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State One-Act Play

The State One-Act Play was held in Aberdeen over the weekend. Groton's actors received a superior ensemble award. They are Thane Henschel, Mitchell Koens, Tylan Glover, Erin Smith, AnneMarie Smith, and Maddy Schuelke.

National Guard to provide help

Brent Wienk and recruiter Joe Altentaller from the National Guard came before the council to offer their services to the community. Wienk said the local national Guard wants to provide community involvement. Such things discussed were assisting with clean-up in the spring, assisting with the taking down of the fence at the baseball field and helping to put up new playground equipment at the ball park.

Councilman David Blackmun reported that Groton will host the State Junior Legion Baseball tournament the first weekend in August and will also be hosting the Legion regional. Also discussed was reinstating the gate fee with a proposed \$3 per person for anyone over 18 years of age.

The council gave first reading to an ordinance rezoning the Golf Course from Ag Fringe to Commercial. This would allow the golf course to enter into an agreement to have two billboards installed which would generate \$2,000 a year for the two billboards.

The city will receive \$9,739.29 from damages during the wind storm in August.

Summer wages will be reviewed at the next meeting.

A Robotics Tournament was held in Groton recently. The photo includes from left to right two Mitchell team members, Noah Tullis, Thomas Cranford, another Mitchell team member, Groton Robotics Advisor, Jim Lane another Mitchell team and Groton team members, Andrew Marzahn, Isaac Smith and Jacob Lewandowski. Results are on Page 4.

Museum Opens New Children's Exhibit "Frontier Main Street"

The Dacotah Prairie Museum, 21 South Main St., Aberdeen, SD announces the opening of its newest Children Exhibits for 2017. The three room exhibit is entitled "Frontier Main Street" and will open on Friday, February 10, 2017. The public open house will follow on Saturday, February 11 from 1-4pm. There will be food and activities for everyone and all are invited and welcome.

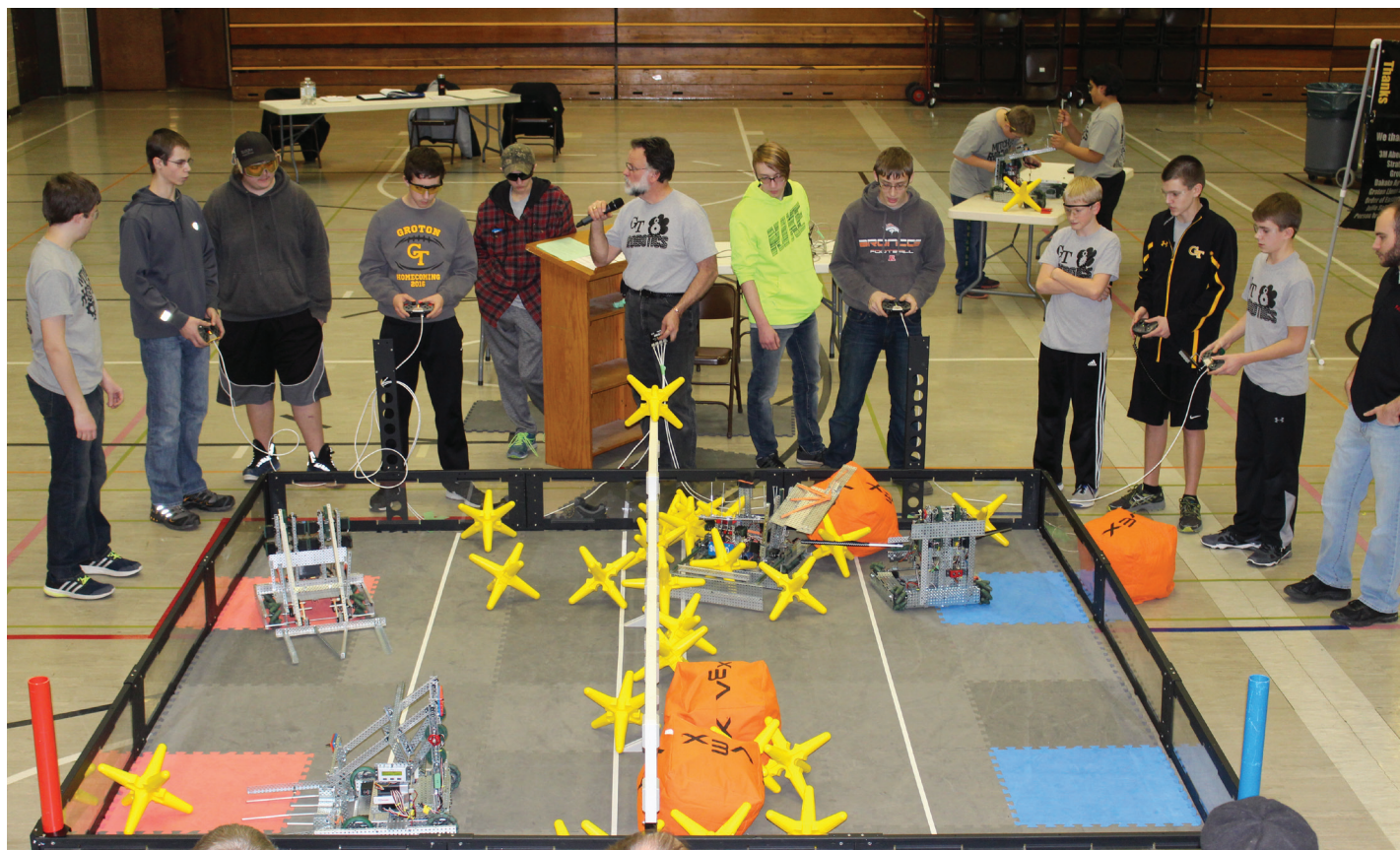
"Frontier Main Street" revolves around the idea that people and children lived in Brown County during the late 1800s and early 1900s and they used and worked at real businesses, some different and some very much the same just used in a different way. To re-inforce the idea that these were all real businesses, each station will be accompanied by photographs of actual Brown County places like lumber yards; hotels; banks; railroad stations; and post offices which are the basis of the buildings and projects in the exhibit..

Each station will be accompanied by hands-on activities the children can do to make these businesses come to life. They can dress in "fancy" Victorian clothes and have dinner in the Hotel Dining Room, enjoying candy from the Chocolate Shop for dessert. Then they may travel to the Hecla Bank where they can collect 1890s dollars bills and coins to spend in a money sack. Visiting the Land Office will allow the young pioneer to buy one of 10 Brown County houses and, filling out a Land Deed, choose where to put their house on Frontier Main Street. Next door at the Lumber Yard, children will try building their own 3-D structures of wood.

At the Groton Train Station, would-be passengers can buy a ticket to exciting destinations or become the train conductor or engineer in uniform while riding on our new train engine. The Westport Post Office will allow "postal workers" to sort packages to the correct bin to deliver to Brown County towns and the postal box provides a sorting station for letters backed with local historic figures and their pictures and descriptions.

Following Main Street to the Claremont Opera House, young actors and actresses may dress in costume and present a play on the stage for their relatives and friends present. A unique building to Aberdeen, Brown County finishes Main Street in style. The Aberdeen Grain Palace, once located on South Main (in the spot occupied by the present day Malchow's Store) will be shown in 3-D model (inside and out), outside walls for visitors to decorate, and a photograph of the real building!

We hope that visitors to Frontier Main Street will want to return time and again to enjoy playing and learning about a frontier town coming to life.



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Groton boys JV beats Warner by 1

Warner won three of the four games on Saturday at the Groton Area Arena. The Groton Area junior varsity team won by one point, 40-39.

In the first game, the Warner girls junior varsity team came from behind to win. Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 8-3, 14-10 and 17-16. Groton led, 24-21, with less than three minutes to go in the game. A Tiger turnover resulted in a basket for the Monarchs to make it 24-23. Warner scored three points in the final two minutes to pull out the win, 26-24. Alex Stange led the Tigers in scoring with seven points followed by Miranda Hanson with six, Eliza Wanner had three and adding two points each were Taylor Holm, Sam Menzia, Jadyn Glover, Portia Ketterling and Caitlyn Barse.

Ashley Fischbach led the Monarchs with 10 points followed by Keeley Fischbach with eight, Laura Ochsner and Emily Wiedebush each had four and Riley McNeil added three points.

The boys junior varsity team was exciting from start to finish. There were three lead changes and the game was tied twice in the first quarter as the period ended tied at 10. Groton held on to the lead for most of the second quarter. Warner tied the game at 15 and then took a 20-19 lead. Groton scored the last basket of the half and it was 21-20, Groton, to end the first half.

The lead changed sides three times in the third quarter as Warner took a 33-29 lead going into the fourth quarter. Warner opened up a 35-29 lead to the start the fourth quarter. The Tigers rallied to take a 38-35 lead. Groton held a 40-37 lead with under 30 seconds to go in the game. A technical foul was called on Groton which resulted in Will Nilsson making two free throws to make it 40-39. The Monarchs then had the ball but missed on a last second shot.

Jonny Doeden led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Treyton Diegel with 12, Cade Guthmiller had six, Austin Jones four, Marshall Lane and Mitchell Thurston each had two and Darien Shabazz added one free throw.

Jackson Cramer led Warner with 24 points followed by Will Nilsson with five, Joel Young and Spencer Ketterling each had four and Ben Fischbach added two points.

Next was the girls varsity team. The game was tied at seven and Warner took a 9-7 first quarter lead. The Monarchs opened up a 23-17 lead at half time. Warner opened up a 33-25 lead as the Tigers rallied to bring the score to within three, 33-30, at the end of the third quarter. Warner opened up a 41-30 lead in the fourth quarter and went on to win, 48-35. Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 12 points, Harleigh Stange had eight, Jennie Doeden five, Katie Koehler and Jessica Bjerke each had three and Alex Stange and Taylor Holm each had two points.

Warner was led by Haylee Hanson with 13, Laurie Rogers had nine, Ashley Fischbach and Makala Hauge each had eight and Sydney Leidholt and Reilly Fuhrman each had five points.

Warner showed no mercy in the finale as the Monarchs led at the quarterstops at 25-14, 47-27 and 68-40 en route to an 84-49 win.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 14 points, Bennett Shabazz had nine, Sean Schuring eight, Treyton Diegel and Jonny Doeden each had six, Brandon Keith had five and Anthony Schinkel added two.

Tyler Rozell led Warner with 30 points, Micah Hoellein had 17, Alex Bohle had 13, Daylin Simon and Ryder Fuhrmann each had seven, Danzan Gilborne six and Ty McDonald added two points.

Lady Tigers win fourth straight game

Tiospa Zina was without their star and leading scoring player on Friday due to an injury in the Sisseton game, but the Wambdi still challenged the Lady Tigers to the bitter end as Groton Area hung on to win, 55-52. The win was Groton Area's fourth straight win. The Lady Tigers will host Warner today at 4:30 p.m.

The Tiospa Zina game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Harry Implement of Ferney, Hefty Seed with Justin Hanson and Kalen Kjellsen, McKiver Collision of Groton, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen and Groton Ford.

The game was tied three times and there was one lead change in the first quarter as the Wambdi took a 19-13 lead at the break. Tiospa Zina led at halftime, 29-23, and Groton Area made the last shot of the third quarter to take a 37-36 lead into the fourth quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, the lead changed hands four times and the game was tied at 41 before Groton Area took a 50-41 lead. The Wambdi came flying back towards the end of the game, making it a 51-49 game with 24 seconds left, and sliced the lead to one, 53-52. Audrey Wanner made critical free throws at the end to help secure the win for the Tigers.

Audrey Wanner led the Tigers with 23 points followed by Jennie Doeden with eight, Katie Koehler and Jennie Doeden each had six, Jessica Bjerke and Miranda Hanson each had five and Taylor Holm added two points.

The Wambdi were led by Kiana Bearsheart with 16 points followed by Jordy LeBlanc with 14, Aubree Bearsheart had 10, Lexus Redthunder six, Jaisey Shepherd four and Kylee Deutsch two.

Groton Area made 35 percent of its field goals and Tiospa Zina made 47 percent. The Tigers were 13 of 22 from the line and the Wambdi were seven of 14 from the line.

Taylor Holm had seven of Groton's 34 rebounds, Wanner and Harleigh Stange each had five of Groton's 17 steals, Harleigh Stange had five of Groton's 12 assists and Groton Area had 15 turnovers and the Wambdi had 19 turnovers.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 35-26. Scoring for Groton Area: Kaycie Hawkins 10, Miranda Hanson 7, Sam Menzia 4, Eliza Wanner 4, Taylor Holm 3, Portia Ketterling 3, Nicole Marzahn 2 and Caitlyn Barse 2.

Scoring for Tiospa Zina: Gerrilyn Felicia 12, Kylee Deutsch 12 and Lily Smith 2.

Obtain Firewood from In-State Sources

PIERRE, S.D.- Camp fires or fire pits are becoming a common sight year round in South Dakota. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) reminds people to get firewood from the local area to prevent transportation of unwanted forest pests into and around the state.

South Dakota Department of Agriculture forest health specialist Dr. John Ball says, "There are nearly two million forested acres in South Dakota and an additional one million acres of non-forested land with trees. Many states in the Great Plains region near South Dakota have areas under quarantine for pests such as emerald ash borer (EAB), gypsy moth and Asian longhorned beetle."

Federal law makes it illegal to move any regulated items from quarantined zones out of those states and into South Dakota without a state or federal inspection certificate or a stamp certifying compliance of proper treatment, such as a heat treatment.

Dr. Ball says, "While firewood is the vector for movement, it's not campgrounds anymore. It is firewood moved to homes carrying the unwanted insects, hence the increase in pest discoveries, such as EAB, in more residential neighborhoods."



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Groton Area boys edge past Tiospa Zina

Groton Area boys got back on the winning track Thursday night with a 55-48 win over the Tiospa Zina Wambdi. There were five lead changes and the game was tied seven times in the first half before Groton Area took the lead for good in the second half. Tiospa Zina had closed to within one, 42-41.

The game was tied at 12 after the first quarter and Groton Area held a 33-29 lead at half time and a 46-43 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 19 points followed by Sean Schuring with 18, Bennett Shabazz 16 and Jonny Doeden added two points.

Divante Greeley had a double-double on the night for Tiospa Zina with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Others adding to the tally were Jacob Leblanc with eight, Inyanha Max had seven, Gabe Akipa had six, Jameson Pratt had six and Peyton Haleside and Billy Cloud each had two points.

Groton Area made 38 percent of its field goals while Tiospa Zina made 37 percent. Groton Area made three of seven free throws for 42 percent off of the Wambdi's 11 team fouls. Tiospa Zina made nine of 14 free throws for 64 percent off of Groton Area's 13 team fouls. Groton Area had 12 turnovers, eight of which were steals with Greeley having five. Tiospa Zina had 18 turnovers, 13 of which were steals with Schuring having six. Anthony Sippel had four of Groton Area's 10 assists. Tiospa Zina had the edge on the boards, 38-32, with Schuring and Keith having eight for Groton Area.

Tiospa Zina won the junior varsity game, 35-29. Scoring for Groton Area: Jonny Doeden 13, Treyton Diegel 9, Mitchell Thurston 3, Cade Guthmiller 2 and Peyton Johnson 1.

Groton Area won the C game in overtime, 40-35. Scoring fro Groton Area: Cade Guthmiller 14, Austin Jones 9, Darian Shabazz 9, Anthony Schinkel 5, Alex Morris 2 and Mitchell Thurston 1.

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Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Seniors met January 9. Present were sixteen members. New officers were installed. Ruby Donavon President and Eunice McColister Vice President, Secretary and treasurer stayed the same. Lee Schinkel played "God of Our Fathers". President Ruby Donavon opened with the the flag pledge. November and December minutes and treasurer report were read. Two get well cards were sent to Marian Raines and Ivan Morehouse. Christmas donation was given to the transit fees. Cards were played. The winners were whist- Ella Johnson and Elda Stange, Canasta- Pat Larson, Pinochle - Alan Zoellner. Door prizes- Lorraine Sippel, Pat Larson and Ruth Pray. Lunch was served by Ruby Donavon, DeLoris Knoll and Eunice McColister.

January 16 January and February birthday were celebrated. Seventeen members attended. Bingo was played. Sharon Zoellner won black out. Door prizes went to Alan and Sharon Zoellner and Lorraine Sippel. Cake, ice cream and strawberries, cookies and bars were served by Alan and Sharon Zoellner and Ella Johnson.

January 23 Twenty members were present. The flag pledge was said in unison. Lee Schinkel played America the Beautiful and all sang. Bev Sombke and Lee Schinkel played and sang "Soon and very soon". Cards were played. The winners whist- Ella Johnson and Bob Pray, Pinochle- Ivan Morehouse and Elda Stange, Canasta - Mary Walker. Door prizes Ruby Donavon, Pat Larson and Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Grace Albrecht, Lee Schinkel and Cindy Gemmill.

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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:

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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.

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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.

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**Brown County
Jan. 31
Meeting Minutes**

JANUARY 31, 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, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Sutton was absent. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Avera Queen of Peace \$59.90; Avera St. Luke's \$185.00; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$1,878.09; Kristi Brandt \$79.80; Carlsen Funeral Home \$1,000.00; Clerk of Courts - State of Alaska \$10.00; Dohrer Law Office \$678.00; Michelle Gaikowski \$262.20; Grand Forks Co. Sheriff \$36.00; Mark Katterhagen \$28.50; Kuusakoski \$2,384.70; Lewis & Clark BHS \$160.00; Lucy Lewno \$265.50; Marco \$116.00; Minnehaha Co. Treasurer \$409.50; NASASP \$39.00; James Patton \$20.00; Richardson, Wylly, Wise & Sauck \$1,022.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,660.00; SD-DOT \$4,995.20; SD Network Against Family Violence & Sexual \$200.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$2,032.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$331.20; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$198.70; Karen Swanda \$28.50; Travel Leaders \$1,091.60; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$116.25.

Jury: Jodi Aumer \$10.84; Matthew Biegler \$10.84; Brian Braaten \$14.20; Eric Crabb \$10.84; Lisa Cutler \$36.88; Douglas Devore \$11.68; Joshua Devries \$11.68; Jessica Dockett \$10.84; Barry Dunlavy \$10.84; Randall Fastenau \$12.52; LeeAnna Garrison \$10.84; Nancy Gilchrist \$26.80; Layne Gisi \$10.84; Georgia Hatzenbeller \$12.52; Calli Hegge \$10.84; Mark Hoines \$47.80; David Johnson \$15.04; Daysha Lede \$12.52; Thomas Leinen \$10.84; Kaitlin Malsom \$12.52; John Naughten \$11.68; Cindy Pigors \$35.20; Kelsey Saylor \$11.68; Teressa Schlipke \$10.84; Kristine Strohfus \$11.68; Monica Swearingen \$26.80; Cody Voegeli \$10.84; Amanda Wipf \$12.52.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$131.50; K Hanson 5 \$22.00.

Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$1,540.00; Hart Angus Ranch \$300.00.

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Travel & Conference: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$10.00; Sarah Hartje \$23.50; SDACHS \$80.00; SDSU Extension \$79.10.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,464.26; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$40.65; NWPS \$2,290.98; Verizon \$3,011.56.

Buildings: FASCO \$1,464.00.

Other: NESDCAP \$2,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HLS REVIEW BOARD: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to appoint Scott Meints and Tom Schmitt to the 2017 Homeland Security Regional Review Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign lottery application, submitted by Stratford Community Theater for raffles to be held on March 3-5, 10-12, 14, 17-19, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EASEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair

sign Grant of Easement to the State of South Dakota by and through its Department of Game, Fish and Parks to install, replace and maintain public recreation support facilities and provide public access for a term of 25 (twenty-five) years on area located adjacent to Elm Lake in the SE ¼ of Sec 31-T128N-R65W, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement, submitted by Jill Hansmeier for lease of the Club House on Jun 10-11, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RENEWAL QUOTE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign Renewal Quotation for Arc-Pad Maintenance (\$250.00) and License Agreement (\$15,000.00) through Esri, Inc. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF GARAGE DOOR: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize the installation of a door in the Sheriff Department Garage to accommodate an enclosed storage area with easy access at approximate cost of \$3,500.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSION ASSISTANT UPDATE: Gary Vetter, Commission Assistant acknowledged the Welfare Department for the assistance they provide with the calculation of inmate medical bills, which saved \$143,569.77 in 2016; presented the Sheriff uniform purchasing policy for 2017; and relayed request from Diane Lehr, Teen Court to move her office from one area to another in the Millim Office Building. Board concurred.

E-POLL BOOK DISCUSSION: Deputy Auditor Cathy McNickle explained the need to replace the software and possibly update equipment used at the Vote Centers, due to cancellation of contract by Hart Intercivic (previous provider). Brandon Johnson representing Every One Counts was introduced and discussed software availability and presented a quote in amount of \$125 per e-poll book for software and a three-tier quote on services. Dustin VanBalen, support specialist was also present. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to authorize the purchase of electronic poll book software (eLect Administrative License) for 34 units @ \$125.00 each; with the scope of service and purchase of hardware to be discussed at a later date. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to reinstate contract for partial payment of delinquent taxes, with \$800.00 payments due on the 3rd of each month (beginning Feb 3, 2017); under condition that any late payment will void the contract immediately; also current taxes must be paid on time in addition to the monthly payments. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve abatement on property not given senior tax freeze, per SDCL 10-6A-4, due to extenuating circumstances. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPENDIX C - WELFARE GUIDELINES: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #9-17. WHEREAS, Title 2, Second Revision Brown County Ordinance, as amended, required the Brown County Commission, to adopt rules, regulations and appendices necessary for the implementation of a County Welfare Program, in accordance with SDCL 28-13, and WHEREAS, the rules, regulations and appendices necessary for the implementation of a County Welfare Program were adopted by Resolution #23-16, dated April 5, 2016, and WHEREAS, Clifford Rhodes, Brown County Welfare Director recommended changes to the fees contained in Appendix C - Burial and Funeral Assistance. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission amend the fees contained in Appendix C - Burial and Funeral Assistance, as follows:

Appendix C
January 31, 2017
Burial and Funeral Assistance
Regular Cremation
Infant to three (3) years old:
Full service \$750 \$250
Gravesite service \$250 \$250
Baby committal service (Stillborn to two months) \$250 \$250
Premature without service \$75 \$75
Adult and children*: Full service \$1,800 \$1,800
Gravesite service \$1,800 \$1,800
Oversized Casket: \$250

Grave Liner/cement vault around casket/outer container - \$500

Set up of vault/air tray/disaster pouch - \$195

Opening and closing costs/burial permit - \$500 or \$250 for burial of cremains.

*Includes transportation in Brown County

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Brown County does NOT pay for a burial plot

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\$ 500.00
\$ 195.00
\$ 500.00 (opening and closing)
\$2,995.00
Dated this 31st day of January, 2017.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:35 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Westport Town
Notice of
Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF WESTPORT

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

Mike Wilson term ends 2017.

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29th, 2017 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 27 2nd Ave W Westport SD between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. or by calling 290-5610, (central standard or central daylight) time not later than the 26th day of February, 2017 at 5:00pm.

Doreen Hertel
Finance Officer
(0208.0215)

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**Claremont Town
Notice of Vacancy**

Notice of Vacancy
Town of Claremont

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

3 year term - Trustee

Circulation of the nominating petitions may begin on 1-27-2017 and petitions may be filed with the finance officer at 507 6th St. in Claremont. Petitions must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on 2-24-2017.
(0201.0208)

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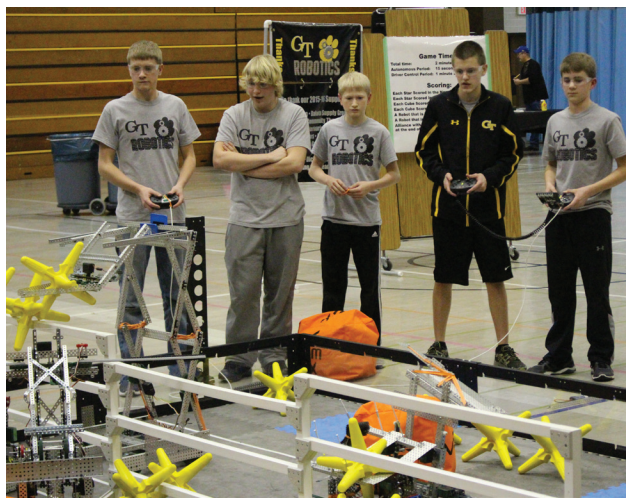
**Mud Creek Watershed
Notice of
Annual Meeting**

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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Championship Round - Two Mitchell teams vs. two Groton teams including G-Force, Landon Marzahn and Hunter Monson and Geek Squad Andrew Marzahn, Isaac Smith and Jacob Lewandowski. Mitchell won the tournament.



Two Groton Robotics Teams aligned together for this match. Left to Right - Gear Heads Team including Trey Wright, Gabby Kramer, and Jackson Dinger. G-Force Team includes Landon Marzahn and Hunter Monson.

**GT hosts Robotics
Competition**

GT Robotics hosted a VEX robotics competition January 21 in the Groton Area High School gym. Nine teams from Mitchell and Groton participated. Competition started at 10:30 AM with 30 qualifying matches, at the end of the matches the team ranking was:

Eight teams went on to the elimination rounds with their selected alliances. Two Mitchell teams, Bolt and Mechatron defeated two Groton teams, G-Force and Geek Squad in a best of three championship match.

Tournament Champions - Bolt and Mechatron of Mitchell.

We also had a skills challenge during which a single driver operated robot score as much as possible in a one minute time period.

VEX robotics also encourages the robotists to excel outside the competition field by recognizing these other awards:

Excellence -- Best overall robot, engineering book and team Bolt of Mitchell

Design - Best engineering book G-Force of Groton

Judges choice - The judges' favorite robot Gear Heads of Groton

Sportsmanship - Best sports during competition Geek Squad of Groton

The state tourney in Mitchell February 28.

Big Dakota Invite Results for Groton Area
Trevor Pray and Wyatt Locke placed at the Big Dakota Invitational held Saturday at Ft. Pierre. Pray took first, beating his Winner opponent, while Locke placed fourth.

126 - Trevor Pray (24-2) placed 1st and scored 24.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 24-2 won by fall over Mike Benson (Pine Ridge) 1-7 (Fall 0:28)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 24-2 won by fall over Jesse McCann (Harding County) 13-12 (Fall 1:38)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 24-2 won by decision over Chance Stuwe (Potter County) 21-8 (Dec 9-4)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 24-2 won by decision over Trevor Peters (Winner) 23-16 (Dec 8-4)

138 - Wyatt Kurtz (13-12).

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Connor Bertsch (Miller/Highmore-Harrod) 30-4 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-12 (Fall 3:13)

Cons. Round 2 - Landon Debus (Winner) 19-19 won by fall over Wyatt Kurtz (Groton Area) 13-12 (Fall 1:49)

145 - Thomas Cranford (1-14).

Champ. Round 1 - Cailob Week (Winner) 8-15 won by decision over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-14 (Dec 2-1)

Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Dyllan Lesmeister (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree) 6-13 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-14 (Fall 4:40)

152 - Lane Krueger (0-16).

Champ. Round 1 - Hunter X Foltz (Chamberlain) 1-2 won by major decision over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-16 (MD 13-0)

Cons. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-16 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Logan Kennedy (Stanley County) 11-19 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 0-16 (Fall 0:24)

170 - Grady O`Neil (2-16).

Champ. Round 1 - Kayleb Brozik (Winner) 37-3 won by fall over Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 2-16 (Fall 1:31)

Cons. Round 1 - Jayden Face (Stanley County) 8-17 won by fall over Grady O`Neil (Groton Area) 2-16 (Fall 0:52)

220 - Wyatt Locke (14-12) placed 4th and scored 13.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 14-12 won by decision over Ruger Forrester (Chamberlain) 8-15 (Dec 5-1)

Quarterfinal - Jayden Schroeder (Winner) 24-14 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 14-12 (Fall 1:51)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 14-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 14-12 won by fall over Jacob Sorbel (Pine Ridge) 8-12 (Fall 3:52)



Trevor Pray racked up 24 points on Saturday at the Big Dakota Invitational Wrestling Tournament held in Ft. Pierre. He placed first with an 8-4 decision over Trevor Peters of Winner. Logan Mahoney, Parkston, took third with a pin over Chance Stuwe of Potter County in 55 seconds.

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 14-12 won by fall over Dalton Martian (Moberg-Pollock) 20-9 (Fall 2:07)

3rd Place Match - Jayden Schroeder (Winner) 24-14 won by fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 14-12 (Fall 3:56)

285 - Brandyn Anderson (21-4) scored 8.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 21-4 won by fall over Jordan Schwalk (McLaughlin) 1-8 (Fall 0:16)

Quarterfinal - Trevor Gress (Harding County) 23-9 won in the ultimate tie breaker over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 21-4 (UTB 5-2)

Cons. Round 2 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 21-4 won by decision over Chase Ninceheler (Sully Buttes) 22-15 (Dec 6-3)

Cons. Round 3 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 21-4 won by fall over Jadeon Biggers (Lyman) 23-18 (Fall 0:59)

Cons. Semi - Riley Schmiedt (Wessington Springs-Woonsocket) 23-9 won by decision over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 21-4 (Dec 4-2)



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Stress on the Prairie

During the summer after my freshman year in high school, my dad found a job for me working on a farm, hoping it would teach me work ethic. I remember hard physical work, long hours of hauling and stacking bales, and profound loneliness while painting farm buildings.

At the time, it was the most stressful experience of my young life; bringing me out of my lackadaisical youth and a tad closer to the world of a responsible adult. I have often referred to that time as the period in my life when I realized the value of hard work. It was a tough summer brought upon me by my dad and a kindly farmer, and I became the better for it. Of course, this was nothing compared to what some farm-kids experience, but I learned that summer stress and hard work could be a good thing.

Similar types of stress can be from many causes: tension, trauma, aging, money pressure, worry, fear, and anxiety from big or only perceived problems. It is a pull or push force exerted on the body resulting in strain, with or without movement. One famous expert, Hans Selye, defined stress in two ways: there is distress, which is bad stress; and eustress, which is good stress. He found that bad stress results from being forced to face trouble without tools to cope or solve the problem. It is like being broke-down in the field, and you can't get the part to fix it.

A famous Harvard Study starting in 1938, which followed one class of sophomore men for the duration of their lives, discovered cholesterol, IQ, and childhood temperament had nothing to do with healthy aging; while smoking, alcohol abuse, and depression all had major negative effects. Healthy aging was best accomplished and measured not by money, but by how these men coped with tough times while finding ways to connect with others.

Good stress is facing adversity and finding ways to either solve problems or accept them as unresolvable. Like exercise, it involves movement and is something we can learn to accept and even enjoy. As Selye put it, good stress makes you stronger, and the opposite is also true: without stress, our muscles, bones, and hearts become weak. Indeed, the trials of life can become good stress if we can learn to deal with adversity. Stress can give us strength, direction, and even purpose.

Whether it is learning to work hard on a farm, dealing with broken down machinery, facing the inconsistencies of Mother Nature, experiencing long lonely hours in isolation, or tolerating cantankerous humans; stress is part of this life, and coping with it is a skill we can and need to develop.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The New England Patriots pulled off one of the most impressive comebacks in sports history on Sunday, coming back from a 25-point deficit to defeat the Atlanta Falcons, who were led by NFL MVP Matt Ryan.

The previous record for largest deficit overcome was set by New England just a couple years ago, when they came back from 10 down against the Seattle Seahawks. Tom Brady decided to out-do himself this year, and he now has more Super Bowl victories than any quarterback in NFL history.

In the first half of the game, it looked like this game was going to be a blowout. The Falcons jumped out to a 21-point lead, and led 21-3 at halftime. Matt Ryan and the Atlanta offense looked unstoppable, while Atlanta's young defense was showing off their speed and athleticism, pressuring Tom Brady and frustrating New England's offense.

The second half started out well for Atlanta, as they were able to tack on another touchdown and expand their lead to 28-3. The Patriots looked doomed, Atlanta looked like they would win their first championship, and I was settling in for a boring second half that would



hopefully provide some great commercials at the very least. However, like many people who were watching the game, I learned one thing on Sunday: never count out Bill Belichick.

Belichick put the ball in Tom Brady's hands, asking his aging quarterback to attempt 62 passes (a Super Bowl record). Brady answered his coach's plea, and threw for 466 yards (another Super Bowl record) to go along with two touchdowns. Brady even surprised many when he scrambled for 15 yards and a first down, proving that he may be old and slow, but he isn't immobile. The Patriots' comeback wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for a spectacular catch by Julian Edelman, however. Edelman's catch will go down as one of the greatest catches in NFL history, as he was somehow able to scoop up the ball as it was centimeters from the ground after first being tipped by a defensive player.

Not only did we get to witness the first Super Bowl to go to overtime, but we also saw one of the greatest championship-game performances by both Brady and Belichick. Lots of people may dislike the New England Patriots, but it's hard to argue that there is a better coach or quarterback in the history of the NFL.

Besides the actual football game, people from all over the world had their eyes glued to the television screen, hoping to see a great halftime performance and some even better commercials. I must say I wasn't a big fan of Lady Gaga and her performance during intermission, but I was even more disappointed in the quality (or lack thereof) of the commercials. My favorite commercial was from Skittles, when a young man was throwing the candies at a window of a lady he is trying to court, while inside the young lady's entire family (and some other individuals) were sitting there eating the candy as it was being thrown. Besides that ad, I didn't really laugh at anything, but I do think the "live" Snickers commercial was a pretty neat idea.

Looking ahead, the entire NFL will now shift its focus to the offseason. The Minnesota Vikings have plenty of items on their to-do list, including the future of Adrian Peterson and figuring out a way to build a better offensive line. There are also plenty of questions surrounding the quarterback situation, specifically the health of Teddy Bridgewater.

Next week, I will begin to break down the Vikings' roster. I will be taking a look at every position group, and let you know who will be staying, who will be going, and what positions require the most help. In the meantime, let me know what your favorite commercials were from the Super Bowl, and if you have any Vikings related questions, feel free to send them my way! [Facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright)

Thanks for reading along this season! It has been my sincere pleasure to provide you with game recaps and my own personal thoughts on the team I love.

See you next week! Skol

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2015 Pesticide Data Program Summary

Testing ensures that any pesticide residues in foods remain at safe levels

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today published the 2015 Pesticide Data Program (PDP) Annual Summary. The 2015 PDP Annual Summary shows more than 99 percent of the samples tested had pesticide residues well below the residue levels established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and 15 percent had no detectable residue. Residues exceeding the tolerance were detected in 0.53 percent of the samples tested. EPA uses PDP data to conduct dietary risk assessments



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Things to Keep in Mind: The Good

2015 Pesticide Data Program (PDP) Annual Summary

Release by U.S. Dept of Ag's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in Nov. 2016

99% of the 10,187 samples tested (*fruits, vegetables, & peanut butter*) (*fresh & processed / domestic & imported*) had pesticide residues well below the EPA established tolerances.

15% of the 10,187 samples tested had no detectable pesticide residues.

.53% (54 out of 10,187 samples) had residues slightly exceeding the established tolerance. (*No levels exceeded in peanut butter.*)

Ag Land Values in Limbo in 2017

Interest rates will play a role in setting the stage

OMAHA, Neb. — Several factors will come into play in 2017 that will determine the direction of land values.

Randy Dickhut, senior vice president of real estate operations for Farmers National Company, said that in the past three years, agricultural landowners in many regions across the country have seen a decline in profits, which also pushed land values lower.

"This winter, questions abound as to the direction of commodity prices, interest rates, inflation, challenges in the world economy, weather and U.S. tax law," Dickhut said. "Buyers of ag land are asking if it is an opportune time to make a purchase of a farm or ranch, while sellers are asking if the market dynamics are indicating that it is good time to sell land. Depending on location, quality of land and other factors, our agents report seeing regions and local areas where land prices are stable to somewhat strengthening post-2016 harvest. Then there are other areas where land values have continued to decline."

A key factor impacting land prices will be interest rates, Dickhut said. Grain and livestock prices affecting farm and ranch income also will influence land values.

and to ensure that any pesticide residues in foods remain at safe levels and adverse health effects are unlikely.

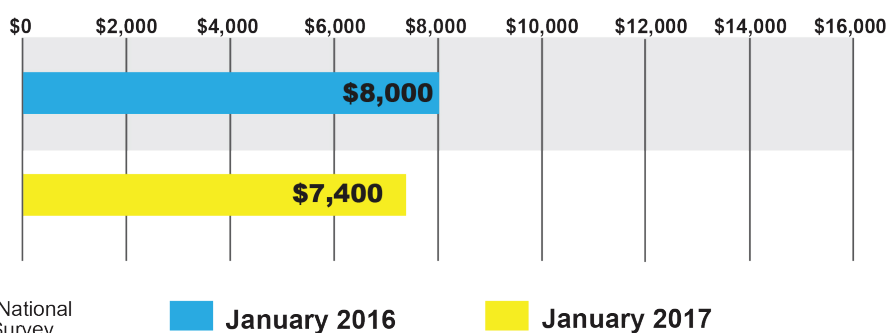
The pesticide data USDA publishes each year provide regulators, farmers, processors, manufacturers, consumers and scientists with important insights into the actual levels of pesticide residues found on widely consumed foods. The PDP pesticide residue results are reported to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and EPA through monthly reports. FDA and EPA are immediately notified if a PDP finding would pose a safety risk.

"The Pesticide Data Program uses rigorous sampling and advanced methods to test a wide variety of domestic and imported foods, helping ensure that the U.S. food supply is one of the safest in the world," said Dr. Ruihong Guo, Deputy Administrator of the AMS Science and Technology Program. "The new 2015 report includes data from over 10,000 samples, giving consumers confidence that the products they buy for their families are safe and wholesome."

Each year, USDA and EPA work together to identify foods to be tested on a rotating basis. In 2015, surveys were conducted on fresh and processed foods including fruits and vegetables as well as peanut butter. AMS partners with cooperating state agencies to collect and analyze pesticide residue levels on selected foods. For over 25 years, the PDP has tested a variety of commodities including fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, dairy, meat and poultry, grains, fish, rice, specialty products, and water.

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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.

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11 at GHS from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Grade 12 FAF-SA 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.

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

Wrestling: at Howard High School at 10 a.m.

Double Header at Moberg: JV girls at 2 p.m., JV boys at 3 p.m., Varsity Girls at 4:30 p.m., Varsity Boys at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 12

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.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m. No Sunday School.

St. John's 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.

Monday, Feb. 13

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

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

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit, Romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

JHBBB hosts Roncalli: 7th grade at 3 p.m., 8th grade at 4 p.m.

BBB hosts Roncalli: C game at 5:15 p.m., JV and varsity games to follow.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

Emmanuel Lutheran: Church council meeting at 7 p.m.

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

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

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato with sour cream, glazed baby carrots, strawberry cheesecake, whole wheat roll.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

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

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

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

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

Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits, Waldorf salad, sherbet.

School Board Meeting: 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting at 9 a.m.

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

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

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes and ham, green peas, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.

GBBB at Milbank: C game at 5:15 p.m. with JV and varsity to follow.

JHBBB: Hosts Webster with 7th grade at 6 p.m. and 8th grade at 7 p.m.

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