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Carnival of Silver Skates



Katie Koehler was crowned the 2017 Carnival of Silver Skates queen by the 2014 Silver Skates Queen Breanna Marzahn. After the crowning of the queen, the court and Marzahn pulled Koehler around the rink the Silver Skates sleigh.



Kindergarten: "When I Grow Up"

Abby Fjeldheim, Tenley Frost, and Aurora Washenberger
Instructors: Nicole Marzahn and Madeline Schuelke



Specialty Act "True Colors"

Guest Skater, Rachel Scheidt - Watertown Figure Skate Club



Breanna Marzahn puts the crown and cape on Katie Koehler, the new Silver Skates Queen.



Specialty Act "All That Jazz"

Guest Skater, Courtney Heath - Watertown Figure Skate Club



3rd Grade "It's a Hard Knock Life"

Mia Crank, Emma Davies, Rylee Dunker, Breslyn Jeschke, Jerica Locke, Paisley Mitchell, Jaedyn Penning, and Cali Tollifson
Instructors: Tasha Dunker and Alexa Schuring



Gabbie Kramer sang the National Anthem.



Specialty Act "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile"
Duet - Alexis and Teagan Hanten

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1st Grade "Dancing Queen"

Raelynn Feist, Ella Kettner, and Sydney Locke
 Instructors: Hannah Lewandowski and Jasmine Schinkel

**DVD copies of the Carnival
 of Silver Skates are available
 for \$15.90.
 Call or Text Paul at 397-7460
 to order your copy.**



5th Grade "Let's Hang On"

Cadence Feist, Anna Fjeldheim, Carly Guthmiller, Sydney Leicht, Sara Menzia, Hannah Monson, Kate Profeta, Emma Schinkel, and Ashlyn Sperry. Instructor: Jasmine Schaller



8th Grade "One"

Tessa Erdmann, Alexis Hanten, Tanae Lipp, Hailey Monson, Erin Unzen, Grace Wambach, and Grace Wiedrick. Instructor: Kami Lipp



GDI recognized by Silver Skates Committee

In 2009, the Carnival committee started a new tradition, each year recognizing a Groton area business which has been instrumental in their support of the Carnival.

This year, they have selected the Groton Daily Independent as Carnival of Silver Skates business of the year. For several years, GDI has printed our programs at no charge.

Pictured left to right are Tasha Dunker, Coralie Wolter, Kristi Flihs, Deb Schuelke, Paul and Tina Kosel from the Groton Daily Independent, Rachel Crank and Dawn Imrie.



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4th Grade "Good Morning Baltimore"

Emma Bahr, Elizabeth Flihs, Ashley Johnson, Jeslyn Kosel, Emma Kutter, Karlie McKane, Nicolette Nickeson, Emily Overacker, and Laila Roberts. Instructor: Shonna Harry



7th Grade "Popular"

Kennedy Anderson, Megan Flihs, Brooklyn Imrie, Julianna Kosel, and Tina Zoellner
Instructor: Breanna Marzahn



2nd Grade "My Favorite Things"

Caroline Bahr, Avery Crank, Teagan Hanten, Addison Hoffman, Brenna Imrie, Emerlee Jones, Claire Schuelke, and McKenna Tietz.
Instructor: Lindsey Tietz

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9th Grade "Seasons of Love"

Caitlynn Barse, Ashley Flihs, Nicole Marzahn, Jenny Pigors, and Madeline Schuelke
 Instructors: Coralea Wolter and Katie Anderson



10th Grade "Sunshine of Your Love"

Kaitlyn Anderson, Taylor Holm, Shyla Larson, Sam Menzia, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson, and Shannon Wiedrick
 Instructors: Merisa Weigel and Jodi Weigel



6th Grade "When Will I Be Loved"

Brenna Carda, Sierra Ehresmann, Kamryn Flihs, Shallyn Foertsch, Aspen Johnson, Ava Kramer, KayLynn Overacker, Marlee Tollifson, and Ellie Weismantel
 Instructors: Merisa Weigel and Jodi Weigel



11th & 12th Grades "Chim Chim Cher-ee"

Hannah Lewandowski, Jasmine Schinkel, Madison Sippel, Katie Koehler, and Gabrielle Kramer
 Instructors: Coralea Wolter and Katie Anderson



Boys Group "If I Were a Rich Man"

Sam Crank, Karsten Flihs, Korbin McKane, Kamryn McKane, and Owen Sperry
 Instructor: Naomi McKiver

The afternoon performance of the Carnival of Silver Skates was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM

Finale "On Broadway" (Photo below)

As the 2017 Carnival of Silver Skates comes to a close, please welcome all 84 skaters back to the ice for the finale of "Broadway on Ice!" We hope our musical selections brought back fond memories or introduced you to a new Broadway musical. These skaters sure had a great time!





Kiwanis Pancake Brunch

The Groton Kiwanis Club held its pancake brunch on Sunday at the Groton Community Center. Pictured left to right are President Tom Paepke, Lee Schinkel, Chairman Steve Simon and volunteer Jim Lane.

Lady Tigers surprise Northwestern with big win

The Groton Area girls overcame their biggest obstacle Monday night, the flu bug, which plagued 65 students in grades six through 12 including four of the five starters and two other players. Despite that issue, the Lady Tigers pulled out a 52-45 big win over the 11-4 Northwestern Wildcats.

"I'm proud of these girls," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "They worked through it despite being sick. I had four of five starters that were not feeling well. Everything was going good except we were not making the layups. I had them practice layups at half time. Otherwise, the girls did really good against an 11-4 team."

The game was tied at six and the first quarter ended tied at 11. Northwestern made only one free throw in the second quarter while the Tigers expressed to a 20-12 lead at half time. The Tigers led, 31-22 at the end of the third quarter. Groton Area had seven turnovers in the fourth quarter with several of them coming from the Northwestern full court press. The Wildcats closed to within four, 46-42 with two minutes left in the game. The Tigers made 11 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to pull out the win.

Jennie Doeden led the Tigers with 11 points followed by Audrey Wanner, Jessica Bjerke and Miranda Hanson with nine each, Katie Koehler had seven, Harleigh Stange three and Taylor Holm and Gia Gengerke each had two points.

Taylor Holm and Jessica Bjerke each had nine of the team's 42 rebounds, Wanner and Stange each had four of the team's 10 steals and Wanner had six of the team's 14 assists. Groton Area had 14 turnovers and 17 team fouls.

Addison Sparling led the Wildcats with 16 points followed by Darby Duncan with eight, Evy Peterson and Josie Clemens each had seven, Sydney Schell had four and Peyton Groft added two points.

The Wildcats made 15 of 53 field goals for 28 percent. Both teams were 12 of 21 from the line for 57 percent.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 22-19. Scoring for the Tigers: Taylor Holm 11, Miranda Hanson 4, Gia Gengerke 3, Sam Menzia 2, Madison Sippel 1 and Nicole Marzahn 1.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Cheetahs 18, Chipmunks 17, Foxes 16, Shih Tzus 13, Coyotes 11, Jack- elopes 9

Men's High Games: Roger Spanier 224, 212, John Sippel 214, 201, Ron Belden 212, Mike Wyly 204, Brad Larson 203

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 172, Dar Larson 170, Lori Giedt 167

Men's High Series: John Sippel 610, Roger Spanier 602, Ron Belden 466

Women's High Series: Dar Larson 485, Sue Stanley 470, Darci Spanier 455

Groton Coffee Cup League

Team Standings: James Valley 20, Ten Pins 12, Kens 11, Jungle Lanes 5

High Games: Joyce Walter 183, Nancy Radke 180, Arlowyn Spencer 179

High Series: Joyce Walter 501, Arlowyn Spencer 445, Angie Carlson 421

Conde National League

Team Standings: Pirates 16, Cubs 14, Mets 13, Braves 11, Colts 10, Giants 8

Men's High Games: Topper Tastad 226, Larry Frohling 187, Lance Frohling 185

Men's High Series: Topper Tasdad 506, Larry Frohling 524, Lance Frohling 522

Women's High Games: Joyce Walter 193, Vickie Kramp 191, Mary Larson 190

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 529, Mary Larson 502, Vickie Kramp 498

GROTON AREA ELEMENTARY TO HOST SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EVENT FEBRUARY 9, 2017

What:

Groton Area Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, February, 9, 2017, from 1:30 to 8:00 pm. Funds raised will help purchase books to expand the elementary library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

Mr. Brett Schwan, Elementary Principal, will preview books with the students by reading books or selections from books throughout the week of February 6th.

When:

The Book Fair will be open daily during school hours for the students to preview books. Purchases may be made on Thursday afternoon from 1:30 until 8 pm. Online shopping will be available February 8-28. An app is also available that will give book levels, price and a synopsis. All you do is scan the book with your cell phone and the information is at your fingertips.

Where:

Groton Area Elementary is located at 810 N 1st.

More:

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

The Book Fair will feature the All for Books™ program, where students can share the thrill of reading with others by donating loose change to purchase books from the Book Fair for expanding the title selection at the elementary library. The All for Books box will also be at Ken's C-Store before the fair. Scholastic Book Fairs® then matches those monetary donations with a donation of up to one million dollars in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations, such as Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and the Kids In Need Foundation.

If you are interested in helping with the book fair – helping students select books and cashiering (Feb 9), packing up (Feb 10) – please contact Julie Milbrandt at julie.milbrandt@k12.sd.us.

GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Eleven members and one guest were present for Wednesday's Kiwanis meeting.

The program speaker could not be present. Tom Paepke, president; led the short business session. Steve Simon, chairman; and Reed Litch, pro tem treasurer on the successful pancake brunch. The robotics were a big hit at the brunch. Next week's program leader will be LaVonne Helmer, followed by Reed Litch and Tom Mahan.

Kiwanis Potato Bar Feed

Groton Area vs. Warner

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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
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

406 North 2nd Street, PO Box 410

Groton, SD 57445

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

Contractors can obtain bidding documents from Franz Reprographics, 2781 Freeway Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430, telephone 763-503-3401, online at www.franzrepro.com. Bidding documents are on file and available for inspection at the offices of the Owner, Architect, Engineers, and the Program Manager's office.

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

Groton, Brown County, South Dakota

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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)

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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.

SDCL 58-6-62: POLICY TO BE WRITTEN THROUGH LICENSED RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AGENT-COUNTERSIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT – VIOLATION AS MISDEMEANOR. No authorized insurer may make, write, issue or place any policy, contract or insurance, or general or floating policy upon persons or property, or covering a subject of insurance or bonding to be performed in South Dakota unless the policy is written through a licensed resident agent, or a non-resident agent when countersigned by a resident agent.

If two or more insurers issue a single policy, it may be countersigned on behalf of all of them by one of the insurer's licensed resident agents in this state. Violation of this section is a Class

2 misdemeanor.

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.

Michael J. Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District

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(2t. Jan 16 & Jan 23, 2017)

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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Notice to Creditors

Irene Howell
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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IN THE MATTER OF THE
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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
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Andover, SD 57422
(605) 380-2139

/s/ Brent Zimmerman
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Brown County Jan. 24

Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 24, 2017 – 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. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,048.07; Treasurer \$13,462.10; States Attorney \$21,012.16; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,608.91; Assessor \$13,625.69; Register of Deeds \$8,090.14; Veterans Service Office \$4,137.63; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,639.23; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$33,702.12; Jail \$46,884.85; Coroner \$1,200.00; JDC \$21,794.23; Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,172.16; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,689.23; Fair Board \$4,037.80; 4-H \$509.60; Weed \$2,163.84; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$44,901.71; Communications \$25,120.64; Emergency Management \$3,980.99; Teen Court \$622.08; 24/7 \$3,197.34; Landfill \$12,982.98.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,649.31; Medicare \$4,361.58; SDRS \$37,935.55; Health Ins \$114,495.44; Life Ins \$793.36; Dental Ins \$6,916.05.

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$201,301.67.

Professional Fees: AWS \$1,750.00; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$4,299.67; Certified Languages \$952.05; Dohrer Law Office \$4,376.80; Dware \$2,500.00; Harmelink, Fox & Ravnsborg \$476.64; Helms & Assoc. \$1,350.00; Kuck Law Office \$2,284.40; LBG \$6,398.43; Meierhenry Sargent \$5,442.44; NE Mental Health Center \$2,366.00; Pollard & Larson \$190.00; PulsePoint \$8,000.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$101.20; Ronayne Law Office \$10,046.40; SDACHS \$275.00; SD Public Service \$5,650.00; SDSU Extension \$18,870.00; Christy Griffin-Serr \$3,289.00; Kristi Spitzer \$1,300.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$699.20; Mitch Vilhauer \$437.50.

Printing: Aberdeen American News \$1,114.13; Midstates Printing \$726.28.

Rentals: 446-Praxair \$22.25; Eugene Mitchell \$50.00.

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Travel & Conference: AmericInn \$220.00; C. Scott Bader \$109.94; City of Groton \$64.39; Exec Mgmt \$987.94; SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$400.00; Sarah Swenson \$22.56.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$282.40; City of Hecla \$221.08; Dependable Sanitation \$22,865.22; Economy Propane \$362.25; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$30.30; Northern Electric \$2,693.17; NWPS \$3,681.53; NVC \$147.09; Town of Frederick \$48.00; Web Water \$70.78.

Buildings: Ladner Electric \$747.21.

Other: Pizza Ranch \$90.43.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

Approve the following employee step increases, effective January 29, 2017: Ben Smith @ \$23.39 /hr, Kevin Ernst @ \$18.57/hr. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #6-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "Flihs" Conservation Easement Tract 1 and Tract 2 in the NE ¼ and in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Sec 22-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #7-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "LLJ Flihs" Conservation Easement Tract 1 and Tract 2 in the NE ¼ of Sec 27-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #8-17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD that the plat showing "River Horse Second Subdivision, in the NE ¼ of Sec 4-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

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

ABATEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following Abatement: Danny Buchanan @ \$670.61 (assessment error). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MUSIUM BOARD MEMBERS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to appoint Lee Schinkel and Shannon Imber-O'Keefe to first term (1/1/2017 – 12/31/2019) and appoint Wes Elliott to second term (1/1/2017 – 12/31/2019) on the Dacotah Prairie Museum Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CITIZENS CORP MEMBER: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to appoint Josh Halsey as an at Large Representative on the Brown County Citizens Corp Council, effective until December 31, 2017. All

members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Temporary Alcoholic Beverage License in conjunction with a special event, submitted by the Olive Grove Golf Course, effective June 10-11, 2017 – Brown County Fairgrounds (Club House) SW ¼- Sec 1-T123N-R64W (map indicating specific area licensed on file with applications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT DONATION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to acknowledge donation of an Orion Rescue Sled, valued at \$3500.00 from the Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club to the Brown County Emergency Management Department. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-abstain, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Motion carried.

BCCCH REPORT: DeAnna Harber presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for October – December 2016.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION APPOINTMENT: Mayor Mike Levens joined the Brown County Commission for discussion and vote on the Director of Equalization position, per SDCL 10-3-3; after discussion Commissioner Sutton moved with second by Commissioner Hansen to approve the appointment of Michael Hauke Jr. as Director of Equalization at a pro-rated annual salary of \$57,784.22, effective February 13, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: Gary Vetter questioned rebidding the employee health insurance in response to concerns about the current coverage. Commissioner Fjeldheim suggested decision be made when new rate schedule for 2017-2018 coverage arrives from current carrier.

RECESS: The Chair declared the Commission recessed at 9:05 a.m. for purpose of computer training from the IT Department; reconvening the Commission at 9:39 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:40 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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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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**Mud Creek Watershed
Notice of
Annual Meeting**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BROWN COUNTY MUD CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF MANAGERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Annual Meeting of the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District, will be held in the Groton Community Center, located at 109 N. 3rd Street, Groton, South Dakota on March 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., during which annual meeting the eligible voters in the district shall elect, by ballot, under the direction of the secretary of the district, managers to replace those whose terms have expired. Any party interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Managers for the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District shall file their written application with Grant Rix, Secretary of the Board of Managers, at 12960 406th Avenue, Groton, South

Dakota 57445 at least thirty (30) days prior to elections pursuant to SDCL 46A-14-38. All managers and candidates shall be eligible voters of the district or designees of eligible voters of the district as provided in SDCL 46A-14-15.1. Upon the election of the managers of the district, officers of the district shall be elected by the managers, except the secretary/treasurer shall be appointed by the managers; and any other personnel of the district may be appointed or hired by the managers. Additionally, at such annual meeting any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and any other matters relevant to the Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District. Grant Rix, Secretary, Brown County Mud Creek Watershed District. (0201.0208)

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**Northern Electric
Board Signs Letter
Of Intent To Sell
Northern Wireless
Communications
To James Valley
Telecommunications**

On Wednesday, January 25, 2017, the Northern Electric Cooperative Board of Directors signed a non-binding letter of intent to sell Northern Wireless Communications, its wholly-owned broadband wireless subsidiary, to James Valley Telecommunications.

If the sale is approved by the directors of both cooperatives, James Valley Telecommunications intends to purchase Northern Wireless Communications and begin serving its customers under the James Valley Telecommunications and Northern Valley Communications names with their suite of high-speed internet, cable, home phone, cell phone, and web-hosting services. Northern Wireless currently has nearly 1,600 high-speed internet customers in ten different counties in north-east South Dakota.

"We are excited to explore this opportunity with Northern Wireless and to secure the benefits that it can bring to both cooperatives," James Valley Telecommunications and Northern Valley Communications CEO James Groft said.

Should the sale be finalized, James Valley will transition Northern Wireless customers from their current wireless broadband internet service to a new wired or fixed wireless internet connection.

**Langford Area boys
outlast Groton in
fourth quarter**

Langford Area pulled away from Groton Area in the fourth quarter as the Lions posted a 47-37 win over the Tigers.

Langford led at the quarter stops at 15-13, 22-19 and 34-30. The Lions exploded for seven straight points early in the fourth quarter for the win.

Groton's Sean Schuring led all scorers with 18 points. Chance Olson led the Lions with 17 points and Mason Larson had 15 points including two three-pointers and a dunk. Bennett Shabazz added 13 points for Groton Area while Seric Shabazz had six points. Extra scorers for the Lions were James Erickson with eight, Zach Fries with three and Logan Block and Cody Jensen each had two points.

Brandon Keith had 10 of Groton's 35 rebounds. Erickson had 10 of Langford's 28 rebounds.

Groton Area made 28 percent of its field goals while Langford Area made 39 percent. Groton Area had 18 turnovers with 11 of them being steals as Olson and Larson each had three steals. Langford Area had 10 turnovers with seven of them being steals with Seric Shabazz having four. Bennett Shabazz had



The Life of Evelyn Meyer

Evelyn June (Honey) Meyer, passed away peacefully with her family by her side, on January 29, 2017 at the age of 94, at Prairie Lakes Hospital, in Watertown, SD. Services for June will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, Groton. The Rev. Terry Kenny will officiate. Burial will be held at a later date in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the services at the church.

Casket bearers will be Josh Craig, Lance Craig, Steve Gibbs, Dan VanWinkle, Mark Peterson and Joe Gese.

Evelyn June Honey was born on June 30, 1922 in Britton, SD to George Dean and Matie (Gibbs) Honey. She lived in Putney as a child and attended school in Groton. She was united in marriage to Lowell Eugene Craig on November 8, 1942. They were blessed with three children, Cheryl "Cheri", Charlotte, and Clark. After her

husband Gene passed away unexpectedly, June began working as a bookkeeper at Sinclair in Groton and later for Feinsteins in Aberdeen, as a seamstress. She married Donald Meyer on June 26, 1969 and they made their home in Aberdeen, SD. Together they traveled the United States extensively, visiting each one of the states and enjoyed their time fishing together. Don passed away in March of 2012.

June took great pride in providing a loving and welcoming home for her family. She was a wonderful cook and her family always enjoyed their time together at "Grandma June's." (So many special memories were made over the years while visiting at the dining room table). She always had cookies and coffee when family and friends stopped by for a visit. "Junebug" was a classy lady who loved to go shopping and will always be remembered for her beautiful jewelry. June loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, especially during their family celebrations each summer. June was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Eastern Star for over 65 years.

Celebrating her life are her children, Charlotte (Rory) Riggan of Devils Lake, North Dakota, Clark Craig (Nancy Hoops) of Watertown, South Dakota, her step-daughter, Donna Rae Brooks of Des Moines, Iowa, 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, a sister, Geraldine Bowles of Salem, Oregon and brother-in-law, Harlow Kerl of Pickerel Lake, South Dakota.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husbands Gene Craig and Donald Meyer, her daughter Cheryl "Cheri" Gibbs, a granddaughter Tawnya Marie Craig, and two sisters Millicent Gilchrist and Lucille Kerl, and a son-in-law Jim Brooks.

June will be greatly missed by her family and everyone that was blessed to have known her.

The Life of Fern Kersting

Memorial services for Fern Kersting, 86, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Thursday, February 2, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Mike Kelly will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the church from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday. Fern passed away Sunday, January 29, 2017 at her home.

Fern Ann Betty was born on July 21, 1930 in Mina to Jim and Julia (Blanchette) Betty. She attended school in Groton. Fern was united in marriage with Don Ries on April 12, 1947 and together they were blessed with three children. Fern worked many years as a cook in the Groton School system and was later employed at 3M. Don passed away in November of 1994. Fern married Leo Kersting on June 27, 1998.

Fern was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. She enjoyed sewing and quilting.



Celebrating her life is her husband, Leo of Groton, her children: Larry Ries of Jacksonville, Florida, Randy Ries of Phoenix, Arizona and Patricia (Greg) Lemburg of Grand Island, Nebraska, her grandchildren, Melissa (Mark) Stegman and Amber (Jeremiah) Krantz, great-grandchildren: Jacob, Jordan, Jacey Stegman and Oliver Krantz. Fern is also survived by her step-children, Jeff (Kathy) Kersting, Brenda (John) Carey, step-grandchildren, Rylee (Carey) Stone, Rikki Carey, Ryder Carey, Jenna Kerstings and Kinzie Kersting, her step-great-grandchildren: Ben, Will, Jackson, Harrison Stone and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her first husband, two sisters and a granddaughter, Starla Lemburg.

Honoary Urnbearers will be Mark Stegman, Jeremiah Krantz, Jacob Stegman, Neal Abeln, John Clark and Rick Mielke.

five of the team's 11 assists and Olson had five of Langford's eight assists.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 33-32, in overtime. Langford held an 8-6 first quarter lead, the game was tied at 13 at half time, the Lions led, 24-20 at the end of the third quarter and the game was tied at 30 at the end of the regulation.

Cade Guthmiller led the Tigers with eight points followed by Jonny Doeden with seven points, Treyton Diegel with six, Peyton Johnson had five, Darien Shabazz three and Mitchell Thurston and Marshal Lane each had two.

The Lions were led by Colin Frey with 18 points.

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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 Minnesota Vikings may not be playing in any meaningful games for the rest of the season, but we were still able to see some of the team's best and brightest put on one more show. The annual Pro Bowl was this Sunday, and six Vikings were selected to the NFC team, including Corarrelle Patterson, Linval Joseph, Everson Griffen, Anthony Barr, Xavier Rhodes, and Harrison Smith.

The Vikings, predictably, didn't have a single player selected from the offense since Patterson was selected as a return specialist. The NFC didn't attempt a single kick return, so Patterson's skill set was not put to good use. He did manage to receive a target, which he caught, but it only went for one yard. Besides the reception, number 84 was credited with a tackle on special teams.

The Vikings' defense was the team's bread and butter this season, so it was no surprise that five starters were selected to the Pro Bowl. The Vikings' players might have made the biggest impact for the NFC squad, albeit in a losing effort. Xavier Rhodes had possibly the play of the game with a beautiful pass break up early in the first half. Harrison Smith wasn't credited with a stat, but he was consistently around the ball. Linval Joseph was wreaking havoc in the trenches, and Anthony Barr's athleticism was on full display. It was a great showing by the players wearing purple helmets, and hopefully it lit a fire underneath them that will carry over to next season.

The player of the game was Everson Griffen. Number 97 led the NFC in tackles (8), sacks (3), tackles for a loss (2), and quarterback hits (3). It was a stellar effort by Everson, and it was great to see him out there having a blast but still putting forth some effort.

This Sunday is the Super Bowl, and the New England Patriots will be facing the Atlanta Falcons. This game will feature two excellent offenses and should provide plenty of fireworks. I don't know about you, but this will likely be the only show I watch this year that I won't be skipping commercials, since they are usually as entertaining as the game itself!

Make sure to e-mail me your favorite commercials from the big game, as well as any questions you may have about the Minnesota Vikings: skoljwright@gmail.com. Thanks for reading this season, and be sure to stay tuned this offseason for Vikings' news and notes, as well as draft content and free agency moves!

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Here are the 126 pound place winners at the Northeast Conference wrestling tournament. From top, they are Trevor Pray, Groton Area, first place; Sterling Rausch, Webster Area, second; Dane Christopherson, Sisseton, third; and Logan Eide, Deuel, fourth. (Courtesy photo)

Five grapplers place at Northeast Conference Tourney

Five wrestlers placed at the Northeast Conference Tournament held Thursday in Groton.

Trevor Pray placed first at 126 pounds, Brandyn Anderson placed first at 220 pounds, Wyatt Locke was second at 220 pounds, Wyatt Kurtz placed third at 138 pounds and Grady O'Neill placed fourth at 182 pounds.

Sisseton placed first with 153 points followed by Redfield/Doland with 137, Webster Area was third with 131.5 points, Milbank Area was fourth with 104 points, Clark/Willow Lake was fifth with 97, Groton Area was sixth with 75, Deuel was seventh with 53 and Britton/Hecla was eighth with 30.

113 - Dragr Monson (4-11) scored 1.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Tyler Krause (Milbank) 22-14 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 4-11 (Fall 5:42)

Cons. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 4-11 won by decision over Mason Jones (Britton/Hecla) 8-21 (Dec 5-2)

Cons. Semi - Hunter Rucktaeschel (Webster Area) 11-12 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 4-11 (Fall 0:21)

120 - Hunter McClean (0-9)
Quarterfinal - Toby Schneck (Milbank) 13-13 won by injury default over Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-9 (Inj. 0:00)

Cons. Round 1 - Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Hunter Kloos (Deuel) 14-7 won by fall over Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-9 (Fall 1:51)

126 - Trevor Pray (17-2) placed 1st and scored 22.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 17-2 won by fall over Kaden Krause (Milbank) 0-2 (Fall 0:46)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 17-2 won by fall over Logan Eide (Deuel) 4-7 (Fall 2:25)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 17-2 won by decision over Sterling Rausch (Webster Area) 17-7 (Dec 8-3)

138 - Wyatt Kurtz (11-8) placed 3rd and scored 10.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 11-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Riley Binger (Redfield/Doland) 15-12 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 11-8 (Fall 2:37)

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 11-8 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 11-8 won by fall over Norvin Moreno (Sisseton) 2-9 (Fall 2:51)

145 - Thomas Cranford (1-10)

Quarterfinal - Cade Shoemaker (Webster Area) 25-11 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-10 (Fall 1:37)

Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Carter Wegner (Redfield/

Doland) 17-8 won by decision over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-10 (Dec 6-0)

152 - Lane Krueger (0-12)

Quarterfinal - Carter Shoemaker (Webster Area) 20-10 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-12 (Fall 0:32)

Cons. Round 1 - Isaiah Harrison (Sisseton) 2-6 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-12 (Fall 1:32)

182 - Grady O'Neill (1-12) placed 4th and scored 4.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 1-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Cooper Baloun (Redfield/Doland) 18-0 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 1-12 (Fall 0:35)

Cons. Semi - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 1-12 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Vincent Herberg (Sisseton) 13-14 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 1-12 (Fall 0:28)

220 - Wyatt Locke (10-9) placed 2nd and scored 16.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 10-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 10-9 won by fall over Ben Nelson (Milbank) 8-17 (Fall 1:48)

1st Place Match - Josh Currence (Sisseton) 20-11 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 10-9 (Dec 5-0)

285 - Brandyn Anderson (16-2) placed 1st and scored 22.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 16-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 16-2 won by fall over Kaeden Metz (Sisseton) 20-14 (Fall 0:57)

1st Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 16-2 won by injury default over Chase Sigdestad (Webster Area) 16-12 (Inj. 0:00)

Four grapplers place at Groton Invite

Four Groton Area wrestlers made it to the final round at the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Trevor Pray placed first at 126 pounds, Brandyn Anderson placed first at 285 pounds, Wyatt Locke placed second at 220 pounds and Grady O'Neill placed fourth at 182 pounds.

Canton JV won the team title with 177 points followed by Ellendale/Edgeley/Klum with 168.5, Watertown JV with 155, Groton Area with 87.5, Britton/Hecla with 73, Huron JV 64.5, Webster Area 59, Warner/Northwestern 58, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 47, Milbank JV 37, Wolsey/Wessington 26, Ipswich/Leola 22 and Clark/Willow Lake 8.

The Glenn Sperry Pinner Award was presented to Seth Peterson, Canton JV, with 4 pins in 6:48.

113 - Dragr Monson (6-13) scored 6.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-13 won by decision over Mason Jones (Britton/Hecla) 9-21 (Dec 9-2)

Quarterfinal - Mac Young (Watertown JV) 3-1 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-13 (Fall 2:49)

Cons. Round 2 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-13 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-13 won by fall over Ryan Vinsant (Canton JV) 9-6 (Fall 1:45)

Cons. Semi - Zack Strong (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 12-18 won by decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 6-13 (Dec 7-1)

120 - Hunter McClean (0-11)

Champ. Round 1 - Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Colton Borah (Wolsey/Wessington) 11-10 won by fall over Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-11 (Fall 1:47)

Cons. Round 2 - Jude Taylor (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 1-7 won by tech fall over Hunter McClean (Groton Area) 0-11 (TF-1.5 4:14 (17-0))

126 - Trevor Pray (20-2) placed 1st and scored 26.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 20-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 20-2 won by fall over Chris Andrews (Watertown JV) 0-2 (Fall 0:33)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 20-2 won by fall over Kaden Krause (Milbank JV) 2-4 (Fall 1:32)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 20-2 won by fall over Mason Maag (Watertown JV) 3-1 (Fall 2:23)

138 - Wyatt Kurtz (13-10) scored 5.50 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Grant Wirkus (Watertown JV) 4-1 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-10 (Fall 2:00)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-10 won by tech fall over Nick Seefeld (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 3-8 (TF-1.5 2:12 (15-0))

Cons. Round 3 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-10 won by fall over Tynan Fogarty (SF O'Gorman JV) 5-8 (Fall 0:31)

Cons. Semi - Marbel Lopez-Bartolon (Huron JV) 7-7 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-10 (Fall 4:37)

152 - Lane Krueger (0-14)

Champ. Round 1 - Alex Mastalir (Canton JV) 10-5 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-14 (Fall 1:27)

Cons. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Rhett Moch (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 4-4 won by decision over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-14 (Dec 4-2)

182 - Grady O'NEILL (2-14) placed 4th and scored 10.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Grady O'NEILL (Groton Area) 2-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Grady O'NEILL (Groton Area) 2-14 won by fall over Victor Valencia (SF O'Gorman JV) 2-12 (Fall 0:48)

Semifinal - Westen Ellingson (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 21-8 won by fall over Grady O'NEILL (Groton Area) 2-14 (Fall 0:59)

Cons. Semi - Grady O'NEILL (Groton Area) 2-14 received a bye () (Bye)

3rd Place Match - Nick Hillberg (SF O'Gorman JV) 7-9 won by decision over Grady O'NEILL (Groton Area) 2-14 (Dec 7-0)

220 - Wyatt Locke (11-10) placed 2nd and scored 16.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 11-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 11-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 11-10 won by decision over Marshall Baldwin (Canton JV) 24-2 (Dec 8-2)

1st Place Match - Wyatt Nitschke (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 21-6 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 11-10 (Dec 3-2)

285 - Brandyn Anderson (18-2) placed 1st and scored 24.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 18-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 18-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 18-2 won by fall over Lars Andersen (Milbank JV) 2-6 (Fall 0:27)

1st Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 18-2 won by fall over Josh Fastnacht (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 20-10 (Fall 0:49)



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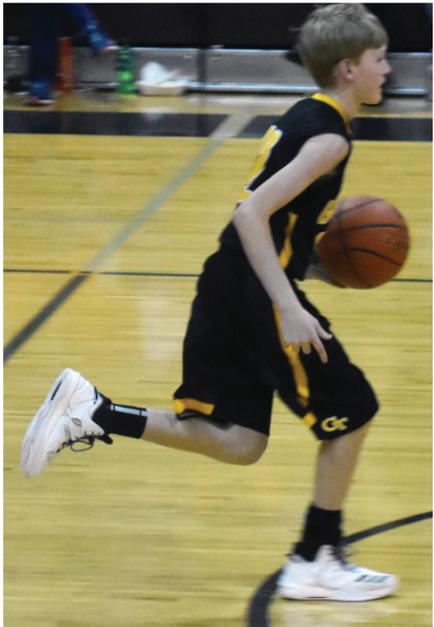
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Cyclone boys whirl past Tigers

Clark-Willow Lake boys proved to be physical and quick from start to finish as the Cyclones whirled past the Tigers, 66-46.

Clark-Willow held an 18-10 first quarter lead, a 32-21 lead at half time and 51-29 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Groton Ford, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Northern Plains Psychological Associates, Krueger Brother Gravel and Dirt and Hefty Seed with Kalen Kjellsen and Justin Hanson.

Groton Area made 23 percent of its field goals in the first quarter compared to 46 percent for Clark-Willow Lake. In the second quarter, Groton warmed up to 30 percent and the Cyclones cooled off to 27 percent. Clark-Willow Lake warmed up in the third period to 50 percent and Groton Area cooled down to 25 percent.

Brandon Keith and Seric Shabazz each had 12 points followed by Sean Schuring with eight, Jonny Doeden had five, Bennett Shabazz four, Frankie Wuestewald and Peyton Johnson each had two and Anthony Sippel, Daien Shabazz and Cade Guthmiller each had one free throw.

Four players hit double figures for Clark-Willow Lake with Jacob Prouty leading the way with 24 points followed by Micah Burke with 18, Bradyn Rusher had 13, Grayson Florey 10, Stone Burke two and Ntai Stevens added one free throw.

Bennett Shabazz and Brandon Keith both fouled out for Groton Area and Grayson Florey and Ntai Stevens both fouled out for Clark-Willow Lake.

For the game, Groton Area made 13 of 46 field goals for 28 percent, 16 of 26 free throws for 62 percent off of Clark-Willow Lake's 19 team fouls, had 31 rebounds with Brandon Keith and Seric Shabazz each having six, nine assists with Brandon Keith having five, and 14 turnovers with four of them being steals.

Clark-Willow Lake made 18 of 41 field goals for 44 percent, 19 of 23 free throws for 79 percent off of Groton Area's 25 team fouls, had 33 rebounds with Prouty having nine, 14 assists with Stevens having five and 13 turnovers with eight being steals as Schuring had three and Seric Shabazz had two.

In three-pointers, Clark-Willow Lake made nine of 19 for 47 percent and Groton Area made six of 27 for 22 percent.

Clark-Willow Lake won the junior varsity game, 33-28. Scoring for Groton Area: Mitchell Thurston 10, Jonny Doeden 8, Marshall Lane 4, Treyton Diegel 3 and Darien Shabazz 3.

**Photos by
Jeslyn Kosel**

Lady Tigers calm the winds of the Cyclones for the win

Groton Area calmed the winds of the Cyclones Friday night in Clark to win the Northeast Conference game, 57-49.

Groton held a 16-15 lead after the first quarter. The Tigers trailed once in the second quarter and the game was tied twice before taking a 28-25 lead at half time. Groton Area score five straight points to take a 43-31 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 18 points followed by Jessica Bjerke with 12, Harleigh Stange had 11, Katie Koehler nine, Miranda Hanson five and Jennie Doeden two.

Janae Kolden, who was five of six from the line and has over 1,000 high school career points, led the Cyclones with 25 points followed by Mikenna Burke with seven, Charity Kabwe and Abbie Bratland each had six and Taylor Hartley added two.

Groton Area made 47 percent of its shots in the first quarter, 29 percent in the second and 33 percent in the third and finished the game making 35 percent. Clark-Willow Lake made 38 percent in the first, 48 percent in the second and 10 percent in the third and finished the game making 34 percent.

Groton Area made 14 of 16 free throws off of Clark-Willow Lake's 18 team fouls with Kolden fouling out. Clark-Willow Lake made 12 of 17 free throws off of Groton Area's 13 team fouls. The Tigers had 14 turnovers and the Cyclones had 16. Wanner and Doeden each had eight of Groton Area's 35 rebounds, Wanner had five and Stange had four of Groton Area's 12 steals and Wanner had six of the team's 14 assists.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 44-25. Scoring for Groton Area: Payton Maine 11, Taylor Holm 6, Sam Menzia 5, Eliza Wanner 5, Kaycie Hawkins 4, Payton Colestock 4, Nicole Marzahn 3, Miranda Hanson 2, Gia Gengerke 2 and Caitlynn Barse 2.

Morgan Burke led Clark-Willow Lake with 13.

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Harleigh Stange and Jennie Doeden



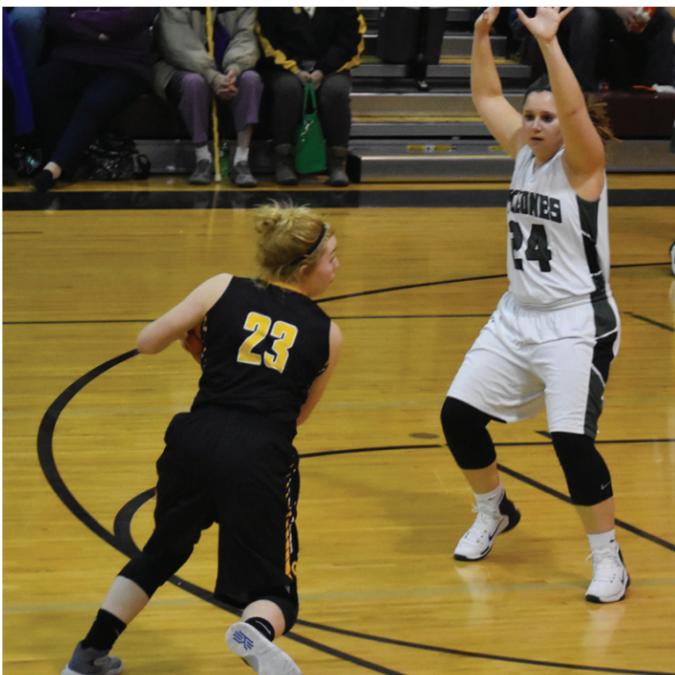
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Harleigh Stange and Jennie Doeden

Community Calendar

GROTON VET CLINIC
1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397-8145

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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Sunday, Jan. 8

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.

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

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with

Communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont: Worship 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.

Monday, Feb. 6

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

JHBBB: Hosts Clark-Willow Lake. 7th grade at 6 p.m., 8th grade at 7 p.m.

City Council: Meeting at 7 p.m. at Groton Community Center

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

School Menu: Chicken Sandwich, sweet potato tots, fruit, carrots and dip.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, orange half, sugar cookie, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

NSU Symphonic Band at GHS Gym from 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 p.m.

GBB at Roncalli: C game at 5:15 p.m. with JV and varsity games to follow.

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

School Lunch: Chili, cornbread, fruit, broccoli and dip.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.

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

MathCounts: NESD Chapter at NSU

Small Group Music Contest: at Aberdeen

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

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn, fruit, romaine salad, tea buns.

School Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, orange sherbet.

Thursday, Feb. 9

Parent-Teacher Conferences: 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Great Lakes Presentation: Grades 10-11 at GHS from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Grade 12 FAFSA Presentation: Grade 12 at GHS at 7 p.m.

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

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, fruit, vegetable cups.

Senior Menu: Potato soup, ham salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, whole wheat bread.

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Friday, Feb. 10

Debate at Harrisburg

NO School - Faculty Inservice

Girls Basketball: Hosts Redfield-Doland with JV game at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity game.

Senior Menu: Hot roast beef combo, carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Peanut butter cookie.

Saturday, Feb. 11

ACT Test: in Aberdeen

Robotics: at Lead-Deadwood High School