



Trista Keith shows off the medals she earned at the Aberdeen Centrai meei.

Sixth grader Keith excels at gymnastics

Trista Keith, a sixth grader at Groton Area, is finally getting to fulfill a dream she has had for a very long time. She has been practicing and training in the Sport of Gymnastics since she was 4 years old. She has been training with the coaches from AGA, the Aberdeen Gymnastic Association, for the past 7 years. Her dream to compete has come true this year.

Her parents, Bary and Tricia Keith enrolled her in gymnastics to improve her balance, coordination and agility. Trista fell in love with the sport at her first practice. She was a fast learner and was asked to partake in a year-round gymnastics program offered to a select group of gymnasts. She has walkover on a beam.

Trista performing a back-

trained year-round since then.

This November Trista got the opportunity to try out for the Aberdeen Central Middle School team. The state allows gymnasts from the surrounding area to compete with Aberdeen Central from 6th to 8th grade. After that, the gymnasts will need to open enroll or start teams of their own at their high schools. The tryout for the middle school team was a two day tryout. The girls who make the team have to meet and started practice November 16th. The team practices four days a week from 6-7:30.

Trista's first meet was a dual in Jamestown on December 22. This meet she placed ninth on vault, fifth on beam, third on bars and floor. She also placed third in the all-around competition. This means you competed on all four apparatus and combine all four scores for a total. The second competition was in Sisseton on January 4 with six area teams competing. Trista placed third on floor, second on beam and vault and first on bars and in the all-around. The last meet held at the Aberdeen Central was a dual with Pierre. Trista placed third and first on floor, vault bars and also in beam the all-round competition. Her last meet was in Pierre on January 18. Trista's goal is to get better with every competition. She has done that so far and hopes to keep the trend going!

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New South Dakota DI Pins

Destination Imagination of South Dakota has five new pins that students will be introduced too this year.



Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Coyotes 14, Pocket Gophers 8, Jackelopes 7 1/2, Shih Tzus 7, Foxes 6 1/2, Chipmunks 5 Men's High Games: Brad Waage 238, 209, Doug Jorgensen 218, Brad Larson 210, Roger Spanier 203 Women's High Games: Dar Larson 178, Vicki Walter 172, 170, Angie Carlson 170 Men's High Games: Brad Waage 644, Roger Spanier 572, Brad Larson 558 Women's High Games: Vicki Walter 507, Sue Stanley 466, Darci Spanier 446

President's List The following students have been named to the President's List at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown for the fall semester. They are Skyler Bonn, Samantha Jondahl, Spencer Knecht, Parker Kroll, Braden Miller and Tyler Wagner. Jondahl, Kroll, Miller and Wagner were named to the 4.0 list.

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The Life of Lavohn Sieh

Mass of Christian burial for Lavohn C. Sieh, 95, of Aberdeen, was held Friday, December 11, 2015, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 409 3rd Avenue SE, Aberdeen, with Father Mark Lichter as celebrant.

Burial took place at Groton Union Cemetery in Groton, SD. Lavohn died peacefully on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

Known for her strong personality, Lavohn (Herron) Sieh was born June 3, 1920 at Groton, S.D. to Guy and Emma (Kalbus) Herron. Lavohn grew up in Groton where her dad owned a Case Farm Implement dealership. She often helped out by working. She was a waitress at local cafes and worked for the city for \$1 a day while in high school. She did housework and fixed hair for 10 cents a head. She attended Groton schools and graduated from South Dakota State at Brookings with a degree in home economics in 1942. Tuition at the time was

In 1943, Lavohn traveled by train to Catalina Island, Calif. On Feb. 15, she married her high school sweetheart, Roland "Bill" Sieh. They lived in Catalina through the end of WW II and after his discharge from the Navy, moved to Austin, Minn., then Hutchinson, Minn. In 1952, they moved to the Bath area to be close to family. They farmed for nearly 50 years. In 2000, they left the farm and moved to an apartment in Aberdeen. Bill passed away May 7, 2009. In April of this year, Lavohn moved to Nano Nagle Village in Aberdeen and then to Mother Joseph Manor where she lived at the time of her death.

Lavohn taught school and also worked with the South Dakota Extension Service. She was well known for her work with women in Extension Clubs and 4-Hers. She taught classes in nutrition, sewing and home arts to many individuals. Her skills in teaching enhanced her work with young people in Brown County's 4-H programs.

In addition to traveling to 49 states, she and her husband enjoyed extending their home to a lake cottage at Lake Sallie in Minnesota and to Port Aransas, Texas where they spent many winter months. Family often visited them at these locations. She loved family gatherings and hosted many dinners on the farm.

She and Bill raised five children. They enjoyed their extended family with trips to visit their kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Bird watching was a favorite past time. Lavohn always had a special fondness for cats. Playing bridge was a special treat for her and served to keep her mind active. When young, she read for pleasure. Books were her constant companions up to her last days.

Lavohn was reserved but outgoing in starting conversations and learning about people's background. Many times she found a link to people who started out as strangers.

A group of ladies began meeting in the Bath area in the 1960s for coffee. The group continues even today though most members now live in Aberdeen. Life-long friendships were forged and Lavohn was a regular member of that coffee group and continued to be a part of it this year.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen. She was a member of Band 711 and a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Surviving Lavohn are her children Tom (Nancy) Sieh of Katy, Texas; Patrick Sieh of Groton, S.D.; Connie (Dale) Groop of Frederick and Julie Sieh and her husband Brent Blumenthal of Belton, Texas and son-in-law, John Dokken of Sartell, Minn.

12 grandchildren: John Dokken, Susan Altenburg, William Sieh, Melissa Sieh, Amanda Strickland, Robert Sieh, Angela Sieh, Ellen Arens, Alisha Amar, Katy Groop, Ben Blumenthal and Sam Blumenthal; and 16 great-grandchildren: Danielle and Deanna Dokken; Sophie and John Robert Altenburg; Garrett and Kyle Fitzgerald and Hunter Reed; William and Joseph Strickland; William and Christopher Sieh; Madelyn and Brandon Sieh; Donald and Nathan Arens; and Avishai Amar.

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Preceding her in death were her husband in 2009, and her daughter Charlotte (Sieh) Dokken in 2014, her parents and her three sisters, Darlene Crawford, Dorothy Schulz and Betty Purcell.



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GROTON LIONS CLUB

The Groton Lions Club had its Christmas potluck, and January monthly meeting, Thursday evening, January 14.

Dave Pigors, past president; led the business session.

Michelle Mullenburg, Lions Snow queen chairman; sent her written report. The Groton Lions assisted the Kiwanis Club with this annual event.

Lee Schinkel will get baby gifts to members Paul Taylor, Greg Heilman, Joshua and Elizabeth Johnson, and their families.

Topper Tastad reported that Sunday, June 12, will be the Show 'n Shine car show, at Terry Thompson's farm. Topper also reported on a proposed Groton directory.

Pastor Elizabeth Johnson gave some details abou the Kids Against Hunger project, to be held in Aberdeen, in March. Groton Emmanual Lutheran and Methodist youth groups will be working at this. A monetary contribution was made to this cause.

Greg Heilman wlll chair the annual Easter egg hunt, in March.

Michelle will again chair the annual spring rummage sale.

Marti Seurer proposed Ryan Quiggle for membership, and Lee proposed Jeff Bompous for membership Both Ryan and Jeff were voted to become new members of the Groton Lions Club. President Chris Frost, past president Lee; and Topper Tastad were voted upon, to be the

club's delegates to the state convention, in Aberdeen, January 30-31.

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In the Sisseton match, Trevor Pray wrestlered at 132 pounds and he pinned Norvin Moreno in 3:25. Grady O'Neill at 145 pounds was pinned by Logan Grimm, 1:47. Wyatt Locke at 182 pounds was pinned by Vincent Herberg in 1:31. Brandyn Anderson at 285 pounds pinned Kaeden Metz in 1:33.

In the Webster match, Trevor Pray wrestled at 126 pounds where he decisioned Joey Hubsch, 9-3. Wyatt Locke wrestled at 182 pounds where he was decisioned by Tristen Bent, 3-2. Brandyn Anderson, at 285, pinned Chase Sigdestad in 37 seconds.



Chapter One: The Attic Discovery "I think today would be a good "Do you think it's full of magaday to start sorting some of the zines?" Jenny asked.

old junk out of the attic. Why don't you come upstairs and help me?" Grandma said.

"Okay, sure," she replied. Jenny had been up there once or twice before so she knew it was full of all sorts of cardboard boxes and furniture and lots of old dusty things. Jenny loved helping her grandmother, but spending the afternoon in Grandma's attic didn't sound like much fun.

Once they were upstairs Grandma said, "Let's start over in this corner, Jenny. I know I don't need all these old magazines anymore. We can sack them up for the recycling bin. Would you go see if there are any more magazines behind those boxes by the window?"

Jenny walked over and moved the boxes aside. She didn't see anything except a big wooden trunk. It looked just like the one in the old movie she had

"Oh, no. You won't find any old magazines in there," Grandma answered. "What's

in it, Grandma?" Jenny asked. "Well, this trunk is full of my most cherished belongings. Would you like to see what's inside?" Grandma asked, as she pulled over a chair and sat down by the trunk.

"Sure," Jenny said, without much enthusiasm. She could only imagine how boring the afternoon was going to be if they had to look at old dusty pictures, newspaper clippings and clothes.

Grandma lifted up the big metal latch and raised the lid. Jenny saw the trunk was full of all sorts of old things. There were pictures and clothes, but there were also books and something covered in lace and an old doll in a long white dress.

Jenny started to reach for the old doll and was going to ask

Grandma about it when some-













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enny was sitting in the Uwindow seat watching the rain trickle down the windowpanes. Being at Grandma's house was usually lots of fun, but since it had been raining all week she was very bored. Jenny and her friend Emily, who lived down the road from Grandma, always looked forward to getting together and exploring down by the creek, but with all the rain the past week they hadn't been able to go. Jenny had called Emily to see if she could come over and play inside, but Emily had

gone to visit her cousins in the city today. She wished it would stop raining. watched with Grandma last night. "There's just an old trunk over here," she told he

Jenny's thoughts were interrupted when her grandmother called from the hallway. "Jenny, can you come help me, please?"

"Sure, Grandma," she yelled back. "I'll be right there." Jenny jumped up and ran out into the hall. Grandma was standing by the attic door with her hands full of paper sacks. "What are you doing, Grandma?" Jenny asked.



Things to Think About and Do

Newspaper stories and photographs are common keepsakes. Look through your newspaper to find different types of stories and photographs that readers might find important to save in their own treasure trunk. Cut out examples and explain why each would be important.

To download the companion educator guide, with activities that tie to some of the badge requirements for Girl Scouts, visit mo-nie.com and use code: nnateach. Learn more about the Girl Scouts of the USA by visiting www.girlscouts.org



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Brown County Jan. 12, 2016

Meeting Minutes JANUARY 12, 2016 – GEN-ERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton and Fischbach. Commissioner Fieldheim was absent. Commissioner Fischbach led the Pledge of Allegiance. MINUTES: Moved by Fisch-

bach, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2016. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve

the following claims: Payroll: Commission \$5,069, Payroli: Commission \$5,069, 97; Auditor \$7,678.86; Trea-surer \$13,018.56; States At-torney \$16,666.36; Blood Draws \$200.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,892.08; Maintenance \$6,948.79; Assessor \$13,580.88; Desister of Design \$274.05; Register of Deeds \$8,374.95 Veterans Service Office \$3,670.88; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$7,450.53; Human Resources \$3,022.21; Sheriff Admin \$34,767.77; Jail \$39,010.13; Coroner \$1,650.00; JDC \$18,967.81; HD \$5,862.56; Welfare_Office_\$3,581.57; Museum \$7,439.66; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,543.63; Fair Board \$4,203.57; 4-H \$1,147.20; Weed \$1,096.31; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$43,019.41; Communications \$25,808.47; Emergency Management \$3,880.14; Teen Court \$372.60; 24/7 \$3,233.25; Landfill \$11,141.94.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$17,792.28; Medicare \$4,161.10. Professional Fees: Advanced Weighing Systems \$1,750.00; Helms & Assoc. \$4,079.50; Kolker Law \$1,490.25; Midstates \$75.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$3,852.59; SD Teen Court Assoc. \$1,350.00; Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home \$1,869.00. Rentals: Danne \$260.00; SD

Real Estate \$330.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Biegler's \$471.47; Walth Safety Service \$2,324.37.

Supplies: Academy Trophy & Engraving \$68.00; Ameripride \$251.89; Century Business Products \$8.36; Midstates Printing \$129.66; Photo-X-Press \$388.18; Police Magazine \$25.00; Running's \$109.96; Vosika Fencing \$371.80; Web Water Bottling Co. \$6.50.

Travel and Conference: Kathy Fischer \$318.66; IAAO \$190.00; Leo Lesher \$79.90; Russell Metz \$244.40; SDAAO \$330.00. Utilities: Midcontinent

\$270.00; NVC \$2,118.32; NWPS \$36.54.

Other: Safe Harbor \$689.00. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee step increases, effective January 17, 2016: Brian Bahr @ \$17.8 per hour, Jackie Ormand @ \$16.38 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring Nick Cochrane, effective January 6, 2016 for purpose of prisoner transport. All members present voting aye. Motion car ried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve Tom Schmitt, Chief Deputy Sheriff no longer be classified as 90% of the sheriff's salary when calculat-ing wages; and further approve 5% salary increase for Chief Deputy Tom Schmitt, effective December 20, 2015 for pro-rated 2016 annual salary in amount of

\$65,276.64. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to declare scrap metal from Highway Department and Main-tenance surplus for purpose of sale in 2016. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. ABATEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following abatements: BNSF RR @ \$64,129.47 (railroad tax credit), Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern (RCP&E) RR @ \$1,121.10 (tax credit). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - HAY CUTTING: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for hay cutting on County land, approximately 21 acres at Richmond Youth Camp (Sec 24-T124N-R65W), to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on February 2, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion

carried. AUDITORS REPORT OF AC-COUNT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the December 2015 Auditor's Report_of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$20,200,506.35 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$14,193.81, Dacotah Bank @ \$476,505.79, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$19,704,006.75). All mem-bers present voting aye. Motion

BID - COUNTY ROAD 5 BRIDGE 218 REPLACEMENT CONTRACT/NOTICE TO PRO-CEED:

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Contract with Industrial Builders, Inc. for labor and material for the completion of County Road 5 – 2016 Bridge #218 Replacement Project; and further approve and authorize the Chair sign Notice to Proceed. All members present voting aye. lotion carried.

BID – MARKET STREET EN-TRANCE PROJECT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve Addendum #1 and Addendum #ME-1 for the Market Street Entrance Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing labor and material for the Market Street Entrance Project (remove existing doors and steps and replace with enclosed (option 1) or open (option 2) handicapped ramp and entrance). Bids were received from JDH Construction, Aberdeen; Zeller Brothers, Aberdeen; Quest Construction, Aberdeen; Huff Construction, Aberdeen. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to refer all bids to Judy Dosch, Maintenance Supervisor for review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to award low bid, submitted by JDH Construction in total amount of \$200,520.00 (base bid @ \$197,620.00, Alt 3 @ \$2,900.00) for furnishing labor and material for the Market Street Entrance Project; rejecting JDH Construction Alt 1 @ \$3,500.00, Alt 2 @ \$4,200.00, Option 2 @ \$98,700.00; Zeller Brothers base bid @ \$217,000.00, Alt 1 @ \$3,500.00, Alt 2 @ \$4,300.00, Alt 3 @ \$3,000.00, Option 2 @ \$111,000.00; Quest Construction base bid @ \$219,415.00, Alt 1 @ \$3,500.00, Alt 2 @ \$4,400.00, Alt 3 @ \$3,300.00, Option 2 @ \$97,000.00; Huff Construction base bid @ \$225,000.00, Alt 1

@ \$3.000.00, Alt 2 @ \$5.000.00.

Alt 3 @ \$4,000.00, Option 2 (@ \$65,000.00; to be partially funded by HHS Grant funds in amount of \$114,750.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 098 - FIRST READING: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve First Reading of Ordinance #098, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 -Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning desig-nation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini Ag-ricultural 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). All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. ASSESSMENT PLAN 2016: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to support the 2016 as-sessment plan as presented by Mary Worlie, Director of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

- DOCUMENT MANAGE-RFP MENT: Time and place, as adver-tised to open, read and consider sealed Requests for Proposals for Document Management Solution. Proposals received from SC Information System, Fargo; Century Business Products, Ab-erdeen; Active Data Systems, Sioux Falls; Highland, Minne-apolis; A&B Business Solutions, Aberdeen; Marco, Aberdeen. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to refer all proposals to Paul Sivertsen, CIO for review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PART-TIME INVESTIGATOR: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to authorize Gary Vetter and Larry Lovrien proceed with part-time investigator position. Clifford Rhodes, Welfare director was also in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY FIVE-YEAR PLAN AMENDMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following amendment to the Highway Five-Year Plan adding Bridge 07-008-480 (BR 001) and Bridge 07-019-020 (BR 206) for TLS grant funding in 2016; and for replacement/ rehab funding in 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCU-PANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following applications, submit-ted by East River Electric Power Inc, (Ronald Golden in Coop, attendance) for occupancy of County Hwy #21 in Sec 13-T122-R61; County Hwy #13 in Sec 14-23-T124-R61 (existing pole location); County Hwy #13 in Sec 14-23-T124-R61 (over-hang); County Hwy #13 in Sec 14-23-T124-R61 (ROW); County Hwy #13 in Sec 15-23-T124-R61; County Hwy #13 in Sec 15-22-T124-R61; County Hwy #13 in Sec 13-24-T124-R61; County Hwy #13 in Sec 13-24-T124-R61; County Hwy #13 in Sec 18,19 & 20-T124-R61 & 62; County Hwy #13 in Sec 15-22-T124-R61, all in Brown County, SD to provide an above ground double circuit electrical transmission line. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fisch-bach to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter and Maxine Fischer in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by

adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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Claremont Town

Jan. 12, 2016

Meeting Minutes The board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met in regular session on 1-12-16 at 7:00 p.m. in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Merkel and Crosby present. The minutes of the December meeting were read and on a motion by Crosby and seconded by Merkel were approved as read. On a motion by Merkel and seconded by Crosby the following warrants were allowed: General: Jason Spencer, 6hrs, 96.00; James Valley, phone, 83.27; NWE, lights, 338.79; Unemployment Ins. SD, quarterly report, 35.10; IRS, 4 quarter report, 592.86; Charla Rye, wage, 300.00; WSSW: BDM, water used, 607.90; Ecolab, pest elimination, 153.09; Robin Crosby, meter reading, 138.52; NWE, water and sewer 489.56; salaries for 2016: Town of Claremont Trustees-75.00 per meting, Finance office-345.00 per month, meter reading- 150.00 per month, mowing- 10.00, snow removal- 16.00 per hour. The Groton Independent was designated as the official news paper for the town of Claremont for 2016. With no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was made by Crsoby and seconded by Merkel. Motion

carried.

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Brown County Hay Cutting **Bid Notice**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY AND

RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:45 a.m. on February 2, 2016 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County land – approximately 21 acres at Richmond Youth Camp - Sec 24-T124N-R65W; with no minimum amount per acre. Two additional one-year options (2017, 2018) may be exercised, provided the Brown County Commission is notified in writing by November 1 of the year preceding the option.

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

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

Notice of

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 06-6

The following school board positions will become vacant July

following school board members: Lars Hanson, 3-year term

Merle Harder, 3-year term Dorene Nelson, 3-year term Circulation of nominating

petitions may begin on January 29, 2016, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 26, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 26, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

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11993 (2t. Jan 18 & Jan 25, 2016) **Claremont Town**

Notice of Vacancy

Notice of Vacancy The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office: 3yr. term/trustee

Circulation of the nominating petitions may begin on 1-25-16 and petitions may be filed with the finance officer at 507 6th St. in Claremont, SD petition must be filed not later than 5p.m. on 2-26-16., (0119.0126)

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Groton City Notice of

Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON The following offices will be-come vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

Mayor (three year term) Councilman Ward I (one year

term) Councilman Ward I (two year term)

Councilman Ward II (two year term)

Councilman Ward III (two vear term)

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29, 2016 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at 209 N Main St., Groton, SD between the hours of 8am and 5pm central standard time not later than the 26th day of February, 2016 at 5pm.

(0119.0126)

Anita Lowary Finance Officer

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Frederick Town Notice of

Vacancy

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Frederick The following office will become vacant due to expiration of the present term of office of

the elected officers. Board of Trustees

1 year term

3 year team Circulating of nominating petitions may begin on January 29, 2016, and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance office located at 406 1/2 3rd Avenue, frederick, SD between the hours of 9:15 am and NOON (Central Standard Time) on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Final day for turning in petition is Febru-ary 26, 2016, when office will be

Groton City January 18, 2016 **Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2016 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 mem-bers present: Fliehs, McGannon, Opp, Peterson, Blackmun, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glove was absent. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeier.

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

Councliman Glover enters the meeting at this point. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye. Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 7,387.58 ss & wh; Office of Child Support Enforcement 334 31 Support Enforcement 334.31 emp child support; A&B Business Solutions 73.50 ink; April Abeln 460.00 dep flex; AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; Avera Queen of Peace 185.70 drug tests; Badger Meter 237.00 meter gateway; Banyon Data Systems 2,385.00 comp support; Border States Electric 248.64 crossarms; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Car Quest 828.50 filters, fuse, paint, spark plug; Colonial Research 290.30 degreaser, polish; Dakota Pump & Control 85.00 relays; Dearborne Na-tional Ins 88.00 life ins; Guardian Insurance 233.63 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 64,912.68 power; Ken's Food Fair 1,627.91 gas, towels, tc, water, coffee; Lyles Signs 36.27 sign; MJs Sinclair 748.83 gas, dsl, wipers, tire repair; RDO- John Deere Credit 1,596.13 batteries, edges, belts, blades; SD Municipal League 20.00 registration; SD One Call 25.20 message fees; SD State Treasurer 7,788.17 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement

Electric 20,321.00 transformers; Ultramax 388.72 ammunition; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 30,520.24 power

Mayor Hanlon leaves the room at this point and Councilman McGannon assumes the chair manship.

Quotations for the gravel to be used in 2016 were received, opened, and read aloud.

Krueger Brothers - \$16,84 per varď Hanlon Brothers - \$17.00

per yard

Moved by Peterson and sec-onded by Blackmun to accept low quotation by Krueger Brothers for the 2016 supply of gravel. All members present voted aye. Mayor Hanlon reenters the meeting at this point and assumes the chairmanship.

Discussion was held on the Hwy 37 project for 2017. The states proposal of \$2 per square foot for land purchases and \$.16 for temporary easements during the construction was reviewed. The City would sell the northwest corner of Lot 8, Block 42, Third Addition (corner of Hwy 37 and Railroad Ave at the City Shop) to SD Dept of Transportation for a more natural curve at that intersection in the proposal. Also the approach to the north electric substation would be relocated south and widened. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to accept the DOT proposal and authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the deed. All members present voted aye.

Now that the police storage has been moved to the City Shop from the Jail, and no funds are planned for repairs, McGannon moved and Blackmun seconded

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Vacancy NOTICE OF VACANCY MU-NICIPALITY OF WESTPORT

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

John Bain 3yrs term, Mike Wilson 1 yr. term and Jan Ellefson 2 yr. term.

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29th, 2016 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 27 2nd Ave W Westport SD between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. or by calling 290-5610, (central standard or central daylight) time not later than the 26th day of February, 2016 at 5:00pm. Doreen Hertel Finance Officer (0119.0126)Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$14.70. 11994

to have the Jail torn down and removed. All member present voted ave

Mayor Hanlon appointed Planning and Zoning Commission member, Sherwin Nyberg, to another 5 year term. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to accept this appoint-ment. All members present voted ave.

Due to the Presidents Day holiday on February 15, 2016, the City Council meeting will be held on February 16, 2016 at 7pm on a motion by Glover and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blockmun to authorize Electric Supt Shawn Lambertz to attend the Electric Supt Conference in Watertown on Mar 1-2 and to attend the Management Workshop in Aberdeen on Mar 21. All members present voted aye

Finance Officer Lowary reminded members that Hanlon, Peterson, Blackmun, McGannon, and Glover were all up for re-election this year and that petitions could be taken out and circulated on Jan 29 to Feb 26. Meeting adjourned. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Anita Lowary, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$27.21. 12002

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Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Beverly Sombke with Eunice McCollister assisting on January 18. Nine members answered roll call with "how to stay warm." The Christmas collection of \$54 was given to the transit system and a thank you was read from Arlis DOEDEN. Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl posters were judged on January 20. New business included announcement of the state Garden Club Convention to be held in Milbank, June 18, at the Lantern Inn. The February 15, meeting will be held at the home of Linda Gengerke with Ruby Donavon assisting. Linda will also give the program. Following the meeting Marj Overacker gave the program on "the importance of Mulch."



Book Fair to be held February 11

What:

Groton Area Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, February, 11, 2016, from 1:30 to 8:00 pm. Funds raised will help purchase books to expand the elementary library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

Brett Schwan, Elementary Principal, will preview books with the students by reading books or selections from books throughout the week of February 8th.

When:

The Book Fair will be open daily during school hours for the students to preview books. Purchases may be made on Thursday afternoon from 1:30 until 8 pm. Online shopping will be available February 9-29. An app is also available that will give book levels, price and a synopsis. All you do is scan the book with your cell phone and the information is at your fingertips.

Where:

Groton Area Elementary is located at 810 N 1st.

More:

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program. In addition, the Book Fair will feature the All for Books[™] program, where students can share the thrill of reading with others by donating loose change to purchase books from the Book Fair for expanding the title selection at the elementary library. Scholastic Book Fairs® then matches those monetary donations with a donation of up to one million dollars in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations, such as Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and the Kids In Need Foundation.

If you are interested in helping with the book fair – setting up (Feb 5), helping students select books and cashiering (Feb 11), packing up (Feb 12) – please contact Julie Milbrandt at julie.milbrandt@k12.sd.us.



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Girls beat Cyclones, boys go 1-2 on the week



Katie Koehler and Charity Kabwe battle for the loose ball. (Photo buy Julianna Kosel)



Hunter Lerew gets around Clark-Willow Lake's Noah Huber to pass off the ball. (Photo buy Julianna Kosel)



Groton's high school basketball teams split a pair of games with Clark-Willow Lake this past week. On Thursday, the Lady Tigers won at home, 51-29, and the boys lost at Clark Friday night, 60-47. Then on Saturday, the boys took on Little Wound at the Redfield Classic where the Mustangs won, 68-56. The Groton boys got back on the winning track on Tuesday with a 60-38 win over lpswich.

Clark-Willow Lake 60, Groton Area 47

It was all Groton Area in the first half as the Shabazz boys combined for 20 points which included six three-pointers and Adam Herman had two three-pointers for six points. But the Cyclones shut down the shooting in the second half, limiting the Shabazz boys to five points and Herman was scoreless in the second half. Sean Schuring was also scoreless in the second half as he scored his four points in the first half.

The Tigers were 13 of 26 in shooting in the first half while Clark-Willow Lake was nine of 21. Groton led, 18-12, after the first quarter and 34-23 at half time. The Cyclones outscored Groton Area, 20-6, in the third period to take a 43-40 lead at the end of the third quarter, and they outscored the Tigers, 17-7, in the fourth quarter for the win.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Bennett Shabazz with 11, Hunter Lerew had eight, Adam Herman six, and Sean Schuring and Aaron Severson each had four points.

In the first half, Groton Area made 52 percent of its field goals while Clark-Willow Lake made 40 percent. In the second half, the Tigers cooled to 28 percent and the Julianna Kosel)



Adam Herman gets ready to pass off the ball. (Photo buy

Cyclones warmed up to 56 percent. The Tigers were two of six in free throws for 33 percent off of Clark-Willow Lake's 12 team fouls. The Cyclones were six of 11 from the line off of Groton Area's 15 team fouls. Lerew had two blocks and Bennett Shabazz had one for Groton Area and Braxton Hartley had one for Clark-Willow Lake. The Tigers had 18 turnovers, eight of which were steals. Clark-Willow Lake had six turnovers, two of which were steals. Groton had nine assists with Schuring having three. Schuring had seven of the team's 28 rebounds while Noah Huber had six of Clark-Willow Lake's 26 rebounds.

The Cyclones were led in scoring by Dylan Miles with 17 points followed by Rory Forest with 12, Noah Huber had 11, Braxton Hartley nine, Bradyn Rusher had six and Jacob Prouty added five points.

Clark-Willow Lake won the junior varsity game, 35-24. The Tigers held a 12-11 lead with 1:52 left in the first half, but then the Cyclones put on a full court defense and the Tigers turned the ball over several times. Tylan Glover led the Tigers with 10 points followed by Marhsall Lane with five, Treyton Diegel had three and Brandon Keith, Jackson Oliver and Austin Jones each had two points.

Groton Area 51, Clark-Willow Lake 29

Clark-Willow Lake's girls kept the game interesting in the first half with the game tied at seven



after the first quarter and there were three lead changes in the second quarter as Groton held an 18-17 lead at half time. Groton Area scored nine unasnwered points in the third quarter to take a 39-26 lead at the break. The Tiger defense held Clark-Willow Lake to a single basket in the fourth quarter as the Tigers went on to win, 51-29.

Coach Shaun Wanner said he was happy with the game. "I told the girls they had to fight their way out of dejection and to get more determination. We can preach all we want, but only they can fight their way back." The Lady Tigers had lost two back-to-back games, but determination made its way to the forefront. After the first half, Wanner said, "We switched to a triangle and two and then a box and one to shut down their shooters," Wanner said. "Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange and Jessica Bjerke did a good job on the triangle and two. Miranda Hanson also did some runnina and she hit three threes for us.

Seric Shabazz is double teamed by Clark-Willow Harleigh Stange brings the ball upcourt. Lake's Braxton Hartley (11) and Dylan Miles (32).

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Audrey Wanner puts up this shot with Lauren Wheeting holding off the defense. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Sean Schuring gets in the middle of the



I'm poud of how our girls rebounded from Tuesday's game." Coach Greg Kjellsen, said, "I think this was our best game of the year. We just have to keep up on the intensity and not allow the other feam back in the game."

Carly Wheeting led the Lady Tigers with 15 points followed by Audrey Wanner with 14, Miranda Hanson nine, Katie Koehler seven, Harleigh Stange four and Jessica Bjerke two.

The Cyclones were led by Janae Kolden with 13 points followed by Angela Young with seven, Raegan Florey had five and Jen Tonak added four points.

The Lady Tigers made 38 percent of their field goals and were four of seven from the line for 57 percent. Groton Area had 33 rebounds with Wheeting having 11, Wanner and Bjerke each had three of the team's 11 assists, Wheeting had four of the team's nine steald, Wheeting had one block and the Tigers had 13 turnovers and 15 team fouls.

Clark-Willow Lake won the junior varsity game, 31-26.

Groton Area Scoring: Payton Maine eight, Alex Stange five, Taylor Holm and Sam Menzia with four each, Miranda Hanson three and Portia Kettering two.

Clark-Willow Lake Scoring: Charity KaBoue led the Cyclones with 15 points.

Little Wound 68, Groton Area 56

Then on Saturday, the boys battled Little Wound at the Redfield Classic. The Tigers jumped out to a 6-0 lead and did trail, 12-10, after the first quarter. The Tigers scored six straight points to take a 16-12 lead and opened up a 23-17 lead midway in the second quarter. Little Wound quickly rallied to take a 29-25 lead and led at half time, 29-28. Groton tied the game at 29, but the Warriors went on a 15-point run to take a 47-31 lead. Little Wound led after the third quarter, 49-35.

It was even for most of the fourth quarter with the Tigers closing to within 10 at 66-56. Little Wound went on to win, 68-56.

Groton Area mad 39 percent of its field goals in the first half, but cooled off to 25 percent in the second half. Little Wound made 36 percent of its field goals in the first half, and warmed Kosel)

up to 41 percent in the second half.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 25 ponts as he made four three-pointers in the fourth quarter. Bennett Shabazz had 12 points with 10 of those coming in the first half. Adam Herman finished with six points. Sean Schuring made five points before going out of the game from an injury. Aaron Severson had four points and Brandon Keith added three.

Four players hit fouble figures for Little Wound with Robert Shangreaux having 17, Tex Janis 14, Jeremiah Hopkins 13 and Shilo Tallman 11. Others adding points were Michael Breve with six, Ethan Mills four, Darrell Looks Twice two points and Ash Featherman added one point.

Little Wound controlled the boards, 50-42. The Mustangs had 16 offensive rebounds while Groton Area had 10. Leading rebounders for Groton Area were Bennett Shabazz with 11 and Adam Herman had eight. Tex Janis had 11 rebounds for Little Wound and Shilo Tallman had nine.

Groton Area had 20 turnovers with 12 of them being steals. Little Wound had 20 turnovers with 12 of them being steals as Bennett Shabazz had six steals. Hunter Lerew had one block while Shangreaux had two and Ethan Mills one for Little Wound.

The Tigers made 15 of 30 in free throws for 50 percent off of Little Wound's 24 team fouls. Little Wound made 12 of 21 free action under the basket. (Photo by Julianna Kosel) throws for 67 percent off of Groton's 17 team fouls.

The Tigers are now 4-4 on the season and will travel to Ipswich on Tuesday. Little Wound goes to 8-2 and will host Rapid City Douglas on Friday.

Groton Area 60, Ipswich 38

Groton Area 60, Ipswich 38lpswich had 29 turnovers thanks to the Groton defense Tuesday night as the boys' basketball team posted a 60-38 nonconference win over Ipswich in Ipswich. Groton Area led at the guarter stops at 13-6, 21-11 and 33-14.

Four players hit double figures for the Groton Area Tigers with Sean Schuring leading the way with 13 points followed by Hunter Lerew with 12, Brandon Keith and Bennett Shabazz each had 10, Anthony Sippel seven, and Seric Shabazz and Aaron Severson each had four points.

Ipswich was led by Trenton Steaer with 12 followed by Dylan Northrop with nine, Jacob Baer seven, Ben Pond five and adding two points each were Lance Leonhardt and Riley Gilbert. Groton Area is now 5-4 on the season and will travel to



Brady Keith looks for an open teammate. (Photo buy Julianna



Bennett Shabazz passes

Jessica Bjerke puts up this jump shot. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

the ball to Aaron Severson under the basket. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Webster on Friday. Ipswich, now 3-6, will host Faulkton Area on Thursday.

Groton made 38 percent of its field goals, making 14 of 29 shots while Ipswich made 56 percent of its field goals putting up only 12 shots and making eight of them. Three-pointers were made by Brandon Keith with two and Anthony Sippel with one.

Groton Area made nine of 17 free throws off of Ipswich's 18 team fouls for 53 percent while Ipswich was seven of nine from the line off of Groton Area's 12 team fo uls for 78 percent. Groton Area had 21 offensive and 11 defensive rebounds with Hunter Lerew having eight rebounds. Ipswich had two offensive rebounds and 23 defensive rebounds with Trenton Steger having seven. Groton Area had nine turnovers, four of which were steals. Ipswich had 29 turnovers, 20 of which were steals with Bennett Shabazz having six and Seric Shabazz four. Lerew had three blocks.

Ipswidch won the junior varsity game, 36-23. Scoring for Groton Area were: Marshall Lane 9, Brandon Keith 5, Treyton Diegel 3, Anthony Sippel 2, Austin Jones 2, Johnny Doeden 1, Tylan Glover 1. Groton won the C game, 36-24. Scoring for Groton Area were: Austin Jones 12, Treyton Diegel 6, Peyton Johnson 5, Johnny Doeden 4, Tylan Glover 4, Mitchell Koens 3, Mitchell Thurston 2.



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Thursday, January 21

State FFA District Officer Training in Pierre

School Breakfast: French toast, link, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, tater tots, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Birthdays: Ella Johnson, Landon Larson, Rachel Zoellner, Steve Young, Valerie Kavanaugh

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Quilting

6:00pm: Wrestling at Clark with Britton-Hecla

6:30pm: GBB hosts Webster Area

Friday, January 22

Debate at Watertown

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple and mandarin orange sauce.

Birthdays: Mickie Locke Claeys, Trevor Larson.

3:00pm: JHBBB at Webster (7th at 3:00, 8th at 4:00)

5:15pm: BBB at Webster (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

Saturday, January 23

Debate at Watertown Birthdays: Andre Bonn, Bruce Sippel, Collin Townsend, Jeff Fliehs, Laura Schuster, Lori Westby, Mick Sippel, Monte Sippel

9:00am: Robotics at Groton

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

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

3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

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

Monday, January 25

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

School Lunch: Quesadilla, mixed vegetables, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Debra Olson, Marc Hanson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: BBB at Northwestern: C game at 6:30 (no JV), varsity to follow

7:00pm: School Board meeting

Tuesday, January 26

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork

Hawkins, Marcia Blumhardt, Rhonda Millim, Wendy Cooper

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, January 28

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

School Lunch: Chicken dummies, muffin, smile potato, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, potatoes and carrots and onions, gravy, peaches, multi-grain dinner roll.

Birthdays: Audrey Miller, Deanna Hendrickson, Loren Locken, Ruby Luce

5:15pm: GBB at Sisseton (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

6:00pm: Wrestling Triangler host Deuel and Redfield-Doland

Friday, January 29

Debate at Yankton School Breakfast: Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk. School Lunch: BBQ, tater

tots, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, coleslaw, orange sherbet, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Dorene Nelson, Glenda LaMee, Loren Wheeler

5:15pm: BBB host Sisseton (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity

Saturday, January 30

Debate at Yankton

Birthdays: Mary Kay Houdek, Patty Baule, Trevor

10:00am: Groton Wrestling Tourney

3:00pm: GBB at Gettys-

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

Sunday, January 31

Birthdays: Ann Sheridan, Emma Jo Larson

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

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

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship / annual meeting

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

2:00pm: Carnival of Silver Skates

3:00pm: JK-8th Open Gym 5:00pm: Open Gym for 6th-8th Grade

6:30pm: Carnival of Silver Skates



9:30am: Wrestling at Arlington Tourney

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

Sunday, January 24

Anniv: Ron & Doris Anderson Birthdays: Curtis Furman, Jami Larson, Meta Pray

9:00am: 9:00 am: Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School

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

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

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study 4:00pm: JHBBB host Warner (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00) 6:30pm: BBB host Hitchcock-Tulare

Wednesday, January 27

FFA State Degree Review/ Star Interviews at Webster School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk. School Lunch: Hot dog

wraps, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed said with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

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Greetings to all from our State Capitol. Session has of-ficially begun! On Tuesday we heard Governor Daugaard's State of the State address. One of the highlights of his speech was as follows: increasing the sales tax by a half cent to fund teachers with the goal of getting our average South Dakota teacher pay up to 48,500 dollars. It would be placed on a sliding scale and schools that have higher student-teacher ratios would stand to get more money. As time goes along, we will see what this means for our smaller area schools,

who cannot meet the ratio of 14:1. It is important that every school district is treated fairly.(May I note that the large school lobbyists are already there in full force.) Other topics addressed was Medicaid Expansion, more oversight of organizations that administer state and federal grants, (well needed), and placing more focus on workforce development.

Day 2 we heard from Justice Gilbertson who spoke on our teen courts and juvenile diversion programs and the success ratio of each. It is the hope that with programs such as these, we can place our youth on the right path in making healthy choices. He also explained the importance of the results which came of the summer study on elder abuse, involving physical, emotional, and financial abuse of our senior citizens.

Day 3 we heard the State of the Tribes address. Leader Fraser presented a picture of the problems the tribes experience, especially with youth, meth use, and teen suicides on the reservations. They are looking for guidance and help from South Dakota people and programs to eliminate this epidemic.

We legislators especially enjoyed attend the Korean War Veterans ceremony, which was held in the rotunda. South Korean leaders were on hand to present medals to our deserving soldiers as a token of appreciation of their sacrifices during the Korean War. I was proud of our local soldiers and families who were able to attend. Thank you for your service.

I am pleased also to have Katie Miller of Groton serving as a page in our chamber. She is doing a wonderful job and hopefully learning more about our legislative process.

As we go forth, many bills will be loaded into the hopper. Some will move on, and some will not. As we vote on the fate of each bill, I want to ask



that you keep us apprised to your thoughts and keep us in your prayers. Hopefully my votes will focus on the betterment of South Dakota as I have taken an oath to protect and serve. My duty is not to enrich certain interest groups but to look at all people and how each proposed law will impact the entirety of the residents of this state.

I can be reached at rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us or lana.greenfield@ gmail.com. You can also call 773-3851 during session. Until next week, stay well and warm!!

Rep. Greenfield



Greetings from your state capitol! I hope this finds you and your loved ones doing well as we embark upon a new year. As I begin writing, I would first like to express my gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to work for you. It is an honor to be entrusted with this great responsibility.

Again this year, I am serving as the vice chairman of the Taxation and Commerce & Energy Committees and as a member of the Education Committee. On Thursday we took up action on five bills in Commerce & Energy, while we delayed action on a sixth bill so that some amendments could be drawn up. As is the case with a majority of the bills that are heard early in session, the five bills that passed out of the committee were "clean up" bills that address updates to existing language. These bills were introduced by their respective departments. They met with unanimous approval with only one proponent and no opponents speaking on each bill. They will be taken up for action this week on the Senate floor, and I anticipate they will all be passed over to the House side without any dissenting votes.

The Tax Committee had a briefing from the Department of Revenue on Friday. The Secretary of the Department outlined the duties of the department and discussed how many dollars are generated by each tax levied upon the people of South Dakota. It is anticipated that in the current year, the 4% sales tax will generate \$840 million for the State's ongoing operations.

Speaking of sales taxes, in the Governor's State of the State address, he revealed that he will be introducing an bill to increase the sales tax levy by 1/2 percent this year in order to fund his education initiative that calls for an increase in teacher pay. This would generate approximately \$107 million. That is over \$40 million more than the education bill would require, so the proposal calls for the over-taxation to be earmarked for property tax relief. Initial reactions to the Governor's proposal are mixed, but suffice it to say that there is a desire to do something substantial, but there is hesitance to embrace his bill wholeheartedly. This Governor spent his first four years strictly opposed to increasing taxes and fees. Since being re-elected, however, he has signed the largest tax increase in the state's history, and now he has proposed the second largest increase in history. To say that he has done an about-face on this and the issue of Medicaid expansion is an understatement. Relative to the issue of Medicaid expansion, we all recognize that the (un)Affordable Care Act has created some problems for a number of citizens. While the stated objective was to help people who could not previously afford health care (insurance) coverage be able to do so (actually, force them to do so), what we have seen is that some of the people who it specifically sought to help are frozen out of health care coverage unless and until the states expand their Medicaid programs. What initial reviews are bearing out is that in states where Medicaid expansion has taken place, the costs borne by the states are substantially higher than the federal government had first suggested. So while we all recognize that something must be done for those who have been adversely affected by "ObamaCare", we also recognize that the fiscal impact on the state's taxpayers is likely to be tremendous both in the short- and long-term. Our Governor has spent his tenure in office urging the leaislature not to expand Medicaid, and now he has done an aboutface, which creates a new debate that will be lively as session unfolds.

After the State of the State address, many legislators joined a large crowd in the Rotunda for the Korean Veteran Medal Ceremony. A number of people from all across the state traveled to Pierre for this very moving ceremony. Afterwards, I had the opportunity to visit with a few of those who served our country during the Korean War. To those people and their families who have ever donned the uniform of our military and our National Guard, we are eternally grateful for your sacrifices. Thank you for your selfless acts of heroism for your country! You truly have made our world a better place.

Additionally, during the first week of session, the Chief Justice Gilbertson of the South Dakota Supreme Court delivered the State of the Judiciary address, and Harold Frazier, who is the Chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe presented the first-ever State of the Tribes address. Legislators were also busy working on bill proposals throughout the week, and will continue to do so over the next couple. The final day to introduce individual bills is Feb. 4, which is the 15th legislative day on the 38-day calendar.

Stay tuned for updates throughout session. We will try to keep you apprised of the big issues and others we feel are interesting and important to you. Please keep in touch as you see legislation that affects you. Your input is so important as we deliberate on the myriad of issues. Also, we have already seen a number of people from back home who have been in Pierre for conferences and dinners. If you are coming to town, please give a heads-up. Burt, Lana, and I would love to have an opportunity to visit with you.

Until next time, God bless you. For those of you who are praying for our health, well-being, and wisdom & discernment throughout session, thank you. We appreciate it very much!

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