



Community rallies in support of Ava Tunheim



Pictured above, in back, left to right, are Christopher, Allison and Nathan; in front are Ava and Tobey. (Courtesy photo)

It's a journey that an individual should not face, especially for a Groton Area seventh grader. It's a journey of challenges where hope and prayer are the weapons.

Ava Tunheim was having some bad headaches. Her parents, Nathan and Allison Tunheim, took her to the doctor's office where they said she had migraines. Nathan said no tests were done that day and said to wait a couple of weeks to see if they get better. That was around the first of the year.

While they were out ice fishing in Mobridge on January 13, she was starting to have some stomach pains and a bad headache in the morning and that evening, they took her to the emergency room at the Mobridge Regional Hospital. They gave her some Protonix to help her sleep better. Nathan said,

"I was under the impression it was because of her age. A seventh grade girl with just hormones." But yet, they knew something else was wrong. They took her to Sanford Emergency Room in Aberdeen on January 15 where they did some blood work. She had tested positive for mono. But there was suspicion of leukemia later in the day. She was taken to Sioux Falls where it was confirmed. On January 18 they did a spinal tap to make sure what it was, how much was cancerous and Ava had her first chemo treatment that day.

On January 23, it was confirmed that Ava had Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). It is a relatively uncommon disease. Nathan said it has to be treated with a more aggressive type of treatment and instead of one month and checking for remission this will be a two month process. "This news is not good, but we will still beat it." Ava will be at the Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls until Friday, Jan. 26, when she will return home. Ava will have to go to Sioux Falls every Thursday for treatment. Nathan said that Ava will not be able to return to school until late fall at the earliest.

The news about Ava has taken Groton by storm.

The seventh graders and student council are planning t-shirt sales.

The seventh graders will be selling bracelets.

At the Feb 10 basketball double header with Mobridge-Pollock, the seventh grade is having a fundraiser meal and tshirts will be sold that night.

The JH Band will also be doing a split pot for Ava at the Feb 6th Roncalli GBB game that they play pep band for.

GDILIVE.COM will take all on-line donations from the boys and girls games being played in Madison and donate them to Ava's efforts.

While financial help is greatly appreciated, prayers for God's peace, comfort and healing are in the forefront of everyone right now.

- Paul Kosel



Jasmine Schinkel, daughter of Marjae and Dan Schinkel, was crowned the 2018 Carnival of Silver Skates Queen.



A worker from Muth Electric worked on a few of the street lights along US12 in Groton yesterday. There were a few that were not working and there is yet one more pole that needs to be installed.

(Photo by Tina Kosel)



Many students wore orange Tuesday evening to show their support for seventh grader Ava Tunheim. Ava is battling with Leukemia. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



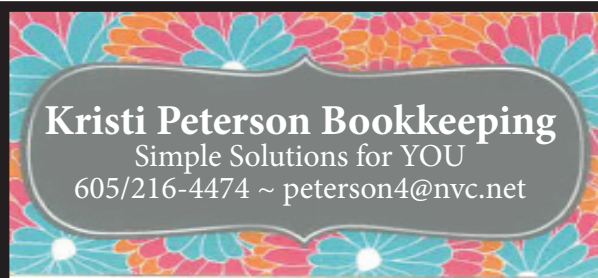
It was a clear morning to view the lunar eclipse. It's the first time in 35 years a blue moon has synced up with a supermoon and a total lunar eclipse.

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Brandon Keith passes the ball to Jonathan Doeden. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Nicole Marzahn brings the ball upcourt for the Tigers in the Northwestern game.

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Captains Brandon Keith, Anthony Sippel and Seric Shabazz are greeted by the officials and Lennox captains prior to the start of the game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Groton coffee cup league

Team standings: James valley 13, Ten pins 10, Kens 9, Jungle Lanes 8

High scores: Joyce Walter 178, 174; Vickie Kramp 161, Sandi Bistodeau 161, Sue Stanley 156

High series: Joyce Walter 470, Vickie Kramp 448, Sandi Bistodeau 415

Conde National league

Team standings: Pirates 13, Cubs 11, Braves 11, Colts 9, Giants 9, Mets 7

Men' High scores: Ryan Bethke 224, 202; Lance Frohling 223, 215, 204; Butch Farmen 213; Russ Bethke 202

Men' High series: Lance Frohling 642, Ryan Bethke 594, Butch Farmen 573, Russ Bethke 528

Women's High scores: Joyce Walter 191, Vickie Kramp 183, Alice Severs 178

Women's High series: Joyce Walter 478, Alice Severs 463, Vickie Kramp 460

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Foxes 16, Chipmunks 15, Cheetahs 15, Shih Tzus 11, Coyotes 8, Jackelopes 7

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 244, Brad Larson 211, Mike Siegler 202

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 160, Nicole Kassube 155, Lori Wiley 148


Men's High Series: Brad Waage 602, Mike Siegler 555, Roger Colestock 540

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 418, Nicole Kassube 416, Lori Wiley 414

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Groton School Notice of Audit

Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of
Groton Area School District
No. 06-6

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Groton Area School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, South Dakota have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and that a detailed report thereon is filed with the governing board, the Director of Finance, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

This notice is published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-7.2.

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations

Finding 2017-A Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes, and Material Proposed Adjustments to the Financial Statements

Criteria: The School District's internal control structure should be designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements and footnotes, which includes having an adequate system for recording and processing entries material to the financial statements being audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Groton Area School District 06-6 requested the external auditors to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and related footnotes for the year ended June 30, 2017. As part of the financial statement preparation process, at times we propose material audit adjustments that are not identified as a result of the School District's existing internal controls and, therefore, could result in a misstatement of the School District's financial statements.

Cause: The limited size of the School District's staff and resources cause the inability to prepare the financial statements and footnotes and could cause the need for auditors to at times propose material journal entries.

Effect: This condition may affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. Also, a thorough review of the transactions in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit, to ensure generally accepted accounting principles have been followed for each fund type, especially for transaction types infrequent in occurrence.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

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Groton City Jan. 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2018
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the Community Center for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Blackmun, Peterson, Babcock and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Hope Block, Attorney Drew Johnson, and skating rink manager Hannah Lewandowski. The minutes from 1-8-18 and 1-10-18 were approved as read on a motion by Opp, and seconded by Babcock. All members present voted aye.

Terry Herron, Kathy Sundermeyer, Stacy Mayou and Burt Glover arrive at 7:01 pm. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$18,334.38, Employee salaries, Executive, Administrative, \$2,746.15, Public Safety, \$7,181.52, Public Works, \$7,968.20, Culture & Recreation, \$438.51, First State Bank, \$7,214.50, SS and WH, First State Bank, \$2,250.38, HSA contributions, Consolidated Fed Credit Union, \$1,150.00, Employee savings, Chase Visa, \$2,182.70, Postage, community center stove, xmas party prizes, library books, bikes and helmets, James

Valley, \$595.32, Phone and internet, Wellmark, \$14,122.11, Employee insurance, SD Supplemental Retirement, \$530.00, Employee retirement, Arbor Day Foundation, \$15.00, Dues 2018, Auto Zone, \$162.49, Seat covers water pickup, Banyon, \$2,385.00, Program support, Car Quest, \$18.62, Oil filters, Core & Main, \$130.53, Adhesive, grease, o-rings, gaskets, Dan Sunne, \$244.30, Annual Joint Utility Training School - Sioux Falls, Dollar General, \$178.95, Xmas party prizes, paper products, Galls, \$260.96, Police uniform - JB, Groton Independent, \$72.65, Subscription, meeting mins, Hope Block, \$101.95, SDML Annual Report Workshop - Huron 1/17/18, Ken's, \$1,412.84, Gas, xmas party prizes, family crisis gift certificates, paper products, retirement party supplies and cake, Loris Pharmacy, \$102.74, Xmas party prizes and gift certificates, Mid-States Org. Crime Info, \$100.00, 2018 dues, MJs, \$797.72, Gas, SD Dept of Health, \$30.00, Water testing, SD One Call, \$53.55, Message fees 10/17-12/17, Sperry Stump Removal, \$1,650.00, Stump removal, Stacy Mayou, \$185.00, Med flex, Ultimate Upholstery Solutions, \$488.04, Elec & water pickup seats

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to approve the December 2017 finance report. All members present voted aye.

Herron presents two quotes for commercial lawn mowers. J Gross offered a 60 inch mower with a 5 year warranty for \$10,119.

Jarod Fliehs offered a 61 inch mower with a 6 year warranty for \$10,160.

Fliehs would also add a striper for free (about \$100 value).

Herron suggested choosing Flieh's mower considering the warranty benefits. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to select Jarod Flieh's Bobcat mower for purchase. All members present voted aye.

Herron and Hanlon also discussed the possibility of Web Water putting up a building next to the city shop. Herron left the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Lewandowski explained that the skating rink has been going very well. The hours for the skating rink are:

Mon-Thurs: 4pm-9pm
Fri: 4pm-10pm
Sat: 10am-10pm
Sun: 1pm-9pm
Lewandowski left the meeting at 7:24pm.

Mayou thanked the council for letting the department obtain the training to carry Narcan. Cleveland attended the training for administering Narcan, and then he trained the rest of the department. Mayou has obtained a standing order for Narcan and has created a policy regarding the medication. Mayou left the meeting at 7:42pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to move the second meeting in February to the 21st. All members present voted aye.

A motion made by Glover and seconded by Peterson to adopt an automatic supplemental budget for 2017 pursuant to SDCL 7-21-20.1 for grants as follows:

Expenditure: Police Department Salary (101-42100-41100) - 14,756.72

Means of Finance: Public Safety State Grants(101-33420) - 14,756.72

Expenditure: PD Machinery (101-42100-43400) - 5,338.65

Means of Finance: Public Safety State Grants (101-33420) - 5,338.65

All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Babcock to hire Eide Bailly for the 2016 & 2017 audit. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items

1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:53 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:15pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$24.45. 15376

Brown County Jan. 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 23, 2018 - GENERAL MEETING

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

Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the Joint City County Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,395.76; Auditor \$8,164.45; Treasurer \$13,799.71; States Attorney \$23,099.79; SWAVA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,811.35; Assessor \$14,213.35; Register of Deeds \$9,497.33; Veterans Service Office \$4,348.15; GIS \$2,347.50; Information Technology \$7,898.52; Human Resources \$3,144.00; Sheriff Admin \$39,495.78; Jail \$53,020.43; JDC \$24,243.92; Welfare Office \$1,681.60; Museum \$8,261.55; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,807.36; Fair Board \$3,895.94; 4-H \$627.90; Weed and Pest \$522.85; Planning and Zoning \$1,903.34; Highway \$45,674.62; Communications \$27,715.22; Emergency Management \$4,039.58; Teen Court \$383.18; 24/7 \$3,229.14; Landfill \$10,927.55.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$19,652.52; Medicare \$4,596.19; SDRS \$40,531.74; Health Ins \$134,269.32; Life Ins \$999.60; Dental \$7,233.30; HSA \$75.00.

Insurance: Alliant Insurance Services \$2,005.00.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Lukes \$39.44; Ryan Dell \$1,739.00; DIGI Security \$255.00; Dohrer Law Office \$338.40; Geospatial Experts \$597.00; Christopher Haar \$2,087.74; Mark Katterhagen \$12.00; Kuck Law Office \$6,659.90; Lucy Lewno \$150.00; Darcy Lockwood \$12.00; NE Mental Health Center \$2,132.00; Rogers Law Office \$579.60; SD Junior Point Show \$400.00; SD Secretary of State \$125.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$493.50; Jennifer Stoddard \$1,096.04; Taliaferro Law Firm \$1,504.00; University of North Dakota \$2,094.00; US Bank \$810.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$199.72; Groton Independent \$109.81.

Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Tree Company \$900.00; Digital Ally \$4,220.00; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$224.41; G&K Services \$211.83; Holloway Construction Co. \$24,500.00; Schwan Electric \$2,050.00; Tru Green Chemlawn \$496.80; US Bank 676.21.

Supplies: Praxair Distribution \$159.70; A&B Business \$239.15; AutoZone \$178.19; Brown County Treasurer \$11.20; Century Business Products \$773.37; Civil Air Patrol \$195.00; Dakota Mailing \$158.66; Danko Emergency Equipment \$625.54; Fastenal Co. \$2.61; Mark Hanse \$107.05; J Gross Equipment \$80.06; L.G. Everist \$2,056.99; Lucy Lewno \$6.46; Menards \$65.58; Midwest Printing \$356.84; Midwest Pump & Tank \$33.44; Sanford Health Occupational \$96.00; Sherwin Williams \$98.31; US Bank \$6,294.48; Web Water Bottling Company \$19.50.

Travel & Conference: Assoc of SD County Weed & Pest \$450.00; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel \$289.52; US Bank \$2,285.85.

Utilities: Qwest Corp \$2,295.03; Dependable Sanitation \$24,081.00; Northern Electric Coop \$2,523.03; Northwestern Energy \$2,945.44; Northern Valley Communications \$2,419.78; US Bank \$570.09; Verizon Wireless \$3,096.07.

Other: James River Acct \$949.95; Pizza Ranch \$60.46. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

Acknowledge resignation of Erin Doering, HR Assistant, effective February 2, 2018; and further approve request to fill vacancy.

Approve request to fill vacancy for Landfill Equipment Operator Grade 4.

Approve military leave of absence for Mike Hill, Deputy Sheriff effective February 12, 2018 thru June 26, 2018.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective January 28, 2018: Ben Smith @ \$23.91 per hour, Kari Steiner @ \$15.41 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Liebelts RV for lease of the Holum Expo Building on Mar 5-18. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RLYC HOUSE LEASE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement with Darren Ghost and Michona Edge for lease of the County owned house at 37909 Youth Camp Road, effective February 1, 2018 at \$800.00 per month. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL MONITORING CONTRACT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign 2018 agreement with Leggette, Brashears and Graham, Inc. for all monitoring and general environmental/hydrogeologic consulting at the Brown County Landfill at an estimated cost of \$69,640.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: Resolution #04-18. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Jones Conservation Easement in the NW 1/4 of Sec 34-T124N-R65W 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 Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: Resolution #05-18. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "Fischbach Conservation Easement Tracts in the W 1/2 of Sec 13-T122N-R64W except road, 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 Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT CELL 3: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize Chairman to sign South Dakota Solid Waste Management Program Grant Award #2018G-SW-400 for Brown County Landfill Cell #3 Construction Project in amount of \$490,000 (total project cost @ \$2,474,350); and further authorize Chairman to sign payment requests. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WIND ENERGY PROJECT: Acknowledge letter of notification for the proposed Day County II Wind Project that would interconnect with Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Groton South 115-kV Substation.

ESRI AGREEMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Esri Small Public Safety Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) for a term of three years at \$15,000.00 per year (split 50/50 between GIS and Dispatch). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to amend Policy I - Purchasing Policy and Replacement Procedures, as follows:

Policy Overviews
Goods and services valued from \$0 to \$5,000 do not require a formal quote or bid.

Goods and services valued from \$5,001 and \$15,000 re-

quest two formal quotes.

All other provisions of policy are unchanged and in full force and effect. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 114- SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for consideration of Ordinance #114, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Ball Pioneer Farm Outlot A in the SE 1/4 of Sec 7-T121N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (14399 407th Ave).
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 114.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(0131.0207)
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ORD 113: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adopt Ordinance #113, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 - Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, submitted by Ryan Dell on behalf of Debra Cleveland to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lots 1 & 2 Cleveland First Addition in the NE 1/4 of Sec 35-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (39279 129th Street). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted.

BCCH REPORT: DeAnna Harber presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for October-December 2017.

PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL UNITS: Robin Bobzien, Aberdeen City Public Works Director, met to discuss the possibility of the county and city cost sharing the purchase of portable traffic signal units; and further explore grant funding that may be available. Board concurred. Derek Ricci, Fair Manager was also in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) and to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

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

Sara Swisher, Brown County Deputy Auditor
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Brown County Ord. 114 Ball Rezone

NOTICE
Application has been made by Merry Jo Ball trustee for Ball Pioneer Farm Trust to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on February 13, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter

4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): Ball Pioneer Farm Outlot A in the SE 1/4 of Sec 7-T121N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (14399 407th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 114.

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Brown County Ord. 113

Cleveland Rezone

ORDINANCE #113
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Ryan Dell on behalf of Debra Cleveland is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

Lots 1 & 2 Cleveland First Addition in the NE 1/4 of Sec 35-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (39279 129th Street)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: January 3 & 10, 2018

Passed First Reading: January 16, 2018

Passed Second Reading: January 23, 2018

Adopted: January 23, 2018

Published: January 31, 2018

Effective Date: February 20, 2018

Dough Fjeldheim, Chair Brown County Commission

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton nearly pulls out an upset against Langford

It was a close game all the way through but a quick turn of events at the end prevented Groton Area from upsetting Langford Area, 52-49. The game was played Tuesday in Groton.

Groton Area held the lead for most of the first quarter but Langford Area tied it at 12 as the first quarter ended. Groton made four of 11 field goals for 36 percent and Langford made four of 13 for 31 percent.

There were three lead changes and the game was tied once in the second quarter as the Lions held a 25-23 lead at half time. In the second quarter, Groton made four of 10 field goals for 40 percent and Langford made five of 13 for 39 percent.

Groton went on a eight-point run to start the third quarter and took a 31-25 lead. It was 34-31, Groton with the end of the third quarter. The Tigers made four of 11 field goals for 36 percent and Langford was three of 11 for 27 percent.

Three-pointers went flying in the fourth quarter as Groton made five shots and Langford two. There were seven lead changes and the game was tied once in the fourth quarter. A Groton turnover with less than a minute to go in the game allowed Mason Larson to slam dunk the ball, but the Treyton Diegel quickly responded with a three-pointer to make it 52-49. Groton fouled, but the free throw was missed with less than 10 seconds left in the game. A last second shot by the Tigers fell short and Langford hung on to win, 52-49.

Mason Larson had a double-double night for Langford with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Treyton Diegel led the Tigers with five of nine three-pointers for 15 points. Others adding to the Tiger tally were Andrew Rintala with 11, Brodyn DeHoet eight, Jonathan Doeden and Seric Shabazz each had six, Anthony Sippel had two and Brandon Keith one.

The others scoring for Langford were Dylan Frey and Ryan Punt with eight each, Collin Frey and Logan Bleck with seven each and an unknown player had three points.

For two-pointers, Groton was three of 11 for 27 percent, outside the circle the Tigers were 14 of 31 for 45 percent, and from the line, Groton was one of three for 33 percent off of Langford's five team fouls.

Langford was 16 of 32 for two-pointers for 50 percent, five of 18 in three-pointers for 28 percent, and was five of nine from the line for 56 percent off of Groton's 13 team fouls.

Langford had more rebounds, 32-27, with Brodyn DeHoet having seven for Groton.

Keith, DeHoet and Shabazz each had three of the team's 14 assists for Groton while Mason Larson had three of Langford's seven assists. Groton had 10 turnovers with five of them being steals as Larson and Bleck each had two. Langford made 10 points off of Groton's turnovers. Langford had four turnovers with all of them being steals.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 25-17. The game was tied at three at the end of the first quarter. Groton held an 8-3 lead at half-time and 19-10 lead at the end of the third quarter.

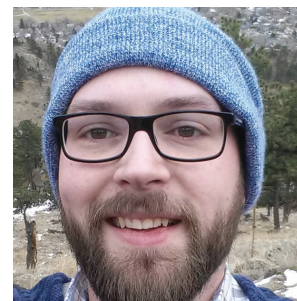
Cade Guthmiller led the Tigers with 10 points followed by Kaden Kurtz and Tristan Traphagen with five each, Austin Jones had four and Treyton Diegel added one point. Jones had 10 of Groton's 39 rebounds.

Connor Smith led Langford with nine points followed by Bryce Peterson with seven and Benton West added one.

Weekly Vikings Roundup: Pro Bowl Edition

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings' season might be over, but there were some players who were able to extend their season one more week by playing in the Pro Bowl. The NFL Pro Bowl was played on Sunday, January 28



in Orlando, Florida and featured five Vikings players: Linval Joseph, Xavier Rhodes, Kyle Rudolph, Harrison Smith, and Adam Thielen. Two others – Anthony Barr and Everson Griffen – were selected to the Pro Bowl but didn't attend because of injury reasons.

The Pro Bowl is filled with all star players who do everything they can to avoid injury – which would cost them millions in missed salary – so the game is usually slow paced and lacking in action. Last year, 7.4 million people tuned in to the game making it by far the most viewed program on cable. However, that number is significantly lower when compared to the viewership during the season (the playoffs this season averaged 30.7 million people per game). So, if you are one of the millions who elected to forgo the game, fear not, because I watched it from whistle to whistle and am here to tell you how the players from your favorite team did!

The AFC beat the NFC 24-23, which resulted in a player from that team being named Pro Bowl MVP, but if the NFC had won there is a good chance a Viking would have taken home the honor. Adam Thielen scored the first touchdown (and only NFC receiving touchdown) of the game on a pass thrown from Drew Brees, and he finished with 3 catches for 25 yards – good for fourth best on the team. This was Thielen's first Pro Bowl

The second touchdown of the game was also by a Viking, but it wasn't Thielen or Rudolph. It was safety Harrison Smith, who intercepted a Ben Roethlisberger pass and returned it 79-yards for the score (the longest pick-six in Pro Bowl history). Smith finished the game with two pass breakups to go along with the INT and was a force to be reckoned with – probably because he was still mad he was only playing in the Pro Bowl as an alternate. This was Smith's third Pro Bowl, and I'm sure it won't be his last.

Kyle Rudolph led the NFC in receptions and receiving yards (7 catches 70 yards), making a case that he should have won his second Pro Bowl MVP award. When Rudolph won the Pro Bowl MVP in 2013, he caught 5 catches for 122 yards and a touchdown. His stats weren't nearly as great this year, obviously, but it's still impressive that he led the team in both receiving categories. This was Rudolph's second Pro Bowl.

Xavier Rhodes seemed to be in his element, going against the best receivers in the NFL. Rhodes finished the game with four tackles and one very impressive pass breakup against Antonio Brown. I was surprised to see Rhodes play in his second Pro Bowl, but then again, he is the ultimate competitor and certainly didn't want to turn down the opportunity to get into opposing receiver's heads.

Linval Joseph played a good amount in the game, but the Pro Bowl is not designed for defensive linemen to thrive. He was only credited with one tackle, but he laid a big hit in the first quarter which was his way of saying he wasn't going to be taking it easy on anybody. This was also Linval's second Pro Bowl.

It's a shame Everson Griffen couldn't play in the Pro Bowl, because he always seems to have so much fun when he's there. Anthony Barr would have been fun to watch as well, since he really plays better when going against the best of the best. Both Griffen and Barr were elected to their third Pro Bowl.

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Wildcats beat Tigers in girls action

Northwestern's girls posted a 62-39 win over the Groton Area Tigers in basketball action played Monday in Mellette.

Jennie Doeden led the Tigers with 12 points followed by Payton Maine with seven, Harleigh Stange six, Jessica Bjerke and Miranda Hanson each had five and Nicole Marzahn added four points.

Groton had 28 rebounds with Bjerke having nine, eight steals with Bjerke having three, and seven assists with Stange and Doeden each having two. The Tigers had 23 turnovers and 15 team fouls.

Groton Area made 11 of 26 field goals, five of 22 three-pointers and two of four free throws.

Addison Sparling led Northwestern with 14 points followed by Sydney Schell with 12, Hannah Schenteel with 10, Evy Peterson nine, Caitlyn Fishbach eight, Crissy Stoltenberg six and Payton Groft three.

The Wildcats made 21 of 61 field goals and had 20 turnovers.

Groton's junior varsity team pulled out a 34-33 win. Kenzie McInerney led Groton Area with eight points, Grace Traphagen and Kaycie Hawkins each had seven, Tady Glover five, Eliza Wanner four and Nicole Marzahn three.

Northwestern won the C game, 31-26. Grace Wambach had 11 points, Maddie Bjerke seven, Erin Unzen four and Brooklyn Gilbert and Madeline Flihs each had two points.

Diegel lead Tigers with three-point show against Lennox

Lennox shut down the inside game, forcing the Tigers into three-point country. Groton Area's 14 of its 18 field goals were three-pointers. But the Orioles made their way inside with 20 two-points as Lennox posted a 77-55 win in the DakIX/NEC challenge held Saturday in Madison.

Lennox led at the quarter stops at 23-10, 44-26 and 63-42.

Groton shot 57 percent in the first quarter, but only put up seven shots and making four. Lennox shot 47 percent, making 10 of 21 field goals.

The Tigers put up more shots in the second quarter and cooled down in shooting, making five (all three-pointers) of 17 for 29 percent. Lennox made seven of 14 for 50 percent. In the third quarter, Groton made five of 19 field goals for 26 percent and Lennox made seven of 12 for 58 percent. Groton made four of 13 shots in the fourth quarter for 31 percent while Lennox shot five of 11 for 45 percent.

For the game, Groton Area 18 of 51 field goals for 35 percent, 14 of 44 three-pointers for 32 percent and was five of six from the line for 82 percent off of Lennox's nine team fouls. Groton only put up seven shots inside the three-point area the whole game.

Lennox made 30 of 54 field goals for 55 percent, 10 of 19 three-pointers for 53 percent, and was seven of 11 from the line for 63 percent off of Groton's 12 team fouls.

Groton had the edge on the boards, 31-30 and both teams had 15 assists.

Groton Area had 19 turnovers, with 14 of them being steals and turning into 14 points for the Orioles. Lennox had eight turnovers, with three of them being steals.

Treyton Diegel came off the bench and made five of 10 three-pointers to lead the Tigers with 15 points. Brodyn DeHoet had 11 points and eight rebounds. Seric Shabazz had eight points and three assists. Andrew Rintala and Anthony Sippel each had three points and Brandon Keith, Marshall Lane and Darien Shabazz each had two points.

Four players hit double figures for Lennox with Brock Anderson making nine of 13 field goals and ended up with 20 points. Josh Arlt had 17, Quincy Ihnen 14, Will Daugherty 10, Zach Leisinger nine, Zach Foss three and Holden Breck and Holden Wagner each had two points.

Four grapplers place at Groton Tourney

Brandyn Anderson took first place at the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday. He pinned both of his opponents.

Thomas Cranford and Grady O'Neill both placed third and Adrian Knutson placed fourth.

Groton Area scored 57.5 points to place ninth in a field of 13 teams.

145: Lane Krueger (2-16)

Champ. Round 1 - Layton Rafferty (Milbank JV) 5-9 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-16 (Fall 0:58)

Cons. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-16 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Levi Boyko (Britton/Hecla) 9-9 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-16 (Fall 1:00)

160: Thomas Cranford (7-11) placed 3rd and scored 17.50 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 7-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 7-11 won by tech fall over Dawson Hanson (Warner/Northwestern) 4-15 (TF-1.5 4:24 (18-0))

Semifinal - Nick Brandner (Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle) 20-11 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 7-11 (Fall 0:35)

Cons. Semi - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 7-11 won by fall over Berent Tarabelsi (Sioux Falls O'Gorman JV) 7-17 (Fall 3:49)

3rd Place Match - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 7-11 won by fall over Jayden Cordell (Watertown JV) 4-8 (Fall 4:10)

160: Bailey Reich (5-7)

Champ. Round 1 - Bailey Reich (Groton Area) 5-7 won by decision over Sterlin Bonin (Wolsey/Wessington) 0-2 (Dec 12-9)

Quarterfinal - Nick Brandner (Ipswich/Leola/Bowdle) 20-11 won by fall over Bailey Reich (Groton Area) 5-7 (Fall 0:43)

Cons. Round 2 - Bailey Reich (Groton Area) 5-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Bailey Reich (Groton Area) 5-7 won by fall over Dawson Hanson (Warner/Northwestern) 4-15 (Fall 0:34)

Cons. Semi - Jayden Cordell (Watertown JV) 4-8 won by fall over Bailey Reich (Groton Area) 5-7 (Fall 3:23)

170: Grady O'Neill (6-8) placed 3rd and scored 11.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Will Butler (Canton JV) 8-8 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 6-8 (Fall 2:24)

Cons. Round 1 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 6-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 6-8 won by fall over Will Wiesensee (Sioux Falls O'Gorman JV) 2-2 (Fall 0:59)

3rd Place Match - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 6-8 won by decision over Elijah Isais (Canton JV) 12-7 (Dec 10-6)

195: Adrian Knutson (6-11) placed 4th and scored 7.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 6-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Kamaron Christensen (Huron JV) 14-6 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 6-11 (Fall 2:00)

Cons. Semi - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 6-11 won by fall over Chris Wuestewald (Wolsey/Wessington) 0-2 (Fall 0:26)

3rd Place Match - Sam Loecker (Sioux Falls O'Gorman JV) 5-2 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 6-11 (Fall 2:10)

220: Corbin Reich (0-7)

Quarterfinal - Logan Meyer (Milbank JV) 3-4 won by fall over Corbin Reich (Groton Area) 0-7 (Fall 0:34)

Cons. Round 1 - Corbin Reich (Groton Area) 0-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Henry Eichstadt (Wolsey/Wessington) 11-14 won by fall over Corbin Reich (Groton Area) 0-7 (Fall 0:38)

285: Brandyn Anderson (22-1) placed 1st and scored 22.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-1 won by fall over Hunter Shoemaker (Hu-

ron JV) 3-16 (Fall 1:31)

1st Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 22-1 won by fall over Angel Chen (Milbank JV) 8-9 (Fall 0:42)

Cyclones breeze past

Groton boys in both games

Clark/Willow Lake had a nine-point run in the second half to take a one-point game to 10 points and then added another nine-point rally to take down Groton Area, 57-44. This was a Northeast Conference game played Friday in the Groton Area Arena.

The game was tied twice in the first quarter as Clark/Willow Lake took a 16-12 lead at the break. The Tigers made 55 percent of tie field goals, making six of 11, while the Cyclones made 36 percent, making five of 14.

Groton closed to within one late in the second quarter, but Clark/Willow Lake held 23-21 lead at halftime. In the second quarter, Groton Area's shooting cooled to 25 percent, making three of 12 shots while Clark/Willow Lake made three of 10 for 30 percent.

Clark/Willow Lake outscored Groton Area, 17-4, in the third quarter to take a 40-25 lead. In the third quarter, Groton Area made two of nine field goals for 22 percent and Clark/Willow Lake made seven of 12 for 58 percent.

Groton Area outscored the Cyclones in the fourth quarter, 19-17, thanks to a three-point shot at the buzzer by Jonathan Doeden. In the fourth quarter, Groton Area made six of 13 shots for 46 percent and the Cyclones made five of eight for 63 percent.

Brodyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 16 points and eight rebounds followed by Treyton Deigel with nine points, Andrew Rintala and Jonathan Doeden each had six, Seric Shabazz had five and Marshall Lane added two points.

Three players hit double figures for the Cyclones with Jacob Prowley having 17, Bradyn Rusher 16 and Micah Burke with 15. Grayson Florey added five and Ntai Stevens added four points.

Groton Area made 17 of 44 field goals for 39 percent, five of 16 three-pointers for 31 percent and was five of five from the line off of Clark/Willow Lake's 13 team fouls. The Cyclones were 20 of 43 from the field for 47 percent, five of 14 in three-pointers for 36 percent and was 12 of 20 from the line for 60 percent off of Groton Area's 17 team fouls with Shabazz fouling out.

Shabazz had five of the team's nine assists. Groton Area had 10 turnovers of which five were steals as the Cyclones made seven points off of the Tigers' turnovers. Clark/Willow Lake had seven turnovers, four of which were steals with Diegel having two. Clark/Willow Lake controlled the boards, 33-23.

The junior varsity game was tied twice and the lead changed hands four times as the Cyclones pulled out a 37-30 win over the Tigers.

Chandler Larson led the Tigers with eight points followed by Kaden Kurtz and Treyton Diegel with six each, Cade Guthmiller had four and Darien Shabazz and Austin Jones each had three points.

Stone Burke led the Cyclones with 10 points.

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Former Groton Police Chief, Butch Radke, passes on



Services for Harlan "Butch" Radke, Jr., 62 of Groton, will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1st at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Craig Grams and William Paepke will officiate. Burial will follow in Groton Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Butch passed away January 29, 2018 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Harlan Eugene, Jr. was born on October 29, 1955 in Aberdeen to Harlan and Thelma (Flint) Radke. He attended school in Groton, graduating in 1974. Butch united in marriage with Nancy Dobberpuhl on May 20, 1977 and together they were blessed with three children. Butch attended the Law Enforcement Training Center in Pierre and served as an officer for 31 years. He was employed with the Brown County Sheriff's Office and Groton Police Department from 1977-2007. Radke served as Groton's Chief of Police from November 2004 and retired the same time as former Mayor Gerald Rix on May 1, 2007.

Butch was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. He was active on the Fire Board and Kiwanis. Butch enjoyed hunting, fishing and target shooting. He also loved spending time with his four grandchildren.

Celebrating his life is his wife of 40 years, Nancy of Groton, children; Michelle (Chad) Johnson of Groton, Kevin Radke of Groton, Lisa (Brent) Wienk of Milbank, four grandchildren, Brenna, Porter, Ava and Bradyn and his brothers, Tom (Barbara) Paepke of Groton and Rev. William (Audrey) Paepke of Piedmont.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his sister, Marlene Gilbertson.

Honorary Casketbearers will be all of his law enforcement and fireman friends.

Casketbearers will be Steve Tewksbury, Jerry Bjerke, Stacy Mayou, Justin Cleveland, Brian Koens, Ben Dolen and Eddy Nehls.

The Life of Loren Kambestad



Loren Milton Kambestad, 65, Rapid City, SD passed away Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Born June 17th, 1952, Loren was the 5th son of Milton and Ruby Kambestad (Christenson) with two sisters following him. He married Bobbie Kambestad (Rossow) on August 9th, 1980, and lived in Lead and Rapid City, SD.

Loren grew up in Bristol, SD and graduated from Bristol High School in 1970. He went on to earn his education degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD.

Running was an important part of Loren's life in high school and college. Coached by Dave Griffith, he set South Dakota high school state records in the 1600 meter run (4:13.7), 3200 meter run (9:11.5), and 3 mile (14:13.6). His 1600 meter time still ranks him in South Dakota's top 10 times run by a high school runner. He still holds the state record in the 3 mile run and was ranked 3rd in the nation that year for high school boys.

After being heavily recruited by schools all over the nation, Loren chose to stay near to home and attend Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. He would set many school records in races between the mile and the 6 mile runs. Loren was inducted into the Northern State University athletic Hall of Fame.

He started his teaching career in Britton, SD where he also coached cross country. Following that time, he went to Gettysburg, SD to teach. While he was working on his graduate degree, he met Bobbie at Northern State University. They were united in marriage on August 9th, 1980 in Herreid, SD. They lived in Lead, SD where he was hired by River Park to be the first high school drug/alcohol counselor hired by a school district in South Dakota. He also served as the girls' varsity basketball and track coach for the Lead Goldiggers. While in Lead, Loren welcomed his two children, Lora and Marshall, into the world.

Soon the family would move to Rapid City, SD where Loren would serve as the executive director of River Park working with recovering drug and alcohol clients. Later he returned to teaching elementary physical education. Throughout his teaching career in Rapid City he taught at Valley View, Canyon Lake, Garfield, South Canyon, and Meadowbrook. He began elementary running clubs at his schools and the Rapid City Elementary Cross Country Meet program that introduced the sport he loved to the youth of Rapid City. He continued his passion for coaching cross country at Rapid City Central (2006-2011). In 2017 Loren retired from 30 years of teaching and coaching.

Loren loved to be active. He could frequently be seen throughout town riding his bike on the bike path with Bobbie. He was very proud

of his children as they grew up. Frequently, he would boast about Lora's career successes to nearly everyone he knew. He loved to attend events that Marshall coached and many of his athletes would get to know Loren through his encouragement. Loren and Bobbie loved to babysit for a neighborhood family. Libby, Malachi, and Noah brought joy to them and were a steady presence in their lives.

Loren is survived by his wife, Bobbie Kambestad of Rapid City, SD; his children Lora (Trinity Bernard, fiance) Kambestad and Marshall Kambestad of Rapid City, SD; his older brother Ron Kambestad of Hudsonville, Michigan; his younger sister Julie (Gene) Brownell of Aberdeen, SD., as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Loren was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Ruby; three brothers Dennis, Dallas, and Daryl; sister, Joy (Loren) Heim; brother-in-law Larry Metz; sister-in-law Sandy Rossow; and in-laws Jerome and Arlouene Rossow.

His funeral was held Tuesday January 23, 2018 at South Canyon Baptist Church.

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