Security Equipment Transfer Documents: Hecla Fire Department (5 SCBA); Groton Fire Department (5 SCBA); Columbia Fire Department (5 SCBA); Frederick Fire Department (6 SCBA); Aberdeen Rural Fire Department (5 SCBA); Aberdeen City Fire Department (5 SCBA); and Warner Fire Department (5 SCBA). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NEW ANGUS: R. Douglas Cooper and Keith DeHaan, representing New Angus (formerly Northern Beef Plant) explained they were not privy to disclosing an opening date, but assured the Commission that preparations for operation are ongoing. White Oak (New Angus owners) would be the appropriate contact for questions in regard to the mile of road between S 5th Street and US 281.

BID LANDFILL VEHICLE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to award the following bid for the Brown County Landfill: State Contract #16673 with Beck Motors, Inc, Pierre, SD for one 2015 Chevrolet Silverado Truck in total amount of \$30,625.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACT - LANDFILL WASTE TIRE REMOVAL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Contract, submitted by Liberty Tire, Savage MN to remove waste tires from the Landfill in 2015 in the amount of \$164.50 per ton (quote from New Deal Tire @ \$180.00 per ton). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STRIPING AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with the SD DOT for the striping of 51 miles of county roads within Brown County in 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to discuss personnel and consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and (3) with Mark Milbrandt, Craig Nelson, Dave Lunsman, Tanya Mitchner, Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to authorize advertising position of Fair Manager. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until February 24, 2015.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
February 16, 2015
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The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
Action 14-64 Motion by Nickelson, second by Sumpston to approve the agenda. All aye, carried.
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Frederick School Feb. 16 Meeting Minutes

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the resignation of Justin Downes from the position of Superintendent. All aye, carried.

Action 14-67 Motion by Sumpston, second by Nickelson to enter into executive session at 7:10 pm to discuss personnel matters. All aye, carried.

Enter Richard Schlosser at 7:12 pm
Chairman Schlosser declared executive session over at 8:02 pm.

Action 14-68 Motion by Sumpston, second by Forsting to adjourn. All aye, carried

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Riverside Township Annual Mtg Notice

Riverside Township
NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Riverside Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at Steve Simon's garage. Caucus 7:30 p.m., followed by election of officers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards, more or less, of gravel, loaded and delivered to designated places in Riverside Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at Steve Simon's shop at 7:30 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk (0218.0225)
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Bates Township Annual Mtg Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde. Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date.

Betty Geist, Township Clerk (0218.0225)
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Shelby Township Annual Mtg Notice

Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Shelby Township will also accept bids for gravel and also road maintaining, snow removal and other road work as necessary for the year 2015-2016. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2015 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges and will be required to provide date and time records of all work done. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 31, 2015. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 31, 2015 at 7 p.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisor reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Brent Miller, Township Clerk (0217.0224)
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Brown County Hay Cutting Bid



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY LAND BROWN COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:45 a.m. on March 3, 2015 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County land – approximately 26 acres located at the Brown County Fairgrounds-Lot 1 First Replat of Dahme Northview Addn, located in the SE ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD; with a minimum bid of \$60.00 per acre. Two additional one-year options (2016, 2017) may be exercised at the discretion of the Brown County Commission, provided notification in writing is received in the Brown County Auditor's Office by November 1st of the year preceding the option.

All hay bales are to be removed no later than two weeks prior to the Brown County Fair.

Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Hay Cutting at Brown County Fairgrounds."

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0218.0225)
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Putney Township Annual Mtg Notice

Putney Township
NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at Mark Thompson's Shop.

Caucus at 9:00 a.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated places in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 9:00 a.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Mark Thompson
Township Clerk (0217.0224)
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Frederick School Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the following school board members.

Eric Sumpston – 3 year term
Richard Schlosser – 3 year term

Jon Ellwein – 2 year term
Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on March 1, 2015 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 202 East Main Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. central standard time not later than March 31, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than March 31, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Deb Klapperich, Business Manager
Frederick Area School District #6-2
PO Box 486 Frederick, SD 57441
(0217.0224)

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Henry Township Annual Mtg Notice



Henry Township
Henry Township Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 3, 2015 at 7pm at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and road maintenance.

Darlene Sass
Henry Township Clerk (0217.0224)
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Groton City Feb. 17 Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, McGannon, Opp, Blackmun, Glover, Muilenburg and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Police Chief Stacy Mayou, and representatives of the press.

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

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

Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 7,695.99 ss & wh; Perry Huber 510.00 HWH sales incentive; April Abeln 24.18 med flex; Aberdeen Masonry 1,836.00 Fam Cr repair; AFLAC 955.66 emp ins; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Car Quest 198.24 batt, tow, oil, filters; Dakota Press 827.51 publishing; Dearborne Natl Ins 90.50 life ins; Farmers Union 670.17 dsl; Galls 161.89 gloves, organizer; Groton Ford 332.76 batteries; Groton Vet Clinic 19.80 gloves; Guardian Ins 218.76 emp ins; Scott Hanlon 304.75 mileage, meals, motel; Heartland Cons Power Dist 80,167.15 power; Kens Food Fair 591.47 gas; Loris 10.73 batteries; Anita Lowary 21.00 meals, copies; MJs Sinclair 2,091.62 gas; NWPS 4,585.01 power delivery; RDO 664.92 cutting edges, filters, oil; SD Municipal Electric Assoc 65.00 registration; SD State Treasurer 8,850.07 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement 1,220.00 emp retirement; Share Corp 104.56 wax; Taser 1,095.32 taser, batt, holster; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 13,833.72 health ins; Wesco 87.60 bulbs; Western Area Power Adm 32,737.79 power;

Chief Mayou reported on the police car repairs which were under warranty, but still were not done. He also gave arrest and call reports. Chief Mayou left the meeting at this point.

Finance Officer Lowary reported on 2014 government fund finances and presented the rubble site report. Council decided to have no change in fees for 2015 at the rubble site.

At 7:15pm the public hearing on the W 5th Ave curb & gutter special assessment was held. Tony and Brenda Madsen attended. The project was discussed and with no opposition, the following resolution was adopted on a motion by Glover and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

CURB & GUTTER INSTALLATION

2-17-15
A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO INSTALL CURB AND GUTTER ADJOINING CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF GROTON.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body, in and for the City of Groton, South Dakota:

Section 1. It is necessary to place curb and gutter improvements for approximately two (2) blocks located a) on the south side of West Fifth Avenue between North Washington St and the east boundary of the Groton baseball complex (vacated North Garfield Street) in the proper manner by plans and specifications by the Public Works Supervisor and City Engineer, in and for the City of Groton, South Dakota, on city streets adjoining the property described herein:

WB Hayes Addition
Block 29: Lot 1 ? Richard J Finwall 142 ft and Lot 24 ? Ken Harms 142 ft
Block 30: Lot 1 ? Tony Madsen 142 ft and Lot 24 ? JPR Enterprises, LLC 161 ft

Section 2. The cost and the expense of installation or the replacement shall be levied by special assessment upon the above described property in proportion to the number of feet as provided by statute. Material used for the project shall be concrete and other materials related to the project. Any approach or driveway pavement will also be charged to the property owner. All engineering costs for the preparation and installation of this curb and gutter.

Such special assessment shall be payable in ten (10) equal annual installments in accordance with the accepted bid and cost incurred, and the said assessment and installments shall be payable under Plan 1, "Collection by the County Treasurer" as provided by SDCL 9-43.

Section 3. The estimated linear foot cost of said curb and gutter is \$37.00.

Mayor Hanlon read the letter of resignation from Ward Gilchrist, electric superintendent, to be effective May 29, 2015. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to accept this resignation. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Glover to authorize Shawn Lambert to attend the electric superintendent's conference in Watertown on Mar 3 & 4. All members present voted aye. Definitions of sick leave from the personnel manual were reviewed.

The Council inspected the Community Center and discussed repairs and old furniture that will be disposed.

Downtown revitalization was discussed.

The district SD Municipal League meeting was announced to be in Ipswich on Mar 18. All were encouraged to attend.

The SD Highway 37 project locations of sidewalks and approaches were discussed. Although W 9th Ave was vacated in 1895, a section of the avenue was replatted in 1997. Attorney Johnson was asked to write a letter requesting the approach for the City electric substation be retained as well the W 9th Ave approach to the Krueger lots.

The Council was reminded of the February 27, 5pm, deadline for election petitions.

The City Council meetings will continue to be held in the Groton Community Center.

At 8pm the Council adjourned into executive session for legal and personnel issues on a motion by Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9pm.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Groton Area girls fire in 11 three-pointers in win over Redfield-Doland

"It was a big win for us and a nice birthday present." Those were the words of Coach Shaun Wanner as the Groton Area girls basketball team lit the nets on fire to overcome Redfield-Doland in a Northeast Conference game, 54-49.

The Lady Tigers made 58 percent of their three-point shots, making 11 of 19 shots. Courtney Kurtz made four, Ashley Gibbs three and Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler each made two.

"It was a big confidence booster for us," Wanner said. "It was a nice way for the se-

niors (Kurtz and Gibbs) to end the season playing on their home court."

Groton needed to make the shots as the taller Redfield-Doland team proved tough on the boards and worked the inside game. In the first quarter, Groton made five three-point shots and the Pheasants also made two. The lead changed hands nine times before the Tigers ended with a 17-15 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The battle continued in the second quarter with six more lead changes as Redfield-Doland took a 27-24 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The game was tied three times in the third quarter before Audrey Wanner made a three-pointer with 2:41 left to give Groton a 35-34 lead. Then Kurtz sank a three-pointer and then stole the ball and made the layup just before the end of the third period as Groton took a 40-34 lead at the break. Groton opened up the fourth quarter with a shot and an eight-point lead, 42-34. The Pheasants rallied back to within two, 42-20, but Groton went back on top by seven, 47-40, thanks a three-pointer by Kurtz.

Redfield-Doland made it a three-point game, 40-47, with 66 seconds left. Kurtz was four of four from the charity stripe down the stretch to help secure the 54-49 win.

"I'm proud of the way the girls played," Wanner said. "We did a good job moving the ball around. We are actually scoring more points than we did last year, but we're also giving up more, too."

Groton will enter region play next week Tuesday at Webster and will play around 6 p.m. against Sisseton. "The region is wide open," Wanner said. "There is no dominate team and anyone who puts three days of good games together will come out on top."

Kurtz led the Tigers with 22 points followed by Gibbs with 10, Wanner had eight, Gibbs and Carly Wheeting each had six and Jessica Bjerke added two.

The Pheasants were led by Jamie Tebben with 16 followed by Sarah Rozell with 10, Joslyn Heer nine, Jordanne Howe eight and

Roni Levtsov with six.

Groton Area made 37 percent of their field goals while Redfield-Doland made 41 percent. Groton Area made seven of 14 free throws for 50 percent off of Redfield-Doland's 12 team fouls. Redfield-Doland was five of eight from the line off of Groton Area's nine team fouls. Groton's zone defense helped with the rebounds as 20 of 26 rebounds were defensive. Redfield had 20 rebounds. Leading rebounders were Wanner for Groton Area with nine and Tebben of Redfield-Doland with 10.

Kurtz had seven of the team's 12 assists. Redfield-Doland had 16 assists. Groton had 11 turnovers with Redfield-Doland had five turnovers with four of them being steals. Kurtz had three steals.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 25-10. Scoring for Groton were Gia Gengerke with 10, Marlee Jones eight, Emily Locke three, Alexis Stange two and Madison Sippel and Lexi Gustafson each had one.



Roni Levtsov and Jessica Bjerke battle for the ball.



Courtney Kurtz stole the ball and went the distance to make this basket to give Groton a 40-34 lead with 12 seconds left in the third quarter.



Katie Koehler made two of three three-pointers on the night.



Ashley Gibbs made three of five three-pointers on the night.

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The Life of Ralph Breitkreutz

Services for Ralph Breitkreutz, 85, of Spearfish and formerly of Groton, was held Monday, February 23 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Matt Richards officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Ralph died February 18, 2015 at the Spearfish Hospital. Ralph Dale Breitkreutz was born to Alfred and Irene (Henry) Breitkreutz in Dustin, Oklahoma on August 16, 1929. At the age of 2, the family moved to Groton, South Dakota. He graduated From Groton High School in 1947. Farming was his true passion in life and he took over the family farm in 1959.

He married Paula Jlyynn Erdmann in Groton, South Dakota, on June 3, 1958. To this union, two children were born: Tamra Lee and Kalli Kay. They lived on their farm northeast of Groton. They worked side by side on the farm and enjoyed many weekends at Pickeral Lake with friends and family. They enjoyed snowmobiling, card club, traveling, and were very involved with their children's school activities. In 1982, Paula passed away from cancer. He married Virginia Alexander on December 31, 1987. Ralph retired from farming in 1990 and they moved to reside at Mina Lake. They loved to travel and spent many winters in their motor home traveling throughout the United States. Alaska was one of their favorite vacation destinations



having visited multiple times. In 1993, they moved to Chandler, Arizona, where they enjoyed living in a golf community. In 2008, they moved to Spearfish, South Dakota where he resided at the time of his death.

Ralph was very involved with the Northern Electric Cooperative and was recognized for his many years of distinguished service to the rural electrification program in September of 1985. He was a director from 1972-1975. From 1968 - 1984, Ralph was a member of the Groton Farmers Elevator

board of directors He was a long-time member of the Groton United Methodist Church.

Ralph was preceded in death by his first wife, Paula, his parents, and his brother, Alfred Leonard.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; his sister, Mary (Jeff) Loll; children, Tamra (Steve) Ward, Kalli Saland, Gloria (Dick) Pluimer, Gregg (Phyllis) Werger, Ginger Humprey, Gaylene Schwalen; grandchildren, Shaina (John) Rogers, Samantha Saland, Jenna (Matthew) King, Carly Ward, Jack Ward, Angela (Steph) Schukei, Lucas (Sarah) Schukei, Kade Welfl, Peter (Rachael) Pluimer, Chris (Shalan) Pluimer, Ben Pluimer, Boone Werger; great-grandchildren, Tyler Schold, Mason King, Landen Schukei; Nephew, David Loll, Niece, Laura (James) Lovato.

Casket bearers were Steve Ward, David Loll, Dick Pluimer, Kade Welfl, Peter Pluimer, Gregg Werger, Jeff Howard and Dewayne Docken.

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