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Langford Area presents four performances of "The Little Mermaid"



The sound crew for the school play are in back, left to right, Austin Fordham, Jordan Schmiege and Molly Hanse; and in front are Kelly Wieser and Kathy Hardina. (Photo by Kent Erickson)



King Triton (played by Garrett Knebel) has a talk with Flounder (played by Mason Hanse) and Sebastian (played by Brady Wieker) about Ariel's behaviour. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Langford Area held four performances of its school play, "The Little Mermaid." Pictured here are the princesses: Maria Barker, Brandy Peterson, Rachel Holler, Shelby Price, Julia Swenson, and Leda Dinger. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Sebastian (played by Brady Wieker) asks Ariel (played by Cora Carroll) why she is collecting all of these human things. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Ursula (played by Wendy Barrett) is the evil sister of King Triton who is out to ruin Ariel's life. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Here is the sailing crew. Pictured are Ryan Punt, Dylan Frey, Clara Svatos, Jordan Carson (Grimsby), James Erickson behind the wheel (the pilot), Eric Christofferson (Prince Eric), Sami Wika, Chance Olson, Zac Fries. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Here is the entire cast of Langford Area's "The Little Mermaid." (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The Langford Area school play was recorded in HD during the Sunday evening performance. A flash drive containing the performance is available from the Independent for \$26.50 or can be mailed out for \$30. Call 605-397-7285 or mail check to Independent, 110 N Washington St., Groton SD 57445-2252.



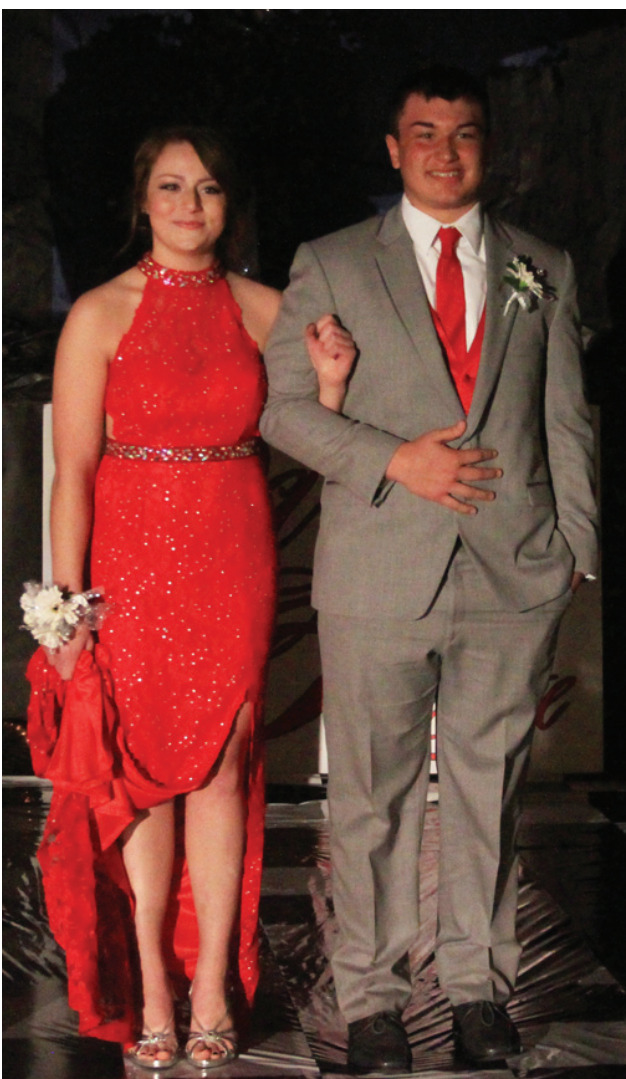
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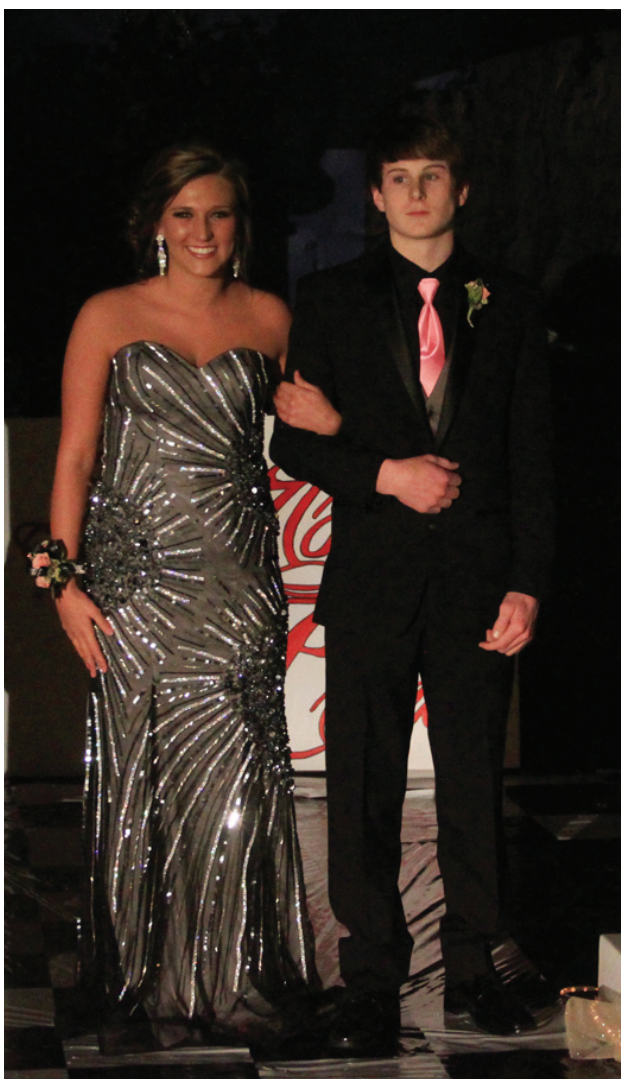
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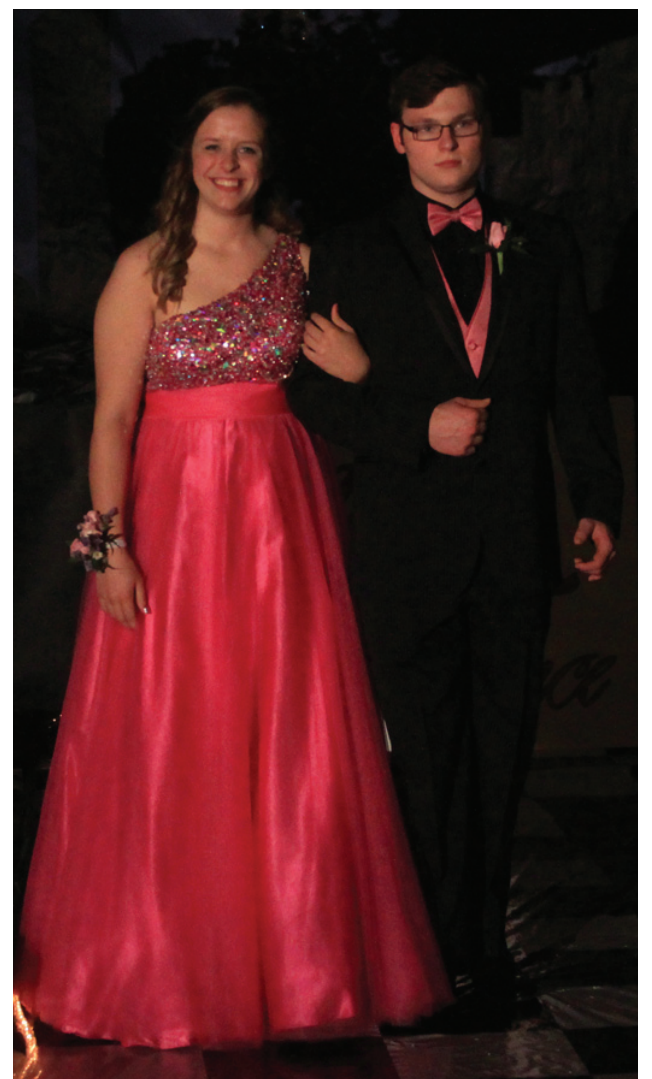
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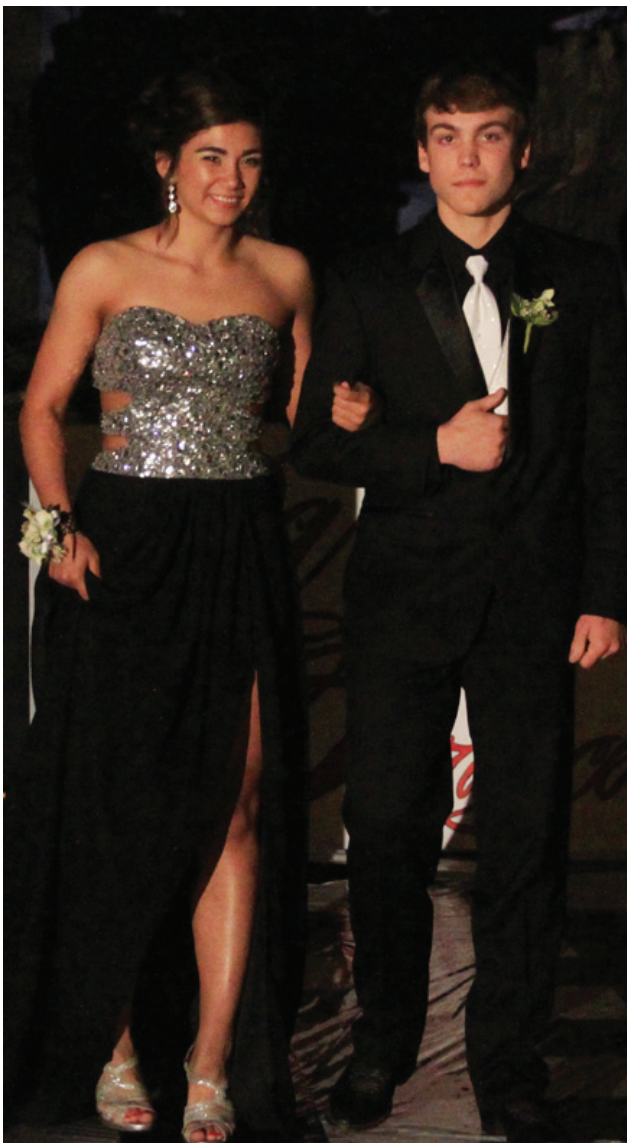
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Wanner is double winner at Redfield

Audrey Wanner won both the 100m hurdles and the triple jump to be a double winner at the Redfield-Doland Track meet held Thursday. Wanner's 33-6 in the triple jump was also a qualifying distance for state.

In addition, Steve Fey won the shot put and the girls Shuttle Hurdle Relay also won.

Boy's Division

Team Points: Warner 86, James Valley Christian 79, Roncalli 75, Britton-Hecla 68, Groton Area 62, Edmunds Central 60, Redfield-Doland 57, Potter County 49, Herreid/Selby Area 45, Northwestern 31, Frederick Area 29, Faulkton 17, Eureka/Bowdle 13, Hitchcock-Tulare 8, Wolsey/Wessington 8, Leola 5, Huron 3, Aberdeen Central 3, Aberdeen Christian 3, Ipswich 1, Webster Area 0, Clark/Willow Lake 0, Wakpala 0, Fargo North 0.

110m Hurdles: Tylan Glover, 19.86.

300m Hurdles: Tylan Glover, 4.82.

100m Dash: 8, Jackson Oliver, 12.16; Lucas Hinman, 12.1.

200m Dash: 7, Lucas Hinman, 24.83; Jackson Oliver, 25.5.

400m Dash: Brandon Keith, 1:00; Frankie Wuestenwald, 57.89.

800m Run: 2, Treyton Diegel, 2:14.42; Mitchell Koens, 2:31.7; Micah Poor, 2:34.4.

1600m Run: 6, Sean Schuring, 5:09.20; Mitchell Koens, 5:39.7; Micah Poor, 5:50.4.

1600m Relay: 7, Groton (Frankie Wuestenwald, Sean Schuring, Brandon Keith, Treyton Diegel), 3:54.49.

High Jump: 7, Bennett Shabazz, 5'7"; Adam Herman, 5'3".

Long Jump: 3, Adam Herman, 19'5"; 7, Bennett Shabazz, 18'7"; Tylan Glover, 14'1".

Triple Jump: 5, Adam Herman, 38'2.5"; 7, Bennett Shabazz, 37'1".

Discus: 4, McClain Lone, 119'2"; 5, Steve Fey, 118'1"; 6, Luke Thorson, 114'11".

Shot Put: 1, Steve Fey, 45'1"; 2, McClain Lone, 43'3".

Girl's Division

Team Points: Redfield-Doland 114, Potter County 87, Northwestern 69, Groton 68, Wolsey-Wessington 60, Britton-Hecla 58, Warner 45, Roncalli 41, Eureka-Bowdle 35, Herreid/Selby Area 33, Huron 16, Aberdeen Central 15, Faulkton 6, Frederick Area 6, Hitchcock-Tulare 2, Edmunds Central 1, Leola 1, Aberdeen Christian 1, Webster 0, Clark/Willow Lake 0, Wakpala 0, Iroquois 0, Fargo North 0.

100m Hurdles: 1, Audrey Wanner, 17.15; 8, Cassandra Townsend, 19.60; Josie Doeden, 19.69 in prelims.

300m Hurdles: Cassandra Townsend, 54.39; Payton Maine, 55.3.

100m Dash: Emily Blocker, 15.1; Renee Hinman, 16.7.

200m Dash: Payton Maine, 30.5; Renee Hinman, 32.4.

400m Dash: Jasmine Schaller, 1:07.7.

800m Run: 4, Jasmine Schaller, 2:42.53; Hannah Lewandowski, 2:48.

1600m Run: Emily Thompson, 7:15.7.

400m Relay: 4, Groton (Josie Doeden, Heather Lone, Jodi Hinman, Harleigh Stange), 55.40.

800m Relay: 6, Groton (Josie Doeden, Jodi Hinman, Payton Maine, Harleigh Stange), 1:58.31.

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: 1, Groton (Jennie Doeden, Audrey Wanner, Payton Maine, Cassandra Townsend), 1:08.5.

Long Jump: 2, Audrey Wanner, 15'6.75"; Katie Koehler, 13'7.25"; Jodi Hinman, 11'10.5".

Triple Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner, 33'6" (SQ); Katie Koehler, 27'11".

Discus: 2, Carly Wheeting, 107'6"; 3, Jessica Bjerke, 105'3"l 6, Jennie Doeden, 92'10"; Marlee Jones, 92'9".

Shot Put: 5, Carly Wheeting, 32'8"; 6, Jessica Bjerke, 32'1"; 7, Marlee Jones, 31'10.75"; Madison Sippel, 29'5.5".



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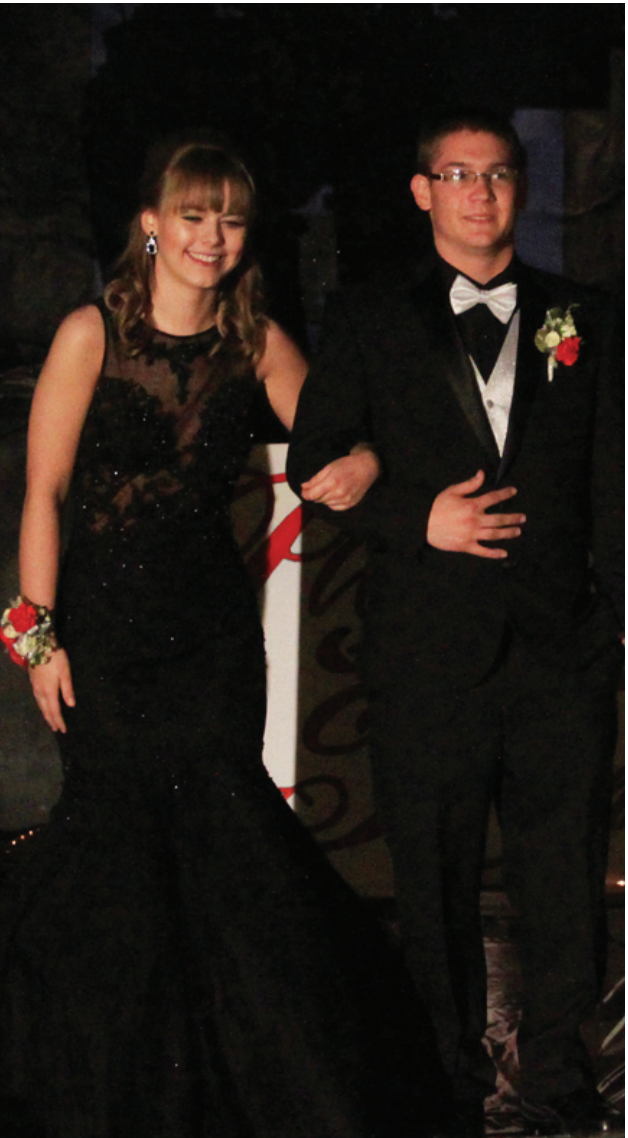


Marissa Wooding
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The Groton Area prom was held April 16 in the high school gym. The Groton Independent will be featuring couples from the prom during the next few weeks. There were 52 couples at the prom. HD DVDs of the prom are available from the Independent for \$26.50 or can be mailed out for \$30. Call 605-397-7285 or mail check to Independent, 110 N Washington St., Groton SD 57445-2252.



Alexia Musch escorted by **Dustin Fish**



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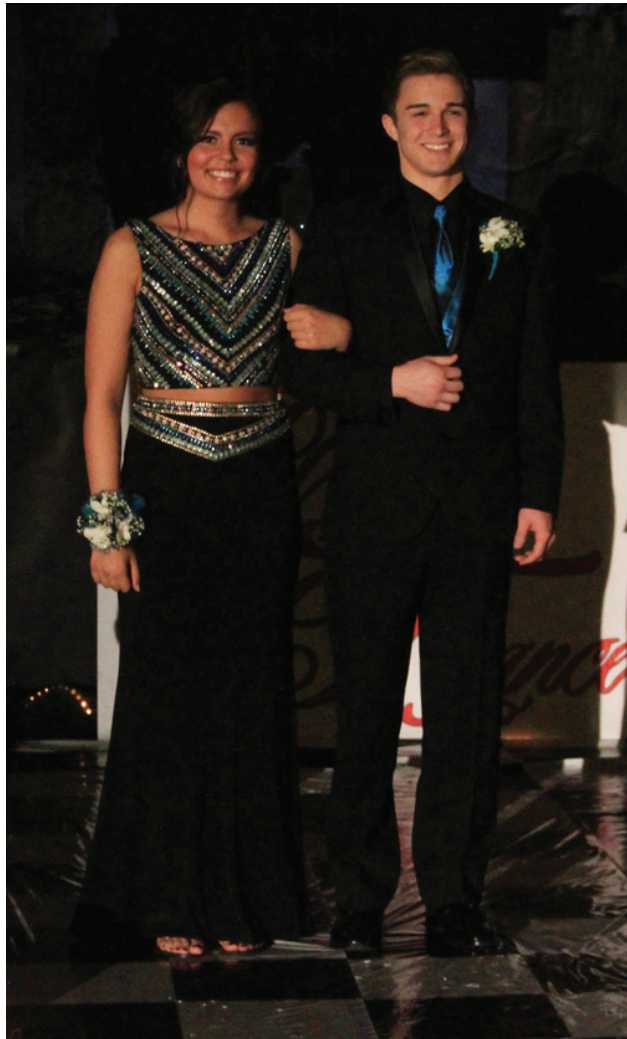


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School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Various nuggets, French fries, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, acini dePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Alexis Ferrell, Justin Peterson, Kevin Pharis

10:00am: Girls golf at Redfield

3:30pm: 7th/8th grade track meet in Groton

7:00pm: FCCLA Style Show

Friday, April 29

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

School Lunch: Pizza, vegetable, carrots and dip, fruit.

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

1:00pm: Track at Sisseton

6:30pm: FFA Banquet

Saturday, April 30

Birthdays: Heather Feser, Logan Lane

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

Sunday, May 1

Birthdays: Patty Hein • Katie Leonhardt • Doug Sombke • Travis Harder

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, May 2

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

School Lunch: Chicken tenders, baked tiny potato, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Beef

stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tom Sundling • Terry Cutler • Hannah Luecke • Ryan Koehler • Jessica Nelson
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Girls Varsity Golf at Lee Park, Aberdeen

2:00pm: 7th/8th Track Meet at Redfield

6:30pm: Kiwanis Athletic Banquet

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

Tuesday, May 3

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

School Lunch: Super nachos, refried beans, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Kim Weber • Leslie Dinger • Steve Herron • Nancy Radke • Daniel Grenz • Ashley Gustafson • Darlene Finesand

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

3:00pm: Track at Milbank

7:00pm: Elementary Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 4

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

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey and

dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Matt & Joni Groeblichhoff

Birthdays: Evan Erickson • Tom Strom • Rochelle Hinkelman • Kelly Brandner

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, May 5

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

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, cheese sticks at HS, vegetable, lettuce, fruit.

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

Anniv: Tony & Brenda Madsen

Birthdays: Marlee Jones • Gary Thurston • Ed Stauch • Katelyn Loutsch • Chad Locken • Meghan Dohman • Drew Dohman • Angela Glover • Jade Albrecht

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

7:00pm: HS/MS Spring Concert

Friday, May 6

Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls

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

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans,

carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, beets, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Dale & Joyce Grenz

Birthdays: Clint Jacobson • Kerwyn Dinger • Luke Sternhagen • Richard Ruden • Ann Erdmann • Kendale Berndt
5:00pm: Track at Sisseton

Saturday, May 7

MS Instrumental Music Contest in Webster

Birthdays: Carter Schinkel • Reese Schuneman
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, May 8

MOTHER'S DAY
Mother's Day

Birthdays: Austin Jones • Dale Kramer • John Lowary • Shonna Harry • Jodie Harry
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Final School for season

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

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship / SS Sings

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bethesda in Aberdeen

Monday, May 9

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

School Lunch: Submarine, French fries, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: April Abeln
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Girls Golf Meet at Olive Grove, Groton

4:00pm: 7th/8th Track at Aberdeen Central School

7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

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

School Lunch: Chicken

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Mother's Day is May 8th - Open Monday-Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-4 & Sunday, May 8th - 10-2 (no deliveries on Sunday)



Groton wins three events at Kiwanis meet

The Groton Kiwanis Track Meet was held Tuesday. Audrey Wanner won the triple jump with a distance of 33-1.5, Jessica Bjerke won the discus with a throw of 120-11, and Stevie Fey won the shot put with a throw of 44-3. Audrey Wanner also won the Dick Donovan Tope Field Event award in the girl's division.

Ipswich won the girls team title with 105 points while Groton placed fourth with 90 points. Roncalli won the boys team title with 91 points and Groton placed fourth with 66 points.

Second place winners were the girls medley relay team with a time of 4:51.16; Audrey Wanner in the long jump with a distance of 14-11.

Third place winners were Audrey Wanner in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.27; the girls 400m relay team with a time of 55.66; Carly Wheeting in the shot put with a distance of 33-7; the boys 1600m relay team with a time of 3:52.78.

In fourth place were Sean Schuring in the 1600m run with a time of 5:08.53; the boys 400m relay team with a time of 47.05; Adam Herman in the long jump with a distance of 19-9.25; McClain Lone in the shot put with a distance of 41-8; Harleigh Stange in the 100m dash with a time of 13.78; Audrey Wanner in the 200m dash with a time of 29.58; Carly Wheeting in the discus with a distance of 96-10.

Those taking fifth were Jessica Bjerke in the shot put with a distance of 30-5; Katie Koehler in the triple jump with a distance of 30-6.5 and in the long jump with a distance of 14-5; the girls 3200m relay team with a time of 12:08.85; Treyton Diegel in the 800m run with a time of 2:17.84; the boys 800m relay team with time of 1:41.03; the boys medley relay team with a time of 4:07.52; Adam Herman in the triple jump with a distance of 39-4; Bennett Shabazz in the high jump with a height of 5-7.

Sixth place winners were McClain Lone in the discus with a distance of 119-2; Carter Jondahl in the shot put with a distance of 37-9; Marlee Jones in the shot put with a distance of 30-5;

Those placing seventh were the girls 800m relay team with a time of 2:01.46; the boys 3200m relay team with a time of 10:11.36; Luke Thorson in the discus with a distance of 117-2.

In eighth place were Payton Main in the 300m hurdles with a time of 54.94; Marlee Jones in the discus with a throw of 90-6.

Death Notice: Peggy Gebur

Peggy Gebur, 63, of Groton, SD, fell asleep Sunday, April 24, 2016, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Arrangements are pending with Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main St., Aberdeen.

Service Notice: Betty Jensen

Memorial services for Betty Jean Jensen, 88, of Conde will be 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2016, at the United Methodist Church, Conde. The Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate, assisted by Loren Siefken. Burial will be held in the Conde City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Friday, May 6 from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Betty fell asleep, surrounded by her family, on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

The Life of Laura Jean Lowary



The funeral for Laura Jean Lowary, 91, Sioux Falls and formerly of Groton, will be 11 a.m., Saturday April 30, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Private family burial will take place in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Closed casket visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, on Friday from 4-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Family will be present at 5:30.

Jean fell asleep Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Laura Jean was born on July 22, 1924 at her

parent's farm home near Wetonka, SD to Margaret (Dreghorn) Knutson and James L. Hutton. She attended grade school and two years of High School at Wetonka and finished High School in Aberdeen. Following her father's death in 1941, she moved to Aberdeen where she was employed. She united in marriage with Earl Lowary on March 5, 1946 and they made their home on a farm they established north of Groton. They resided there for over 52 years until flooding forced them to leave. They moved to Groton and later Aberdeen. For the past several years, Jean made her home in Sioux Falls.

Celebrating her life are her children, Earl Charles (Bette) Lowary of Austin, TX; Lee Edward (Clare) Lowary of Santa Fe, NM; John Wesley (Anita) Lowary of Groton; Betty Jean (Douglas) Norgaard of Brandon, six grandchildren: Tate (Debbie) Lowary, Jennifer (Aaron) Smith, Patrick (Megan) Lowary, Jody (Erin) Norgaard, Teresa (Chris) Wrich, Matt (Allison) Norgaard, and her sister, Mabel Bailey of Rapid City.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband of 61 years, 2 brothers, Lee Hutton and Philip Knutson and 9 sisters, Marianne Backous, Clara Hein, Helena Weismantel, Hazel Gerdes, Alice Sieber, Ruby Muldoon, Mildred Patterson, Mary Royer and Margaret Burns.

Casketbearers will be her grandchildren.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Debbie Lowary, Aaron Smith, Megan Lowary, Allison Norgaard, Erin Norgaard, Chris Wrich and all of her 17 great-grandchildren.

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