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Pictured left to right, Anne Marie Smith, Erin Smith, Mitchell Koens, Gabrielle Kramer, Tylan Glover, Thane Henschel, Jenifer Fjelstad, Madeline Schuelke, and Sarah Honerman. (Not pictured but in the crew is Hattie Weismantel) (Courtesy Photo)

Groton's One Act Play receives superior rating, moves on to state competition

On Tuesday, Groton's one act play, "Shakespeare for Kids!", performed at the regional one act festival. Six total schools competed – Britton-Hecla, Sisseton, Groton, Milbank, Aberdeen Roncalli, and Webster. Of those six schools, only two were nominated with superior ratings to move on to state. Aberdeen Roncalli and Groton are the two that are moving on in the competition. In addition to placing at the regional contest, all six of our actors received superior acting awards. Those students are: Anne Marie Smith, Erin Smith, Mitchell Koens, Tylan Glover, Thane Henschel, and Madeline Schuelke.

The state festival takes place next week Thursday, February 2 through Saturday, February 4. It is held at the Johnson Fine Arts Center on Northern State University's campus. The students will be competing on a much larger scale this time. By last count, there are 16 AA schools performing, 12 A schools performing, and 16 B schools performing. Groton will be performing at 9:00 pm on Thursday, February 2 for the state competition. There is no admission charge to come and see the students perform.



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Groton Area wins three of four games over Potter County

It was a double header on Saturday as Potter County came to Groton where the Groton Area girls varsity and junior varsity teams and the boys junior varsity team all won their games and the Potter County boys won the final game of the night.

The Groton junior varsity girls won their game, 38-19, with Payton Maine leading the Tigers with 11 points followed by Sam Menzia with eight, Miranda Hanson six, Kaycie Hakwins five, Taylor Holm four and Gia Gengerke and Eliza Wanner each had two points.

The girls varsity team won its game, 53-36. That game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson and Ken's Food Fair. The Lady Tigers led at the quarterstops at 16-9, 30-17 and 36-21. Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 18 points followed by Miranda Hanson with 16, Jessica Bjerke had a double-double on the night with 10 points and 11 rebounds, Katie Koehler had five points and Jennie Doeden and Gia Gengerke each had two points.

Groton Area made 12 of 34 two-pointers, six of 15 three-pointers, 11 of 13 free throws, had 33 rebounds, 10 steals with Wanner having five, eight assists with Wanner and Holm each having two, 12 turnovers and nine team fouls.

Potter County made 12 of 43 field goals, nine of 12 free throws, had 13 team fouls and had 19 turnovers. Kori Hansen led the Battlers with nine points followed by Karen Smith with eight, Siera Wiesler, McKenna Dillabaugh and Jenna Robbenolt each had four points, Paige Worth and Delaine Larson each had three points and Kendar Dressel added one free throw.

The Groton Area junior varsity boys team defeated Potter County, 43-36. That game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Treeline Tree Service and Sperry Stump Removal.

Potter County jumped out to a 6-2 first quarter lead and led, 11-4, before the Tigers roared back and tied the game at 12 with a last second shot by Marshall Lane. The game was tied three times in the third quarter and Groton Area took a 26-21 lead at the end of the third quarter. Groton Area scored nine straight points to take a 40-27 lead, but within 40 seconds, Potter County closed the lead to four, 40-36. Groton regrouped and went on to win, 43-36.

Treyton Diegel led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Cade Guthmiller with nine, Darien Shabazz had seven, Peyton Johnson six, Austin Jones five, Marshall Lane four and Jonny Doeden added a free throw.

Calen Decker led the Battlers with 14 points.

In the varsity boys game, Potter County would score 28 unanswered points between the second and third quarters to run away from Groton Area, 56-23.

The game was tied three times and there were two lead changes in the first quarter before Potter County held a 14-12 lead at the break. It was 19-15, Potter County, early in the second quarter before the long scoring streak boosted the Battlers to a 47-15 lead. The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Krueger Brothers and Ken's Food Fair.

Sean Schuring led the Tigers with seven points followed by Bennett Shabazz with six, Seric Shabazz had five, Luke Thorson had three and Marshall Lane added two points.

Potter County was led by Tanner Storer who scored 17 points in the second quarter and finished the night with 23 points, Ben Krueger scored 12 first quarter points and finished the night with 15, Dawson Simon scored seven second quarter points and finished with 11, Jeremy Fegueroa had three points and Cole Nafziger and Ivan Canchola each had two points.

Groton Area made eight of 50 field goals for 16 percent, was four of seven from the line for 57 percent off of Potter County's 13 team fouls, had four assists with Anthony Sippel having two, 11 turnovers with six of them being steals, and 24 rebounds with Bennett Shabazz having seven.

Potter County made 23 of 46 field goals for 55 percent, was five of nine from the line for 55 percent off of Groton Area's 14 team fouls, had 39 rebounds with Simon having seven, two assists, 13 turnovers with five being steals (two by Bennett Shabazz).

Groton Area boys beat Wildcats

Groton Area's boys basketball team defeated Northwestern Area Monday night in Groton, 71-49. The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Krueger Brothers and Ken's Food Fair.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 22-8, 38-19 and 53-34.

Bennett Shabazz led the Tigers with 25, had five of the team's 16 assists, one block and three of the team's 14 steals. Seric Shabazz had 15 points and four steals, Sean Schuring added 14 points and had seven of the team's 36 rebounds, Brandon Keith had six points, Anthony Sippel five, Peyton Johnson three, Luke Thorson two and Marshall Lane 1.

Northwestern was led by Jarrett Haven with 14 points followed by Caleb Schentzel with eight, Zech Clemens had seven, Andrew Lefforge six, Derek Boekelheide six, and Issac Bauer and Gavin Bohl each had four.

Northwestern Area made 16 of 40 field goals for 40 percent, three of 14 three-pointers for 21 percent, made 14 of 25 free throws for 56 percent off of Groton's 20 team fouls and had 38 rebounds. Groton Area made 27 of 64 field goals for 42 percent, nine of 27 three-pointers for 33 percent, eight of 16 free throws for 50 percent off of Northwestern's 14 team fouls, and had 36 rebounds.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 44-13. The Tigers were led by Treyton Diegel with 12 points followed by Darien Shabazz with eight, Peyton Johnson seven, Marshall Lane six, Austin Jones and Riley Thurston each had three points and Anthony Schinkel and Luke Thorson each had two points.

Scoring for Northwestern were Sebastian Beckwith with seven, Dalton Peterson with four and Zeke Duncan with two.

Groton FCCLA News

In January 2017, Groton FCCLA chapter met for the January meeting in the FACS Room at 1:06p.m There was an opening ceremony led by Madison Sippel. Lexi Harder read treasurer's report. New business includes FCCLA bake sale. January 20, at state meeting, members have to pay for some of the cost to go. Pizza party is on January 27, each member will have to have 50 points to attend the party. Members that attended the region meeting have to return the polo's to Mrs. Tietz. If members did not turn in the polos they are not able to attend the pizza party. Members have to sign up for lunch committee. FCCLA week is February 12 through the 18. Unfinished business included congratulations to members that went to the Region meeting. Payton Colestock and Kaycie Hawkins for silver and Kaylin Kucker and Nicole Marzahn for gold, Miguel See for a silver and Rielly and Kayla for a silver. Meeting was closed by President Madison Sippel.



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Roncalli boys edge past Groton Area

It was a high intensity, run and gun boys' basketball game Thursday night as Aberdeen Roncalli edged out the Groton Area Tigers, 52-47.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, S & S Lumber & Hardware Hank, Krueger Brothers, Blocker Construction, Groton Dairy Queen, John Sieh Agency, The Tax Lady of Aberdeen, Producer's Hybrids with John Wheeting and Weber Landscaping.

The lead changed hands six times before Roncalli got the edge and took a 19-15 lead at the end of the first quarter. Roncalli jumped ahead by seven points, 24-17, then Groton scored seven straight points to tie the game at 24. Roncalli held on to a 27-26 lead at half time.

The Cavaliers outscored Groton Area, 11-3, to start out the third quarter to take a 38-29 lead, and upped it to a 13-point lead, 44-31. Roncalli led, 44-33, at half time. Groton rallied to close to within four, 44-40, and then to within three, 46-43. The Tiger defense forced several turnovers; however, the Tigers were unable to capitalize on them which would have given Groton the lead. The Cavaliers went on to win, 52-47.

Groton Area made 36 percent of its field goals while Roncalli made 45 percent. The Tigers were six of 21 in three-pointers for 29 percent and the Cavaliers were four of 13 for 31 percent. Groton Area made 11 of 14 free throws for 79 percent off of Roncalli's 15 team fouls. Roncalli made 11 of 17 free throws for 65 percent off of Groton's 15 team fouls. Bennett Shabazz for Groton Area and Conner Fiedler for Roncalli both fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Groton Area had four offensive rebounds while Roncalli had eight. The Cavaliers had 25 defensive rebounds while the Tigers had 20.

Groton Area had eight assists with Sean Schuring having three. Roncalli had 11 assists with Conner Deutsch and Alec Sommers each having three. Groton Area had 13 turnovers, seven of which were steals. Roncalli had 15 turnovers, nine of which were steals with Schuring having three.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Bennett Shabazz and Sean Schuring with 11 each, Brandon Keith had six and Petyon Johnson with two. Schuring had five rebounds.

Roncalli was led by Gus Reede with 20 points followed by Braden Sommers and Conner

Deutsch with 11 each, Conner Fielder had six, Josh Hammrich had three and Brady Morgan two.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 41-15. Scoring for Groton Area: Jonny Doeden four, Treyton Diegel three, Darrien Shabazz two, Marshall Lane two, Austin Jones two and Alex Morris two.

Roncalli had a clean sweep, winning the C game, 33-31. Scoring for Groton: Cade Guthmiller 14, Darrien Shabazz 11, Hunter Schaller 3, Alex Morris 2 and Anthony Schinkel 1.

Roncalli beats Groton girls

Aberdeen Roncalli led at the quarter stops at 21-4, 33-10 and 45-12 en route to a 54-22 win over Groton Area in girls basketball action.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, the John Sieh Agency, The Tax Lady of Aberdeen, and Producer's Hybrids with John Wheeting.

Grace Imbery and Megan Streier led the Cavaliers with 15 points each.

Scoring five points each for Groton Area were Audrey Wanner, Jessica Bjerke, Taylor Holm and Miranda Hanson. Jennie Doeden added four points.

Roncalli won the C game, 29-10. Scoring for Groton were Sam Menzia with four points and Caitlyn Barse with six points.

Roncalli won the JV game, 32-26. Scoring for Groton were Taylor Holm with 11, Payton Maine six, Miranda Hanson four, Sam Menzia three and Kaycie Hawkins two.



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Groton Area School District #06-6, Groton, SD, will receive sealed bids for Groton Area Public Schools – Elementary School Renovations and Addition, until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Bids will be received by the Superintendent of Schools – Mr. Joe Schwan, Groton Area School District Office, 406 North 2nd Street, PO Box 410, Groton, SD 57445. There is no agent for the receipt of bids other than the Superintendent of Schools. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the time and place specified herein.

Bid Packages will consist of: Site Work; General Construction; Roofing; Aluminum Storefronts, Windows & Glazing; Acoustical Ceilings; Flooring; Fire Protection; Plumbing & Heating; Ventilation; Testing & Balancing; Electrical as defined in Scope of Work 01 11 00 in the Project Manual.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 3:30 pm at the proposed site at: Groton Area Elementary School, 810 North 1st Street, Groton, SD. Attendance is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

Bids shall be submitted on the bid form provided in the specifications, at the date and time specified. The complete bid form shall be submitted without alterations, additions or erasures. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and marked "Bid Enclosed, Groton Area Public Schools – Elementary School Renovations & Addition" with the name and address of the bidder, and the date and hour of the opening. Bids shall be delivered to:

Superintendent of Schools – Mr. Joe Schwan

Groton Area Schools - District Office

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Lump sum bids for this work are solicited from contractors specializing in, or highly experienced in, this work.

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Each bid shall contain a certified check or a cashier's check, for five percent of the amount of the bid. Such check shall be certified or issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Groton Area School District #06-6. In lieu of a check, a bid may contain a bid bond for ten percent of the amount of the bid. Such bond to be issued by a surety authorized to do business in this state payable to the Groton Area School District #06-6, as a guaranty that, if the bid is accepted, the contractor will execute the contract and file the required performance and payment bonds within the allotted time period after notice of award of contract.

The Bidder must be licensed in the State of South Dakota as

required by South Dakota law. Each awarded Contractor will be required to obtain SD Excise Tax License pursuant to Chapter 10-46A or 10-46B, unless exempted therein.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids and waive any formalities or irregularities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after bid opening without consent of the Board of Education.

GROTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

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Groton School Jan. 23

Special Meeting

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

SPECIAL MEETING
January 23, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the High School Conference room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Harder, Kjelden, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel via phone. Absent: Gengerke. Also present Superintendent J. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

Moved by Rix, second Fjeldstad to reschedule the date and time for the bid opening for the Groton Area Elementary project from February 14, 2017 at 2:00 pm to February 21, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Rix to adjourn at 5:35 pm. 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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Groton City Jan. 16 Meeting

January 16, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Flihs, Peterson, Opp, Glover, Blackmun and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, and Justin Olson.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Glover and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 7,573.73 ss & wh; AFLAC 749.62 emp ins; Andela Antonsen 720.00 overpayment refund; Badger Meter 54.00 water gateway; Banyon Data

Systems 2,385.00 comp support; Border States Electric 487.42 meters; Car Quest 103.67 auto parts; Darrels 285.90 batteries; Dearborne National Ins 93.46 life ins; Galls 113.58 uniforms; Grafix 485.36 graphics; Groton Ford 121.44 repairs; Groton Independent 39.44 publishing; Guardian Insurance 245.30 emp ins; Heartland Cons Power District 89,815.69 power; Duane Kavanaugh 98.39 overpayment refund; Ken's Food Fair 652.93 gas, supplies; Shawn Lambertz 206.81 mileage, meal; Anita Lowary 227.82 med flex; McGannon Plumbing & Heating 949.57 repairs; MJs Sinclair 714.50 gas, propane; RDO- John Deere Credit 440.77 cutting edges; SD Municipal League 20.00 meal; SD One Call 21.00 notices; SD State Treasurer 9,403.54 sales tax; SD Supplement Retirement 1,260.00 emp retirement; Share Corp 97.57 sweeping comp; WEB Water 9,442.39 water; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 13,256.67 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 30,520.24 power

Mayor Hanlon leaves the meeting at this point and President McGannon assumes the chairmanship.

At 7:15pm the following received gravel bids for 2017 supply of crushed gravel were opened and read aloud: Krueger Brothers Gravel & Dirt - \$16.79 per yard; Hanlon Brothers - \$16.90 per yard. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to award the 2017 contract to Krueger Brothers for the low bid of \$16.70 per yard. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon reenters the meeting at this point and assumes the chairmanship. Councilperson Flihs leaves the meeting at this point.

Tire quotations for the bucket truck were reviewed. MJs Sinclair = \$1,632.00 Hankook;

Darrel's Sinclair = \$1,611.38 Hankook or Goodyear; Graham Tire = \$1680.84 Goodyear.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to accept the low quotation of \$1,611.38 from Darrel's Sinclair for the bucket truck tires. All members present voted aye.

Councilperson Flihs reenters the meeting.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Electric Supt Shawn Lambertz to attend the SDMEA Superintendent's Conference in Watertown on Feb 28-Mar 1. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to get full insurance coverage on the electric power system, including poles, wire, connectors, transformers, insulators. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary announced that the Groton Airport was granted an operating license again.

Discussion was held on the replacement of the copier and printers at City Hall. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to lease a new copier from A & B Business Products for \$162.80 per month and continue shopping for printers. All members present voted aye.

The National Guard officers are looking for local projects to help communities and will visit the Council at their next meeting.

Mayor Hanlon announced the reappointment of Chris Khali to Planning and Zoning Commission. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to approve this appointment. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary notified the Council that Mary Flihs, Ed Opp, and Jay Peterson that their terms would be up for election this year.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to move the 2nd meeting date in February from Feb 20 to Feb 21 due to the President's Day holiday. All members present voted aye.

At 7:30pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover to discuss legal and personnel matters SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (3). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened

at 8:30pm.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to pay Justin Olson \$250 per month as skating rink manager in addition to his attendant time. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Brown County Rental Equipment Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND MACHINERY DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:55am on February 7, 2017. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2017. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces, Brown County Landfill Forces and the Brown County Fairground Forces to complete the projects.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" to be opened February 7, 2017 at 8:55am. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0125.0201) Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$40.46. 13578

Brown County Hot Mix Bid Notice

NOTICE TO ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:45 A.M., February 7, 2017. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract Notice: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has

been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County.

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Contract for Asphalt Plant Mix Materials shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS" to be opened on February 7, 2017 at 8:45 A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Section 320.5 – Basis of Payment: "A" – Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for Maintenance and Construction. The accepted quantities of Asphalt Plant Mix will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0125.0201)

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Groton School Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

The following school board positions will become vacant July 1, 2017, due to the expiration of the present terms of office of the following school board members:
Grant P. Rix, 3-year term
Steven R. Smith, 3-year term
Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27, 2017, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at Groton Area High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central standard time not later than February 24, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 24, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

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Groton City Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY
MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON

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

Councilman Ward I (two year term)

Councilman Ward II (two year term)

Councilman Ward III (two year term)

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27, 2017 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at 209 N Main St., Groton, SD between the hours of 8am and 5pm central standard time not later than the 24th day of February, 2017 at 5pm.

Anita Lowary
Finance Officer
(0118.0125)

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Brown County Gravel Bid Notice

NOTICE TO GRAVEL PRODUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:50 A.M. on February 7, 2017, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of ONE (1) YEARS SUPPLY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GRAVEL MATERIALS.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at time of the bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted or as required by the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS ON GRAVEL AGGREGATE MATERIALS" to be opened February 7, 2017 at 8:50A.M. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Contract for GRAVEL MATERIALS shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

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Notice to Creditors

Irene Howell

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BROWN
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF IRENE HOWELL,
DECEASED

IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
06PRO 16-000140
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 22nd day of December, 2016 Randy Zimmerman, whose address is 13868 418th Ave., Andover, South Dakota 57422 and Brent Zimmerman, whose address is 14648 423rd Avenue, Bristol, South Dakota 57219, were appointed as personal representatives of the estate of Irene Howell.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative on the 22nd day of December, 2016 or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representatives or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representatives. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2017.

/s/ Randy Zimmerman
Randy Zimmerman
13868 418th Ave.
Andover, SD 57422
(605) 380-2139

/s/ Brent Zimmerman
14648 423rd Avenue
Bristol, SD 57219
(605) 492-7484

Marla Zastrow
Brown County Clerk of Courts
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PO Box 1087
Aberdeen, SD 57402-1087

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Brown County

Jan. 17

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 17, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippely at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Kippely led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: BMI Music License \$336.00; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$351.00; Dohrer Law Office \$266.80; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$2,585.40; Language Line Services \$90.04; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; Police Legal Sciences \$1,680.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck Law Firm \$809.60; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,490.98; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Firm \$154.34; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Taliarferro Law Firm \$1,174.98; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00.

Jurors: Diane Ackerson \$11.68; Anthony Arampatzis \$35.20; Michael Becker \$26.80; Louise Bitz \$11.68; Peter Cummings \$11.68; Jeff Dahlberg \$14.20; Natalie Davidson \$878.56; Joseph Fettig \$11.68; Judith Fontenelle \$930.24; Angela Glover \$1,202.40; Phyllis Heier \$11.68; Tamera Heilman \$1,033.60; Joan Henry \$1,095.68; Austin Hieb \$14.20; Kenny Jangula \$11.68; June Jares \$11.68; Caleb Johnson \$826.88; Tracy Klein \$12.52; Rosemary Kraft \$11.68; Thomas Krumm \$11.68; Sharon Lehr \$1,806.40; Leo Lesher \$752.00; Larry Lowe \$22.60; Julie Nikolas \$12.52; Mary Peterson \$11.68; John Price \$11.68; Jerome Rice \$11.68; Kathleen Rux \$11.68; Chaz Sandve-Shuff \$11.68; Reed Schnaidt \$11.68; Shirlee Smith \$19.24; Verlin Stange \$30.16; Laurie Stroh \$826.88; Lindsey Stucke \$11.68; Jean Thomas \$11.68; Boyce Wahlen \$1,033.60; Vicki Wiley \$25.12; Keith Wilkinson \$11.68.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$435.29; Dakota Broadcasting \$222.22.

Repairs & Maintenance: A & B Business \$37.99; Active Data Systems \$12,050.00; Dakota Tree Co. \$2,237.00; Ecolab \$216.82; Hoven Auto Repair \$48.98; Huff Construction \$618.35; Marco \$143.08; Midwest Card & ID Solutions \$1,500.00; Spillman Technologies \$40,634.16.

Supplies: Active Data Systems \$4,016.00; American Stamp & Marking Products \$147.63; Bonnie Bitz \$168.00; Cash-Wa \$5,828.84; DPM Mercantile \$84.95; DSG \$593.64; Danko \$41.45; Eddie's Northside \$135.00; Sue Gates \$9.72; GovConnection \$831.29; Laura Jewell \$125.00; Kessler's \$57.86; Lucy Lewno \$6.46; Marco \$36.47; Menards \$32.35; Moore Medical \$257.15; NALCO \$611.80; Running's \$721.68; Web Water Bottling Co. \$26.00.

Travel & Conference: Gene Loeschke \$127.37.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,363.20; Century Link \$62.46; Exec. Mgmt. \$65.04; NWPS \$1,556.90; Verizon \$200.05.

Other: Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism \$750.00; Safe Harbor \$926.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach

to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

Approve hiring Kari Steiner for Register of Deeds Deputy position, effective January 23, 2017 @ \$14.84/hr.

Approve hiring Melinda Hopfinger for part-time Jail Cook position, effective January 18, 2017 @ \$15.04/hr. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following Abatements: Ernest Frohling @ 457.36 (assessment error); Christopher Stucke @ \$198.69 (assessment error); James Kleinsasser @ \$77.00 (solid waste fee); Marvin Lutz 2016 @ \$79.99, 2017 @ \$75.63 (assessment error). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign contracts for the 2017 Brown County Fair with Trace Adkins @ \$65,000.00 and Keith Raymond @ \$3,800.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSMENT PLAN 2017: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to support the 2017 assessment plan as presented by Mary Worlie, Director of Equalization and Deputies Gene Loeschke and Russell Metz. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CAMPING CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to uphold decision of the Fair Board to cancel campground contract, due to individual sub-leasing the spot in 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS: An individual requested reinstatement of a contract for partial payment of delinquent taxes. No action was taken at this time.

JAIL POPULATION: States Attorney Chris White explained the increase in Jail population since the passage of SB70 and presented a breakdown of the number of inmates per offense type. SB70 shifted the housing of certain inmates from the State Penitentiary to County Jails, increasing costs and capacity issues. Sheriff Mark Milbrandt concurred that the use of electronic monitoring devices is one option for certain offenses, but other options should be explored.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN: Robin Bobzien and Scott Meints presented an initial draft outlining the key elements to be included in the Moccasin Creek Levee System Section of the Emergency Preparedness Plan for Brown County. The plan will follow the national ICS (Incident Command System) concept and will be adopted later this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) 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.

INSURANCE QUESTION: Patricia VanMeter, Deputy Treasurer asked if any changes were to the 2017-2018 employee health insurance, citing concerns with the current companies coverage.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:05 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton Area 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Nathan Fjelstad, Thane Henschel, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith, Landon Marzahn, Trey Wright, Whitney Voss, Megan Malsam, Patrick Gengerke, Jessica Adler, Alexis Harder

3.99-3.50: Macy Knecht, Heather Lone, Sean Schuring, Paityn Bonn, Halie Yarborough, Shane Simon, Kate Helmer, Katelyn Koehler, Emily Locke, Tevin Abeln, Trevor Pray

3.49-3.00: Tage Taylor, Bennett Shabazz, Emmalea Watje, Katlyn Idt, McClain Lone, Katelyn Fluke, Hai Ku, Nicklos Menzia, Dillon Freeman, Willow Seuer, Tate Carda, Amber McKay, Nicole Fey

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Jenifer Fjelstad, Marshall Lane, Madilyn Wright, Alexis Gustafson, Madison Sippel

3.99-3.50: Hattie Weismantel, Jackson Oliver

3.49-3.00: Emilie Crosby, Insa Deden, Gia Gengerke, Brandon Keith, Hunter Monson, Erika Herr, Anthony Sippel, Alexandra Stange, Harleigh Stange, Jessica Bjerke, Brenna Johnson

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Taylor Holm, Shyla Larson, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson

3.99-3.50: Tylan Glover, Cassandra Townsend, Kylie Kassube, Alexis Simon, Kaitlyn Anderson, Jillian Barton, Samantha Menzia, Ashley Garduno, Jennie Doeden, Payton Maine, Kaitlyn Kassube, Mitchell Koens, Micah Poor

3.49-3.00: Shannon Wiedrick, Korbin Blackmun, Alexa Hickenbotham

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Kaycie Hawkins

3.99-3.50: Kayla Jensen, Nicole Marzahn, KaSandra Pappas, Payton Colestock, Indigo Rogers, Tady Glover, Katlyn Kyar, Kya Jandel, Madeline Schuelke, Caitlynn Barse

3.49-3.00: Kaylin Kucker, Noah Poor, Peyton Johnson, Rylee Rosenau

Eighth Grade

4.0 GPA: Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach

3.99-3.50: Alexis Hanten, Sage Mortenson, Isaac Smith, Jasmine Gengerke, Alexa Herr, Tanae Lipp, Samantha Pappas, Trey Gengerke, Brooklyn Gilbert, Kenzie McInerney, Hailey Monson, Regan Leicht, Gabriella Merkel, Kale Pharis, Tessa Erdmann, Paxton Bonn, Alyssa Fordham, Chandler Larson, Kaden Carda, Hunter Kassube, Dragr Monson, Alex Morris, Steven Paulson, Grace Wiedrick

3.49-3.00: Tiara DeHoet, Lucas Simon, Sarah Sippel, Chloe Crosby, Eh Tha You Say, Austin Anderson, Braden Freeman, Connor Lehman, Lee Iverson

Seventh Grade

4.0 GPA: Pierce Kettering

3.99-3.50: Trista Keith, Julianna Kosel, Stella Meier, Jordan Bjerke, Madisen Bjerke, Jackson Cogley, Madeline Flihs, Kansas Kroll, Lane Krueger, Allyssa Locke, Kennedy Anderson, Travis Townsend, Hannah Gustafson, Rease Jandel, Seth Johnson, Kaden Kurtz

3.49-3.00: Riley Gengerke, Jayden Zak, Megan Flihs, Jackson Becker, Trey Johnson, Andrea Davidson, River Pardick, Jace Kroll, Macine McGannon, Al-Isaiah Williams

Sixth Grade

4.0 GPA: None

3.99-3.50: Ethan Clark, Jackson Dinger, Andrew Marzahn, Jackson Bahr, Caleb Hanten, Kaleb Antonsen, Cole Bisbee, Kamryn Flihs, Carter Barse, Jacob Lewandowski

3.49-3.00: Cade Larson, Brenna Carda, Brooke Gengerke, Ava Tunheim, Cadance Tullis, Elliana Weismantel, Cole Simon, Aspen Johnson, Shallyn Foertsch, Aeydon Johnson, Tannor McGannon, Michael Aalseth, Dylan Anderson, Tate Larson

Webster Area girls run past Groton Area

Webster Area snatched the early lead away from Groton Area with a nine-point run to pave the way to a 47-30 win in girls' basketball action played Tuesday in Groton. The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Greg Johnson Construction and Ken's Food Fair.

Groton Area held a 10-8 first quarter lead, and fell behind at half time, 24-14, and trailed after three quarters, 40-19.

Miranda Hanson led the Tigers with six points followed by Audrey Wanner with five, Taylor Holm had four, Payton Maine, Katie Koehler and Gia Gengerke each had three and Jessica Bjerke and Jennie Doeden each had two points.

The Bearcats were led by Haley Rithmiller with 13 points followed by Lindsey Schoenbeck with 10, McKenzie Volesky and Olivia Breske each had nine, Mariah Volesky had three, and Alecia Vogel had two and Cara Shoemaker added one free throw.

Groton Area made 11 of 51 field goals for 21 percent, three of eight free throws for 38 percent and had 20 turnovers. Webster Area made 17 of 53 field goals for 32 percent, 11 of 14 free throws for 79 percent and had 12 turnovers. Groton Area had 35 rebounds with Wan-

ner and Holm each having seven, eight steals with Koehler having three, and eight assists with Wanner having three.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 45-25. Scoring for Groton Area: Payton Maine 12, Gia Gengerke 10, Eliza Wanner 6, Tady Glover 5, Taylor Holm 4, Miranda Hanson 3, Portia Kettering 3, Sam Menzia 2.



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GUN SHOW

GUN SHOW: Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association 15th Annual Aberdeen Gun Show. Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, February 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aberdeen Ramkota Hotel on Highway 281 North. Roger Krumm 701-851-0129.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The conference championships have come and gone. Four teams entered the week with Super Bowl aspirations, but only two remain. The Patriots and the Falcons will play in Super Bowl 51, and we'll get into a breakdown of their games in a bit. But first, let's get into some Vikings news and notes!



George Edwards and some other members of the Vikings' staff coached the "west" team to a win during the annual East-West Shrine game. Being asked to coach a team in the Shrine game is a big honor, as the coaches get an extended look at some of the best prospects in the upcoming draft.

The Minnesota Vikings went through some coaching changes this past week. Clancy Barone has been named the Vikings' tight ends coach, Kennedy Polamalu will become the running backs coach, and Kevin Stefanski has been promoted to quarterbacks coach.

NFL.com recently did an article ranking the top cornerbacks from the 2016 season, and Minnesota's Xavier Rhodes came in at number 1. Rhodes is evolving into an elite defensive back, and it won't be long until the Vikings will have to pay him as such.

With the news and notes out of the way, let's get into some game recaps!

The first game of the day was the Green Bay Packers traveling to Atlanta to battle the Falcons. Both teams entered the game with explosive offenses and question marks on defense. This game was supposed to be a shoot-out, but Atlanta took an early lead and never looked back. Matt Ryan threw for nearly 400 yards and accounted for five touchdowns

(four passing, one rushing). The Falcons beat the Packers 44-21 to keep their season alive and advance to the Championship game.

The second game of the day featured the New England Patriots hosting the Pittsburgh Steelers. This game also had two elite offenses squaring off against each other. And, just like the Green Bay/ Atlanta game, this one ended up being a blowout. Tom Brady threw for 384 yards and three touchdowns, helping the Patriots defeat the Steelers, 36-17.

Looking ahead, next Sunday is the Pro Bowl from Orlando, Florida. Four Minnesota Vikings were selected to the original roster (Everson Griffen, Xavier Rhodes, Harrison Smith, Cordarrelle Patterson) and Linval Joseph has been added to the roster as an injury replacement.

One of my favorite events, the skills competition, will be back after a lengthy hiatus. We all know the actual Pro Bowl game is a joke, with the players basically playing flag football in an effort to not get injured. But the skills competition should go a long way towards providing some action. The Pro Bowl is filled with the best of the best, and with their competitive nature, I'm hoping the return of the skills-related games will bring some excitement!

In two weeks, the Super Bowl will be upon us, and the New England Patriots will likely enter the game as the favorites over the Atlanta Falcons. The Falcons have only been to the Super Bowl once (during

the 1998 season, after beating the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship game) and don't have any Lombardi trophies in their trophy case. For the Patriots, this will be trip number nine to the Super Bowl. The Patriots have won four championships, with the most recent coming just two years ago when they defeated the Seattle Seahawks.



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By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Use It or Lose It!

If you don't use it, you'll lose it. I bet I've heard and repeated this age-old aphorism a million times. But can it be overused?

The adage certainly fits when trying to improve the wellness of many medical systems: working the brain with puzzles and conversation helps ward off memory loss; walking fast enough to cause one to huff and puff keeps the heart and lungs strong; regular sexual activity helps prevent impotence; and filling the gut with a high fiber diet keeps the bowels in shape and makes you a regular sort-a-guy.

But what can you do when it hurts to move those old joints? Should you rest a joint with degenerative osteoarthritis or should it be exercised? Experts say it depends on the state of the arthritis. If it is a hot and inflamed joint, it's better to first address it with expert advice, medication, and time, and not to force a lot of movement until later when it is cooled down. If, however, it is the cool-yet-stiff type of arthritis, then that's a different story.

I always go back to a well done study in which they observed a large number of older people with very bad osteoarthritic knees—the kind that the orthopedic surgeon would call "bone on bone". Scientists divided them into two groups: the first group was left to their sedentary habits; the second group was pushed to regularly walk, stretch, and move on those worn out knees. So who do you think did better? You guessed it, the exercise group reported to have less pain, was better able to stay mobile, and were rated as being generally happier than the control group. A physician friend once advised me: "Motion is the lotion for keeping those stiff joints moving."

The American College of Rheumatology gives us the following recommendations:

- Though some of the joint changes of osteoarthritis are irreversible, most patients will not need joint replacement surgery
- Symptoms of osteoarthritis can vary greatly among those affected
- Exercise should be an important part of what we do to decrease joint pain and increase function

So, say it again to yourself every morning while looking at the person in that mirror: "Use it or lose it."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Groton Area School District Constituents & Patrons;

Over the course of the past calendar year, the Groton Area Board of Education, its administration, and its staff have been engaged in an analysis of the condition and challenges posed by the district facilities and infrastructure, including several opportunities for public input.

During the summer of 2016, a series of public meetings were held in the district communities to present initial findings, challenges and needs, and to request feedback on potential solutions to the issues that had been identified. Plans were presented for consideration that addressed those infrastructure issues. Those valuable public meetings led us to two conclusions that we believe are those most supported by the communities that we served. Those conclusions, in summary, are that the Elementary facility needed our immediate attention and secondly, that the 1934 addition to the Middle and High School facility should be considered for replacement as opposed to spending the necessary money on bringing the facility up to standard.

In September, the board formalized a decision to move forward with the project to address the infrastructure and space improvements to the Groton Area Elementary School funded through the sale of capital outlay certificates, established a steering committee, and continued the process of determining how to responsibly address our needs for that facility. User group and steering committee meetings were held during the months of October through December. To date, plans have been finalized and bid documents are being finalized as I write this letter with the intention that bids will be opened and approved during the month of February. Construction on this project will begin in the spring of 2017 and the comprehensive classroom renovations are scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year.

In keeping with the feedback that was garnered from our public meetings, the board retained the services of Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson Inc. to further develop plans for the replacement of our 1934 middle and high school building. Since last fall, project developers have worked through user group meetings with members of the middle and high school staff and the steering committee has recommended approval of the plans to the Board of Education. At their regular meeting on January 9, 2017, the Board of Education approved the plan to replace the 1934 middle and high school building and determined that a bond election would be held on April 11, 2017.

From the beginning of this process, which began over one full year ago, we've acknowledged that public input is important and taken measures to secure a level of public feedback in order that we might make decisions supportable by the public. During our series of public meetings last summer, I personally mentioned that our intention was to take feedback learned, revise our plans accordingly, and return to the public asking for their support of the plans. The \$14M plans have changed significantly, and we are very excited about where our process has led us. I will be honoring my commitment to return for public meetings on the updated plans between now and the election on April 11. Please be on the lookout for meeting dates and take the opportunity to learn about our plans so that you may make an informed vote in April that will significantly impact our local educational system on a long-term basis.

In February, the board will be considering the final bonding resolution for this project which will establish the maximum borrowing amount including contingencies and set the repayment term. At that time we'll be able to provide better information relating to the specific tax impact of the proposed project.

I hope you've had an opportunity to view the work that we've completed up to this point. If you haven't yet had a chance to take a look at the proposals including potential tax impact, please do so. The information is available at www.grotonarea.com. If I can answer any questions for you, please give me a call, 605-397-2351. We are excited to work alongside the community to confront these facility issues and to continue providing our students with the best education possible.

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Kingsbury County Invitational Results for Groton Area

113 - Dragr Monson (3-9)

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarter final - Jason Nixon (Brookings) 17-10 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-9 (Fall 3:55) Cons. Round 2 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Isaac McDugle (Parker) 12-15 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 3-9 (Fall 3:57)

126 - Trevor Pray (14-2) placed 1st and scored 22.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 14-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarter final - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 14-2 won by fall over Levi Boyko (Britton/Hecla) 5-18 (Fall 1:40) Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 14-2 won by decision over Wyatt Stevens (Wessington Springs) 14-13 (Dec 10-3)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 14-2 won by decision over Aaron Elijah (Sioux Valley) 21-2 (Dec 11-4)

132 - Wyatt Kurtz (10-7) placed 3rd and scored 18.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 10-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarter final - Landon Wolter (Wessington Springs) 8-15 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 10-7 (Fall 2:47)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 10-7 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Parker) 2-7 (For.) Cons. Round 3 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 10-7 won by fall over Ashton Bultje (Sioux Valley) 6-9 (Fall 1:16) Cons. Semi - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 10-7 won by fall over Jacob Hoffer (Lyman County) 12-13 (Fall 1:50)

3rd Place Match - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 10-7 won by fall over Landon Wolter (Wessington Springs) 8-15 (Fall 1:37)

152 - Lane Krueger (0-10)

Champ. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Kesmond Willert (Brookings) 14-7 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-10 (Fall 0:54)

Cons. Round 2 - Boston Marlow (Britton/Hecla) 6-14 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-10 (Fall 0:39)

182 - Grady O`Neil (1-10) placed 3rd and scored 10.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 1-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 1-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Logan Hadley (Brookings) 15-8 won by fall over Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 1-10 (Fall 1:11) Cons. Semi - Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 1-10 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 1-10 won by fall over Geoff Dunkelberger (Parker) 1-19 (Fall 0:36)

220 - Wyatt Locke (9-8) placed 2nd and scored 18.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 9-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarter final - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 9-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Semi final - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 9-8 won by fall over Camron McManigal (Lyman County) 12-9 (Fall 3:21)

1st Place Match - Austin Johnson (Flandreau) 21-5 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 9-8 (Dec 5-2)

285 - Brandyn Anderson (14-2) placed 3rd and scored 17.50 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 14-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 14-2 won by tech fall over Ernie Johnson (Marion/Free- man) 9-15 (TF-1.5 5:51 (18-3))

Semifinal - Riley Schmiedt (Wessington Springs) 18-8 won by decision over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 14-2 (Dec 3-0)

Cons. Semi - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 14-2 won by fall over Jadeon Biggers (Lyman County) 13-11 (Fall 0:29)

3rd Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 14-2 won by fall over Silas Larsen (Sioux Valley) 14-6 (Fall 1:24)

Groton Coffee Cup League

Team Standings: James Valley 19, Ten Pins 10, Kens 8, Jungle Lanes 3

High Games: Penny Stolle 206, Mary Jane Jark 182, Darci Spanier 182, Vickie Kramp 166

High Series: Darci Spanier 497, Mary Jane Jark 495, Penny Stolle 490

Conde National League

Team Standings: Pirates 12, Mets 12, Cubs 11, Colts 10, Giants 8, Braves 7.

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 211, 194, 191; Lance Frohling 193, 178, 172; Larry Frohling 168

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 596, Lance Frohling 543, Larry Frohling 459

Women's High Games: Nancy Radke 191, Alice Severson 166, Mary Larson 164

Women's High Series: Nancy Radke 445, Alice Severson 446, Mary Larson 455

The Life of Anthony Bruckner



Services for Anthony "Tony" Bruckner, 86, of Conde will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26th at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Burial will follow in Conde Cemetery.

Tony passed away January 20, 2017 at Sanford Hospital, Ab-

erdeen.

Anthony "Tony" Herman Bruckner was born on December 8, 1930 to Steven and Gertrude (Kosters) Bruckner of Selby, SD, where he was raised and attended a small country school near Lowry, SD. In January of 1952, Tony was united in marriage to Marcene Holsing at the Zion Lutheran Church of Ipswich and to this union were born 4 children: Trudy, Leslie "Bud", Ken, and Terry. On February 5, 1952, Tony was drafted into the US Army and served until January of 1954 during which he spent time in Germany. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Tony returned to Ipswich to farm until March of 1956 when they moved to Conde to farm until the time of his death.

Tony enjoyed hunting and fishing along with his love to fix or weld or help out with anything he was asked to do. Tony was a member of the Conde Township Board for many years. He worked for the SD Livestock Sale Barn of Watertown for over 17 years and attended the Conde United Methodist Church.

Tony is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marcene; children: Trudy (Jeff) Taylor of Big Stone City, Leslie "Bud" (Julie) Bruckner of Conde, Ken (Denise) Bruckner of Menno, and Terry (Tony) Mach of Aberdeen; eight grandchildren: Lyndsey (Steve) Peik, Jenni (Kelly) Mergen, Cary Bruckner, Shane Bruckner, Bo (Jade) Bruckner, Tate Bruckner, Josh (Stephanie) Mach, and Andrew Mach; three great-grandchildren: Bryer Peik, Monroe Mach, and Lennyn Mach; and his siblings: MaryAnn Clausen of Overland Park, KS; Margaret Cooley of Northern California; Steve (Janet) Bruckner of Pine Bluff, Wyoming; Elizabeth "Betty" Stewart of San Diego, CA; Ardell (John) Albertson of Costa Mesa, CA; and Florence "Honey" Whipple of Susanville, CA; and sisters-in-law Adeline Bruckner of Aberdeen, SD; and Susie Bruckner of Susanville, CA.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brothers Freddie, Joe, Leonard, Vern, and Frank; brother-in-law Mel Clausen and sisters-in-law Leota Bruckner and Evelyn "Evie" Bruckner.

Honorary Casketbearers are granddaughters and spouses and grandsons' spouses Steve and Lyndsey Peik, Stephanie Mach, Jade Bruckner, and Kelly and Jenni Mergen.

Casketbearers are grandsons Josh Mach, Andrew Mach, Cary Bruckner, Shane Bruckner, Bo Bruckner, and Tate Bruckner.

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Seasonal Outlook Shows Potential Drought Improvement for Western South Dakota

BROOKINGS, S.D. - As South Dakota faces yet another winter storm, the climate outlooks for early spring have been released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which allows us to look to the end of the 2017 winter season.

"Precipitation outlooks for the next three months show higher likelihood of wetter than average conditions through April for the western and northern regions of the state," said Laura Edwards, Acting State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Edwards added that the current precipitation outlook is consistent with what we have seen this winter season. "The southeast corner of the state is projected to have equal chances of wetter, drier or near average precipitation through April," she said.

Edwards said this projection of wetter than average conditions could be good news to those who suffered through the drought of 2016.

"Although there have been some improvements in the severity of drought in western South Dakota, there are still some lingering concerns of having sufficient water to meet the demand, especially for agricultural production in 2017," she said.

Snow reports from the Black Hills have been close to average, if not slightly above average, so far this season.

With at least another month of winter left to go, Edwards said there is still time for more precipitation to fall and improve drought conditions before the growing season begins.

With the southeast now showing equal chances of wetter, drier or near average precipitation through April 2017, Edwards said there is no concern over whether or not there will be enough moisture to begin the growing season.

"With the wet fall and early winter, there is enough moisture in the soils to begin in the spring, with just a little more than average for this time of year," she said.

For the southeast region, Edwards said drought is not much of a concern for the early spring season.

Temperatures predicted to be colder than average

The temperature outlook for February through April indicate that colder than average temperatures are more likely to prevail in the northern and northwestern counties of South Dakota.

"This is consistent with La Nia as it will wane in the late winter," Edwards said.

Historically, Edwards explained, climate patterns like this have been cooler than average in the month of February.

"Colder than average temperature is currently the most challenging aspect of the outlook for the spring, as this can hold back planting and spring fieldwork in the northern counties," she said. "Looking ahead at the climate outlook for late winter and early spring, the forecasters for this outlook are less confident than in recent months."

Edwards explained that spring can often bring large swings in both temperature and precipitation.

"Climate patterns like La Niña are less reliable in the spring season, so forecasters tend to focus on two to three weeks at a time," she said.

Many People in Rural America Qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service wants taxpayers living in rural communities to be aware of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and correctly claim it if they qualify.

Whether living in the big city or a small town, EITC can help. The EITC is a federal income tax credit for working people who don't earn a lot (\$53,505 or less for 2016) and meet certain eligibility requirements. Because it's a refundable credit, those who qualify and claim the credit could pay less federal tax, pay no tax or even get a tax refund. EITC can mean up to a \$6,269 refund for working families with qualifying children. Workers without a qualifying child could be eligible for a smaller credit up to \$506. On average, EITC adds \$2,400 to refunds.

Even though household income in many rural areas is below the national average, many of these taxpayers are often not aware that they may qualify for EITC. An eligible taxpayer must have earned income from employment or running or owning a business or farm and meet basic rules. Eligibility also depends on family size, but single workers without a qualifying child who earn under \$20,430 may qualify for a smaller credit. Also, certain disability payments may qualify as earned income for EITC purposes. The IRS recommends using the EITC Assistant, on IRS.gov, to determine eligibility, estimate the amount of credit and more.

To get the credit, Taxpayers must file a tax return, even if they do not owe any tax or are not required to file. Qualified taxpayers should consider claiming the EITC by filing electronically: through a qualified tax professional; using free community tax help sites; or doing it themselves with IRS Free File.

Many EITC filers will get their refunds later this year than in past years. That's because a new law requires the IRS to hold refunds claiming the EITC and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) until mid-February. The IRS cautions taxpayers that these refunds likely will not start arriving in bank accounts or on debit cards until the week of Feb. 27. Taxpayers claiming the EITC or ACTC should file as soon as they have all of the necessary documentation together to prepare an accurate return. In other words, file as they normally would.

The IRS and partners nationwide will hold the annual EITC Awareness Day on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 to alert millions of workers who may be missing out on this significant tax credit and other refundable credits. One easy way to support this outreach effort is by participating on the IRS Thunderclap to help promote #EITCAwarenessDay through social media. For more information on EITC and other refundable credits, visit the EITC page on IRS.gov.

DI Update

With Regionals being the weekend after President's Day our DI teams are working hard! We normally have our Dessert Theater on the Sunday prior to Regionals - that would put it on February 19th. Usually, we run from 3-5 pm. .

Groton Instant Challenge Day on February 20th. We would run from 1-3 pm.

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Thursday, Jan. 26

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, cake, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Cheese stick, mixed vegetables, Romaine salad, fruit.

Northeast Conference Wrestling in Groton: Weigh-ins at 5 p.m., tourney starts at 5 p.m.

Girls' Basketball at Sisseton: C game at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

Friday, Jan. 27

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, apricots, whole wheat bread.



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School Breakfast:

Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Meatballs, tea bun, baked tiny potato, carrots and dip, fruit.

Debate at Yankton Basketball Doubleheader at Clark: Girls JV and boys JV both at 5 p.m., Girls varsity at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys varsity game.

Saturday, Jan. 28

10 a.m.: Wrestling Tournament in Groton.

Sunday, Jan. 29

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

United Methodist Parish: Worship in Conde at 9 a.m., coffee fellowship time at 10 a.m. and worship in Groton at 11 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont: Worship at 10 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Open Gym for JH-8 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and for grades 6-12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2 p.m.: Carnival of Silver Skates

6:30 p.m.: Carnival of Silver Skates

Monday, Jan. 30

School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken strip, wedge fries, breadsticks, fruit, romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Turkey Tetrastine, green beans, honey fruit salad, vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

5:00 pm: JHBBB at Redfield (7th grade at 5 p.m., 8th grade at 6 p.m.)

GBB hosts Northwestern (C game at 5:15 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity)

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, romaine salad, fruit.

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

Boys Basketball at Langford: 7th and 8th grade times to be determined. JV boys at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, muffin, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, fruit, broccoli and dip.

Senior Menu: Breaded fish, parsley buttered potatoes, Prince Edward Island Vegetable, Sherbet, whole wheat bread.

NAEP Testing at GHS

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle at 5 p.m., League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

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

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, fruit, carrots and dip.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle at 2 p.m.

Varsity Boys Basketball hosts Tiospa Zina

Friday, Feb. 3

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

School Lunch: Shrimp poppers, sweet potato tots, fruit, vegetable cups.

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, mixed vegetables, pears, muffin.

Girls basketball at Tiospa Zina with JV at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.

Saturday, Feb. 4

CFC Debate

Robotics at Mitchell Technical Institute

10 a.m.: Wrestling at Stanley County

Double Header Basketball with Warner in Groton (Girls JV game at 2 p.m., boys JV at 3 p.m., girls varsity at 4:30 p.m., boys varsity at 6 p.m.)



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