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Pappas places 4th at Watertown



Junior Keri Pappas placed 4th in Novice Extem- poraneous Speaking at the Watertown Speech Fiesta Invitational Debate contest. Students from throughout South Dakota and North Dakota competed at this two day event. Also competing for Groton were the teams of Pappas and Gar- rett Stene and Kelsey Iverson and Lily Cutler in Varsity Public Forum Debate. Samantha Pappas competed for GHS in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate and Dramatic Interp. Keri Pappas also competed in Varsity Original Oratory.

Historcial Society sets annual meeting

The Brown County Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be Saturday, February 6th, 2015 in the 2nd floor conference room at the Dacotah Prairie Museum. Lunch will be served at noon for a cost of \$10 per person, chicken dinner catered by D's catering of Aberdeen.

The program will start at 12:45 with DPM's Curatorial Assistant Mary Baird reading the 1st place winner in the BCHS history paper contest: Faternity, Charity and Loyalty: How the boys in blue built the Dakota Soldiers Home by Nichole Christiansen. The public is invited to both the lunch and program.

A short meeting of the Brown County Historical Society will follow at 1:15.



Carly Wheeting makes the move on her defender as she drives to the basket in the Webster game on Thursday. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Right Photo: Meet the gdilive.com team bringing you the live action from the Groton events. Justin Olson, on the left, joined the team during the football season and brings you the play-by-play action. Paul Kosel keeps the stats and runs the equipment to make it all possible. Jeslyn Kosel is running the video camera and Julianna Kosel has taken over taking the still pictures for the paper. (Photo by Brett Schwan)

Groton to hold 78th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates

Groton will host the 78th annual Carnival of Silver Skates featuring more than 100 gure skaters on January 31, 2016. Two performances of this unique outdoor ice skating show will be held at the Groton ice rink at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend. The afternoon performance will be broadcast on gdilive.com.

The rink is located on the west side of town, near the baseball complex. This year's theme is "Skating All Through the Year." It celebrates the 78th performance of the Carnival of Silver Skates. The theme features various seasons and holidays throughout the year. It combines the skating skills of many talented youth, the experience and imagination of their instructors, a fun variety of music and the are of colorful costumes.

The show will feature Groton area gure skaters, from preschool to high school age. Several specialty acts will also perform. With the variety of seasons, comes a variety of costumes, music and entertainment. The youngest skaters, the Snow akes and Kindergartners, will skate to "Summer," from the popular movie, Frozen, while dressed as the even more popular character, Olaf. The 5th graders will perform an ode to Valentine's Day by dressing in veils and skating to "Dear Future Husband," by Meghan Trainor. The all boys group will showcase Halloween with "Monster Mash." The 4th graders round-out the seasons with "All the Leaves are Brown," by The Mamas & the Papas. Other songs include tributes to the 4th of July with "Born in the USA," St. Patrick's Day with "The Celtic Song," and Thanksgiving with the Thanks- giving Song "Thank You" by Brianna Haynes, just to name a few. Spectators will marvel at the beautiful, professional-looking costumes, thanks to the volunteer costume committee, chaired by Pam Barse.

Following tradition, 2015 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen Allison Weber, daughter of Mike and Lori Weber, of Groton, will crown the 2016 queen during the 2:00 PM performance. This year's candidates include: Seniors Aubray Harry, Jamie Krueger, and Jasmine Schaller, and Juniors Katie Koehler, Gabrielle Kramer and Melanie Schutze.

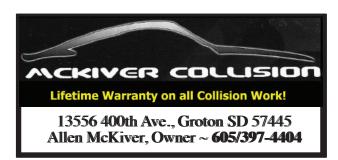
Plan to attend "Skating All Through the Year" in Groton on January 31st at 2:00 PM or 6:30 PM. Admis- sion for the show is just \$3.00 for those 13 and older, \$2.00 for those ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and under. Watch from the comfort of your own vehicle, listening to music and narration from your radio. There will be plenty of parking, with only cars allowed on the ice and larger vehicles allowed on upper tiers. Attendees are asked to please limit vehicles to one per family. Parking on the ice will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday for the rst show and again at 4:30 PM for the evening show. Or dress for the weather of the day and enjoy the show from the bleachers. Don't miss out on this unique, outdoor skating experience! Like our Facebook page — Silver Skates - for updates and information!



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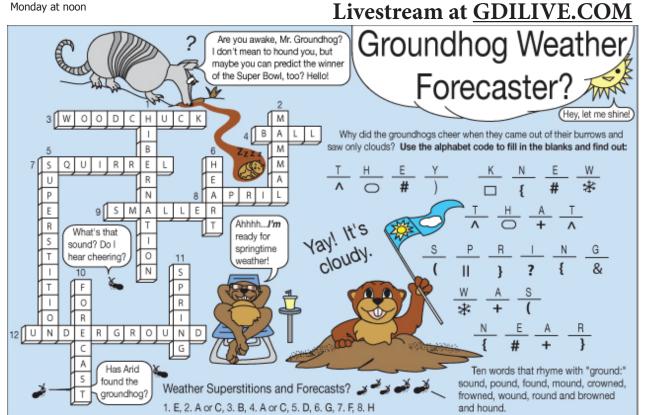
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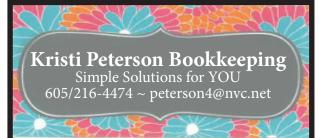
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There were three dance groups that performed Thursday night at the Groton **Area Arena.** (Photos by Julianna Kosel)









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Arlington Wrestling Tournament

Team Scores

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- 4. Lyman County 109.0
- 5. Flandreau 105.0
- 6. Sioux Valley 102.0
- 7. Warner/Northwestern 75.0
- 8. Marion/Freeman 50.0
- 9. Groton Area 37.5
- 10. Kingsbury County 36.0
- 11. Britton/Hecla 34.0
- 12. Tiospa Zina 17.0
- 13. Alcestor/Hudson 14.0
- 14. Ipswich/Leola 7.0



Trevor Pray lost to Aaron Elijah from Sioux Valley. Trevor took 4th.

126 Results

1st Place - Jacob Puppe of Brookings

2nd Place - Dalton Bodewitz of Marion/Freeman

3rd Place - Aaron Elijah of Sioux Valley

4th Place - Trevor Pray of Groton Area

1st Place Match

Jacob Puppe (Brookings) 23-4, Sr. over Dalton Bodewitz (Marion/Freeman) 27-8, So. (MD 10-0).

3rd Place Match

Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 19-4, Jr. over Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 15-3, Jr. (MD 11-3).

Trevor Pray scored a technical fall over Cody Uthe, Lyman County, 15-0; then he scored a major decision over Trevor Stene, Alcestor/Hudson, 8-1; he was decisioned by Dalton Bodewitz, Marion/Freeman, 5-1; he came back in the wrestlebacks to pin Jacob Montis, 3:36; and in the third place match he lost by major decision to Aaron Elijah, Sioux Valley, 11-3.

145 Results

Grady O'Neill was pinned by Alec Bultje, Sioux Valley, 0:21; and he was pinned by Nick Brandner, Ipswich/Leola, 1:16.

170 Results

Guaranteed Places

1st Place - Si Flatten of Flandreau

2nd Place - Brady McManus of Lyman County 3rd Place - Logan Wolter of Wessington Springs

4th Place - Wyatt Locke of Groton Area 1st Place Match

Si Flatten (Flandreau) 26-6, Sr. over Brady McManus (Lyman County) 25-14, Sr. (MD 14-0). 3rd Place Match

Logan Wolter (Wessington Springs) 9-14, So. over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 1-10, Fr. (Fall 3:39).

Wyatt Locke was pinned by Si Flatten, Flandreau, 2:49; he pinned Geoff Dunkelberger, Parker, 3:27; and in the third place match, he was pinned by Logan Wolter, Wessington Springs, 4:39.

285 Results

1st Place - Eddie Miller of Brookings 2nd Place - Riley Schmiedt of Wessington

Springs
3rd Place - Brandyn Anderson of Groton Area

4th Place - Logan Barboza of Flandreau 1st Place Match

Eddie Miller (Brookings) 14-1, Jr. over Riley Schmiedt (Wessington Springs) 17-9, Jr. (Fall 3:37).

3rd Place Match

Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 18-6, So. over Logan Barboza (Flandreau) 17-10, Sr. (DO)

Brandyn Anderson pinned Jadeon Biggers, Lyman County, 0:28; he was pinned by Riley Schmeidt, Wessington Springs, 3:24; he in the wrestlebacks he pinned Steven Holt, Sioux Valley, 0:29; and he placed third as his opponent, Logan Barboza, Flandreau, was disqualified.



Wyatt Locke places fourth



Brandyn Anderson places third

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Brown County Jan. 19, 2016 **Meeting Minutes**

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, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following (one given

further review):
Professional Fees: APCO \$644.00; Avera McKennan \$2,543.36; Avera St. Luke's \$500.22; Kristi Brandt \$185.80; Bar Assoc. \$80.00 Certified Languages \$321.75; Denise Cody \$15.00; Jeanne Collison \$15.00; Dakotabilities \$200.00; Dependable Sanitation \$22,370.64; Devnet \$3,281.25; DPM Foundation \$315.00; Michelle Gaikowski \$105.40; Hickey Funeral Home \$750.00; Language Line \$722.43; Lewis & Clark BHS \$640.00; Lucy Lewno \$306.00; LexisNexis \$243.60; LSS \$2,607.68; Midwest Cyber Solutions \$18,711.00; NACO \$731.00; Nat'l Emergency Number Assoc. \$137.00; JoAnn Paulson \$2,837.50; Police Legal Sciences \$1,680.00; PRCA \$950.00; Registration Max, LLC \$500.00 Cathryn Rehfuss \$15.00; Sanford Health \$70.12; Sanford Health Occuaptional \$80.00; Schneider Corp. \$2,265.00; SDACC \$5,614.34; SDACO \$3,082.17; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,288.20; SD State's Attorney Assoc. \$1,746.00; State Bar of SD \$1,660.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$17.20; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Tyler Technologies \$21,430.68; Jóni Wileman \$40.00; Sára Zahn

\$2,067.20. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$2,587.34; Aberdeen Community Theatre \$250.00; DakotaFire Media \$395.00; Midstates Printing \$325.00; Rapid City Journal \$26.88.

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Bohling \$14.00; Ross Erickson \$14.00; Exec. Mgmt. \$1,359.00; IAFE \$750.00; Scott Meints \$14.00; Rocky Mt. Assoc. of Fairs \$300.00; SD Emergency Mgmt. Assoc. \$150.00; Assoc. of SD Co. Weed & Pest \$590.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,054.84; AT&T \$455.88; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; CenturyLink \$55.09; Full Circle Ag

\$1,849.73; James Valley Tele-communications \$221.10; Mid-continent \$325.90; Northern Electric \$2,087.05; NVC \$678.01; NWPS \$5,564.14; Richmond Lake Sanitary Dist. \$2,700.00;

Verizon \$2,621.89. Other: Aberdeen Development Corp. \$20,000.00; JRWD \$1,618.05; NECOG \$23,560.43; NESDCAP \$2,500.00; SDACO \$974.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSÓNNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and post notice for an additional Deputy States Attorney position. All members present voting aye. seconded by Hansen to approve increasing the pro-rated annual

Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, salary of Jail Nurse Tanya Mitchener to \$52,000.00, effective January 31, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion

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

FAIRGROUNDS HAY CUTTING OPTION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign 2016 renewal option for lease of approximately 26 acres of county hay land located at the Brown County Fairgrounds, Lot 1 First Replat of Dahme Northview Addition SE 1-T123-R64. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DRONE INSURANCE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the purchase of property and liability insurance for the Drone from Insurance Plus in amount of \$1,720.00. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
ORD 098: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adopt 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 Agricultural District: John Beck's 1st Sub-division in the SE ¼ of Sec 18-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (38286 133rd Street). Roll call vote: Commis-sioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye,

Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter 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 Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members pres

ent voting aye. Motion carried. Maxine Fischer, Brown County

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Westport Town Notice of

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

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.

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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.

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Groton School Notice of

VacancyNOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-

TRICT NO. 06-6 The following school board ositions will become vacant July 2016, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the

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

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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 February 26, 2016, when office will be

open until 5:00 p.m Diane Bruns

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Brown County Hay Cutting Bid Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY LAND

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

(0119.0126)

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Brown County Ord. 098

Beck Rezoning

ORDINANCE #098
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION **BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-**ES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-

SCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the

Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by John Beck is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended o change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

John Beck's 1st Subdivision in the SE ½ of Sec 18-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (38286 133rd Street) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by

the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: December 30, 2015 & January 6, 2016 Passed First Reading: January 12 2016

Passed Second Reading: Janu-

ary 19, 2016
Adopted: January 19, 2016
Published: January 27, 2016
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Rachel Kippley, Chair Brown County Commission ATTEST:

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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.,

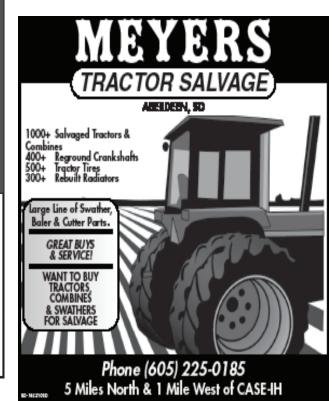
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FCCLA Meeting The Groton FCCLA Chapter

net on January 12,2016 in the FACS room. FCCLA President, Hannah Webb, called the meeting to order, there were twenty nine members present. We opened the meeting with our open ceremony, minutes of the previous meeting were read. No corrections were made. The treasurer's report was read by treasurer, Lexi Harder, Unfinished business, Erika Herr is the officer of the month; Need more people to sign up for nails and OST, and fundraisers and got flowers for Padfeild familv. New business January 22 is when the pizza party and thirty seven people qualified. FCCLA week starts Febuary 8-11. Also doing Mr. and Mrs. Sweetheart for Valentine's week. We will be selling lollipops during the JH and HS lunch time and at the girls game against Roncolli. Will be sold for \$1.00 each. The meeting was closed with no closing ceremony. The Secretary's record was submitted by Kellyn Fluke and Erika Herr. Snacks were provided by the officer of the month, Erika Herr.









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The family of Robert "Bob" Wehde would like to thank everyone who showered us with your sympathy and love by attending his memorial service and through your many phone calls, cards, memorials, flowers, food, hugs and kind words.

Special thanks go out to Andrea of Paetznick Garness for all of her help and guidance, Pastor Thomas Carlson for his visit and comforting words, Barbara Paepke and Susan Ellingson for their beautiful music, the members of the **Groton Legion Post #39 Honor Guard** for their part in the service and Bob's church family for preparing and serving the delicious lunch. Bob's love for his family, friends and community will remain in the hearts of all who knew him. May God Bless you all!

Mary Ann Wehde & family **Donna Cassels & family**

AUCTIONS

Saturday February 20, 2016 11:02 am CST Going out of business auction "3-Paws Baking Company" Roscoe, SD Fischer Auction Company Long Lake, SD WWW.FISCHERAUCTION. COM.

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Groton boys run past Hitchck-Tulare

Three players hit double figures for the Tigers as Groton Area defeated Hitchcock-Tulare, 64-34. Seric Shabazz put in three three-pointers in the first quarter to lead the Tigers with 19 points. He was followed by Hunter Lerew with 13, Adam Herman had 11, Aaron Severson seven, Sean Schuring six, Bennett Shabazz had three, Marshall Lane and Truitt Rogers each had two and Brandon Keith added one free throw.

The Patriots were led by Chase Bixler with 11 points followed by Ty Hofer with nine, Grant Hamilton had six and adding two points each were Boston Knippling, Craig Mallon, Caileb Wanner and Grayson Binger.

Groton made 50 percent of its field goals while the Patriots made 28 percent. Hitchcock-Tulare was nine of 21 from the line for 42 percent off of Groton's 15 team fouls. Groton was five of nine from the line for 56 percent off of Hitchcock-Tulare's 12 team fouls. Groton outrebounded the Patriots, 35-28, with Bennett Shabazz having five for Groton and Chase Bixler five for Hitchcock-Tulare. Groton had 14 assists with Bennett Shabazz having six. Lerew had one block and Groton had 10 turnovers with four of them being steals. Hitchcock-Tulare had 14 turnovers with seven of them being steals, Seric Shabazz had three.

Groton is now 8-4 and will host Sisseton on Friday. Hitchcock-Tulare is now 4-6 and will host Sully Buttes at Tulare on Thursday.

Caileb Wanner made a free throw with sixtenths of a second left in the third overtime left the Patriots to a 40-39 win in the junior varsity game. Scoring for Groton were Brandon Keith and Tylan Glover with eight each, Marshall Lane and Austin Jones each had six, Anthony Sippel and Truitt Rogers each had four and Johnny Doeden added three points. Groton's junior varsity team is now 3-7 on the season.



Bennett Shabazz goes after a loose ball and maintains control of it. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Jackson Oliver gets ready to pass off the ball to a teammate in the fourth quarter. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Marshall Lane and the rest of the junior varsity players dressing up for the varsity team seem some playing time in the fourth quarter. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Anthony Sippel drives to the basket. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Groton boys run past Northwestern The Groton boys basketball team went to Mellette Monday night to take on the Northwestern Wildcats and came home

night to take on the Northwestern Wildcats and came home with a 70-45 non- conference win.

Four players hit double gures for the Tigers with Hunter Lerew hav- ing 17, Bennett Shabazz 11, Sean Schuring and Brandon Keith each had 10, Seric Shabazz eight, Adam Herman six, Anthony Sippel and Marshall Lane each had three and Aaron Severson added two points.

Groton Area made 48 percent of its eld goals while the Wildcats made 38 percent. Groton was seven of 11 from

the line for 64 percent off of Northwestern's 10 team fouls. Northwestern made six of nine free throws for 67 percent off of Groton's 11 team fouls. Groton controlled the boards, 35-28, with Lerew having seven rebounds for Groton and Logan Schentzel and Derek Boekelheide each having ve for the Wildcats. Groton had 13 turnovers with three being steals. Northwestern had 24 turnovers with 18 being steals as Bennett Shabazz had seven and Seric Shabazz had six. Groton had 12 assists with Herman having ve. Northwestern had four assists. Lerew had ve blocks and Brandon Keith had one.

Northwestern won the C game game, 44-40. There was no junior varsity game.



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Good shooting and tough defense lifts Groton past Webster



Hunter Lerew is guarded by Ben Fromelt and passes off the ball to a teammate. (Photo

by Julianna Kosel)

Webster Area had the early lead at 9-3 before the Tigers rallied to take an 11-9 lead. The game was tied at 11 after the first quarter. Groton opened up a 10-point lead in the second period and held a 28-21 lead at the end of the first half. The Tigers continued to pull away in the third period, at one point scoring 11 straight points to take a 46-26 lead at the end of the third quarter and the Tigers went on to win by 30, 71-41.

Shooting-wise, Groton Area made 36 percent of its shots in the first quarter while Webster made 27 percent. Groton had two turnovers and Webster Area had one.

"From the second quarter on, we picked it up defensively and made some shots," said Coach Greg Kjellsen. "We need to take better care of the ball when we have a big lead. We run a hundred miles an hour and don't take care of the ball."

In the second quarter, the Tigers made 50 percent of their field goals while the Bearcats made 30 percent. Groton had four turnovers in the second quarter and Webster had seven.

The Tigers made 42 percent of their shots in the third quarter while the Bearcats cooled to 14 percent. Webster had one more turnover than Groton, 4-3. Groton's shooting increased to 61 percent in the fourth quarter and Webster went to 29 percent. Groton had one more turnover than Webster in the fourth period, 5-4.

For the game, Groton made 48 percent of its field goals while Webster made 26 percent. The Tigers were 14 of 20 from the line for 70 percent off of Webster's 18 team fouls. Webster made three of eight free throws off of Groton's nine team fouls. Groton had 16 turnovers with six of them being steals. Braden Rithmiller and Mason Roerig each had two steals. Webster had 19 turnovers with 11 of them being steals. Bennett Shabazz had three steald and having two each were Adam Herman and Brandon Keith.

Groton had 12 assists with Bennett Shabazz having six. Webster had two assists. Having one block each were Sean Schuring, Hunter Lerew and Bennett Shabazz. The Tigers had 10 offensive rebounds with Herman and Seric Shabazz each having three. Webster had 15 offensive rebounds with Noah Thurston having five. On the defensive boards, Groton had 29 rebounds with Lerew having six and Schuring and Seric Shabazz each having five. Webster

had 21 defensive rebounds with Block having six.

Groton is now 6-4 on the season and will travel to Northwestern on Monday and host Hitchcock-Tulare on Tuesday. "We played only four games before Christmas so it seemed all we were doing is practing," Kjellsen said. "It's good to get on the floor and play. We're improving with each game."

Webster is 3-6 and will travel to Britton-Hecla on Monday and will host Waverly/South Shore on Tuesday.

Three players hit double figures for Groton with Seric Shabazz leading all scorers with 20 points followed by Sean Schuring with 18, Bennett Shabazz 13, Aaron Severson eight, Hunter Lerew and Brandon Keith with five each and Adam Herman two.

Noah Thurston and Marcus Block each had 14 points for Webster with Ben Fromelt having six, mason Roerig four, Braden Rithmiller had three.

Groton won the junior varsity game in over time, 45-38. Scoring for Groton: Brandon Keith 11, Marshall Lane 10, Jackson Oliver six, Austin Jones six, Anthony Sippel five, Truitt Rogers three and Korbin Blackmun two.

The C team also won, 28-25. Treyton Diegel had nine points followed by Tylan Glover and Austin Jones with six each, Korbin Blackmun had four and Peyton Johnson had two and Cade Guthmiller one.

The eighth graders also won by one in overtime.

Webster girls pull away in fourth quarter to beat Tigers



Jessica Bjerke catches the ball in the corner. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Groton Area girls dropped its first Northeast Conference game Thursday night to the Webster Area Bearcats, 58-38. The loss puts Webster and Groton Area with one loss each while Hamlin remains undefeated, but still has to play Groton and Webster.

The game was tied at 12 and the first quarter was tied at 14 before Webster Area took over and took a 28-21 lead at half time. The Bearcats made 43 percent of their field goals in the first half while Groton made 26 percent of its shots. Webster heated up to 50 percent in the third quarter while Groton was at 33 percent as Webster held a 39-31 lead at the end of the third period. Webster slowly pulled away in the fourth quarter with the help of 80 percent field goal shooting while Groton was at 33 percent.

"When you're in a close game, you have to make the shots," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "We always aim for the four-minute mark. If we can hang in there at that point, we have a chance to win. Webster is a good team. They're a state tournament team. I'm proud of our girls - they played their hearts out. If you can say when you walk off the court that you played hard, that's all we can ask."

Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler each had three fouls by half time. "Miranda Hanson and Emily Locke did a good job filling in when Audrey and Katie got into foul trouble. It takes a team effort."

Carly Wheeting had a double-double on the night with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Audrey Wanner added 10 points as she was three of three from the line. Jessica Bjerke had eight points, Miranda Hanson five, Harleigh Stange three and Gia Gengerke added two points.

Haley Rithmiller led the Bearcats with 21 points followed by Marah Volesky with 14, McKenzie volesky 10, Olivia Breske eight, Linzy Schoenbeck four and Shawna Hanson had one point.

Audrey Wanner had seven rebounds and Jessica Bjerke had six. In assists, Wheeting had four. Groton Area had 14 turnovers. The Tigers had four steals with Wanner having two.

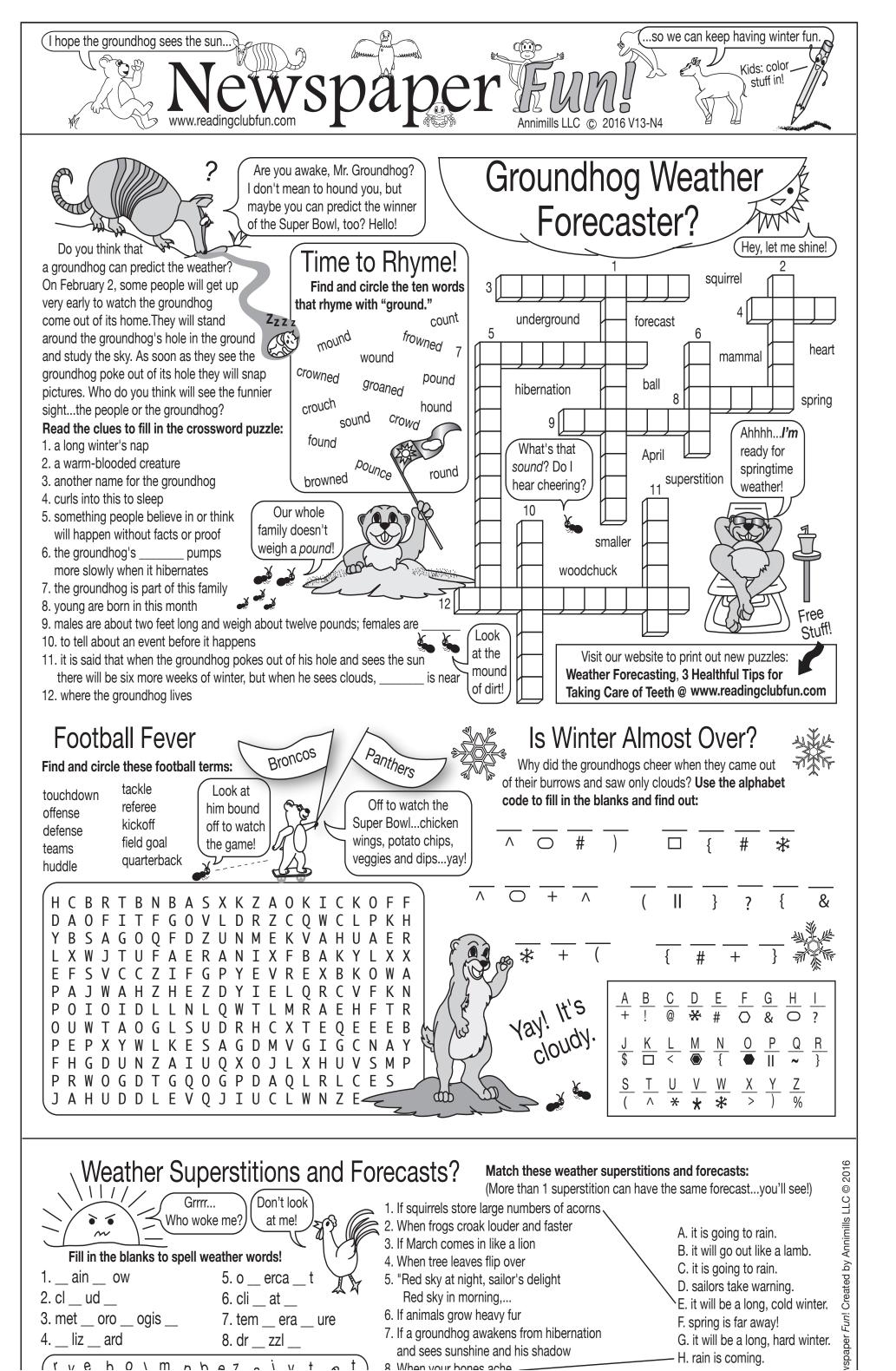
The Bearcats had two less rebounds than Groton with 26 as Rithmiller had 10. Webster had 12 assists with Breske having four and the Bearcats had 10 steals and 10 turnovers.

Groton is now 8-3 on the season and will travel to Sisseton on January 28th. Webster Area is 10-2 and will host Hamlin on January 28. Wanner said, "Sisseton will be a big test for us next week. We have to win the games on the road for us to have a chance at the conference title."

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 31-9. Scoring for Groton: Payton Maine 9, Jenny Doeden 5, Alex Stange 4, Miranda Hanson 3, Taylor Holm 2, Gia Gengerke 2, Madison Sippel 2, Sam Menzia 2, Portia Kettering 1, Jodi Hinman 1.







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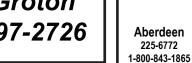
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Birthdays: Colin Herron, Roger Colestock, Sean Jorgensen

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5:15pm: GBB at Northwestern with C game

Tuesday, February 2

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

School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, garlic toast, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Alan Ball, Richard Kapp

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

4:00pm: JHBBB host Langford (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5

6:30pm: BBB host Langford

Wednesday, February 3

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

School Lunch: Meatballs, tiny potato, broccoli and dip, tea buns, fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot

Anniv: Craig and Patty

Birthdays: Dale Wolter, Delbert Leonhardt, Dwight Zerr, Tina Guthmiller

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

Thursday, February 4

Senior trip to Pierre

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk. **School Lunch:** Cheese

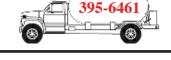
stick, tater tots, romaine salad, fruit. Senior Menu: Baked

chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower/ pea salad, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Betty Sue Felkey, Craig Jondahl, James Lane, KayLynn Overacker, Nora Bunn



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Thursday, January 28

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

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

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 at 8:00)

Saturday, January 30

Debate at Yankton

Birthdays: Mary Kay Houdek, Patty Baule, Trevor Harry

10:00am: Groton Wrestling Tourney

3:00pm: GBB at Gettysburg

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-1:00 pm: Kiwanis Pancake Brunch at Community Center

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

6:30pm: Carnival of Silver Skates

Monday, February 1

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

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, green peas, carrots and





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Lana's Annals Lana Greenfield District 2 **State** Representative

Greetings from Pierre. Week 2 is officially over. Bills, especially outdated ones, are in the process of being reviewed. Our local government committee, upon which I serve, reviewed a bill passed in the latter 1800's, stating that anyone who would get rowdy at a commissioners' meeting would be fined 5 dollars and thrown in jail for 24 hours. Two things came to my mind: the picture of "Wild West" times with armed people loudly disputing boundary deals and the culprits being hauled off in cuffs without due process.

Needless to say, we are updating HB1003! We also discussed election laws

and Secretary of State Krebs is working diligently to make

sure that election petitions are in proper order and that polling places and dates are given proper notice. Along those lines, I am co-sponsoring Bill 1066, an act to revise provisions regarding public notice for meetings. Notice and agenda proposed will be advertised continuously for at least 2 days instead of 24 hours. This would help to advance transparency and would eliminate any "last minute" notices.

The Health and Human Services, the other committee upon which I serve, had a healthy discussion on HB 1027 which tightens up qualifications for Massage Therapy businesses. The intent is to define what a therapist is licensed to do within the confines of the profession. This may help to clarify the type of business that is being conducted at the given location and what the customer might expect in terms of service.

The committee also heard a DSS report on Medicaid Expansion, which be discussed in more detail as the session continues.

After regular sessions many of us listened to PUC reports as to how federal regulations are holding up pipeline expansion and how climate control has delayed success of our coal production in South Dakota. Leaders of our energy departments across South Dakota also informed us that in order to combat the complete shutdown of our coal plant, we are producing a

Our Blue Ribbon Task Force updated progress on the formula proposed for raising teacher salaries to the average target pay (which includes benefits and retirement dollars) of 48, 500 dollars. We found that some schools are



eral years. (These instructors have been given annual raises or additional experience steps.) The smaller schools may stand to gain with this new formula as the target has not been reached. This is a very controversial issue, and I hope we can all keep open minds about possible funding sources if progress is made. It is my hope that we would continue to look for money already available rather than just put on a half cent sales tax. Accountability is very important in our government. It would seem that money has been "found" in the past to support the pet projects of a few, but when it comes to keeping the schools well-funded, we ask for extra burden on tax payers.

Until next week, I would request your prayers for wisdom and insight for us all as we go forward in keeping South Dakota a safe and desirable state in which to raise families and to promote good work ethic.

I can be reached by e-mail at the following: lana.greenfield@gmail. com or rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us or you can call during session at 773-3851. Until next week, stay well!

Rep. Greenfield



Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield State Senator District 2

During the second week of session, legislators were generally occupied working on drafting, circulating, and/or submitting legislation. Committee work was slightly busier than during the first week, but with the number of bills in-play to-date still relatively low, busier times for committees remain on the horizon.

In Commerce & Energy Committee on Tuesday, we took up a bill that had been held over from the previous week. I briefly mentioned this bill in my previous article. It was brought forth by the Department of Labor on behalf of the SD Athletic Commission. The Athletic Commission (not to be confused with the SD High School Activities Association) was established in 2012. This body is charged with sanctioning and overseeing any boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, or sparring events held in South Dakota. Over the first two years that the commission was in-place, no events were held within the state. However, since July 1, 2014, seven such competitions have occurred. Over the course of the previous year-and-a-half, the Department has had an opportunity to assess what costs are being incurred by the Commission in performing their duties associated with each event. The price tag, on average, is \$3,000. Current law, however, only allows the commission to charge the event promoter a minimum of \$1,000 or 5% of the gross revenues, whichever is greater. Four of the seven exhibitions have yielded only the \$1,000 minimum. Thus, in each of these instances, the Athletic Commission has lost \$2,000 for performing its duties. With the original allocation of dollars dwindling rapidly, the Commission has worked with the promoters to bring forward this bill that will ensure that the Commission will not have to come back to the legislature to seek tax dollars in the future. The promoters have agreed that they need to have more "skin in the game" if they want to continue to host events here going forward. We passed an amendment to the bill unanimously to address the concerns that had been brought up at our previous meeting, and the bill passed out of committee 5-2.

On Thursday, when the aforementioned bill hit the floor, I was asked to carry it. Interestingly, prior to the initial committee hearing, I had been predisposed to oppose the bill. However, after asking several questions and gaining a better understanding as to why the bill was before us--and after the bill had been amended--I was able to support it, and I did pitch the bill before the full Senate. It was actually an enjoyable interaction on the floor. I was asked by some of the opponents to answer questions. After much back-and-forth, we were set to vote. Because of the nature of the bill, it required a 2/3 majority, rather than a simple majority vote in order to pass. With four Senators not present during the vote, I knew we could only afford to lose seven votes in order to achieve the 24-vote threshold to pass the bill over to the House. In the end, the final tally was exactly that--24-7. It was gratifying when a few Senators approached me over the next two days and expressed what a good debate it was and that my arguments had won them over.

Most of the other bills that have come to the floor so far during session have been "clean up" in nature, as the various departments have encountered issues with existing law over the past year and have identified ways to improve the law books. Thus, the bills have not been particularly controversial and have only garnered a handful of "no" votes. As we move into these next few weeks, however, the debates will become livelier. I would encourage you to tune into SD Public Television during the afternoon. They carry gavel-to-gavel live coverage of the floor proceedings from the Senate, and then they run gavel-to-gavel tape-delayed coverage from the House. It truly provides South Dakotans an opportunity to see their deliberative bodies at-work as we consider all the bills that will have an affect on the lives of all SD citizens.

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I appreciate all your calls, emails, and personal visits as session rolls on. Thanks to all of you who have shared your insights, concerns, and questions as we contemplate the bills that have been (and will be) introduced. Also, thank you to those who read our articles and provide feedback. It is wonderful to know that so many people are engaged in this process. Until next time, I wish you well. God bless each of you!