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## 78th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates

The 78th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates was held Sunday afternoon. The temperature was 30 degrees with a NW wind at 30 mph with a gust at 49 and the windchill factor was around 15 degrees. The ice was in good condition and the scenry was extremely stable.



**Aubray Harry was chosen as the 2016 Queen of the Carnival of Silver Skates. She is the daughter of Joey and Shonna Harry. Aubray posted on her Facebook Page:**

Ever since I started Silver Skates ,back when I was 4, I always looked forward to being a candidate for queen and today my little dream came true. Being queen for the Carnival of Silver Skates is such an honor. Thank you all:))))



**The Groton Area Chamber Choir sang the National Anthem at the 78th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates. In back, left to right, are Gabbie Kramer, Tylan Glover, Noah Poor, Marshall Lane, Garrett Stene, Luke Thorson, Alex Kern and Adam Herman; in front, left to right, are Maggie Simon, Kari Hanson, Aubray Harry, Marlee Jones, Jaden Oliver, and Mitchell Koens.**

### Long Range Facilities Planning

The public is invited and encouraged to attend a meeting at the Groton Area High School Computer Lab on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM to provide input into the early stages of our long-term facilities planning process. The Board of Education and the Administration Team are looking to gather comprehensive information about the needs and perceptions of all district stakeholders through this process. Any questions can be directed to Superintendent Joe Schwan at 605-397-2351.



**Aubray Harry is being escorted around the skating rink the sleigh. Pictured going clockwise from left are Allison Weber, Katie Koehler, Jasmine Schaller, Jamie Krueger, Melanie Schuetze and Gabrielle Kramer.**



**Introduction of the 2015 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen Allison Weber**



**Introduction of 2016 Snow Queens: Jasmine Schaller(Senior) and Alexis Simon (Junior)**



**Allison Weber and Jasmine Schaller held the flags during the singing of the National Anthem.**



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**Instructors, Jasmine Schaller, Shannon Weidrich, and Sam Menzia**



**2015 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen & Guest**  
**"All I Want For Christmas"**  
 Allison Weber & Ashtyn Bahr

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**3rd Grade, "Toss the Feathers"**  
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**Instructor, Aubray Harry**



**6th Grade, "Have You Ever Seen the Rain"**  
 Brooklyn Imrie, Julianna Kosel, Kennedy Anderson, Madeline Flihs, Megan Flihs, and Tina Zoellner  
**Instructor, Alexa Schuring**



**8th Grade. "Surfin USA"**  
 Ashley Flihs, Caitlynn Barse, Jenny Pigors, Maddy Schuelke, and Nicole Marzahn  
**Instructors, Katie Anderson and Coralea Wolter**

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Instructors, Jamie Krueger and Aubray Harry**



**7th Grade, "Thank You" Alexis Hanten, Erin Unzen, Gabriella Merkel, Grace Wambach, Grace Wiedrick, Hailey Monson, Tessa Erdmann, and Tanae Lipp  
Instructor, Katie Anderson and Coralea Wolter**



**4th Grade, "California Dreamin" Anna Fjeldheim, Ashlyn Sperry, Cadence Feist, Carly Guthmiller, Emma Schinkel, Hannah Monson, Jayla Jones, Jillian Hughes, Kate Profeta, Kyleigh Englund, and Sara Menzia  
Instructor, Allison Weber**



**2nd Grade, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" Breslyn Jeschke, Cali Tollifson, Delayne Jones, Emma Davies, Jaedyn Penning, Jerica Locke, Mia Crank, Natalia Warrington, Paisley Mitchell, Raelee Lilly, and Rylee Dunker  
Instructors, Tasha Dunker and Alexa Schuring**



**Snowflakes & Kindergarten, "Summer" Abby Fjeldheim, RaeLynn Feist, Sydney Locke, Sophia Fliehs, Ella Kettner, and Novalea Warrington. Instructors, Hannah Lewandowski and Jasmine Schinkel**

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**12th Grade, "Summertime" Aubray Harry, Allison Weber, Jamie Krueger, and Jasmine Schaller  
Instructor, Shonna Harry**



**Specialty Act, "Winter Wonderland" Ashley Fliehs and Alexis Hanten**

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# Groton Robotics Competition

The GT VEX Robotics January Tournament championship matches pitted Groton's G.A.T. Wrenches and Mitchell's Team VEXcellent against Groton's G-Force and Gear Heads. G.A.T. Wrenches and Team VEXcellent walked away victorious. G-Force had mechanical problems in the first championship match and had to replace a motor. G.A.T. and Team VEXcellent were gracious and allowed the extra 10 minutes for repair; in fact, G.A.T. robotists even ran for the motor.

Eighteen teams from five different school competed in the tournament. Britton brought four teams, Doland brought one, Eureka two, Groton five and Mitchell brought six team. This was Britton's first completion of the season and Doland's team just started this year.

Award Presented:

Tournament Champions were G.A.T. Wrenches and Team VEXcellent.

The Excellence Award went to Geek Squad. This award is given to the robot and robotics team that did well in competition and also had the best robot, judged by construction, design and documentation.

The Design Award went to G.A.T. Wrenches for the quality of their engineering book, Documenting the design and building of the robot.

Rank	School	Teams	Wins	Losses	Score Points
1	Groton	G-Force	5	0	136
2	Mitchell	Mitchell War Machine	5	0	79
3	Mitchell	Team VEXcellent	4	1	97
4	Groton	Geek Squad	4	1	94
5	Groton	G.A.T. Wrenches	4	1	62
6	Mitchell	M2K (Made 2 Konquer)	4	1	34
7	Mitchell	Robots In Black	3	2	104
8	Britton	Slamatron 2000	3	2	80
9	Groton	Gear Heads	2	3	101
10	Eureka	Teck-Kno-Logik	2	3	69
11	Doland	Doland High School	2	3	65
12	Britton	R.W.A.	2	3	64
13	Mitchell	MCTE	1	4	77
14	Eureka	Double Trouble	1	4	76
15	Mitchell	Mechatron	1	4	68
16	Groton	Galaxy	1	4	60
17	Britton	Rock Steady	1	4	56
18	Britton	Hambot	1	4	29

The rankings at the end of the qualifying matches were:

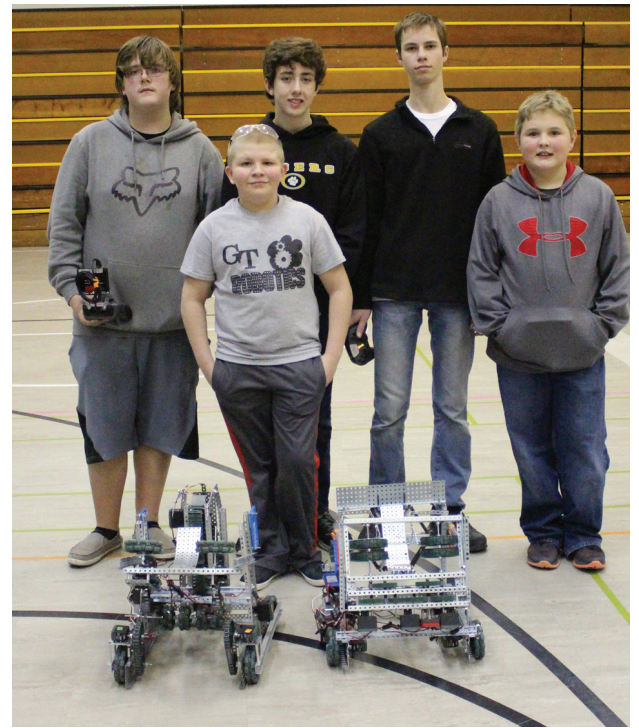
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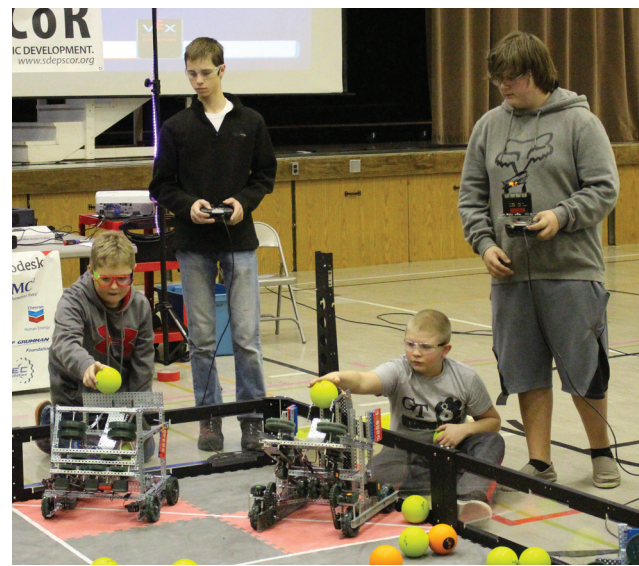
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GT Robotics next completion is February 6th in Mitchell.

**Dragr Monson and Noah Tullis are from the G.A.T. Wrenches team. Monson is loading a ball in his robot during the competition.** (Photo by Renee Marzahn)



**The G.A.T Wrenches won the championship round. Team members include Noah Tullis, Dragr Monson and Thomas Cranford. The team members were from Mitchell. The Mitchell team was aligned with the G.A.T Wrenches to win.)** (Photo by Renee Marzahn)



**G-Force aligning with the Gear Heads team. Team members include, Hunter Monson, Landon Marzahn, Anne Marie Smith, Trey Wright, Nathan Fjelstad and Travis Townsend.** (Photo by Renee Marzahn)



**Landon Kolkas, Lee Williams, Jim Lane and Thomas Cranford working on a robot.** (Photo by Renee Marzahn)



**Isaac Smith and Chris Zarycki from Geek Squad Robotics Team.** (Photo by Renee Marzahn)



# Superintendent's Report to the Groton Area School District 06-6 Board of Education

February 8, 2016

## Legislative Session.

The Governor's Education Reform Package is out and in three bills:

**HB1182.** This is the bill which contains the 0.5 cent tax increase. It is scheduled for debate in the House Appropriations Committee at 3:00 PM on 2/8/16. This requires a 2/3 majority in each chamber to pass. The bill, as it is written includes an emergency clause (removes the opportunity for public referral), and would go into effect on June 1, 2016.

**SB131.** This is the bill containing the details to implement the proposed funding formula changes as well as the changes to the capital outlay taxation, and the provisions related to other revenues and fund balances. This bill will first be heard in Senate State Affairs. This committee meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00 AM. It was not scheduled on the agenda for today.

**SB133.** This bill implements the increase in services provided by the E-Learning Center, establishes a mentor program for new teachers, and directs the DOE to promulgate new administrative rules relating to certificate reciprocity for teachers moving into the state.

School Administrators of South Dakota Executive Director, Rob Monson, keeps a list of legislation that he's monitoring on our behalf on the website, [www.sasd.org](http://www.sasd.org).

## Legislative Cracker Barrel Schedule.

Saturday, February 20; 10:00 AM – Aberdeen Ramkota

Saturday, February 27; 10:00 AM – Aberdeen Ramkota

Saturday, March 5; 10:00 AM – Aberdeen Ramkota

## Long-Range Facilities Planning Sessions.

I had a conference call with our team from FJJ on Monday, February 1 to review the process outlines and schedule the listening sessions. I have been very impressed so far with the professionalism and thoroughness of these individuals.

The following meeting dates have been scheduled:

Monday, February 22 – Elementary Teachers and Staff – Values Definition Listening Session (3:30 PM)

Monday, February 22 – School Board/Administration – Values Definition Listening Session (5:00 PM)

Monday, February 22 – Citizen Stakeholders – Values Definition Listening Session (7:00 PM)

Monday, February 22 – MS/HS Teachers and Staff – Educational Adequacy Study Listening Session (3:45 PM)

Tuesday, February 23 – Junior/Senior Students – Values Definition Listening Session (2:00 PM)

Tuesday, February 23 – MS/HS Teachers and Staff – Values Definition Listening Session (3:45 PM)

Tuesday, February 23 – Elementary Teachers and Staff – Educational Adequacy Study Listening Sessions (3:30 PM)

I met with Mike Hubbard on Thursday, February 4 and provided him with some requested information, including utility bills, building floor plans and blue prints, roofing plans and inspections, etc. for their use in the study of our current facilities.

Members of this team will be onsite during the days of the 22nd and 23rd to conduct their own assessments of the buildings as well.

**Special Education Accountability Review.** We've received our report from SDDOE Special Education Programs from our Accountability Review. We have three errors to correct on individual student IEPs, all three of which pertain to the use of the accept/reject format for determining appropriate least restrictive special education placement.

**HS Instrumental Music Position.** We currently have interviews scheduled for this position with three candidates this week.

**NCSEC.** Our coop member schools have begun conversation about changing the structure under which our cooperative operates. Currently, we're operating under SDCL 13-15-1 which permits schools to enter into cooperative agreements. The other special education cooperatives in our state operate under a different statute, SDCL 13-5-31 which creates a legal, free-standing entity. Under the new statute, one board member from each member school district would be appointed to the board of the NCSEC. Groton Area would no longer serve as a school of record. Rather, the board of the cooperative would make all of the official, public decisions, and would essentially function just as an independent school board with the exception of how the board is appointed. The superintendents' board will be discussing this at our next meeting on March 7 with the NCSEC attorney Rodney Freeman to allow for us to ask questions about the differences and necessity to make such a change.

## SDHSAA Out-of-Season Rule Proposal.

- Make a change to current SDHSAA Regulations that would allow coaches to work with their kids on an unrestricted basis during the Summer Time Period (defined as the end of the State Golf Meets through July 31st), except for:

- o A "moratorium" that would allow no contact between coaches and student athletes from July 1 through July 7 for any activity.

- o Teams would be limited to the "four team contacts" which include any activity that occurs on-or off-school grounds that:

1. Involves a team camp, scrimmage, or

league, or,

2. Is an event that involves competition or participation with multiple teams from different schools being involved.

- Open gyms, private lessons, etc., would remain legal, as would all other activities, but the rule change would allow coaches more freedom in the number of athletes they can work with at a given time, whether it be as part of instruction given at an open gym, lesson, conditioning program or similar local event.

This was approved on a first-reading at the January SDHSAA board meeting on a 9-0 vote. If/when this rule proposal is passed, we may want to consider gathering parents and coaches to determine a local plan of action concerning summer contacts with our student athletes, especially those that participate in multiple sports. By this year's SDHSAA calendar, this proposal would open contacts between June 8 and July 31 excluding the week of July 1 to July 7 – essentially six weeks of unlimited contacts.

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## Monarchs slip past girls in 2OT, breeze past boys in second half run

It was a double header at Warner on Saturday with Warner winning all four games. The most exciting game was the girls varsity that went into double overtime before Warner pulled out a 55-46 win. The Monarchs led for most of the game, scoring seven straight points to take a 20-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. Warner took a 16-point lead in the second quarter and settled for a 29-18 lead at half time. Groton scored 11 straight points in the third quarter to tie the game at 29 as Warner led, 32-31, at the end of the third quarter. The lead changed hands three times before Haylee Hanson made a three-pointer with 21 seconds left to tie the game at 38, sending the game into overtime. Audrey Wanner made two three-pointers in the first over time which resulted in a tied game, 44, sending the game into the second overtime. Groton could not make a field goal in the second overtime as Audrey Wanner and Carly Wheeting both fouled out. The Monarchs made three field

goals and was five of seven from the line to post a 55-46 win.

Carly Wheeting led the Tigers with 14 points and seven rebounds followed by Jessica Bjerke with 10 points and eight rebounds, Audrey Wanner had eight points and seven rebounds, Harleigh Stange had seven points, four assists and four steals, Katie Koehler had four points, Payton Maine had two points and Miranda Hanson had one point. Groton made 38 percent of its field goals, 38 percent of its free throws, had 30 rebounds, 10 assists, 13 steals, 16 turnovers and 22 fouls.

Warner was led by Haylee Hanson with 18 points followed by Makala Hauge with 11, Alexis Boesl and Laurie Rogers each had eight, Ashley Fischbach had six and Sydney Liedholt added four points.

Warner's girls won the junior varsity game, 34-25. Jenny Doeden had seven points, Payton Maine six, Taylor Holm and Gia Gengerke each had four, Sam Menzia three and Alex Stange

added one free throw.

Meanwhile the varsity boys team kept pace with Warner in the first half. Warner jumped out to a 7-0 lead before the Tigers rallied to take 9-7 lead. Groton led, 11-9, at the end of the first quarter. Warner scored six straight points in the second quarter to take an 18-13 lead, but the Tigers rallied and held a 22-21 lead at half time. The lead changed hands three times to start the third quarter before Warner scored nine straight points to take a 32-24 lead. Warner led, 39-27, at the end of the third quarter. The Monarchs had a six point run in the fourth quarter and went on to win, 55-35.

Seric Shabazz and Sean Schuring each had 12 points, Hunter Lerew had eight, Bennett Shabazz six and Adam Herman three.



**Seric Shabazz**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Adam Herman**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Sean Schuring**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Katie Koehler and Audrey Wanner**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Harleigh Stange**  
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# Herman puts up game winning rebound shot



**Adam Herman**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Groton's basketball teams struggled against Hamlin as both junior varsity teams and the girls varsity team all lost to the Chargers. But in the evening finale at the Groton Area Arena, the boys varsity team, which had trailed for most of the game, rallied in the fourth quarter to put out a 54-52 win. Bennett Shabazz was fouled with 5.5 seconds left. He made the first free throw to tie the game at 52. He missed the second free throw, but Adam Herman jumped from his second spot position, grabbed the rebound and put the ball up and in with two seconds left. The Chargers called time out and they had the ball under Groton's basket. The inbound pass was thrown right in the hands of Adam Herman and the game ended with the cliffhanger Tiger win.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Sean Schuring with 14, Adam Herman and Aaron Severson each had eight, Hunter Lerew had four, Brandon Keith three and Bennett Shabazz added two points. The Chargers were led by Ryder Grantham with 17 points, but was held to just six points in the second half. Cody Swenson had 15, Drake Rush 11, John Roe six, Devan Weelborg two and Bryce Williams added a free throw.

Groton made 47 percent of its field goals, including shooting 75 percent in the fourth quarter, while the Chargers made 43 percent. Groton Area was seven of 15 from the line for 47 percent off of Hamlin's 17 team fouls. Hamlin made 11 of 16 free throws for 69 percent off of Groton's 16 team fouls. Hamlin had 14 offensive rebounds while Groton had six offensive rebounds with Schuring and Lerew each having two. Groton had 17 defensive rebounds with Schuring having six and Hamlin had 21 defensive rebounds with Danny Strands having six. Hamlin had three assists while Groton had 11 with Bennett Shabazz having seven. Lerew had two blocks. The Tigers had 15 turnovers with 12 being steals while Hamlin had 20 turnovers with 10 being steals (five by Bennett Shabazz).

The junior varsity boys lost a close game, 43-41. Scoring for Groton: Brandon Keith 17, Marshall Lane 12, Anthony Sippel 4, Austin Jones 4, Johnny Doeden 2, Tylan Glover 2.

The Lady Tigers could not get any traction against the Chargers and ended up losing, 54-28. Only three players scored for the Tigers with Carly Wheeting having 13, Audrey Wanner 10 and Harleigh Stange five. The Chargers were led by Grace West with 17 while Brooke Opdahl had 12, Lexi Wadsworth eight, Molly Koisti seven, Stacia West five and Chloe Grantham two.

Groton made 26 percent of its field goals while Hamlin made 54 percent. The Tigers did not attempt any free throws and Hamlin was one of four. Groton had five offensive rebounds with Emily Locke having two, and 16 defensive rebounds with Miranda Hanson having four. Groton had two assists, 11 steals with Jessica Bjerke having three, Wheeting had one block, the Tigers had 20 turnovers and nine team fouls. Hamlin had 13 turnovers.

Hamlin won the junior varsity game, 29-25.

Both varsity teams are now 10-5 on the season.



**Audrey Wanner**  
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**Carly Wheeting**  
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**Bennett Shabazz**  
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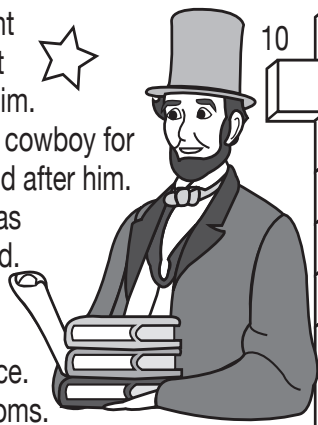
## Presidents Day!

Well, it's certainly cuddlier than a real bear.



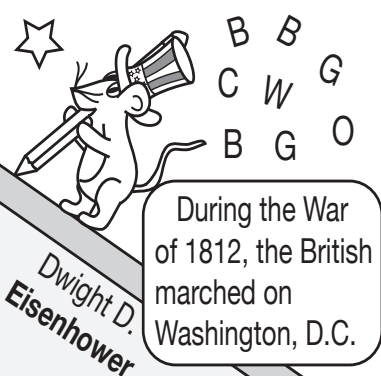
Who was the first president of our country? Why George Washington, of course! President Obama is our 44th president. How much do you know about the presidents? **Read each clue below and fill in the crossword with the last names of each president:**

1. During the American Revolution, as a child in South Carolina, this president was taken prisoner by the British. He was wounded by a sabre (sword) cut from a British officer when he refused to clean the officer's boots.
2. This president's wife, Dolley, saved a portrait of George Washington before the British attacked the city of Washington and burned the White House.
3. While this man was president, the government made Washington D.C. its new home. He and his wife were the first to live in the White House.
4. As a young soldier in battle, our nation's first president escaped uninjured even though his uniform had bullet holes in it and two horses were shot out from under him.
5. This president loved the outdoors. He even lived as a cowboy for a while. The much-loved toy, the teddy bear, is named after him.
6. This lawyer was known as "Honest Abe." When he was president, he declared that the slaves were to be freed.
7. This 5-star Army general was first president to travel in a nuclear-powered submarine.
8. This president drafted the Declaration of Independence. He felt strongly about each person's rights and freedoms.
9. This president never married. He invited his niece to the White House to be his hostess.
10. This Governor of Texas became president eight years after his father left the presidency. He owns a ranch where there are cows, dogs and cats.



Can you fill in the blanks to spell the names of the last 4 U.S. presidents?

1. \_arack \_bama
2. \_eorge W. \_ush
3. \_illiam J. \_linton
4. \_eorge H. W. \_ush



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## Do You Ever Think about Running for President?

Presidents Day is a good time to think about the leaders of our country. Do you ever wonder about the jobs they did before they held the office of the presidency of the United States?

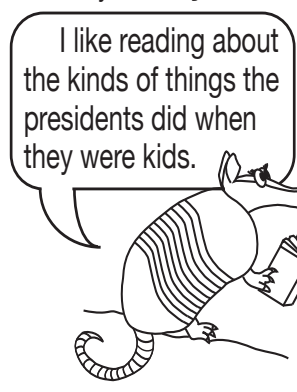
Well, they were soldiers, lawyers, teachers, farmers and writers. Some went to private or public colleges and some were self-taught!

Does this sound like any of the people you know? Do you think that they could become President of the United States if they wanted to seek this important office? Or...maybe it is **your** dream?



**Find and circle the words below connected to the Presidential Office:**

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|------------------|------------------|
| President        | Constitution     |
| Vice President   | elections        |
| First Lady       | Inauguration Day |
| White House      | oath             |
| West Wing        | serve            |
| Oval Office      | lead             |
| Pennsylvania Ave | duty             |
| Marine Sentries  | campaign         |
| Washington D.C.  | Air Force One    |
| public tours     | Camp David       |



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## What Do You Need to Run for the Office of U. S. President?

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2. have lived here at least 14 years
3. be at least...

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- B = Blue

# Community Calendar

**GROTON VET CLINIC**  
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3:00pm: BBBJH at Groton (7th at 3 pm, 8th at 4 pm)  
5:15pm: BBB host Redfield-Doland (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

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**Saturday, February 20**  
Elementary PAC BBB Tourney in Groton  
Show Choir Murder Mystery Dinner  
**Anniv:** Ken & Leslie Dinger  
**Birthdays:** Gerald Osterman, Lori Giedt, Michael Wells, Shaun Wanner, Jerry Bjerke  
9:00am: Robotics at SF Washington  
10:00am: Wrestling at Britton-Hecla  
10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court  
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

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**Friday, February 19**  
**School Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.  
**1994:** Kara and Todd Anderson  
**Birthdays:** Connor Hanson, Gaylene

**Thursday, February 11**  
**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Valentine Nuggets, Breadsticks, corn, fruit, Valentine Cookies

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

**Birthday:** Julie Flihs  
1:30pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences  
6:30pm: Great Lakes Presentation at GHS

**Friday, February 12**  
Debate at Harrisburg  
**Senior Menu:** Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, blueberry cobbler, whole wheat bread.  
**Birthdays:** Ashley Ptacek, Brett Merkel, Yvonne Lorenz  
6:30pm: GBB: Britton-Hecla here

**Saturday, February 13**  
**Birthdays:** Arlene Gibbs, Bradley Sheridan, Michelle Patton  
10:00am: Wrestling at Howard  
2:00pm: GBB/BBB DH in Groton with Mobridge-Pollock (GJV at 2, BJV at 3, Girls varsity at 4:30, Boys Varsity at 6:00)  
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

**Sunday, February 14**  
Valentine's Day  
**Anniv:** Duane and Dodie Neumann  
**Birthdays:** Brooklyn Clara Imrie, Derek Pfitzer, Diane Nilssen, John Neff, Joyce Krueger, Zach Kern  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation  
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  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

1:30pm: Groton Senior Citizens Card Party at Groton Community Center

3:00pm: 3:00 pm: Open Gym (for JH-8th, 5-7 for 6th Grade -12 Grade)

**Monday, February 15**  
NO SCHOOL - President's Day  
Presidents' Day  
**Birthdays:** Bennett Shabazz, Penny Stolle, Shirley Larson  
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
3:00pm: JH BBB at Roncalli (7th at 3 pm, 8th at 4 pm)  
5:15pm: BBB at Roncalli (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)  
7:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature Circle

**Tuesday, February 16**  
**School Breakfast:** French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.  
**Birthday:** Pernell Graf  
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 17**  
**School Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk.  
**Birthdays:** Darien Shabazz, Lila Olson, Marie Gengerke  
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study  
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center  
3:45pm: St. John's Confirmation  
6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (SS Serves)  
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship  
7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Lenten Service

**Thursday, February 18**  
State FFA Proficiency Judging at Webster  
**School Breakfast:** Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.  
**Anniv:** Chuck and Mickey Padfleid  
**Birthdays:** Crystal Young, Zach Herron  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Quilting  
5:15pm: GBB at Redfield (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

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