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**Jerick Hanson - the face behind the mascot**  
Kelli Hanson drafted Jerick Hanson when he was a sophomore to be the Groton Tiger mascot. "She came up to me at a basketball game and asked if I would be the mascot," Hanson said. "I said 'Yes - that would be fun.' Right after the game, she said I was hired!"

When asked what is it like to be in front of the crowd inside the suit, he said, "It is exciting every time I put on the suit! There is no better feeling than making people happy! I love it when the kids give me high fives and it is always great taking pictures with the fans!"

There are two challenges in wearing the suit - getting hot and vision. Hanson said, "I would say one of the biggest challenges is getting overheated. Staying hydrated is the key for keeping yourself cool. Another challenge is the limited tunnel vision. There have been times were I have run into people."

Some of the kids from opposing teams even liked the Tiger mascot. One kid from Milbank said, "That's a cool tiger!" Hanson said, "I have received a lot of positive comments. I've been told that I'm a great mascot and that the people want me back next year. My dream is to

pursue an acting career and this has given me a creative outlet to push me in that direction."



**Jerick Hanson handed out roses to the Spice Girls Dance group. Pictured above he gave a rose to his mom, Pam Hanson. His grandmother, Ramona Hanson, also received a rose.**



**The cheerleaders, the Spice Girls, performed at halftime of the varsity boys game Saturday night.**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

## Petition deadline is Feb. 26th

Only one school board member has taken out a petition as of Wednesday. Incumbent Merle Harder has taken out a petition for a three-year term. Incumbents Lars Hanson and Dorene Nelson have not taken out a petition.

Meanwhile on the city council, Councilmen Jay Peterson (1 year term), Burt Glover (2 year term) and David Blackmun (2 year term) have taken out petitions. Mayor Scott Hanlon has turned in his petition for mayor (3 year term). Councilman David McGannon has not taken out a petition in Ward 2. The deadline to turn in petitions is 5 p.m. on February 26.

## Annual police department report presented to council

Jerry Bjerke presented the annual police report to the city council Tuesday night.

It was an average year for miles driven, which is about 30,000 miles per year. The majority of the tickets written were for warnings," Bjerke said. The ratio was 4 warnings to one ticket written. That ratio was 10 to 1 in 2014. There were 10 DUIs in 2015. Ninety percent of the DUIs come from the highway. Seat belt violations are a primary offense for those 18 and under. Bjerke said that the number of domestic instances

is the highest since he has been here. In February statewide, five officers were killed and three were domestic instances. In Groton, there were 14 domestic instances and that number has jumped to 19 in 2015.

The council approved to send Justin Cleveland to a sex offender's school March 29-30. Bjerke said that when a sex offender comes to town, they have three days to report to Cleveland. If they don't, he finds them. "He does that job very well for us," Bjerke said.

Getting dogs licensed has been a challenge for city officials. Of the 255 dogs in Groton, 172 were sold by December 31, 2015. Starting January 1, it's a \$1 per day fine per dog plus the cost of the license. By January 15, the fine goes to \$25 and 60 licenses were sold from January 1-15. As of today, there are two dogs left in town that are unlicensed and the fine goes to \$50. Mary Flihs said, "If you don't want to buy a dog license, then we should come and get your dog." Officer Bjerke said, "I've been here for 13 years and it's been a problem every year." The council tabled making any further decision.

The sidewalk at the end of Main Street on the east side has not been cleaned off after a snowfall. "It's his property. He should have

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## City Council

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it cleaned," said Councilman Eddy Opp. "The man has a sidewalk there and he should clean it. Everyone else cleans their sidewalk."

Cheri Strom has asked for a cut in the curb in front of her place for elderly people coming to her business. "She has a nice business downtown and she deserves what she's asking for," Opp said. The council will get cost estimates for the project.

The 2015 recreation report was presented. The pool lost \$62,979.07 (that includes \$15,307.73 for the slide), the baseball program lost \$24,496.20, the library lost \$1,993.44, the skating complex lost \$2,894.49, the community center lost \$303.97, the city park lost \$464.71, the basketball court lost \$294.93, the tennis court lost \$579.94 and the golf program (well house) lost \$510.20. All recreation programs for the city has lost \$94,516.95. Councilman Jay Peterson said, "What is the deficit that the city can allow for all recreation programs. These are all good programs, but I struggle to come up with something that will reduce the deficit." He said, "I propose having an across the board increase of 12 percent." Eddy Opp said, "I understand what you're saying, but I

know some people are having a tough time paying the fees as they are now."

Still do not have an agreement with the school for the soccer complex. The city sent signed documents but the school has never returned the documents signed.

They tried passing the hat at the junior teenager and above games last year and it did not work out well, according to Councilman David Blackmun. He said that he will talk with the baseball/softball foundation committee and see what options they have for the gate.

The Paint South Dakota program is going again this year and nominations have to be submitted by April 1 and the paint on the building by the end of June. The city is looking for an organization that might be willing to volunteer their time in painting. For more information, contact city hall. (See related article on back page)

Until someone takes ownership of the car show set for June 19th, the city will took no action on granting approval.

After the executive session, Brenda Madsen, Kami Lipp and Karla Pasteur were hired as the pool managers; Pat Krause as the baseball coordinator and Kathy Bjerke as the softball coordinator.

## Second Quarter Honor Roll

### Seniors:

4.0 GPA: Marlee Jones, Lily Cutler, Maggie Simon, Jaden Oliver, Kelsey Iverson, Megan Unzen, Hailey Hanson, Carly Wheeting, Jasmine Schaller, Adam Herman

3.99-3.50: Aubray Harry, Jayleen Lier, Angela Locke, Emily Raap, Mikaela Blumhardt, Kyle Miller, Kiernan McCranie, Hayden Anderson, Katie Miller, Allison Weber, Josephine Doeden, Brody Sombke, Dustin Fish, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Kaili Aberle, Jamie Krueger, Joy Htoo

3.49-3.00: Landon Johnson, James Thompson, Kari Hanson, Lane Weig, Christopher Zarycki, Taryn Rossow, Jerick Hanson, Zara Maag, Keegan Schelle, Steven Fey

### Juniors:

4.0 GPA: Keri Pappas, Landon Marzahn, Erin Smith, Macy Knecht  
 3.99-3.50: Megan Malsam, Trey Wright, Paityn Bonn, Patrick Gengerke, Alexis Harder, Kate Helmer, Katlyn Idt, Nathan Fjelstad, Hai Ku, Bennett Shabazz, Kellyn Fluke, Pablo Del Campo Calvo

3.49-3.00: Jessica Adler, Katelyn Koehler, Nicholas Achen, Whitney Voss, Sean Schuring, Heather Lone, McClain Lone, Tate Carda, Melanie Schuetze

### Sophomores:

4.0 GPA: Jenifer Fjelstad, Madilyn Wright  
 3.99-3.50: Alexis Gustafson, Marshall Lane, Jackson Oliver, Luke Thorson, Anthony Sippel  
 3.49-3.00: Brandon Keith, Madison Sippel, Hattie Weismantel, Hunter Monson, Gia Gengerke, Harleigh Stange, Alexandra Stange, Emma Donley

### Freshmen:

4.0 GPA: Ashley Garduno, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson  
 3.99-3.50: Tylan Glover, Micah Poor, Alexis Simon, Cassandra Townsend, John Achen, Jennie Doeden, Kaitlyn Anderson, Taylor Holm, Kylie Kassube  
 3.49-3.00: Paige Snyder, Payton Maine, Samantha Menzia, Shyla Larson, Devan Howard, Portia Kettering

### Eighth Graders:

4.0 GPA: None  
 3.99-3.50: Payton Colestock, Kaycie Hawkins, Kayla Jensen, KaSandra Pappas, Rylee Rosenau, Ashley Flihs, Nicole Marzahn, Madeline Schuelke, Tady Glover, Indigo Rogers  
 3.49-3.00: Caitlynn Barse, Katlyn Kyar, Thomas Cranford, Austin Jones, Kaylin Kucker, Kya Jandel, Noah Poor, Cade Guthmiller, Garret Schroeder, Joel Deloera, Peyton Johnson, Riley Thurston, Cole Johnson, Cyruss DeHoet, Jonathan Doeden, Jamesen Stange

### Seventh Graders:

4.0 GPA: None  
 3.99-3.50: Isaac Smith, Tessa Erdmann, Erin Unzen, Brooklyn Gilbert, Alexa Herr, Grace Wambach, Sage Mortenson, Alexis Hanten, Tanae Lipp, Dragr Monson, Samantha Pappas, Grace Wiedrick, Jack Achen, Chandler Larson, Hailey Monson, Jasmine Gengerke  
 3.49-3.00: Austin Anderson, Kaden Carda, Tiara DeHoet, Kale Pharis, Steven Paulson, Lucas Simon, Trey Gengerke, Connor Lehman, Alex Morris, Chloe Crosby, Kenzie McInerney, Alyssa Fordham, Paxton Bonn, Braden Freeman, Gabriella Merkel, Eh Tha You Say, Sarah Sippel

### Sixth Graders:

4.0 GPA: Stella Meier  
 3.99-3.50: Trista Keith, Seth Johnson, Allyssa Locke, Jackson Cogley, Kansas Kroll, Madeline Flihs, Pierce Kettering, Megan Flihs, Jackson Becker, Travis Townsend, Lane Krueger, Madisen Bjerke, Jayden Frohling, Jordan Bjerke, Kennedy Anderson, Julianna Kosel  
 3.49-3.00: Trey Johnson, Kaden Kurtz, Hannah Gustafson, Trinity Smith, Rease Jandel, Macine McGannon, Cassaundra Schultz, Christina Zoellner

## Lewandowski makes Scholar-Athlete PC list

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Presentation College is pleased to announce that Groton native, Cole Lewandowski has made the North Star Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete list for the 2015 fall academic season. To be eligible for selection to the Academic NSAA Scholar-Athlete, a student-athlete must achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Thanks for your outstanding achievement this past season!

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The girls basketball girls, including student manager Shelby Hjernstad, all had their legs crossed the same way at Saturday's game.  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

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**Groton Lions Club**

The Groton Lions Club held its February monthly meeting, last Thursday evening. Justin Olson, first vice president; led the business session, and Lee Schinkel served lunch.

Lee and Topper Tastad reported on the state convention, held in Aberdeen in January. They were the voting delegates from the Groton Club.

Michelle Mullenburg reported on the spring Lions sponsored city-wide rummage, which she is chairing again this year, set for Saturday, May 7. Michelle also reported on the annual Easter egg hunt, in the city park, set for Saturday, March 19; with March 26, as an alternate date. Time will be 10 a.m.

Michelle and Nancy Larsen are working on a Lions website. The wheel of meat project at the Legion is going well.

A monetary donation was voted to the GHS robotics team. The Show 'n Shine show will be June 12, at the Terry Thompson farm. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson and Lee are the scholarship committee again this year, and others offered to help us.

Justin reported on his ongoing Facebook project. Pastor Elizabeth invited all to join her Emmanuel Lutheran youth group in the Kids Against Hunger project, at the old Elks building in Aberdeen, coming up in March.

At the close of the meeting, Lee presented a new application for membership for Jason Bickel, of Andover. Jason was voted upon to become a new member of the Groton Lions Club. This makes seven new members since early December.

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**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 235, 226, Doug Jorgensen 205, John Sippel 203, 200

**Women's High Games:** Dar Larson 188, Darci Spanier 178, Vicki Jorgensen 177

**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 634, Randy Stanley 561, Doug Jorgensen 556

**Women's High Series:** Dar Larson 510, Vicki Jorgensen 473, Darci Spanier 470



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**High Games:** Darci Spanier 175, Penny Stolle 163, Joyce Walter 160

**High Series:** Penny Stolle 462, Darci Spanier 459, Mary Jane Jark 449

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**Men's High Series:** Larry Frohling 486, Bryce Dargatz 462, Josh Heupel 454

**Women's High Games:** Vickie Kramp 179, Alice Severson 172, Mary Larson 165, Joyce Walter 165

**Women's High Series:** Alice Severson 496, Mary Larson 469, Vickie Kramp 461

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**Schuster goes to Sioux Valley**

Former Groton Area Superintendent Laura Schuster, went from Groton to Canby, Minn. The next school year, she will be returning to South Dakota where she will be superintendent at Sioux Valley School in Volga. Volga is located near Brookings.

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**Feb. 9**

**Meeting Minutes**

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Frederick Area School District #6-2 was called to order on February 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with all members present. Others present were Knute Reierson, Jessica Ringgenberg and Deb Klapperich, Bob Bergan, Cam Schock, Scott Kost, Austin Jensen and Stephanie Sumption.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 15-53 Motion by Sumption second by Nickelson to approve the amended agenda. All aye, carried.

Cam Schock and Scott Kost of Climate Control, Inc. presented a proposal for maintenance on the school's GEO Thermal system and other heating and cooling systems.

Exit Cam Schock and Scott Kost.

Discussion followed concerning the proposals received from Climate Control Inc. and from Rasmussen Mechanical Services. The board instructed Superintendent Reierson to contact Cam and Scott for further clarification on their ability to use the current monitoring software installed by Rasmussen's. Action will be taken at the March board meeting to specify which company will be designated for maintenance.

Action 15-54 Motion by Ellwein second by Forsting to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- A. Minutes
- B. Financial Statements as presented.

Bills All aye, carried.

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL FEBRUARY CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND: ASBSD, FEES, 75.00; BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY, FEES, 50.00; CLIMATE CONTROL INC., REPAIRS, 1,223.88; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 823.77; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 1,151.52; CWD-ABERDEEN, FFPV FRUIT/VEG, 240.28; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; HAUFF MID-AMERICA SPORTS, SUPPLIES, 18.90; JAMES DUMIRE, REPAIRS, 72.00; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 234.57; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 2.07; MCLEOD'S PRINTING & SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 26.69; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 48.61; PODOLL, LANCE, MILEAGE, 309.12; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 17.99; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, REIMBURSEMENT, 1,028.40; TSCHOSIK, PAULA, SUPPLIES, 85.09; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, SUPPLIES, 68.95; CLIMATE CONTROL INC., REPLACE OLD COMPRESSOR TANK, 1,648.98; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 369.17; DELZER REPAIR, REPAIRS, 460.10; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 2.12; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 5.99; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, DISHWASHER REPAIRS, 198.57;

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, PRINTING, 561.59; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELECTRIC, 4,283.68; MYONCORE, RENEWAL, 700.00; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, FUEL, 3,532.09; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 234.56; TREBON COMPANY INC., LIGHTSPEED BOTTLE ROCKET, 4,947.04;

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10.66; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 72.90; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ED, PROCESSING, 461.24,

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 91,575.32 Support, 10,929.06; SS & Med, 23,502.16. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 8858.67; Delta Dental, ins. 1163.25; AFLAC, insurance, 319.86; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 357.50; VSP, Vision, ins, 150.27; Security Benefit, retirement, 50.00; American Funds, retirement, 1182.50; Reliastar Life Ins., ins, 149.25; Wellmark, ins, 13,397.78; Janelle Barondeau, ICU Monitor, 56.25; Justin Brotzel, JH referee, 65.00; Jim Dumire, bus driving, 405.98; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 65.08; Donnanne Fugeman, sub, 160.00; Amanda Kallas, student teacher, 37.50; Angela Keller, student teacher, 37.50; Marty Morlock, driving, 250.54; Brock Pashen, driving, 116.26; Caitlin Podoll, student teacher, 75.00; Leroy Podoll, driving, 291.14; Carma Ruenz, sub, 200.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary, 61.30; Eric Sumption, board salary, 65.08; Michelle, Sumption, sub, 160.00; Stephanie Sumption, sub, 100.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 9657.64; Support, 3020.61; SS & Med, 3025.72; SDRS, retirement, 1185.42; AFLAC, insurance, 15.99; Delta Dental, ins, 146.99; Reliastar Life Ins, ins, 1.39; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 250.00; VSP, insurance, 29.73; Wellmark, ins, 1251.22; Carma Ruenz, sub, 100.00; Michelle Sumption, sub, 40.00. Food Service: Support, 2839.46; SS & Med, 751.60; SDRS, retirement, 325.50; VSP, insurance, 45.28.

The following reports were given at this time:

- A. Knute Reierson – Superintendent/AD
- B. Jessica Ringgenberg –K-12 Principal
- C. Bob Bergan – Grounds and Maintenance
- Exit Bob Bergan
- A. Knute Reierson – Athletic Co-op
- B. Richard Schlosser – Hub Area Vo Tech

Action 15-55 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to accept the audit proposal from Eide Bailly for fiscal years ending 2015 and 2016. All aye, carried.

Action 15-56 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to declare the items listed on 2-A-16 as surplus and authorize the business manager to offer them as available for free will donation. All aye, carried.

Action 15-57 Motion by Forsting, second by Ellwein to accept the home school application. All aye, carried.

Action 15-58 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to amend the 2015-16 School Calendar to change March 11 as a full Friday off and April 22 as full day in-service. All aye, carried.

The Superintendent evaluation was moved to executive session.

Discussion on the GEO Thermal maintenance contract was discussed earlier.

Superintendent Reierson informed the board the North Central Special Education Co-op will be required to restructure according to SDCL. The new by-laws will require each of the participating schools to choose one school board member to become a member of a Board of Directors.

The information on the February 16 ASBSD Legislative Day was presented by Superintendent Reierson. Board members were asked if they were interested in attending.

The picture composite/Smart TV was discussed. The journalism class has started the project of taking pictures of each senior composite. Once complete these original composite photos will be available for donation to the

Historical Society. Dan Nickelson will contact Justin Brotzel concerning the purchase of a TV and the software needed for this project. The intention is to have this project operational prior to the 2016 graduation ceremony.

Thank you and congratulations were read and will be posted on the school web site.

Action 15-59 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to enter into executive session at 7:42 pm to discuss student and personnel matters. All aye, carried.

Exit Austin Jensen and Stephanie Sumption.

Chairman Schlosser declared executive session out at 10:22 pm.

The board noted that their intent is to renew all administrative contracts.

Action 15-60 Motion by Forsting, second by Ellwein to adjourn. All aye, carried.

Chairman Business Manager Published once at the total approximate cost of \$92.92. 12097

**Brown County**

**Feb. 9, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes**

FEBRUARY 9, 2016 – GENERAL 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. Commission Chair Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$5,069, 97; Auditor \$7,774.39; Treasurer \$13,383.80; States Attorney \$16,672.58; Blood Draws \$600.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,892.08; Maintenance \$6,905.08; Assessor \$13,580.90; Register of Deeds \$8,374.94; Veterans Service Office \$3,670.88; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$7,450.53; Human Resources \$3,022.22; Sheriff Admin \$33,734.12; Jail \$36,233.76; JDC \$17,907.29; HD \$5,219.11; Welfare Office \$3,581.57; Museum \$7,921.70; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,543.64; Fair Board \$4,219.57; 4-H \$1,172.45; Weed \$574.45; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$41,590.94; Communications \$23,458.42; Emergency Management \$3,880.14; Teen Court \$388.80; 24/7 \$2,994.22; Landfill \$11,936.84.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$17,234.19; Medicare \$4,030.62. Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$204,963.78.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$635.84; Clark Engineering \$16,241.13; Dakota Electronics \$65.00; Hart Intercivic \$2,481.00; HKG Architects \$4,051.30; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$130.00; One Source \$15.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$697,180.37; SD DOT \$1,891.22; SD State 4H Office \$25.00; Kristi Spitzer \$1,584.00; ASL Worthmore \$25,000.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$555.25.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$99.12; Hub City Radio \$804.00; Northern Exposure Advertising \$365.00.

Rentals: Han-Gun Properties \$330.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: B & B Contracting \$300,369.26; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,968.88; DFP \$40.61; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$137.37; G & K Services \$254.23; Gardner Locksmithing \$302.00; GCR Tires & Service \$4,732.55; Graham Tire \$678.48; Great Western Tire \$10.00; Honeywell \$413.19; Ladner Electric \$36,177.36; Lawson Products \$54.69; Leidholt Electric \$20,774.59; PowerPlan \$2,446.56; Sheehan Mack \$16.73; Speciality Mfg. \$268.60; Vetch Auto Body \$540.00; W L Construction Supply \$20.00; Western States Fire \$339.32; Woodman Refrigeration \$195.92.

Supplies: A & B Business

\$56.04; A-1 Locksmithing \$64.75; Aberdeen Auto Center \$5,568.00; Ameripride \$65.29; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; CarQuest \$850.81; Cash-Wa \$4,023.14; Century Business Products \$41.36; Chet's Janitorial Supply \$200.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$4,733.34; Dakota Electronics \$335.50; DFP \$1,381.92; Dakota Oil \$286.25; DPM Mercantile \$493.21; Earthgrains \$787.20; Exhaust Pros \$43.50; Farnam's \$9.29; Fastenal \$49.38; Great Western Tire \$875.73; Hecla Implement \$29.95; Holland's Auto Care \$48.31; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$66.71; Lawson Products \$736.14; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$120.50; Mac's \$64.39; Marco \$357.67; Menards \$15.99; Midstates Printing \$299.12; PowerPlan \$865.50; Sherri Rawstern \$245.51; Running's \$216.09; SD Secretary of State \$14.00; Sewing Shoppe \$31.50; Sheehan Mack \$1,125.50; Taylor Laundry \$63.00; Vetch Auto Body \$20.00; W L Construction Supply \$269.97; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$68.57.

Travel and Conference: ATSA \$145.00; City of Groton \$48.41; IAAO \$190.00; Leo Leshar \$366.13; Gene Loeschke \$45.59; Tina McLeod \$419.36.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,295.31; CenturyLink \$47.43; Economy Propane \$1,135.05; Midcontinent \$275.30; Northern Electric \$53.00; NVC \$2,947.24; NWPS \$7,290.21; Town of Frederick \$47.00.

Other: SDACO \$908.00. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-nay, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee step increases, effective February 14, 2016: Brian Koens @ \$23.09 per hour, Nicholas Juenger @ \$18.30 per hour, Linn Kamin @ \$20.45 per hour, Wes Graff @ \$20.79 per hour, Brad Nehlich @ \$18.43 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve request to fill vacancy for part-time employee in the Veterans Service Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve hiring Sheryl Downes as part-time cook in the Sheriff Department, effective February 1, 2016 @ \$14.54 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CORRECTED QUIT CLAIM DEED: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize Commission Chair Kippley sign corrected quit claim deed at no cost to the County (Ellwein property originally recorded in Book 273 Page 276). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURTROOM DAMAGE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to accept option 3 of quote from Huff Construction, Inc. for damage in vestibule of the Magistrate Court Room in amount of \$2,465.00; rejecting option 1 @ \$896.00 and option 2 @ \$3,470.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following January 2016 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement with Romeo Entertainment Group, Inc. to act as entertainment consultant for the Brown County Fair in 2016 @ \$15,000.00 plus travel, lodging and meals, with two-year option (2017 @ \$17,500.00, 2018 @ \$20,000.00). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOOTH CONTRACTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to authorize the Chair to sign vendor booth rental contracts for the 2016 Brown County Fair, as they are presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WELFARE GUIDELINES AMENDED: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #11-16. WHEREAS, Title 2, Second Revision of Brown County Ordinances, as amended, requires the Brown County Commission, by resolution, to adopt rules, regulations and appendixes necessary for the implementation of a County Welfare Program, in accordance with SDCL 28-13; and WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission adopted the Brown County Welfare Guidelines by Resolution No. 4-98, dated January 6th 1998; amended by Resolution #16-2000 (3/14/2000); Resolution #23-2000 (4/4/2000); Resolution #21-02 and Resolution #22-02 (1/29/02); Resolution #77-04 and Resolution

#78-04 (9/28/04); Resolution #20-06 and Resolution #21-06 (4/4/06); Resolution #24-08 and Resolution #25-08 (3/18/08); Resolution #42-09 and Resolution 43-09 (7/28/09); Resolution #88-10 (10/5/10); Resolution #102-10 (12/7/10); Resolution #4-14 (1/28/14); Resolution #75-15; Resolution #4-16, and WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the residents of Brown County to amend Appendix A (Income Eligibility/Determination Tests).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Appendix A (Income Eligibility/Determination Tests) be amended as follows:

Appendix A  
Income Eligibility/Determination Tests  
Poverty Guidelines  
Family Size.....Monthly  
1.....\$ 990  
2.....\$1,335  
3.....\$1,680  
4.....\$2,025  
5.....\$2,370  
6.....\$2,715  
7.....\$3,061  
8.....\$3,408  
(each additional household member – add \$347/month).

Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

LANDFILL AGREEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign 2016 agreement with Leggette, Brashears and Graham, Inc. for Environmental Monitoring, Investigations and Permit Consultation at the Brown County Landfill at an estimated cost of \$64,551.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TITLE V AIR QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize the Chair sign Annual Compliance Certification Report for Title V air quality operating permit for the Brown County Landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL WASTE TIRE REMOVAL QUOTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to accept low quote submitted by New Deal Tire to remove waste tires from landfill in 2016 in the amount of \$150.00 per ton; rejecting quote from Liberty Tire in amount of \$169.50 per ton. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STRIPING AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement with the SD DOT for the striping of approximately 60.0 miles of county roads within Brown County at estimated cost of \$64,692.00 (County share @ \$50,474.63, State share @ \$14,217.37). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Kendall Titze, Highway Assistant presented department update and stated the load limits will become effective in approximately two weeks.

RFP AWARD – DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to award Requests for Proposals for Document Management Solution, submitted by A&B Business (Square 9 Solution) in amount of \$58,050.00 (multiple scanners per license); rejecting CBP @ \$72,593.00, ISC @ \$79,700.00, DataBank @ \$73,260.00, Active Data @ \$57,638.00 (requires individual licenses for each scanner), Marco @ \$65,050.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Jail Phase III Project Proposal Request #1 in amount of \$1,436.74 was submitted for informational purposes, which is covered by the contingency line item in the bid; no further discussion or action on the request for an elevation change at the end of Coyne Road at this time.

EMPLOYEE POLICY J: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve Policy J – Water Coolers be added to the Employee Policy Manual. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-abstain, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim 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 Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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**Westport Town**

**Feb. 1**

**Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting

February 1st, 2016

The Town of Westport met on February 1st, 2016 with John Bain, Jan Ellefson, Doreen Hertel, Mike Wilson and 12 community members present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General  
NWPS (\$474.52), Groton Independent (\$95.63), USPS – Mail (\$1.69), Insurance Plus (\$2,011.41) & Royane & Cogley (\$79.50).

Sewer  
NWPS (\$48.97), NRW – loan repayment (\$210.13), Deb Schlosser-Refund (\$240.00) & Dahme Construction (\$7,940.80).

Water  
WEB (\$973.56), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), Deb Schlosser-refund (\$260.00) & Clark Engineering (\$618.00).

Mike Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by John Bain.

The following deposits were presented:

City General  
Brown County Collections (\$55.33), State of SD (\$3,204.18), Town Hall Rent (\$100.00), Westport Community Club (\$375.09) & Interest (\$14.33).

Sewer  
Resident Payments – (\$1,725.00).

Water  
Resident Payments – (\$2,076.30) & State of SD-Loan (\$20,459.17).

NEW BUSINESS:  
Andy with Water Maintenance presented the contract for the following year. It will stay the same, except for the overage hours.

A bid was receive by Dahme construction for \$41,000, to replace sewer pipes in the SE corner part of Westport. The board will look into getting another bid.

The water loan was discussed. The city will have to pay a \$931.33 a month, for repayment of the loan of \$100,000. If the city does not borrow the full amount, the remainder of the money will be applied to the principal and shorten the length of the loan. To cover the cost of the loan, each active and inactive water user will go up by \$20.00. The base rate will be at \$45.00 per active household and the inactive rate will also be raised to \$38.00. The thousand gallon rate will be raised to \$3.75 per thousand and overage will be raised to \$7.25. The sewer rates will stay the same until the new water meters are installed and the city can get a winter average to charge for the summer. The new sewer rates will be adjusted next year. A resolution will be read next month to pass these rates.

The sales tax was brought up as if it could be put in another account. That can be done through an ordinance but was not recommended by NECOG. The city will have the sales go into the general fund. If at some point the sewer or water account is in need of funds, the city council can use Supplement Appropriations to transfer funds from the general account.

The city has received the cost to get insurance from SDML and it came to \$1,454.00, whereas the Allied insurance was \$5,250.00 for a year. The city will change insurance carriers. Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$27.12. 12098

**Groton City**

**Dollar General**

**Store Notice**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING

The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on February 22, 2016 at 7:00pm CDT at City Hall, 209 N Main, Groton, SD for a special exception of Title 11, Section 11.0104 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Colby Capital, LLC for the operation of a retail Dollar General Store at the location of 1203 N Main St., Groton, SD, legally described as Lots 1-9, Block 4, Randalls Addition and its vacated alley; 12th Ave. Vacated between Main St and 3rd St; and Lot 18 Block 11, Randalls Addition. This would be in a Residential 3 Zone.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this special exception may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

February 8, 2016  
Anita Lowary  
Zoning Administrator  
(0211.0218)  
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|                        | GENERAL FUND        | C.O. FUND             | SP. ED. FUND      | PENSION           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Checking Bal | \$225,884.12        | \$583,287.26          | \$248,677.27      | \$115,022.41      |
| <b>RECEIPTS:</b>       |                     |                       |                   |                   |
| Taxes                  | \$4,725.75          | \$2,579.65            | \$1,599.29        | \$258.59          |
| Local Sources          | \$193.20            |                       | \$37.50           |                   |
| Interest               | \$50.32             |                       | \$0.00            |                   |
| Federal & State        | \$54,001.00         |                       | \$381.94          |                   |
| Investments            | \$830,471.29        | \$40,429.40           | \$256,175.05      | \$45,189.23       |
| Disbursements          | \$121,112.85        | \$5,395.30            | \$14,956.15       |                   |
| CLOSING BALANCE        | \$994,212.83        | \$620,901.01          | \$491,914.90      | \$160,470.23      |
|                        | TRUST & AGENCY FUND | ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED | FOOD SERVICE FUND | UNEMPLOYMENT FUND |
| Beginning Balance      | \$96,905.62         | \$275.09              | \$5,903.32        | \$19,090.52       |
| Receipts               | \$9,344.01          | \$0.00                | \$5,555.40        |                   |
| Disbursements          | \$15,856.94         | \$0.00                | \$6,427.91        |                   |
| CLOSING BALANCE        | \$90,392.69         | \$275.09              | \$5,030.81        | \$19,090.52       |

**Brown County  
Schumaker Rezoning  
Notice**

NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 22nd day of February 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street, to consider the Petition filed by Rodrick L Tobin, Attorney for property owner Dave Schumaker to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (R-2) Medium Density Residential District, said property being described as follows:

Proposed Meadowlark Acres Addition to Aberdeen in the NW 1/4 of Sec 22-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (815 S County Hwy #14)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-02-08/454 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 2nd day of February 2016.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0211.0218)

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**Claremont Town  
Feb. 9  
Meeting Minutes**

The board of Trustees for you the Town of Claremont met in regular session at 7:00 p. m. on 2-9-16 at city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Al Merkel and Russ Crosby present. On a motion by Merkel and seconded by Crosby the January minutes were approved. On a motion by Crosby and seconded by Merkel the following warrants were allowed: General: James Valley, internet and phone, 83.11; Holland Auto care, agdsl, 59.82; SD Asso. of Towers and township, dues, 221.75; NWE,lights, 392.43; Jason Spencer, 4 hrs, 64.00; Claremont township, cemetery upkeep, 1600.00; Charla Rye, wage, 300.00; Langford Lumber,paint brushes, 47.48; WSSW: BDM, water used, 615.90;Dept. of Revenue and Remittance Center, samples, 30.00; NWE, water and sewer, 315.59; Robin Crosby, meter reading, 138.52; Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00; With no further business before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Merkel and seconded by Crosby motion carried.

CRYE F.O.

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**Bates Township  
BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde.

Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

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

Betty Geist, Township Clerk (0218.0225)

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**Henry Township  
Henry Township Annual Meeting Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 7pm at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and road maintance.

Darlene Sass  
Henry Township Clerk (0217.0224)

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**Putney Township  
NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Mark Thompson's Shop.

Caucus at 5 p.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated placed in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 5 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Mark Thompson  
Township Clerk (0217.0224)

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**Riverside  
Township**

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Riverside Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Steve Simon's garage. Caucus 7:30 p.m., followed by election of officers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards, more or less, of gravel, loaded and delivered to designated places in Riverside Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 1, 2015, at Steve Simon's shop at 7:30 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk (0218.0225)

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**Shelby Township**

Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Shelby Township will also accept bids for gravel and also road maintaining, snow removal and other road work as necessary for the year 2016-2017. The gravel is to be delivered before Aug. 1, 2016 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges and will be required to provide date and time records of all work

done. Bids must be recieved at the clerk's residence on or before March 29, 2016. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 29, 2016 at 7 p.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisor reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Brent Miller, Township Clerk (0217.0224)

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**Groton School  
February 8  
Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING  
February 8, 2016

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Rix. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Nelson, second to Weismantel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve all consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop agenda items, District minutes of January 11 and 25, bills, financial reports, agency reports, school lunch reports and transportation reports. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 163,955.08; FIT - 17,958.51; Medicare - 6,218.54; FICA - 26,589.52; American Funds - 702.40; Washington National - 98.40; SDRS - 27,212.74; First National Bank - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,216.54; Horace Mann - 318.51; Thrivent - 205.80; AFLAC - 2,216.49; Delta Dental - 4,226.10; SDRS Supplemental - 830.80; Wellmark BCBS - 55,847.00; Reliastar Life - 538.90; 217 Productions - fundraiser pmt, 250.00; A&B Business - supplies, 225.84; Aberdeen Awards - trny awards, 199.40; AgEdNet.com - subscription, 399.00; Agency Fund - advance pmts, 19,738.17; Allen's Electric - services, 76.53; Kathryn Andersen - reimburse fees, 43.25; BSN Sports - bbb shirts, 84.00; Carquest Auto - supplies, 690.00; City of Groton - utilities, 13,018.50; Cole Papers - supplies, 2,938.51; Crawford Trucks - parts, 47.20; Dependable Sanitation - services, 1,238.00; Duenwald Transportation - repairs, 170.00; G&K Services - rug services, 430.06; G-Sports Wrestling - wr charts, 95.00; Geffdog Designs - sports shirts, 930.59; GASD-Food Service - trny supplies, 170.74; Hillyard - supplies, 1,563.22; House of Glass - keys, 15.60; J.W. Pepper - music, 572.53; James Valley Telecomm. - phone serv, 816.53; JB Repair - services, 60.00; Jostens - diplomas, 241.66; McLeod's - checks, 234.01; Mid-American Research - supplies, 1,295.21; Nasco - supplies, 83.00; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 5,946.36; Renneberg Hardwoods - supplies, 678.59; Riley Bus Service - sh ch charter, 1,282.50; S&S Lumber - supplies, 1,667.19; School Nurse Supply - face shields, 92.15; Anna Schwan - meals, 8.23; SDASSP - registrations, 200.00; Sewer Saver - services, 969.90; SW/WC Service Cooperatives

- purchasing contract, 25.00; Taylor Music - repairs/suppl, 169.06; trackwrestling.com - trny services, 111.03; Twin Valley Tire - repairs, 1,470.31; Walmart Community - supplies, 22.96; Tammy Weiszhaar - cheer supplies, 186.82.

Total General Fund - \$366,691.98.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Acme Tools - tools, 248.00; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 1,173.49; Apple Inc - ipads, 31,595.00; CDW Government - cases, 4,140.95; Follett School Solutions - lib. books, 780.59; John Deere Financial - drive shaft, 603.47; Johnson Controls - services contract, 23,125.95; Marco - copier leases, 2,175.99; MidAmerica Books - lib. books, 131.67; S&S Lumber - project materials, 77.06. Total Capital Outlay - \$64,052.17.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 25,014.41; FIT - 2,366.66; Medicare - 951.14; FICA - 4,067.20; SDRS - 4,341.04; Waddell & Reed - 250.00; AFLAC - 409.66; Delta Dental - 845.22; SDRS Supplemental - 200.00; Wellmark BCBS - 11,666.00; Reliastar Life - 207.26; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 241.11; Avera St. Luke's - services, 6,845.37; Jan Hoffman - supplies, 7.64; Patron - mileage, 599.76. Total Special Ed - \$58,012.47.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service -Net Salary - 5,805.38; FIT - 379.26; Medicare - 205.10; FICA - 877.00; SD Retirement - 694.04; AFLAC - 54.22; Wellmark BCBS - 1,372.00; Reliastar Life - 1.30; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 246.36; CWD - food/suppl, 2,903.22; Dean Foods - dairy product, 1,715.05; Earthgrains - bakery product, 218.75; G&K Services - linen serv, 264.46; Reinhart - food/suppl, 4,354.27; Reliable One - gloves, 478.11; Rux Plumbing - repairs, 164.99; School Nutrition Assn - dues, 40.50; SDDOE-CANS - commodities, 334.81; Sysco - food, 1,377.34; US Foods - food/suppl, 2,337.25. Total Food Service - \$23,823.41.

OST -Net Salary - 1,251.06; FIT - 57.13; Medicare - 43.62; FICA - 186.48; SDRS - 160.86; AFLAC - 135.98; Wellmark BCBS - 604.00; Reliastar Life - .65; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 312.47; Menards, 34.38. Total OST - \$2,786.63. Total Enterprise Funds - \$26,610.04.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$26,766.21.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 16,588.64; Other Local Sources - 77,118.18; County Sources - 3,953.51; State Sources - 287.50. Total Receipts - \$97,947.83.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

There were no committee reports were given.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: legislative session update, cracker barrel schedule, long range facility planning sessions, special education accountability review, North Central Special Ed Coop, SDHSAA Out-of-Season Rule Proposal, Elem Pac looking for volunteers, parent-teacher conferences, Science Curriculum Review, CTE State Visit, inventory and requisition process and actuarial study on early retirement liability in regards to the annual report.

Superintendent Schwan presented Certificates of Appreciation to School Board Members in honor of School Board Recogni-

tion Week.

Moved by Harder, second Larson to approve hiring Brandon Clocksene as part-time kitchen staff, for 3.75 hours per date at a rate of \$10.50 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve changing the start time of the February 22, 2016 meeting from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm to hold a facility planning session with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Larson to move the March 28, 2016 meeting to March 29, 2016 due to Easter Monday. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 7:50 pm pursuant to

SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 8:12 pm.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to issue administrative contracts for school year 2016-17 with a return date of February 19, 2016, with terms and conditions to be negotiated at a later date. Motion carried.

Moved by Hanson, second Nelson to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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| MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6       |                     |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending January 31, 2016 |                     |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
|  | General Fund        | Restricted Gen Funds | Capital Outlay    | Special Education | Pension Fund     | Bond Redemption   | Enterprise Fund  | Agency Fund       | Total for District  |
| <b>1. Beginning Balance</b>  | <b>1,567,543.80</b> | <b>32,052.21</b>     | <b>714,564.64</b> | <b>210,021.48</b> | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>147,255.99</b> | <b>65,435.66</b> | <b>209,042.29</b> | <b>2,945,916.07</b> |
| a. cash  | 0.00                | 0.00                 | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| b. securities invested   | 1,567,543.80        | 32,052.21            | 714,564.64        | 210,021.48        | 0.00             | 147,255.99        | 65,435.66        | 209,042.29        | 2,945,916.07        |
| 2. Transfers in  |                     |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
| 3. Revenue to date   | 2,203,011.28        | 0.00                 | 518,817.38        | 306,089.78        | 95,500.25        | 103,898.61        | 173,875.85       | 372,595.67        | 3,773,788.82        |
| 4. Total accounted for   | 3,770,555.08        | 32,052.21            | 1,233,382.02      | 516,111.26        | 95,500.25        | 251,154.60        | 239,311.51       | 581,637.96        | 6,719,704.89        |
| 5. Transfers out   |                     |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
| 6. Expenditures to date  | 2,147,004.21        | 0.00                 | 716,630.86        | 335,003.19        | 0.00             | 200,613.75        | 171,239.00       | 414,293.97        | 3,984,784.98        |
| a. encumbrances  | 0.00                | 0.00                 | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| b. disbursements   | 2,147,004.21        | 0.00                 | 716,630.86        | 335,003.19        | 0.00             | 200,613.75        | 171,239.00       | 414,293.97        | 3,984,784.98        |
| <b>7. Ending Balance</b>   | <b>1,623,550.87</b> | <b>32,052.21</b>     | <b>516,751.16</b> | <b>181,108.07</b> | <b>95,500.25</b> | <b>50,540.85</b>  | <b>68,072.51</b> | <b>167,343.99</b> | <b>2,734,919.91</b> |
| a. cash  | 1,623,350.87        | 32,052.21            | 516,751.16        | 181,108.07        | 95,500.25        | 50,540.85         | 68,072.51        | 144,105.48        | 2,711,481.40        |
| b. cash transferred  | 200.00              | 0.00                 | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             | 23,238.51         | 23,438.51           |
| January Receipts   | 27,172.08           | 0.00                 | 3,935.80          | 2,942.57          | 638.28           | 915.72            | 17,766.78        | 44,576.60         | 97,947.83           |
| January Expenses   | 361,399.26          | 0.00                 | 43,683.34         | 58,358.57         | 0.00             | 0.00              | 22,639.60        | 26,766.21         | 512,846.98          |
| Agency Cash on Hand  | 23,238.51           |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
| District Savings   | 2,711,481.40        |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
| Certificate of Deposit   | 0.00                |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
| District Cash on Hand  | 200.00              |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |
| <b>Total for District</b>  | <b>2,734,919.91</b> |                      |                   |                   |                  |                   |                  |                   |                     |

## Roncalli edges past Groton by two points

It was a typical Groton-Roncalli matchup Monday night in Aberdeen as the Cavaliers squeaked out a 46-44 win. Seric Shabazz made a free throw, missed the second but got the rebound and was fouled again. He made two free throws to give Groton a 44-43 lead with 49 seconds left in the game. Gus Reede answered on the other end with a three-pointer with 17 seconds and a last second shot by Groton did not go in.

There were 10 lead changes and the game was tied 11 times in the contest.

Hunter Lerew led the Tigers with 15 points followed by Sean Schuring with 13, Seric Shabazz had nine, Bennett Shabazz five and Aaron Severson added two points.

The Cavaliers were led by Connor Deutsch and Braden Sommers with 13 points each, Gus Reede had eight, Bronson Heier and Logan Karst each had four, Sam VanOrman had three and Connor Fiedler added one point.

Groton made 42 percent of its field goals while Roncalli made 41 percent. From the line, Groton was 10 of 18 for 40 percent off of Roncalli's 17 team fouls. Roncalli was four of 10 for 40 percent off of Groton's 15 team fouls. Groton had 14 turnovers with nine being steals (VanOrman with 3) while Roncalli had 12 turnovers with seven

being steals (Seric Shabazz three). Roncalli had the edge on the boards, 30-27, with Sean Schuring having seven for Groton and Logan Karst having seven for Roncalli. Groton had 10 assists with Bennett Shabazz having five while Roncalli had seven assists with Sommers having three. Lerew had two blocks for Groton.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 51-18. Brandon Keith had five points, Austin Jones four, Frankie Wuestewald, Treyton Diegel and Peyton Johnson each had two and Truitt Rogers added a free throw.

Roncalli won the C game, 55-29.

Groton ends its regular season hosting Redfield on Friday.



**Brandon Keith**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Bennett Shabazz**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Hunter Lerew**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

## Lady Tigers hold off Roncalli, again

The Lady Tigers hosted Aberdeen Roncalli in a non-conference and Groton held off a late Roncalli rally to win, 49-45. The evenly matched teams kept the game close most of the way. Roncalli jumped out to a six point lead and led at the end of the first quarter, 10-7. The Cavaliers held a six point lead again in the second quarter, but the Tigers rallied at the end of the half and the game was tied at 22. Groton surged ahead in the third period to take a 38-31 lead. The Tigers opened up a 10-point lead in the fourth period, 43-33, but the Cavaliers rallied to within three, 48-45, with under a minute left in the game, but Groton went on to win, 49-45.

Audrey Wanner scored 19 points to lead the Tigers. She also scored 19 points the first time these two teams met earlier in the season. Carly Wheeting added 10 followed by Katie Koehler with nine, Harleigh Stange six and Jessica Bjerke had five points.

The Cavaliers were led by Megan Streier with 12 points followed by Mariah Winegar and Grace Imbery each with nine, Jamie Ewart had seven, Tayler Morgan had four, Kennedy Lorenz three and Amber Dix added one free throw.

Groton made 54 percent of its field goals, was four of 12 from the line, had 15 team fouls, two blocks with Bjerke and Wheeting each having one, five steals with Koehler having three, and 21 rebounds with Wheeting having nine.

The Cavaliers made 14 of 59 field goals for 24 percent, was 14 of 18 from the line, had 27 rebounds with Ewart and Imbery each having seven, 11 turnovers, 17 team fouls, three steals and four assists.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 26-24. Scoring for Groton: Miranda Hanson 5, Jenny Doeden 5, Alex Stene 4, Taylor Holm 4, Payton Maine 2, Gia Gengerke 2, Madison Sippel 2.

Roncalli also won the C game, 17-13. Scoring for Groton: Madison Sippel 5, Portia Kettering 4, Kaycie Hawkins 4.



**Audrey Wanner**  
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Jessica Bjerke makes this three-pointer.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

# Groton Area varsity teams beat Mobridge-Pollock



**Carly Wheeting**  
 (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Katie Koehler**  
 (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Payton Maine makes a 3-pointer**  
 (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



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



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

The Groton Area girls and boys varsity teams posted wins Saturday in Groton over the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers.

The Groton Area girls won, 54-47. The game was tied at 10, 13, 15, 29, 31, 38 and 41 and there were six lead changes. Mobridge-Pollock had six turnovers in the fourth quarter to help propel the Groton Area offense. Groton made 64 percent of its field goals in the first quarter, 42 percent in the second quarter, 38 percent in the third quarter and 50 percent in the fourth quarter. Mobridge-Pollock made 67 percent of its field goals in the first quarter, 35 percent in the second, 55 percent in the third and 27 percent in the fourth quarter. Groton had 10 turnovers while Mobridge-Pollock had 15 turnovers.

Audrey Wanner led Groton Area with 23 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 11, Harleigh Stange seven, Katie Koehler and Jessica Bjerke with five each and Payton Maine with three.

Lauren Henderson led Mobridge-Pollock with 13 points followed by Naomi Stroeder and Alexa Schaeftbauer with eight each, and Samantha Good Shield, Kaitlin Good Shield and Geneva Wollman with five each.

Groton Area made eight of 17 free throws off of Mobridge-Pollock's 14 team fouls for 47 percent. Mobridge-Pollock made five of nine free throws off of Groton's 14 team fouls for 55 percent. Groton had 19 rebounds with Wanner having five, six assists with Stange and Hanson each having two, nine steals with Wanner, Koehler and Wheeting each having two, and Wheeting had two blocks.

Meanwhile the varsity boys once again dug hole in the first half and clawed back out of it this time in the second half to beat Mobridge-Pollock, 48-41. Mobridge-Pollock led, 18-10, after the first quarter and 28-17 at half time. Groton Area trailed by four after three quarters, 34-30. Groton captured a 39-38 lead with 1:24 left in the game, and scored the last six points of the game for the 48-41 win. Groton was 10 of 11 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Sean Schuring made five three-pointers to propel Groton with 16 points. Bennett Shabazz, Seric Shabazz and Adam Herman each had eight points, Hunter Lerew and Aaron Severson each had four points.

Mobridge-Pollock was led by Brendan Walking Elk with 13 points, Matt Lepke 12, Dante' Fischer had nine, Noah Chase five and Jordan Bachmeier added two.

Mobridge-Pollock had 16 turnovers, eight of which were steals with Seric Shabazz having three. Groton had eight turnovers, five of which were steals. Groton had 11 assists with Bennett Shabazz having five, while Mobridge-Pollock had three assists. Groton had 12 offensive rebounds with Lerew, Herman and Brandon Keith each had two, and 20 defensive rebounds with Lerew having seven and Schuring five. Mobridge-Pollock had six offensive rebounds with Lepke having three, and 28 defensive rebounds with Bachmeier having eight.

Groton was 13 of 17 from the line for 77 percent of of Mobridge-Pollock's 20 team fouls. Mobridge-Pollock was two of two from the line off of Groton's 10 team fouls.

Groton made 27 percent of its field goals in the first quarter, 13 percent in the second, 38 percent in the third and 33 percent in the fourth. Mobridge-Pollock made 62 percent in the first, 36 percent in the second, 30 percent in the third and 27 percent in the fourth.

Mobridge-Pollock won the boys junior varsity game, 39-34. Anthony Sippel led Groton with 12 points followed by Treyton Diegel and Brandon Keith with eight each, Marshall Lane had four and Frankie Wuestewald and Austin Jones each had two points.

The girls junior varsity team won, 24-20.

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# Lady Tigers beat Britton-Hecla

Groton's defense held Kassi Jones to six points as the Lady Tigers posted a 43-39 win over the Britton-Hecla Braves on Friday in Groton.

Coach Shaun Wanner said that Jessica Bjerke did a good job defending Jones, who has been averaging 16 points a game.

Groton took a 10-6 lead after the first quarter, a 24-16 lead at halftime (holding a 22-9 lead midway in the second quarter), and a 34-29 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Katie Koehler with 10, Carly Wheeting had eight, and Jessica Bjerke and Harleigh Stange each had six.

The Braves were led by Abby Flanery with 15 points followed by Toni Symens with 10, Shayla Henrichs had seven, Kassi Jones six and Brianna Beck added one free throw.

Groton had 20 turnovers, seven steals with Koehler having four, six assists with Bjerke and Wheeting each having two and 28 rebounds with Wheeting having 10.

Britton-Hecla had six assists, 12 steals, 17 turnovers and 28 rebounds.

Groton made 50 percent of its field goals, making 16 of 32 shots. Britton made 25 percent, making nine of 36. From the line, Groton was eight of 18 for 44 percent and the Braves were nine of 17 for 53 percent. Groton had 16 team fouls and Britton-Hecla had 23 team fouls with Fosness fouling out.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 40-20. Scoring for Groton: Jenny Doeden 11, Payton Maine and Alex Stange with six each, Miranda Hanson five, Taylor Holm and Portia Ketterling each had four and Madison Sippel two.



**Katie Koehler gets ready to pass off the ball before Britton's defense Abby Flanery (12) and Ashley Fosness (10) close in on her.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Carly Wheeting is double teamed by Shyla Henrichs (4) and Laken Olson.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Audrey Wanner lets it fly as she took a last second shot at the end of the first half.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

## Letter to the Editor from Heartland Consumers Power District

Dear Editor:

The Supreme Court recently voted to put the Environmental Protection Agency's final Clean Power Plan (CPP) rule on hold while the court hears legal challenges to it. This is an unprecedented move by the court and was in response to motions filed by several states and industry. Now, the EPA can't enforce the rule until the federal courts decide if it is legal.

The CPP aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. While this is a worthy goal, at Heartland Consumers Power District, we know the effects of the CPP would be disastrous for electric consumers. The rule would require costly steps which would not only dramatically increase the price of electricity, but would threaten the reliability of the electric system.

The city of Groton receives wholesale power from Heartland and we take pride in serving our friends and neighbors. As a not-for-profit public power utility, Heartland's loyalty is to our customers. We take our responsibility seriously to provide reliable and affordable electricity while doing our best to protect the environment.

Heartland has already made significant investments to reduce emissions by installing emission reducing technology at our coal-fired plants, investing in wind power and offering a variety of incentives to consumers to increase energy efficiency. The EPA's plan doesn't take into account these past investments, which would mean increased costs from making further investments and decreased reliability from taking multiple plants out of service. The EPA also overreaches its legal authority with this rule and Heartland has strongly advocated for its reversal.

We applaud the Supreme Court's decision to put the EPA's rule on hold while legal challenges are heard. Over half the states, 24 national trade organizations, 37 rural electric cooperatives and three labor unions representing 900,000 members have sued the EPA over these rules. It is our hope that ultimately, the rule is overturned and we can focus on our priority of providing reliable, affordable electricity.

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## Local Farmer Bridging the Gap Between Food and Farming

# McCranie Joins Hungry for Truth Initiative

Local farmer Monica McCranie thinks a lot about food beyond the farm field. As a health-conscious mom, nutrition has always been important to her. Now, she wants to make the connection with like-minded South Dakotans to have open, honest conversations about food and farming.

"Because I'm a farmer, some people might not realize that I am thinking about the same things as they are when it comes to food choices," McCranie said. "As my kids were growing up, when making food decisions, I always asked, 'Is it nutritional, and is it healthy for them?' I always wanted to make sure they were fueling their bodies with what was important."

McCranie is a third-generation farmer who grew up as a city girl. She has been farming with her husband for 29 years, growing mostly corn and soybeans. McCranie believes many misconceptions exist about farming practices today, and she wants to reach across the table to have conversations with fellow South Dakotans about food.

"As a consumer and a mom, I understand how confusing it is to look at a label and understand what it means and doesn't mean," McCranie said. "What I think is important to know is that, no matter what the label says, whether that food was grown conventionally, genetically modified or organically, it has the same nutritional value."

McCranie is eager to start conversations with those who don't farm and learn more about what concerns they have about farming today. That's why she was excited to become a part of Hungry for Truth, an initiative from the South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council (SDSRPC) that connects South Dakotans to the farmers who grow their food. Monica is one of eight featured farmers on the Hungry for Truth website, answering common questions about agriculture.

"Although agriculture is the No. 1 industry in South Dakota, most consumers are several generations removed from the farm and don't know what happens every day on the farm," McCranie said.

The Hungry for Truth website is at the heart of the initiative. It is a hub of information for consumers on all things food and farming. Website visitors can choose from topics including food safety, biotechnology, sustainability and food production, and then select questions to ask the farmers.

Visitors are encouraged to join the conversation by submitting questions to the farmers involved with Hungry for Truth. McCranie believes this element is key to generating meaningful conversations.

"There's no better source of information about food than the farmers who grow it. I want to help South Dakotans understand that, as farmers, we value being able to provide healthy food for our families and theirs," she said.

The Hungry For Truth initiative uses several techniques to unite farmers and consumers, including a website; social media; advertising in publications throughout the state; website promotions; interactive displays; and South Dakota Soybean's sponsorship and farmer participation in special events throughout the year.

### About Hungry for Truth

The Hungry for Truth initiative is an outreach program about food and farming funded by the SDSRPC. The goal of Hungry for Truth is to elevate the discussion among South Dakotans and South Dakota farmers about how their food is raised, using a wide variety of communications channels – from mass media to one-on-one interactions – to drive the conversation.



**Amy Briggs and Nick Flowers of Sioux Falls, were married January 18, 2016 in Play del Secreto, Mexico. Amy is the daughter of Shirlee Briggs, Groton.**

## Padfield Family Thank You

**Thank you to the Groton School and Administration, the school cooks and servers, the Groton Community, the Groton United Methodist Church for your kind support and thoughtfulness during Mickey's illness and passing. We greatly appreciate all the food, phone calls and flowers during difficult time. Thank you for the sandwiches and bars at the prayer service and thank you to the ladies of the church for a wonderful meal. Special thank you to Pastor Carlson for all his prayers, support, guidance and words of comfort to Mickey and our family. Special thank you to Andrea at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel for all her help in the service. Thank you to all people who donate to the benefit. Words cannot express our thanks to this wonderful community we live in.**

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| 11  | Audrey Wanner     | 5'8  | G/F  | 11    |
| 13  | Harleigh Stange   | 5'6  | G    | 10    |
| 15  | Payton Maine      | 5'5  | G    | 9     |
| 21  | Katie Koehler     | 5'9  | G/F  | 11    |
| 23  | Miranda Hanson    | 5'5  | G    | 9     |
| 25  | Jessica Bjerke    | 5'8  | F    | 10    |
| 31  | Emily Locke       | 5'8  | F    | 11    |
| 33  | Gia Gengerke      | 5'11 | G/F  | 10    |
| 35  | Alex Stange       | 5'9  | F    | 10    |
| 41  | Jennie Doeden     | 5'9  | F    | 9     |
| 43  | Sam Menzia        | 5'11 | F/C  | 9     |
| 45  | Taylor Holm       | 5'11 | F/C  | 9     |
| 51  | Madison Sippel    | 5'10 | C    | 10    |
| 53  | Carly Wheeting    | 5'8  | F/C  | 12    |
| 55  | Hattie Weismantel | 5'9  | C    | 10    |
|     | Jodi Hinman       | 5'5  | G    | 9     |
|     | Portia Kettering  | 5'7  | G    | 9     |

**Head Coach:** Shaun Wanner  
**Asst. Coaches:** Joel Guthmiller, Becky Erickson  
**Manager:** Shelby Hjermstad  
**Statisticians:** Maggie Simon, Jasmine Schaller, Ashley Garduno  
**Cheerleaders:** Emily Raap, Kari Hanson, Macy Knecht, Aubray Harry, Hailey Hanson, Jen Fjelstad Shyla Larson  
**Cheer Coach:** Kelli Hanson



**Unofficial 1st Round Pairings  
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4:30pm: GBB Region at Britton (Groton vs. Tiospa Zina)  
6:00pm: GBB Region at Britton (Roncalli vs. Milbank)  
7:30pm: GBB Region at Britton (Sisseton vs. Britton-Hecla)

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## Groton Area Tigers



| No. | Name               | Ht.  | Pos. | Grade |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-------|
| 3   | Anthony Sippel     | 5'6  | G    | 10    |
| 4   | Bennett Shabazz    | 5'10 | G    | 11    |
| 5   | Seric Shabazz      | 5'8  | G    | 10    |
| 10  | Marshall Lane      | 5'9  | G    | 10    |
| 11  | Adam Herman        | 5'9  | G    | 12    |
| 12  | Sean Schuring      | 6'1  | G/F  | 11    |
| 14  | Truitt Rogers      | 6'1  | F    | 11    |
| 20  | Brandon Keith      | 5'10 | G    | 10    |
| 24  | Frankie Wuestewald | 5'10 | G    | 11    |
| 40  | Hunter Lerew       | 6'8  | C    | 12    |
| 50  | Aaron Severson     | 6'3  | C    | 12    |

**Head Coach:** Greg Kjellsen  
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**Cheer Coach:** Kelli Hanson  
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**Friday, February 26**  
Debate at Brookings State Wrestling in Rapid City  
**School Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk.  
**School Lunch:** Garlic cheese bread, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

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ton (Groton vs. Tiospa Zina)  
6:00pm: GBB Region at Britton (Roncalli vs. Milbank)  
7:30pm: GBB Region at Britton (Sisseton vs. Britton-Hecla)

**Thursday, February 18**

State FFA Proficiency Judging at Webster

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

**School Menu:** Super nachos, refried beans, lettuce, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, carrots and broccoli medley, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

**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)

**Friday, February 19**

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

**School Lunch:** Fish nuggets, tri tater, broccoli and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, peach sauce.

1994: Kara and Todd Anderson

**Birthdays:** Connor Hanson, Gaylene Voss, Heather Westby, Heidi Westby, Robert Sippel, Robin O'Neill, Terry Furman, Tyler Kampa

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)

**Saturday, February 20**

Elementary PAC BBB Tourney in Groton (Cancelled)

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: Regional Wrestling at Britton-Hecla

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

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

**Sunday, February 21**

Youth Wrestling Tourney in Groton

**Birthdays:** Kate Profeta, Leah Swanson, Les Nehls, Natalia Warrington, Scott Smith

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School and Confirmation

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

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

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

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

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship at Golden Living Center (Sarah Circle Serves)

**Monday, February 22**

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

**School Lunch:** Mini corn dog, baked beans, broccoli and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Anthony Schinkel, Chad Kampa, George Leonhardt, Leonard Broman, Robin Wanous-Williamson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:00pm: School Board Meeting

7:00pm: Dollar General Store Public Hearing at City Hall

7:00pm: Long Term Facilities Planning at High School Computer Lab

**Tuesday, February 23**

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

**School Lunch:** Chicken soup, grilled cheese, carrots and drip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O

**Birthdays:** Iva Mae Aeilts, Jerry Rossow

8:30am: LifeTouch Photos at GHS Arena

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

4:30pm: GBB Region at Brit-

**Wed., February 24**

**School Breakfast:** Egg omelette, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Menu:** BBQ, French fries, romaine salad, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.

**Birthday:** Madison Sippel

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Confirmation

7:00pm: St. John's

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**2016 Paint – South Dakota Campaign**

PIERRE, S.D. – "Paint – South Dakota" is underway and South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) is seeking volunteers to pick up paint brushes and set aside some free time to help residents in their communities.

To get involved, an individual or group of people nominate someone in their community whose home is in need of a fresh coat of exterior paint. The home must be a single family, owner-occupied residence whose owner is physically or financially unable to paint their home themselves.

In the last 18 years, over 450 homes across South Dakota have been painted, resulting in more than 8,942 gallons of paint and primer being applied by 6,876 local volunteers.

"We continue this campaign because of its success in cities and towns of all sizes," said Executive Director Mark Lauseng. "This benefits residents of our state and beautifies the community as well."

Applications may be submitted to SDHDA and must be received by 5 p.m. CDT, April 1, 2016. Applicants will be able to select from one of four Saturdays in June to complete the painting of the home.

Additional information and a link to the poster and application can be found at www.sdhda.org. If you have any questions, contact Sheila Ricketts at 605.773.7603.

Groton DI, Destination Imagination, will host their Dessert Theater on Sunday, February 28, 2016. It will begin at 3 pm in the GES gym.

**Coming up on Monday!**

- 5:00pm: School Board Meeting
- 7:00pm: Dollar General Store Public Hearing at City Hall
- 7:00pm: Long Term Facilities Planning at High School Computer Lab

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Parents of children ages 4 and 5 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened.

Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena. Please park and use the east entrance to the arena.