



The Rick and Sherry Koehler home at 801 N 3rd St. took first place in the holiday lighting contest sponsored by the city. They will receive a \$75 credit next month on their utility bill.



The Paul and Tina Kosel home at 110 N Washington St. received second place in the Holiday Lighting Contest. They will receive a \$50 credit on their utility bill next month.



City not raising electric rates even though supplier is

The 2016 budget is not in effect yet, and already, the city is looking at a \$34,000 deficit due to a rate increase from Heartland Consumers Power District. The main rate change is from the distribution charge of electricity which has taken on a new formula. Previously it was being charged by Northwestern Energy at \$1.19 per KW. Now that rate is being charged by WAPA (Western Area Power Administration) and Heartland. WAPA has elected not to pass on the rate increase; however, Heartland is charging Groton \$4.50 per KW, resulting in a \$34,000 increase. The city council voted Wednesday night not to raise the city's electric rates, realizing that it may have to dip into the city's \$120,000 contingency fund or make other cuts during the year to make up the difference.

Perry Huber owns four apartment complexes in Groton and he has requested special treatment. He wants the city the bill him for utilities at the end of the month instead of on the 15th because it would make it easier when people come and go for billing purposes. Also, he requested that the utility deposit be reduced from \$250 to \$150 for his tennants. In the past, he had said that the city's utility deposit of \$100 was not enough. "We have a responsibility for all of our citizens and everyone should be treated equally," said councilman Burt Glover. The council turned down the request. The first reading of the snow removal ordinance was approved. The second reading to the supplemental appropriation ordinance was approved in the amount of \$2.7 million as the funds from the bond were received an various other debts were paid off.

The Kosel home had a Peanuts theme this year with a number of inflatables throughout the yard.



The Bob and Shirley Meister home at 602 N 4th St. took third place in the holiday lighting contest sponsored by the city. They will receive a a\$25 credit next month on their utility bill.

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The Randy and Sue Stanley home at 403 E 6th Ave. took fourth place in the holiday lighting contest sponsored by the city. They will receive a a\$10 credit next month on their utility bill.



The Terry Kenny home at 610 N. Main St. has a very festive look.











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The Brett and Anna Schwan home at 237 E 2nd Ave. has colorful lights on their deck.





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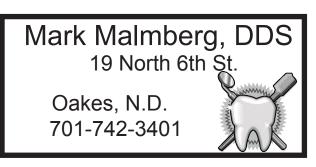
The Matt and Casey Johnson home north of the pool has a nice blue glow in the night.



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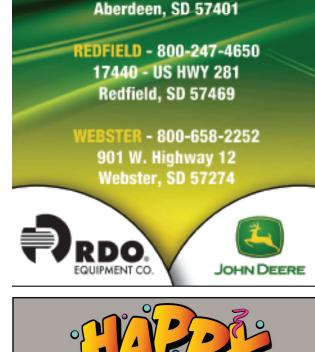




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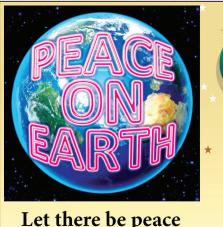
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## Sombke, Jones nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman

Brody Sombke and Marlee Jones, both seniors at Groton High School, were nominated for the annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award and were named school winners. The national awards program, created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City, recognizes academic achievement, community service and athletic accomplishments.

Marlee Jones is the daughter of Jim and Mendy Jones, Groton. Her top five awards were most valuable for soccer, most valuable thrower for track, most improved for track, National Honor Society and Hardest Worker for Swimming. Marlee is involved in the swim team, volleyball, soccer, track and FBLA. Her top five volunteer activites are youth soccer coach, youth volleyball coach, BAGS program, Kids Against Hunger and junior high basketball referee. Marlee is a lifeguard, swimming instructor and a waitress. She plans to attend the University of South Dakota and major in medical biology.

Brody Sombke is the son of Clint and Kiersten Sombke, Conde. His top five awards were distinguished scholar scholarship at the University of Minnesota - Crookston, Prudential Spirit of Community Award for 2015, Supreme champion dairy goat at open class and 4-H Brown County Fair in 2015, grand champion breeding ram in 4-H at Brown County Fair in 2015, and grand champion Nigerian dairy goat and best udder of show in 4-H and open class in 2015. His top five activities are golf, FFA, Lazy Farmers 4-H, fishing and hunting pheasants. His volunteer activites are volunteer for FFA by participating in elementary farm safety, Ag Day in Aberdeen and the Petty Zoo during the Brown County Fair; volunteering for 4-H by mowing cemeteries and cleaning at the Brown County Fairgrounds, he volunteers at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Aberdeen; he washed dishes for Thanksgiving at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen; and he packed up meals at the "Kids Against Hunger" event. He was the caretaker of St. Paul's Cemetery and Church yard in 2013, caretaker of West Hanson Cemetery in 2013, caretaker of Verdon Cemetery from 2011 to present and is a farm laborer on the Sombke Farm. He plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Crookston, and major in water resource management.

## Boys beat Eureka-Bowdle

The Groton Area Boys basketball team defeated Eureka-Bowdle in action played Dec. 22 at Northern State University, 61-41. Sean Schuring and Hunter Lerew each had 14 points, Bennett Shabazz had 12, Seric Shabazz nine, Anthony Sippel and Jackson Oliver each had three, and Adam Herman, Brandon Keith and Aaron Severson each had two. Lerew had nine of the team's 27 rebounds and four blocks, Bennett Shabazz had four of the team's 13 assists, Seric Shabazz had five the team's 12 steals and Groton had 14 turnovers. The Tigers made 47 percent of their field goals and was five of six from the line. Making three-pointers were Bennett Shabazz with four, Sean Schuring three, and one each were Seric Shabazz, Anthony Sippel and Jackson Oliver.

## **KIWANIS CLUB**

Twelve members were present for last week's week'S Kiwanis club meeting. Larry Wheeting , past president; led the short business session.

The annual pancake bunch will be January 31.

Steve Simon was program leader, and introduced his guest, Brenda Pence, RN, and nursing coordinator for diabetes education, at Avera St. Lukes, Aberdeen.

Brenda presented a very informative program, and fielded questions regarding diabetes.







Thank God for this day. As we continue this renewed journey of Hope and Faith on this Earth, may God, in His infinite mercy, grant us the comfort we need to strengthen our Hope and Faith in order to steady our balance, as we embark on this wonderful trip round the sun once again. Meanwhile, let's celebrate our victory over last year. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!

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# Fjelstad selected for HOBY Seminar

Jenifer Fjelstad was selected as the Groton High School ambassadors for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar (HOBY). The purpose of HOBY is to motivate and develop future leaders. Students are prepared for positions in their school and helped to expand the talents that will serve them into the future by working with today's leaders.

Each spring HOBY Leadership Seminars are conducted in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and Mexico. One young man and one young woman are selected from each of these state seminars to attend the HOBY World Leadership Congress, which is held in the summer of 2015.

Jenifer's selection was based on leadership ability, sensitivity and concern for others, and the desire to learn and share knowledge and experience. The Groton Kiwanis Club annually sponsors sophomores as HOBY Ambassadors.

Jenifer is a sophomore at GHS and is the daughter of Clint and Tara Fjelstad. Her awards include JFK Firecracker, Show Choir Director's Choice (freshman), 4.0 honor roll and being selected as Student of the Month for December. She is involved in Destination Imagination, Oral Interpretation, Show Choir, Cross-Country and Cheerleading. Her volunteer activities include St. Paul's youth group, Adopt-A-Grandparent and Tutoring. Her future plans are undecided at this time.





Jenifer Fjelstad

## Logos added to signs

Pictured is the new Groton highway signs, at four locations around the city.

This was a project of the Lions Club, and the Groton American Legion, and Groton Kiwanis Club paid for their individual logos.

Chris Frost, Lions president, erected all the signs.

# **Groton Prairie Mixed**

**Team Standings:** Coyotes 4, Foxes 3, Shih Tzus 3, Jackelopes 1, Chipmunks 1, Pocket Gophers 0-

**Men's High Games:** Roger Spanier 221, 219, Brad Waage 214, 205, Doug Jorgensen 212, 203, Randy Stanley 205, Rick Carlson 204

Women's High Games: Darci Spanier 176, Vicki Jorgensen 171, Angie Carlson 163 Men's High Series: Brad Waage 608, Roger Spanier 597, Doug Jorgensen 575 Women's High Series: Vicki Jorgensen 469, Sue Stanley 455, Darci Spanier 446

## Groton Coffee Cup League

**Team Standings:** Jungle Lanes 4, Ten Pins 2 1/2, James Valley 1 1/2, Kens 0

**High Games:** Penny Stolle 187, Gert Erickson 184, Sue Stanley 181. **High Series:** Penny Stolle 486, Sue Stanley 482, Joyce Walter 478.

Conde National League Team Standings: Mets 31 1/2 winners



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Women's High Games: Mary Larson 174, Vickie Kramp 172, Michelle Johnson 165 Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 459, Joyce Walter 439, Michelle Johnson 436 Wishing you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness and prosperity in the coming New Year.



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#### **Brown County** Dec. 22, 2015 **Meeting Minutes** DECEMBER 22, 2015 - GEN-

ERAL 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. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015. All members present

voting ave. Motion carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to ap-

prove the following claims: Professional Fees: Aber-deen Advanced Care Ambulance \$13,139.62; Aberdeen City Treasurer \$750.00; Avera Queen of Peace \$59.90; Avera St. Luke's \$10,173.44; Kristi Brandt \$44.00; Denise Cody \$34.50; Interprecorps \$88.00; Lucy Lewno \$301.50; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$563.00; NE Mental Health Center \$18,490.00; Pollard Law \$202.50; SD DOT \$3,512.10; Spitzer-Miller Fu-neral Home \$1,845.00; Karen Swanda \$34.50; We Care Online \$184.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$628.50; Dolly Evans \$205.00; Bonnie Fischer \$60.00; Marilyn Flemmer \$60.00; Kay Fredrick \$60.00; Joyce Gagé \$60.00; Jeanette Gollnick \$200.00; Ar-dys Gosch \$205.00; Marilyn Gramlow \$200.00; Sally Hofer \$200.00; Elaine Huff \$200.00; Shirley Jahraus \$200.00; Rebecca Jeschke \$205.00; Penny Krogstrand \$60.00; Evangeline Miller

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446-Praxair \$38.85; A & B Business \$32.99; Dakota Tree Co. \$1,583.00; HF Jacobs & Son 11,416.35; House of Glass \$125.44; Hoven Auto Repair \$112.25; Lien Transportation Western States Fire \$786.25 Co. \$838.18

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Travel and Conference: Stan Beckler \$18.33; Darwin Bet-tmann \$15.24; City of Groton \$50.29; Exec. Mgmt. \$1,053.50; Patrick Keatts \$22.74; Dale Kurth \$112.53; Tina McLeod \$166.00; David North \$105.48; Jerome Streckfuss \$23.32; Kay Fredrick \$10.81.

Utilities: Dependable Sanitation \$29,191.94; NVC \$284.98;

Machinery & Equipment: Century Business Products \$6,648.04. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried. PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee salary adjustments, as reflected in the 2016 budget work papers (amounts include the 3% increase for 2016): Judy Dosch @ \$52,112.70 prorated annual sal-ary; C. Scott Bader @ \$47,476.52 prorated annual salary, effective December 20, 2015; and clas-sification change for Mickey Schultz from "Clerk, Secretary, Maintenance, Parts Step 10" to "Labor Grade 3 Step 7" @ \$16.76 per hour (amount includes the 3% and additional earned at step 10 in previous classification), effective December 20, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve employee status change for Brian Marcuson from part-time cook to regular part-time Cor-rectional Officer in JDC, effective December 31, 2015 at \$12.54 per hour. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve paying out vacation hours earned by Nicole Leslie Tveit as full-time employee over the limit allowed on the books by a part-time employee, due to classification change from full-time to part-time, effective November 30, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to add the following classifications to the Salary Schedule:

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Step	Step
1 \$14.39	1 \$16.78
2 \$14.68	2 \$17.12
3 \$14.92	3 \$17.46
4 \$15.15	4 \$17.81
5 \$15.39	5 \$18.17
6 \$15.62	6 \$18.53
7 \$15.83	7 \$18.90
8 \$16.02	8 \$19.28
9 \$16.23	9 \$19.67
10 \$16.45	
All members pres	ene roung

PLATS: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolu-tion: RESOLUTION #88-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "W & N Johnson Replat of Campton's Outlot 1 in the SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec 18-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provi-sions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioner Hansen-aye, Kippley-

NWPS \$2,782.56; Verizon \$200.05. Other: Pizza Ranch \$85.44. ave, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #89-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "K and L Dean Second Homestead Addition in the SW ¼ of Sec 23-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Com-missioner Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #90-15. BE IT RE-SOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Yun Tract 1 in the SE ¼ of Sec 22-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and amend-ments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioner Han-sen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbachaye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commis-sioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #91-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Fischer-Schwan Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of Sec 18-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioner Hansenaye, Kippley-aye, Fischbachaye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commis-sioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #92-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Terry Gauer Addition in the NE ¼ of Sec 17-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been ex-amined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commis-sioner Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-ave. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #93-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Neifer that the plat showing "Neifer First Subdivision in NE 1/4 Sec 22-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M.,

Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provi-sions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioner Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolu-tion: RESOLUTION #94-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Van Dover-Daggett Addition to Prairiewood Village in the NE 1/4 of Sec 33-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", hav-ing been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioner Hansenaye, Kippley-aye, Fischbachaye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commis-sioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #95-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "SCHB Addition in the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 2-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967 Chapter 11-3, and amendments thereof. Seconded by Com-missioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioner Hansenaye, Kippley-aye, Fischbachave, Fjeldheim-áye, Sutton-aye. Ave, Fjeldheimraye, Sutton aye. Resolution adopted. ORD 098 - SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to set public

hearing for Ordinance #098, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini Aqricultural District: John Beck's 1st Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of Sec 18-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (38286 133rd Street), to be held in the Com-mission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:50 a.m. on January 12, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID NOTICE OF AWARD -BR218 ON COUNTY ROAD 5: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and au-thorize the Chairman sign Notice of Award document for Industrial Builders Inc to complete the 2016 County Road 5 – Bridge Replacement (BR218) Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID JAIL PHASE III 2016 RENOVATION PROJECT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve Addendum #1 and Addendum #2 to the Gen-eral, Mechanical and Electrical Plans and Specifications for the Brown County Jail Phase III 2016 Renovation Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Time and place. as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing labor, material and equip-ment for the construction of the Brown County Jail Phase III 2016 Renovation Project. Bids were received from Gray Construction, Watertown; Huff Construction, Aberdeen; Kyburz-Carlson Con-struction, Aberdeen; Zeller Construction, Aberdeen. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to refer all bids to Judy Dosch, Maintenance Superintendent for

review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to award bid to Huff Construction in total amount of \$1,956,200.00 (including base bid, alternate #'s 3, 4 & 5 for furnishing labor, material and equipment for the construction of the Brown County Jail Phase III 2016 Renovation Project; rejecting the following: Huff Construction alternate #1 @ \$26,500.00, alternate #2 @ \$2,000.00; Gray Construction base bid @ \$2,520,000.00, alternate #1 @ \$50,000.00, alternate #2 @ \$1,200.00, alter-nate #3 @ \$1,300.00, alter-nate #4 @ 000000 alter-#4 @ \$9,000.00, alternate #5 no bid; JDH Construction base bid @ \$2,030,000.00, alternate #1 @ \$26,600.00, alternate #2 @ \$1,100.00, alternate #3 @ \$2,660.00, alternate #4 @ \$8,700.00, alternate @ \$0; Kyburz-Carlson Construction base bid @ \$2,007,000.00, alternate #1 @ \$27,847.00, alter-nate #2 @ \$1,252.00, alternate #3 @ \$2,812.00, alternate #4 0 \$9,578.00, alternate #5 no bid; Zeller Construction base bid @ \$2,236,551.00, alternate #1 @ \$27,200.00, alter-nate #2 @ \$1,184.00, alter-nate #3 @ \$2,730.00, alternate #4 @ \$8,976.00, alternate @ (\$500.00). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent in-formed the Commission that, as a result of Senate Bill #1, the SD DOT will be disbursing all of the County funds held by the State for project reimbursements in a lump sum rather than in yearly installments. Brown County's balance of \$3,752,863.51 is expected to arrive in January and will be used as originally planned for the County Road #16 Project and the Bridge 218 Project with balance to be delegated to future

rojects. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter, Dirk Rog-ers and Maxine Fischer 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.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize sending Requests for Proposals to known qualified vendors for furnishing and delivery of a Document Management System for Brown County, with propos-als to be opened in the Brown County Commission Chambers at 9:10 a.m. on January 12, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kip-pley to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter and Peter Nielsen (via teleconference) in attendance. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried. Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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#### **Brown County** Ord. 098 **Beck's Rezoning** NOTICE

Application has been made by John Beck to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on January 12, 2016 at 8:50 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): John Beck's 1st Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Sec 18-Twp 123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (38286 133rd Street)

The public is invited to at-tend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. <u>098</u>.\_\_

ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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## **Brown County Market Street**

Entrance Notice ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Com-missioners at Commissioners Chambers, Brown County Of-fice Building, Aberdeen, South Dakota until 8:45 A.M., C.T., January 12, 2016, for labor and material required for the Market Street Entrance Project to Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota. All divisions of work shall be

included in one prime construc-tion contract. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the name and address of the bidder clearly identified on the envelope. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bidders are cautioned, mail will not be delivered to Board of County Commissioners before the 8:45

A.M. opening of bids. Copies of the plans and speci-fications are on file at the Office of the Brown County Auditor, Aberdeen, South Dakota; Builders Exchanges listed in the Instruction to Bidders; and at the office of HKG Architects Inc., AIA, P.O. Box 55, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Copies may be obtained at the architect's office by bidders. Each bid must be accom-

panied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of 5% of the base bid plus all add alternates, or a 10% bid bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and made payable to the "Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Aberdeen, South Dakota". The Owner reserves the right

to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein. ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County

## Auditor

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## **Groton City** Dec. 23, 2015

Meeting Minutes December 23, 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: Fliehs, Peterson, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Members absent were: Opp and McGannon. Also present were: Finance Of-ficer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, and Paul Kosel.

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

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

First State Bank 100.00 bank chg; First State Bank 2,840.56 ss & wh; Consolidated End C chg; First State Bank 2,840.56 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 975.00 emp savings; City of Groton 4,743.40 util, postage, sav, dep ref; Terry Herron 70.09 med flex; Post Office 206.81 postage; Shad Romans 193.57 dep refund; 1st National Bank 9 604.27 Jagoon Joan payment: AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; BNSF-Railroad Management Co 996.41 space rent; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Car Quest 196.11 trans, & Control 1,397.96 lift float; Dearborn National 90.50 lift float; Fraternal Order of Police 100.00 dues; Geffdog Designs 595.98 bb shirts: Groton Independent 114.50 publishing; Guardian Ins 233.63 emp ins; Harry Imple-ment 7.98 end; Heartland Cons Power District 48,166.78 power; Terry Herron 300.00 HWH sales incentive; Krueger Brothers 6,081.97 gravel; Menards 10.74 oil; Stan Monson, Jr 1,120.60 sewer repair; Professional Man-agement Service 300.00 HWH sales incent; SD Dept of Health 326.00 testing; SD Assoc of Code Enforcement 40.00 dues; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems 500.00 dues; SD Govt Fin Of-ficer Assoc 70.00 dues; SD Govt Human Resource Assoc 25.00 dues; SD Minicipal Electric As-soc 1,191.00 dues; SD Municipal League 1,284.20 dues; SD Mun Street Maintenance Assoc 35.00 dues; SD Municipal Attorney Assoc 30.00 dues; SD Police Chief's Assoc 97.04 dues; SD Supplement Retirement 1,370.00 emp retire; SD Workers Comp Fund 17,103.00; premium; Wil-liam Stolle 300.00 HWH sales incentive; T & R Electric 8,073.50 transformers; United Systems Technology 915.00 comp supp; Don Walter 300.00 HWH sales incentive; Wellmark Blue Cross/ Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Wesco 381.50 signs; Western Area Power Adm 27,097.08 power

Moved by Blackmun and sec-onded by Peterson to give first reading to Ordinance No. 703, Snow Removal Ordinance. All members present voted aye. Moved by Glover and sec-

onded by Fliehs to give second reading to Ordinance No. 702, 2015 Supplemental Appropria-tion Ordinance as an emergency. All members present voted aye.

Electric rates and added Heartland charges were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to leave the electric rates the same for now. All voted aye. All members present

A request from Perry Huber to change the billing dates and deposit requirements for his four apartment buildings was denied.

The Christmas Lighting contest winners were: 1 st Place Ryan & Sherry Koehler; 2nd Place Paul & Tina Kosel; 3rd Place Bob & Shirley Meister; and 4th Place Randy and Sue Stanley.

The 2012 Tahoe police car has an axel or ring and pinion repair needed. Mayor Hanlon will investigate further.

At 7:52pm Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matters on a motion by Glover and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened

at 8:01pm. Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$22.83.11933

#### **Groton City** Ord. 702

# Supp. Appropriation ORDINANCE NO. 702 2015 SUPPLEMENTAL APPRO-

PRIATION ORDINANCE

Part I: Be it ordained by the City of Groton that the following sums be appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

101 General Fund:

101-47000-44100- DebtSer-vice-Principle- \$900,000.00; 101-47000-44200- DeptService-Interest -\$5,400.00; 101-46500-42900- Economic Development-0ther- \$5,000.00; 101-41420-41100- Finance Office- Salaries-\$38,000.00; 101-41420-42200-Finance Office-Fees- \$3,100.00; 101-41470-42200- General Administration-Bond Fees-\$64,110.00; 101-41470-42210-General Administration- Legal-\$7,000.00; 101-42100-41100-\$7,000.00; 101-42100-41100-Police- Salaries- \$93,600.00; 101-42100-41200- Police ? Soc Sec- \$5,900.00; 101-42100-41300- Police- Retirement-\$5,250.00; 101-42100-42500-Police- Repairs- \$3,800.00; 101-42100-43200- Police-Buildings- \$490.00; 101-42100-43440- Police- Minor Equipment-\$3,450.00; 101-42900-42500-Other Public Safetv-Repairs-Other Public Safety-Repairs-\$790.00; 101-43100-42210-\$790.00; 101-43100-42210-Street- Engineering- \$17,000.00; 101-43100-43300- Street-Im-provments- \$74,280.00; 101-43100-43440- Street-Machinery & Equipment- \$31,100.00; 101-43160-42600- Street Light-ing- Supplies- \$7,430.00; 101-44120-42600- Animal Control-Supplies- \$70.00; 101-45124-41100- Swimming Pool- Sala-41100- Swimming Pool- Sala-ries- \$22,950.00; 101-45125-43200- Golf- Building- \$520.00; 101-45127-42600- Basketball- Supplies- \$300.00; 101-

45129-42600- Tennis- Supplies-\$580.00; 101-45133-42200-Midget Baseball- Fees- \$310.00; 101-45133-42600- Midget Baseball Supplies- \$1,2000- Midget Base-ball Supplies- \$1,200.00; 101-45133-43440- Midget Baseball-Minor Equipment- \$780.00; 101-45134-42600- PeeWee Baseball- Supplies- \$1,200.00; 101-45136-41100- Girls Soft-ball Solarias dt 180.00; 101 ball- Salaries- \$1,180.00; 101-45136-43440- Girls Softball-Minor Equipment- \$200.00; 101-45138-41100- Jr Teeners Baseball- Salary- \$1,500.00; 101-45138-41200- Jr Teeners Baseball- Soc Sec- \$120.00; 101-45138-42200- Jr Teen-ers Baseball- Fees- \$480.00; 101-45138-42600-Jr Teeners Baseball-Supplies- \$550.00;101-45138-42700- Jr Teeners Baseball- Travel- \$780.00; 101-45500-41100- Library-Salaries- \$1,500.00 Total= \$1,299,920.00

211 BBB Sales Tax Fund: 211-45124-41100- Swim-

ming Pool ?Salaries- \$2,480.00; 211-45124-41200- Swimming Pool-Soc Sec- \$160.00 Total= \$2,640.00

307 2007 Curb & Gutter Debt Service Fund:

307-47130-44100- Spec As-sess Principle- \$54,160.00; 307-47130-44200- Spec Assess Interest- \$1,280.00 Total= \$55,440.00 309 2009 Curb & Gutter Debt

Service Fund: 309-47130-44100- Spec As-sess Principle- \$258,880.00; 309-47130-44200- Spec As-sess Interest- \$10.00 Total= \$258,890.00

313 2013 Curb & Gutter Debt

Service Fund: 313-47130-44100- Spec Assess Principle- \$195,740.00; 313-47130-44200- Spec Assess Inter-est- \$10.00\_Total= \$195,750.00

Total = \$195,750.00 314 2014 Curb & Gutter Debt Service Fund:

314-47130-44100- Spec As-sess Principle- \$229,160.00; 314-47130-44200- Spec As-sess Interest- \$330.00 Total=

\$229,490.00 315 2015 Curb & Gutter Debt

Service Fund: 315-47130-44100- Spec Assess Principle- \$165,000.00; 315-47130-44200- Spec Assess Interest- \$2,480.00 Total=

\$167,480.00 350 NE Sewer Debt Service

Fund:

350-47122-44100- Principle-\$66,320.00; 350-47122-44200-Interest- \$250.00 Total= \$66,570.00 351 Main St Water Debt Ser-

vice Fund:

351-47121-44100- Princi-ple- \$241,570.00; 351-47121-44200- Interest- \$940.00 Total= \$242,510.00

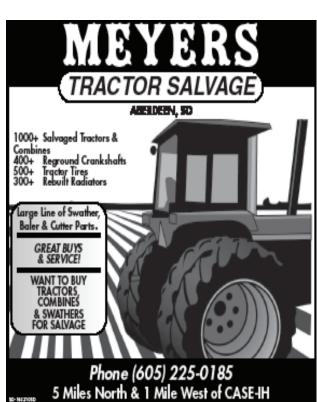
352 EPA Water/Sewer Debt

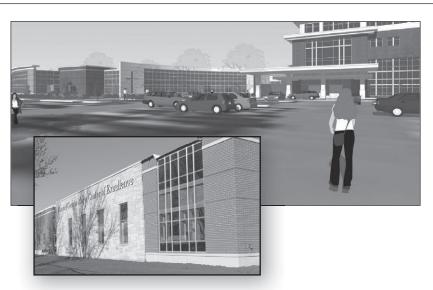
Service Fund: 352-47121-44100- Princi-ple- \$187,520.00; 352-47121-44200- Interest- \$690.00 To-tal= \$188,210.00 Grand Total= \$2,706,900.00

Part II: The monies are de rived from a refinancing bond, grants and donations, previously appropriated, but unused funds; unappropriated fund balances, and fund balance transfers.

Passed First Reading 12/7/15 Passed Second Reading 12/23/15

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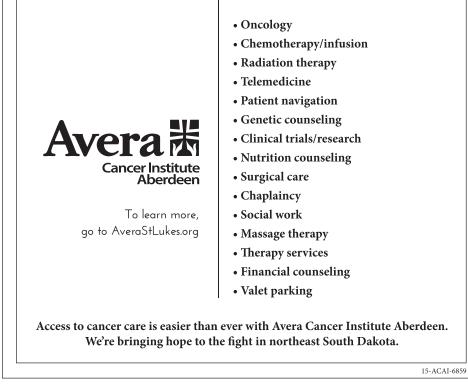
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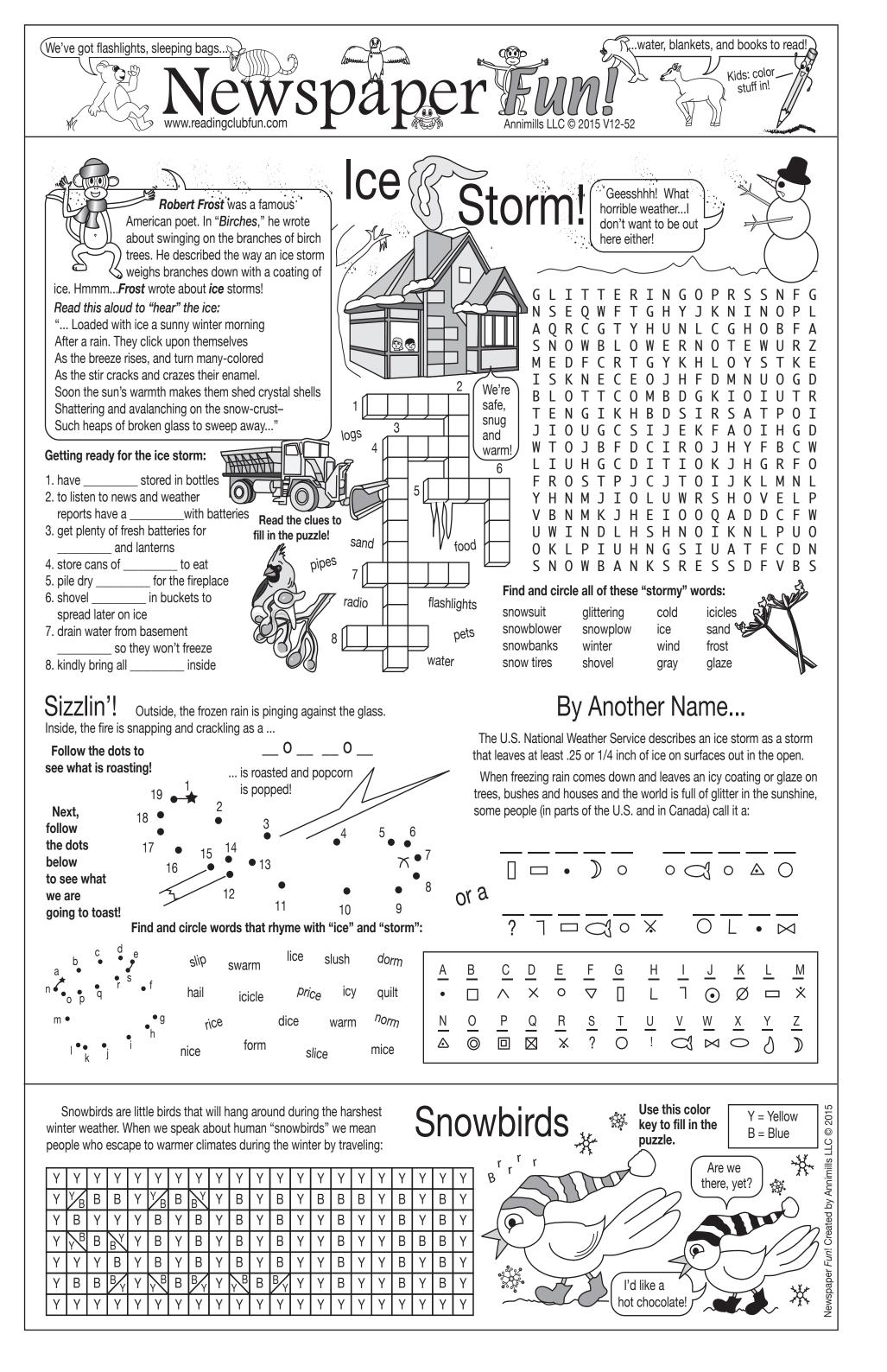
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#### Wednesday, December 30 No School

**Senior Menu:** Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

**Birthdays:** Alec Oleson, Alex Graf, Breslyn Hinman

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

### Thursday, December 31

No School

New Year's Eve

**Senior Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

**Anniversaries:** Paul & Tina Kosel, Jake & Tiffany Unzen, Ralph & Virginia Breitkreutz

**Birthdays:** Jill Cutler • Braiden Craig • Brian Koens

### Friday, January 1, 2016

No School New Year's Day **Anniv:** Kevin & Sharolyn Jondahl **Birthdays:** Lauren Harrison, Patricia Larson, Stephen Duncan, Tyler Kolb.

### Saturday, January 2, 2016

**Anniv:** Jeff & Lisa Howard **Birthdays:** Briana Nordine, Holly Walter, Kara Anderson. Church

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with baptism and communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:00pm: JK-8th Grade Open Gym

5:00pm: 6th-12th Open Gym

#### Monday, January 4, 2016 School Breakfast: Cereal,

yogurt, fruit, juice, milk. School Lunch: Pizza cruncher, mixed veggies, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, sherbet.

Anniv: Jay and Jean Peterson

**Birthdays:** Hannah Swanson, Heath Giedt, Val Fliehs.

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA study leaders meet with pastor

6:30pm: GBB host Langford Area

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

## Tuesday, January 5, 2016

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

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Good Cheer Circle

### Wednesday, January 6, 2016

**School Breakfast:** Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

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

**Senior Menu:** Ham and raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, California blend vegetables, crazy cake.

**Anniv:** Bill and Vicki Podoll **Birthdays:** Alfred Tastad, Carla Ronning, Samantha Bunke, Zachary Townsend, Stephanie Luvaaas-Jung

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid LWML

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation



Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish,

Birthdays: Austin Luecke, Brett

10:00am: United Methodist Women's

rice pilaf, California blend vegetables,

peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

Anderson, James Torguson

Bible Study

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

# Sunday, January 3, 2016

**Birthdays:** Bob Walter, Caroline Graf, Jolene Siders, Tanner Waage, Vicki Podoll 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

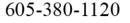
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship 10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont



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# Bjerke rebounds and put up game winning shot in overtime as Lady Tigers beat Roncalli

overtime as the Lady Tigers rallied to beat Aberdeen Roncalli in girls basketball action Tuesday night in Aberdeen, 43-42.

"We wore them down in the end," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "I thought we were the better conditioned team. The girls never gave up. When you're on a winning cycle, they will keep battling to the end." Groton Area is now 5-0 on the season.

Groton controlled the tip and scored first, but Roncalli's Grace Imberi hit a pair of three-pointers to start the Cavalier rally and soon Roncalli took a 10-3 lead. The Cavaliers led, 12-6, at the end of the first quarter. In the first quarter, the Tigers made eight percent of its field goals and was four of six from the line and had two turnovers. Roncalli made 35 percent of its field goals and had two turnovers.

Roncalli had a pair of turnovers to start out the second quarter and the Tigers took advantage of them as Audrey Wanner hit a two-pointer and Harleigh Stange hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to one. Wanner made a pair of free throws and Groton took its first lead, 13-12. The lead went back to Roncalli after the Cavaliers made a pair of field goals, but Groton returned the favor when Carly Wheeting made a field goal and a three-pointer to give the Tigers a 20-16 lead. Roncalli went on a run to finish the first half, scoring the last six points to take a 26-20 lead into the locker room. Both teams made 60 percent of their field goals. The Tigers made three of four free throws and the Cavaliers made one of two free throws and had two turnovers. Wheeting led the Tigers in scoring for the first half with 10 points while Wanner had seven and Stange three. Imberi led the Cavaliers with nine points followed by Taylor Morgan with six, Jami Ewart had four and Megan Streier with three. Both team struggled to find the net in the third

quarter. Wanner made two free throws and the first basket of the quarter was scored by Wanner with 5:23 left in the third quarter. Wheeting added a field goal and the Tigers tied the game at 26. Imberi made Roncalli's first field goal of the quarter with 3:17 left and Morgan made one of two free throws with 27 seconds left. Roncalli took a 29-26 lead into the fourth guarter. In the third quarter, Groton made 25 percent of its field goals and Roncalli made 10 percent. The Tigers were two of four from the line and had three turnovers. Roncalli made one of two free throws and had one turnover.

No scoring was done for the first half of the fourth quarter, but once it started, the intensity level increased. Wanner hit a three-pointer and Stange followed with a three-pointer as Groton took a 34-31 lead. The Cavaliers made their first field goal with 1:15 left in regulation. Groton still had a 37-33 lead with 65 seconds left as Wanner drove to the basket. Streier answered for the Cavaliers and Cassie Kulm made her first field goal of the game with 15 seconds left to tie the game at 37. The Tigers had two shots and missed and ended up fouling Ewart with 3.2 seconds left. She went to the line, but missed the front end of the bonus free throw and the game went into overtime. Both teams made 33 percent of their field goals. The Tigers were one of two from the line and had one turnover, that with 40 seconds left which set up the game tying shot. Roncalli made two of three free throws and had three turnovers. It was Jessica Bierke sparking the Tigers in the overtime as she gave Groton a 39-37 lead. The Cavaliers took the lead, 40-39 with 50 seconds

Jessica Bjerke scored all four of her points in left. Wanner put Groton back on top, 41-40 with 28 seconds left. Ewart answered for Roncalli with 18 seconds left to give the Cavaliers the lead, 42-41. Time out was called with 12 seconds left and Groton had the ball near mid court. Katie Koehler tried a three-pointer from the top of the key which did not go in, but in a battle for the rebound, Bjerke grabbed the ball, put it up and in to give the Tigers the lead, 43-42. Roncalli still had a chance with two seconds left, but the inbound pass was intercepted by Wanner and the Tigers keep their perfect record going.

Wanner led the Tigers with 19 points followed by Wheeting with 14, Stange had six and Bjerke four. The Tigers made 31 percent of its field goals. Groton was four of 15 from three-point country with Stange making two shots and Wanner and Wheeting each making one. Groton was nine of 18 from the line for 50 percent, had 35 rebounds with Wheeting have 11 and Bjerke 10, four assists, seven steals with Emily Locke and Wheeting each having two, 12 turnovers and 15 foul with Wheeting fouling out.

Roncalli was led by Ewart wi th 12 followed by Imberi with 11, Morgan 10, STreiner five and Kulm and Mariah Winegar with two each. The Cavaliers were three of six from the line and had 16 team fouls.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 37-14. Payton Maine and Miranda Hanson each had three points and adding two points apiece were Taylor Holm, Madison Sippel, Portia Kettering and Hattie Weismantel.

Groton will host Langford on Monday, Jan. 4.



Carly Wheeting battles to get to the basket. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Miranda Hanson looks for an open teammate. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Katie Koehler runs the offense. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)





**Audrey Wanner** goes for the layup. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Coach Shaun Wanner goes over a play during a time out. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



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