



## Officer Hunter to retire



David Hunter

After an executive session, the Groton City Council accepted the retirement letter from Police Officer David Hunter. His retirement will be effective February 28, 2018. Hunter started with the Groton Police department in April of 2012. The council authorized to advertise for a full time police officer.

Clint Nordquist of DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, Iowa, came before the council to discuss options with the planning of an engineering study for the city's electric system. DGR Engineering is assisting the city with the potential change-out of a switch south of the south substation. Nordquist said that the city should consider the study. "You want to make sure you're not wasting capital dollars," he said. "The goal is to get ahead of projects and put together a long term plan." DGR's proposal includes \$5,200 for mapping and \$17,400 for a 10-year plan. No decision was made on the proposal.

Waste Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr reported on a new control system installed at the Park Lift Station and the Aspen Lift Station. The new control system replaces the float system. Both lift stations were done at a cost of \$4,500.

Shawn Lambertz, electric superintendent, talked about the pickup quotes for the electric department. The council authorized getting bids for the new pickup and accessories.

Terry Herron, city supervisor, said the city has sanded only once and snow removal has been at a minimal. He also reported that there was a request for a new keypad lock at the skating house, but he said he saw no need for that.

City Attorney Drew Johnson presented a small cell ordinance for consideration by the council. Other communities are having to grapple with these small cell stations. He did suggest waiting for three of six months to see how other communities are handling these. The city does have a minimum ordinance addressing cell towers.

Petitions for city council need to be turned in by February 23 at 5 p.m.

The Northeast Council of Government 2017 performance report was presented to the council. The city pays about \$1,500 a year for dues to NEOG. In 2017, with the help of NEOG, the city received \$8,000 for a water study and \$20,000 for a sewer and storm sewer study. There is also a pending application for \$19,238 for a lift station generator at the Aspen Lift Station.

Officer Justin Cleveland was authorized to attend a statewide sex offender registry conference April 24-25 in Deadwood.

The video of the meeting has been posted on the 397news.com website.

## Galaxy is champion of the Chamberlain VEX Robotics Tournament

GT Robotics' team "Galaxy" was the champion of the Chamberlain VEX Robotics Tournament Saturday, February 3. Travis Townsend led his team (also including River Pardick and Alex Dutchuk) to a 3rd place finish in the qualifying matches, then choose a Rapid City Steven's team to alliance with to become champions of the tourney.

GT Robotics had four teams in Chamberlain Saturday. At the end of qualifying rounds, "G-Force" (Hunter Monson, Tannor McGannon, Lee Iverson and Steven Paulson) was undefeated but was defeated in the semi-final round. G.A.T. Wrenches (Noah Tullis and Tyler Iverson) were in 7th place at the end of the qualifying matches and also was defeated in the semi-finals (by Galaxy). Gear Heads (Jackson Dinger and Dan Feist) ended qualifying rounds in 16th place; it was not a good day for them. So it is back to the drawing board to design and build a new robot for the State tournament at Harrisburg February 24.

## Special IC Pin to be awarded at State DI in memory of Schaffer



A new memorial pin will be awarded this year at the State Destination Imagination. The Steve Schaffer family has graciously donated money to the South Dakota Creativity Association. The SDCA board decided that a memorial pin will

presented at the state event.

Steve is remembered by South Dakota teams for his penguin hat, many pins, quiet smile and great Instant Challenge advice. Steve spent many years appraising at all levels in Instant Challenge and as he would say, "helping teams master the art of Instant Challenge."

This special pin can only be won by the team with the highest Instant Challenge score for each challenge at the state competition. Teams will also get a certificate stating the award information.

Groton's teams have been working hard preparing for the Dessert Theater coming up on February 25, 2 p.m.. Regional competition is set for March 3 in Groton with the state set for April 7 in Pierre. The first and second place teams in each challenge will advance to state.



Steve is pictured with his daughter, Kristen.

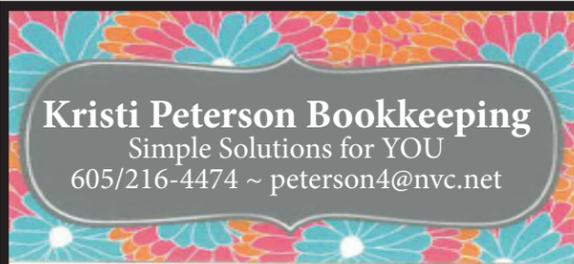
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 The Rip 'n Ravel CFEL Extension Club met on February 5th at Marie Sternhagens'. Eight members were present. Vice President Carol Osterman presided. Pledges and the Creed were recited. Members were encouraged to attend the legislative Cracker Barrel Sessions on February 10th and February 24th at Northern State University at 10 am. March 6th the Club will tour the new K.O. Lee Aberdeen public Library at 2pm and then be hosted by Merry Jo Ball. Easter Baskets and stuff to fill them are to be assembled that day also. Upcoming Events: April Area III Meeting at Zion Lutheran -Aberdeen; April 24th Spring Council Meeting and Recognition Tea at Brown County Courthouse basement. May 1st reading reports due. Maralyn Hoops gave a report on February 3rd Cracker Barrel Session and then gave Us the Bill O'Reilly U.S. Citizenship Quiz.

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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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## Brown County Notice of

### Sale of Property

NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY  
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on February 16, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MINIMUM BID  
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HECLA CITY  
LOT M-1 NW, SE & NE SW 22-128-61: \$2,856, 202 DEPOT ST  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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## Mud Creek 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 20, 2018 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.

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## Brown County Jan. 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 30, 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 Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$699.50; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$1,209.17; BMI Music License \$342.00; Dohrer Law Office \$968.20; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$1,556.17; Jerald McNeary \$368.00; Minnehaha Co. Auditor \$709.60; Morris Co. Superior Courthouse \$30.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise & Sauck \$366.60; SD Assoc. of Weed & Pest \$50.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$1,128.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$2,476.90; Thurman Law Office \$205.10; UND - Pathology \$2,094.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$328.05.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$362.10; Groton Independent \$157.66.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$465.43; Active Data \$16,422.00; Cass Co. Heating \$22.85; Graham Tire \$162.00; House of Glass \$419.05; JDH Construction \$200.00; Leidholt Electric \$873.28; Muth Electric \$1,086.18; Newman Signs \$20.21; Public Safety Equip. Co. \$722.58; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$96.00; SD Dept. of Public Safety \$2,840.00; Specialty Mfg. \$24.34.

Supplies: A & B Business \$34.04; Cass Co. Heating \$464.00; Gall's \$115.70; Gov-Connection \$963.54; Heartland Paper \$2,864.53; LG Everist \$1,397.66; Leidholt Tool Sales \$28.51; Leidholt Electric \$540.71; Gene Loeschke \$23.19; Marco \$315.43; Menards \$204.23; Midstates Printing \$58.02; Nalco Co. \$850.17; NCFE-Truck & Auto Center \$24,738.80; Nelson Sales & Service \$567.95; Newman Signs \$153.30; Pantorium Clean-

ers \$70.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$306.00; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$99.96; Share Corp. \$277.00; Specialty Mfg. \$479.08; Violet Dinger Estate \$38,799.30.

Travel & Conference: Maxine Fischer \$146.36; Lynn Heupel \$11.00; Sara Swisher \$11.00.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$133.18; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$41.64; NWPS \$682.68.

Other: FGP \$1,500.00; NES-DCAP \$2,500.00; Safe Harbor \$854.36.

Machinery & Equip.: Pierson-Ford \$29,832.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve hiring Erin Doering as part-time HR Assistant to train her replacement, effective February 5, 2018 @ \$23.88 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TAX DEED SALE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to authorize advertising the following described property to be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on February 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., and further to declare property surplus for purpose of sale: Aberdeen City: Lot 4 Block 6 Boyd's 2nd Subdivision of Block 6 Nicollet Park Addition (314 S Harrison Street); Oneota Township: 150' South of the North 1,342.60' of the East 130' of the West 313' NW 1/4 Sec 13-T126N, R64W (201 3rd Street); Hecla City: Lot M-1 in NW, SE & NE SW 22-128-61 (202 Depot Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by the Stratford American Legion for a lottery to be held at the Stratford Community Hall on February 2, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

4-H/FAIR CONTRACT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign contract with Jim Bahr for judging the 4-H Horse Show @ \$250.00 + mileage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following AbateMENTS: Frederick City @ \$21.95 (solid waste payable 2018) vacant; Troy Grote @ \$412.19 (payable 2018), \$430.09 (payable 2017), 43.61 (payable 2014) assessment error. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WAIVE INTEREST: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to authorize Sheila Anderson, Treasurer waive interest on Lot 2 Garretts Subdivision Lot 1 Hagemann 1st Subdivision SE 26-124-63, as follows: 2013 @ \$16.35, 2014 @ \$24.54, 2015 @ \$13.92, 2016 @ \$27.35 (total \$82.16). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INSURANCE ENDORSEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign General Endorsement and Governmental Liability Deductible Endorsement with coverage provided by South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to declare the following obsolete election equipment

surplus for purpose of trade-in: 21- AutoMarks and 1- 650 Tabulator Machine w/accessories (purchased with Federal HAVA Grant Funding through the Secretary of States Office). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve purchase of the following equipment by Kurt Smith, Fairgrounds Superintendent: ABI Manufacturing TR3 Arena Rake @ \$4,941.29 and a Ferris IS 3200Z 72" deck riding mower from Nelson Auto @ \$9,000.00 (after trade of \$4,699.00 for 2010 Ferris riding mower). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TMS CONTRACT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign year 3 of 5 year contract with TMS (Theatrical Media Services, Inc) to provide sound, lighting, stage roof and 4 spotlights for Wednesday - Saturday night concerts during the 2018 Brown County Fair @ \$25,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JDAI MOU: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to not authorize signatories on the JDAI Committee Memorandum of Understanding until next week. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

BID DATE SET - HIGHWAY SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT RENTAL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for the following items: Gravel Material at 8:50 a.m.; Road Oil at 8:55 a.m.; Hot Mix at 9:00 a.m., Rental Equipment at 9:05 a.m., to be held on February 27, 2018 (at stated times) in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - LIVE BOTTOM TRAILER: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for One (1) used Live Bottom Trailer; to be held on February 27, 2018 at 9:10 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve purchase of a 2018 Semi-Tractor from Brookings County bid in amount of \$119,150. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to consult with attorney, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Chris White and Gary Vetter in attendance; and to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) Erin Doering in attendance, followed by more personnel discussion 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 Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:25 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County 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.

ATTEST:  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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## Groton Fire & Rescue Notice of Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING GROTON AREA FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District members who live in the District and own any real property interests in the District will be held on February 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall located on Railroad Avenue, Groton, South Dakota.

Order of Business: This is the time and place for the annual election of Board members and a regular meeting of the Board.

All interested parties should attend.

/s/ Bruce Sippel  
Bruce Sippel, Secretary  
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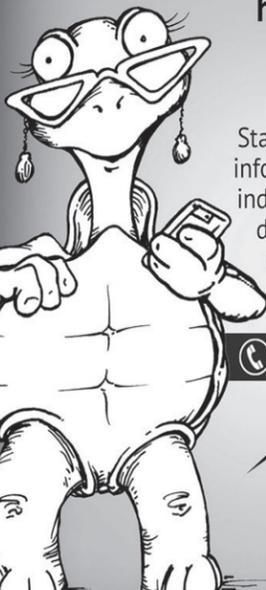
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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Two weeks after thoroughly destroying the Minnesota Vikings, the Philadelphia Eagles were lifting the Lombardi Trophy on the Vikings home turf.



The Eagles and New England Patriots participated in Super Bowl LII at U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday, February 4, and after a thrilling game that went down to the final seconds, the Eagles emerged victorious.

The Eagles and Patriots had two of the best defenses in the NFL, but the game ended up being an offensive slugfest. The two teams combined for 1,151 total yards, which is the most in NFL post season history. The two teams also combined for 74 points (41-33), which was one point shy of tying the Super Bowl record (Super Bowl XXIX). This game had tons of trick plays and gutsy calls, but in the end it came down to the greatest quarterback of all time versus the more complete team.

The Eagles were led by backup quarterback Nick Foles, who proved the NFC Championship game wasn't a fluke. Foles completed 28 of 43 passes for 373 yards (fourth most in Super Bowl history), three touchdowns and one interception. The key for the Eagles was establishing a ground game to help take pressure off Foles, and they did a tremendous job of it, rushing for 164 yards as a team. The Eagles also did a great job on third down, converting 63 percent of the time, which kept their offense on the field – and perhaps most importantly, kept Tom Brady on the sidelines.

Tom Brady played a nearly-perfect game, completing 28 of 48 passes for 505 yards (Super Bowl record), three touchdowns, no interceptions, and a passer rating of 115.4 (third most in Super Bowl history). Brady also had a pass thrown his way from Danny Amendola, but he was unable to haul in the ball. The Patriots had three players with over 100-yards receiving, including Rob

Gronkowski (nine catches for 116 yards and two touchdowns) – but in the end it wasn't enough.

As good as the game was, millions of people tuned in for another reason: the commercials. Super Bowl commercials have become almost as important as the game itself, and this year didn't disappoint. Although there were many commercials that stood out, either because of the emotional message it conveyed or because it was just plain funny, there were three that really impressed.

The most anticipated commercial for me was the trailer for The Avengers: Infinity War. I have been watching Marvel movies since the first Iron Man (2008), and Infinity War is the beginning of the end for the phase one characters I have known and loved.

The funniest commercials were for Tide detergent. David Harbour, who plays Jim Hopper in the Netflix show Stranger Things, takes the lead in the Tide commercials that appeared at first glance to be advertisements for other things, only to end up taking a turn at the end.

The commercial that made the strongest impression to me was the Doritos/Mt. Dew commercial. The commercial began with Peter Dinklage, who plays Tyrion Lannister on HBO's Game of Thrones, rapping a Busta Rhymes song to promote a new Doritos flavor. Then Morgan Freeman rapped a Missy Elliot song to promote a new Mt. Dew flavor.

The biggest disappointment was Bud Light. Budweiser usually has some of the best Super Bowl commercials, and Bud Light had a big marketing campaign surrounding the term "Dilly Dilly". Maybe I was disappointed because I was expecting too much, but Bud Light's "Bud Light Knight" wasn't funny.

Now that the 2017 NFL season is over, it's time to look back at the Vikings season and look ahead to free agency and the NFL draft!

If you have any questions or comments (about the Vikings, the Super Bowl, or the commercials), reach out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright)

### Fliehs Family News

It seemed great that a former Grotonnite- now of Texas-came back especially for the 80th Anniversary Carnival of Silver Skates Sunday. Marsha McAlister-Erdman of Corsicora, Texas and friend Lynn Larson of Sioux Falls came Saturday especially to see the 80th Anniversary of the Silver Skates Carnival Sunday. Marsha said when she was about four the children were out learning to skate and looked forward to taking part in the Carnival. At that time there were not many of the activities for young people to take part in. The ladies were overnight guests of Bob and Val Wagner Saturday and returned to Texas Sunday P.m. by car and airliner. Amber Cooper of Des Moines, Ia came Sunday to visit her Grandson their Janice Fliehs. They attended the Carnival of Silver Skates-despite the cold temperatures. Amber returned home Tuesday.

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## Wambdi rally in closing seconds to pull out one-point win

Johnny German made a shot with five seconds left to lift Tiospa Zina to 49-48 win over the Groton Area Tigers in boys' basketball action played Thursday at Agency Village.

The first quarter was low scoring as the Wambdi held a 6-3 lead at the break. Tiospa Zina opened up a nine-point lead early in the second quarter, 12-3, before the Tigers rallied to score nine points to tie the game at 12. Groton led at half time, 18-14. The Tigers opened up a seven-point lead, 27-20, midway in the third quarter. The Wambdi rallied to tie the game at 29, but Groton still held the third quarter lead, 31-29.

Groton Area opened up a six point lead midway in the fourth quarter, 39-33, and again later at 48-42, with 1:18 left in the game. Seconds later, Peyton Halseide would make a three-pointer to make 48-45 with 1:05 left. Halseide would then pick off a Groton pass and go the distance to score with 48 seconds left to make it 48-47. Jamison Pratt would block a shot by Jonathan Doeden under the basket and the Wambdi would salvage the ball. Johnny German would make a tough shot with five seconds left to give Tiospa Zina a 49-48 lead. A last second shot was short and the Wambdi pulled out the win.

Brodyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Seric Shabazz with 12, Jonathan Doeden had nine, Brandon Keith five, Andy Rintala had four, Treyton Diegel three and Anthony Sippel added two points.

Three players hit double figures for Tiospa Zina with German leading the way with 13 points, Jacob LaBlanc and Peyton Halseide each had 11 points, Divante Greeley had eight, Nyton Owen and Jamison Pratt each had three, and Sam Shepard added two points.

Groton hung on to win the junior varsity game, 36-34. The Tigers led at the quarter stops at 15-9, 23-19 and 27-24. Treyton Diegel led Groton Area with 13 points followed by Kaden Kurtz with eight Cade Guthmiller had six, Tristan Traphagen five and Austin Jones added four points.

Quintin Abbey led Tiospa Zina with eight points. - Paul Kosel

## Three-pointers spark Wambdi win over Groton

Tiospa Zina made five three-pointers in the first quarter as Groton's Lady Tigers were in a big hole after the first quarter, 19-6. The Wambdi would open up a 15-point lead midway in the second quarter, 25-10, before the Tigers would rally and score 10 straight points to slice the lead to five, 25-20. Groton Area then came to within two points, 29-27, and had a chance to tie the game or to take the lead, but it did not happen. The Wambdi, instead, outscored Groton, 12-2, to take a 41-29 lead and they went on to win, 45-39.

Groton Area was two for eight in the first quarter in shooting for 25 percent while the Wambdi were seven of 14 for 50 percent. In the second quarter, Groton Area was four of 11 for 36 percent and the Wambdi were three of nine for 33 percent. Groton was five of 14 in the third quarter for 35 percent and Tiospa Zina was four of eight for 50 percent. The Tigers made 29 percent of its 14 shot attempts in the fourth quarter while Tiospa Zina made half of their 10 attempts.

Groton Area was 10 of 30 in two-pointers for the game



**Jonathan Doeden goes high in the air to put up this shot in front of the Wambdi defenders.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

for 30 percent and four of 13 in three-pointers for 32 percent. Groton Area made five of 14 free throws. For the game Tiospa Zina made 19 of 41 shots for 41 percent.

Jennie Doeden led the Tigers with nine points followed by Jessica Bjerker with eight, Harleigh Stange and Payton Maine each had seven, Miranda Hanson had six and Eliza Wanner added two. Bjerke had nine of the team's

26 rebounds, Hanson had three of the team's eight steals and Doeden had three of the team's eight assists. Groton Area had 16 turnovers while Tiospa Zina had 15. Tiospa Zina made nine points off of Groton's turnovers and Groton made eight off of Tiospa Zina's turnovers.

Jordyn Lablanc led the Wambdie with 15 points, 13 of them in the first quarter. Gerilyn Felicia had eight, Aubrae Bearsheart and Hailey Shepard each had seven, Lexus Red Thunder had four and Kylee Deutsch and Amerlya Bernard each added two points.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 43-13. Kaycie Hawkins led the Tigers with 13 points followed by Nicole Marzahn with 11, Eliza Wanner had eight, Gracie Traphagen four, Brooklyn Gilbert had three and Tadya Glover and Kenzie McInterney each had two points.

Brielle Cook led Tiospa Zina with seven points while Jaylan Flute and Jaylee Labelle each had three points. - Paul Kosel

## Lady Tiger defense holds S.F. Christian to lowest scoring game

Both Groton Area coaches were impressed with the Lady Tigers in the NEC/DAK XII Clash held Saturday in Madison. Groton Area lost by 10, 44-34.

Groton scored first with a Harleigh Stange three-pointer. The game was tied at five and eight before the Chargers took their first lead, 9-8. The lead changed hands two more times before the Chargers held an 11-10 first quarter lead.

Groton recaptured the lead early in the second quarter with the game tied at 17 and 19. Sioux Falls Christian opened up a 23-19 lead and at half time, it was 23-21.

The third quarter was low scoring for both sides as Sioux Falls Christian outscored the Tigers, 7-2, to take a 30-23 lead. Groton kept it a five to seven point deficit, before the Chargers scored six straight points to open up a 44-32 lead. The final score was a 10-point difference, 44-34.

After the game as Coach Shaun Wanner was leaving, he said, "Much better!" and Assistant Coach Becky Erickson said, "It was nice to see us get more physical."

Jennie Doeden led Groton Area with 17 points and six rebounds. Harleigh Stange had 10 points followed by Eliza Wanner with three and Payton Maine and Nicole Marzahn each had two points. Groton Area had 34 rebounds with Jessica Bjerke having seven and Doeden, Maine and Marzahn with six each. Bjerke had three of the team's seven steals and Doeden, Maine and Marzahn each had two of the team's seven assists. Groton Area had 23 turnovers and Sioux Falls Christian had 12. Doeden fouled out as Groton Area had 13 turnovers.

Lexi Unruh led the Chargers with 14 points followed by Courtney Kellenberger and Kylee VanEgelom with eight each. - Paul Kosel



**Miranda Hanson and Sioux Falls Christian's Courtney Kellenberger battle for the loose ball.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Payton Maine towers over the defense for this shot.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Brandyn Anderson, at 285 pounds, placed second at the Big Dakota Conference Tourney held Saturday at Ft. Pierre.**

## Anderson places second at Big Dakota Conference Tourney

Brandyn Anderson, at 285 pounds, placed second at the Big Dakota Conference Tourney held Saturday at Ft. Pierre. Several other Groton Area wrestlers took part and scored points, but did not place.

### **113: Dragr Monson (15-8) Scored 4.00 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 15-8 won by fall over Thomas Powell (Chamberlain) 4-4 (Fall 1:38)

Quarterfinal - Landon Sudbeck (Parkston) 31-16 won by decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 15-8 (Dec 3-0)

Cons. Round 2 - Shilo Mowry (Lyman) 27-12 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 15-8 (Fall 1:00)

### **145: Lane Krueger (2-18)**

Champ. Round 1 - Sam Kruger (Winner) 38-2 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-18 (Fall 0:53)

Cons. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-18 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Blake Brodercht (Lyman) 9-13 won by fall over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 2-18 (Fall 0:22)

### **160: Thomas Cranford (8-13) Scored 1.00 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Tyler Eddy (Wessington Springs-Woonsocket) 20-13 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 8-13 (Fall 2:36)

Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 8-13 won by decision over Aaron Smith (Potter County) 4-7 (Dec 5-4)

Cons. Round 2 - Cody Westendorf (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 24-15 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 8-13 (Fall 1:36)

### **170: Grady O`Neill (7-10) Scored 2.00 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Noah Johnson (Miller/Highmore-Harrold) 6-11 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 7-10 (Fall 0:38)

Cons. Round 1 - Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 7-10 won by major decision over Kade Konstanz (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 5-19 (MD 19-8)

Cons. Round 2 - Jasiah Thompson (Chamberlain) 12-20 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 7-10 (Fall 2:25)

### **195: Adrian Knutson (7-13) Scored 3.00 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 7-13 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Sam Adams (Harding County) 30-5 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 7-13 (Fall 4:50)

Cons. Round 2 - Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 7-13 won by fall over Braxton Big Crow (Little Wound) 0-15 (Fall 2:06)

Cons. Round 3 - Rylie Stevens (Wessington Springs-Woonsocket) 15-10 won by fall over Adrian Knutson (Groton Area) 7-13 (Fall 2:06)

### **220: Corbin Reich (0-10)**

Champ. Round 1 - Tyler Resick (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 24-9 won by fall over Corbin Reich (Groton Area) 0-10 (Fall 1:12)

Cons. Round 1 - Collin Schmiedt (Wessington Springs-Woonsocket) 7-17 won by fall over Corbin Reich (Groton Area) 0-10 (Fall 4:46)

### **285: Brandyn Anderson (25-2) placed 2nd and scored 20.00 team points.**

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 25-2 won by fall over Eden Arcoren (Todd County) 14-21 (Fall 1:02)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 25-2 won by fall over Lucas Blue Legs (Pine Ridge) 9-13 (Fall 0:39)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 25-2 won by decision over Carson Keller (Mob-Pol) 22-10 (Dec 3-1)

1st Place Match - Nash Hutmacher (Chamberlain) 36-0 won by forfeit over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 25-2 (For.)

## Two big rallies give Roncalli win over Groton Area



**Eliza Wanner dribbles the ball around the Roncalli defense.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Two big runs by Aberdeen Roncalli put a halt on Groton's attempt to revive a win as the Cavaliers defeated Groton Area, 53-28. The game was played Tuesday in Groton.

Groton Area jumped out to a 10-5 lead before Roncalli would score 12 straight points to take a 17-10 lead. Groton Area led after the first quarter, 10-8, then trailed at half time, 28-16, and at the end of the third quarter, 41-23. Roncalli had an 11-point run in the fourth quarter.

The Cavaliers put up nearly twice as many shots, with many of them coming from offensive rebounds. In the first quarter, Groton Area was five of eight in shooting

for 63 percent and Roncalli was three of 14 for 21 percent. In the second quarter, the Tigers were two of nine from the field for 22 percent and the Cavaliers were seven of 14 for 50 percent. Both teams shot 33 percent in the third quarter with Groton making three of nine and Roncalli four of 12. Both teams shot 14 percent in the fourth quarter with Groton making one of seven and Roncalli three of 21. For the game, Groton was 11 of 34 for 33 percent and Roncalli was 17 of 61 for 28 percent.

Jennie Doeden had 11 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Harleigh Stange added 10 points followed by Jessica Bjerke and Payton Maine with three each and Kaycee Hawkins added a free throw. Doeden had nine of Groton's 30 rebounds and two of Groton's three assists. Groton Area had four steals. Roncalli made 11 points off of Groton's 21 turnovers and Groton made two points off of Roncalli's six turnovers.

Grace Imbery led the Cavaliers with 16 points, Mariah Winegar had 14, Jami Ewart had four, Morgan Streier and Allison Dix each had three points and Jori Ewart had two.

Roncalli also won the junior varsity game.



**The junior high band played for the crowd last night.** (Photo by

Jeslyn Kosel)

## The Life of Lucille Jensen

Services for Lucille Jensen, 87, of Aberdeen were held Saturday, February 3 at Landmark Gospel Church, 1302 8th Ave NE, Aberdeen. Pastor Scott Drexel officiated. Burial followed in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Lucille passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center, after a short illness.

Lucille June was born on November 6, 1930 in Putney to George Jensen and Leona Alberts. She attended Putney School and grew up in the Putney area. Lucy and her mother moved to Aberdeen in 1969 where she was employed at the former Holiday Inn for several years. After retiring, she volunteered helping at the Salvation Army.

Lucille was a member of the First Pentecostal Church where she especially enjoyed the Sunday School and the children.

Celebrating her life are her aunts, Mavis Kirschmann of Aberdeen, Arliss Alberts of Aberdeen, Eunice Alberts of Groton and her uncle, George (Doris) Alberts of Groton.

Preceding her in death was her mother, Leona, her grandparents, Alma and George Alberts, Sr., Uncles, Jesse (Melrose) Alberts, Clarence (Meda) Alberts, Raymond Alberts, Kenneth Alberts, her aunt, Lusena (Stewart) Manning and cousins, Sondra Larson, David Manning and Jerry Manning.

Casketbearers were Ka Alberts, Karl Alberts, Roy Grottke, Kevin Phillips and Larry Manning.



## The Life of Joy Stiklesdtad



Memorial services for Joy Stiklestad, 68, of Claremont will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 8th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Sara Sorenson will officiate. Burial will take place a later date.

Visitation will be held at the chapel for one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Joy passed away February 3, 2018 at Avera St. Lukes's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Joy Linn was born on December 22, 1949 in Britton to Arthur and Faith (Koch) Grupe. She attended school in Britton. On March 12, 1968, she was united in marriage with Larry Stiklestad at the Presbyterian Church in Groton. Together, they had two sons. When the boys were older, Joy began cooking at the Cozy Café in Groton and later at the Red Horse. She also drove bus for the Bristol School for many years. Joy went through seven years of kidney dialysis, before receiving a transplant in 2014. Her family is forever grateful for the extra years they had with Joy.

Joy was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Groton. She enjoyed outdoor activities of all kinds, including, fishing, camping, gardening, flowers and drives touring the countryside. She also like playing cards, word finds and entertaining friends with home cooked meals. Joy lived for her grandchildren and cherished the time spent with them. She also cared deeply for her dialysis family, often baking treats to share with the group. She made many lasting friendships during those seven years.

Celebrating her life is her husband of 49 years, Larry of Claremont, her sons, Michael (Kristi) Stiklestad of Pierpont and Lanny Stiklestad of Bowdle, her grandchildren: Lance Stiklestad, Heidi Stiklestad, Ryan Stiklestad and Mikayla Bonnet and her first great-granddaughter to be born in April. She is also survived by two brothers, Doug Grupe of Webster, Ed Grupe of Kansas, two brother-in-laws, Rick (Julie) Stiklestad of Minneota, Minnesota, Cliff (Lois) Stiklestad of Castlewood, her sister, Cytha Grupe of Britton, her sister-in-law, Tammie (Jeff) Higgins of Milan, Minnesota and many nieces and nephews.

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