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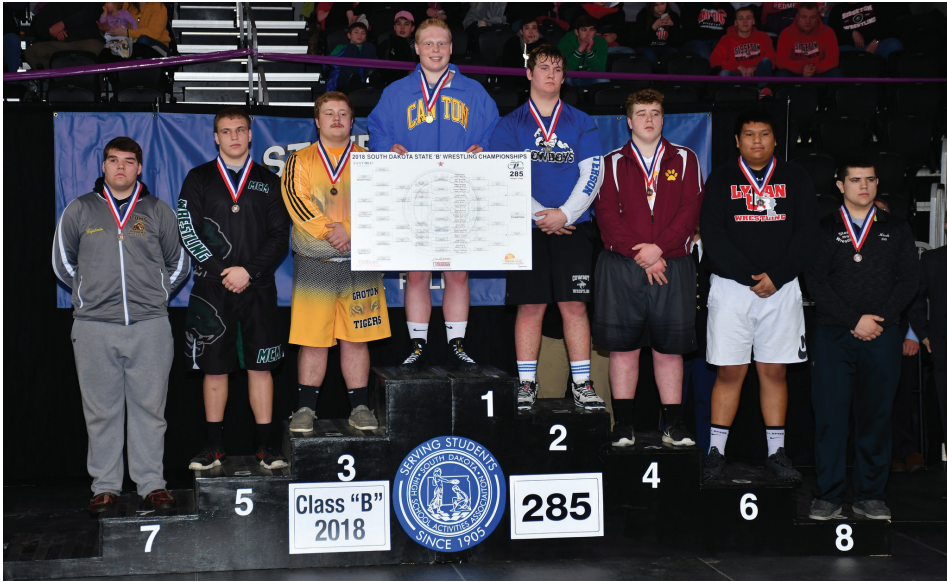
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The state wrestling tournament was held Friday and Saturday in Sioux Falls and two Groton Area grapplers placed. Brandyn Anderson placed third at 285 pounds and Wyatt Locke placed fifth at 220 pounds. Dragr Monson also competed at the state tournament.

285: Brandyn Anderson (32-4) placed 3rd and scored 20 team points

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-4 won by fall over Micah DeBoer (Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon) 28-22 (Fall 0:47)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-4 won by decision over Chase Sigdestad (Webster) 30-14 (Dec 7-0)

Semifinal - Braydon Peterson (Lemmon/McIntosh) 52-2 won by decision over Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-4 (Dec 5-2)

Cons. Semi - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-4 won by fall over Jadeon Biggers (Lyman) 37-18 (Fall 2:02)

3rd Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 32-4 won by fall over Chase Sigdestad (Webster) 30-14 (Fall 1:22)

- B-285
- 1st Place - Payton Smith of Canton
 - 2nd Place - Braydon Peterson of Lemmon/McIntosh
 - 3rd Place - Brandyn Anderson of Groton Area
 - 4th Place - Chase Sigdestad of Webster
 - 5th Place - Tanner Grocott of McCook Central/Montrose
 - 6th Place - Jadeon Biggers of Lyman
 - 7th Place - Brigham Williams of Lead-Deadwood
 - 8th Place - Micah DeBoer of Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon

Council approves Schaller's retail beer and wine license

Julie Schaller is planning to open the Olde Bank 'n Cafe in what used to be Olde Bank Floral 'n More in downtown Groton. The city council granted Schaller a retail on/off malt beverage license so she can sell beer, and Kellie Townsend transferred the Retail on/off wine license to Schaller with the council approval. Schaller said she hopes to be open by the end of March.

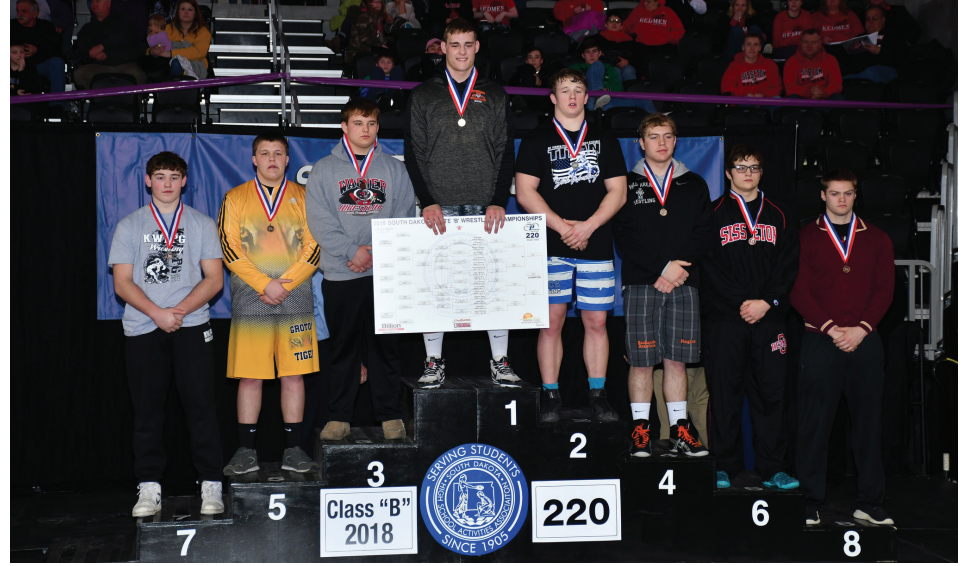
The city council was a little short in numbers Wednesday evening. Eddy Opp has been in the hospital and he may be getting out today. David McGannon is still on vacation in Arizona and Burt Glover was in Sioux Falls. Mayor Scott Hanlon had Glover on speaker phone so the council would have its quorum.

The Paint South Dakota Program was discussed. Councilman Karyn Babcock said she would like to see this program in Groton. It is an opportunity for homeowners, who qualify, to get their homes painted for free. Some sort of a group is needed to do the painting while the state provides the paint for free.

The summer salary ordinance was given its first reading. The Junior The concession stand manager will receive \$50 a day and 50 percent of the net profits at the end of the season. This is different from last year where the concession stand manager received 50 percent of the gross receipts. No other changes to the summer salary ordinance was proposed.

The council decided to enter into a 10-year agreement with DGR Engineering for an electrical system study and 10-year forecast. The mapping will cost \$5,200 with annual costs of \$400 to \$500 a year to update the map once finished. A 10-year plan and a system study will cost \$17,400.

The council then went into executive session with Police Chief Stacy Mayou in attendance.



(Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting)

220: Wyatt Locke (22-13) placed 5th and scored 9.00 team points

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 22-13 won by decision over Preston Worth (Potter County) 31-11 (Dec 6-3)

Quarterfinal - Kaeden Metz (Sisseton) 28-10 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 22-13 (Dec 3-2)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 22-13 won by decision over Caleb Maciejewski (Hot Springs) 26-25 (Dec 3-2)

Cons. Round 3 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 22-13 won in sudden victory - 1 over Tristen Bent (Webster) 24-21 (SV-1 3-1)

Cons. Semi - Jace Johnson (Wagner) 32-13 won in sudden victory - 1 over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 22-13 (SV-1 5-1)

5th Place Match - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 22-13 won in sudden victory - 1 over Kaeden Metz (Sisseton) 28-10 (SV-1 3-1)

- B-220
- 1st Place - Evan Kizer of Howard
 - 2nd Place - Jesse Hastings of Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney
 - 3rd Place - Jace Johnson of Wagner
 - 4th Place - Jory Rodgers of Philip
 - 5th Place - Wyatt Locke of Groton Area
 - 6th Place - Kaeden Metz of Sisseton
 - 7th Place - Tyler Resick of Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes
 - 8th Place - Tristen Bent of Webster

113: Dragr Monson (17-11) scored 3.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Blair Blasius (Philip) 34-9 won by decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 17-11 (Dec 10-5)

Cons. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 17-11 won by fall over Hunter Witte (Flandreau) 16-24 (Fall 0:30)

Cons. Round 2 - Jacob Steiger (Mobridge-Pollock) 43-12 won by fall over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 17-11 (Fall 2:34)

No elections in Groton, Frederick

There will be no election for either school board or city council this year.

Marty Weismantel and Kara Pharis filed petitions for the two three-year terms on the Groton Area School Board.

On the city council, David Blackmun and Burt Glover filed petitions for their two-year spot. No one filed a petition in Ward 2 being held by David McGannon. Mayor Scott Hanlon will have to appoint someone to fill the spot for a one-year term.

For the town of Frederick, incumbents Gary Schlosser (1-year term) and R. Scott Campbell (3-year term) were the only ones to take out petitions. No petitions were filed for school board in Frederick. Richard Schlosser's and Eric Sumption's terms were up.

Legion and Junior Teener coaches will receive \$2,000 for the season. This is different from last year where the concession stand manager received 50 percent of the gross receipts. No other changes to the summer salary ordinance was proposed.

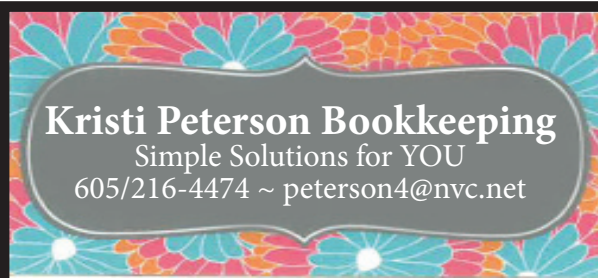
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City hold retirement party for Officer Hunter
 A retirement party was held Friday at City Hall for Police Officer David Hunter. The Groton City Council will be holding a special council meeting on Wednesday for the purpose of hiring Hunter's replacement. (Photo from Groton SD Community Facebook Page)

"Sweet 16" is out
 It is a terminology that was used when the "Sweet 16" format for volleyball began last year. But you will not hear that term used any more.
 Dan Swartos, South Dakota High School Activities Association Executive Director, issued the following statement on Friday.
 "Please note that it was brought to our attention during the volleyball postseason that the term "Sweet 16" is trademarked and therefore, cannot and should not be used when referring to the State Tournament qualifying round of competition in South Dakota. We ask that you please refer to this round of play as the "Round of 16" to avoid any possible trademark infringement consequences."

The "Sweet 16" is trademarked by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, and can only be used when referring to the NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball championships.
 Here are a few other terms that you may not know are trademarked and cannot be used.
"Three-Peat": According to Business Insider, when the 1988 Los Angeles Lakers fought for their third straight NBA title, Lakers coach Pat Riley used the now-well-known phrase, and trademarked it in 1988.
"You cannot be serious!": Hot-headed tennis star John McEnroe shouted this phrase after he disagreed with a call at Wimbledon 1981. Business Insider reported that McEnroe not only trademarked the phrase, he named his book after it.

"Unbelievably believable": Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III (or "RG3" for short, which is also trademarked) filed the trademark for this phrase after his 2013 Heisman Trophy speech, along with six others—"No Pressure, No Diamonds," "Dream Big, Live Bigger," "Light You Up" and "Know Your Why," according to Business Insider.

"Mr. October": Reggie Jackson is objectively one of the greatest baseball players to ever live. He gained the nickname "Mr. October" because of his unbelievable postseason performances for the New York Yankees and Oakland Athletics. Unfortunately, according to ESPN, he now owns that trademark, so someone who wants to battle Jackson for the title of Mr. October by putting it on a T-shirt is out of luck.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Free agency begins March 14th, and the Minnesota Vikings will have plenty of decisions to make. There are 14 players from 2017 that are scheduled to hit free agency, with half of them being on the offensive side of the ball. The Vikings rarely make a big splash in free agency, and this year will likely be no different. However, there are certainly some holes in the Vikings roster, and bringing in a couple free agents could bring this team from an NFC contender to a Super Bowl winner.



The biggest question mark heading into this offseason centers around the quarterback position. The Vikings will have three quarterbacks who will be free agents – Sam Bradford, Teddy Bridgewater and Case Keenum – and the team will have to decide if they want to bring one back to lead the team or if they should bring someone in from outside the organization.

Case Keenum is 30-years old and is coming off the best season of his career. He was supposed to be a backup last year but ended up playing most of the season and helped the team reach the NFC Championship game. He played well, but it's hard to trust that he will continue playing at such a high level. Sportrac believes Keenum's market value will be around \$21 million per year, so if the Vikings resign him

it will be clear they believe he can be the team's starting QB for the foreseeable future.

Sam Bradford started for the Vikings in 2016 and would've been the starter in 2017 if he hadn't gotten hurt. Bradford can throw the ball exceptionally well, but his injury history is cause for concern. He is 30-years old and has played eight seasons in the NFL, but he has only played all 16 games twice in his career.

Teddy Bridgewater is the biggest wildcard of the bunch. He was looking like the Vikings' franchise quarterback before a freak injury occurred in practice right before the 2016 season started. Teddy has been out of football for nearly two seasons, and there is no guarantee he will ever be fully healthy again. He is the youngest of the trio at 25-years old, so he presumably has the biggest upside. If the Vikings resign him, it'll be because they know he is healthy enough to resume his career.

If the Vikings elect to bring in a free agent quarterback, there are a few on the market that make sense. The biggest name floating around is 29-year old Kirk Cousins, who has averaged 4,392 yards, 27 touchdowns and 12 interceptions over the past three seasons. Cousins will command a huge contract – likely close to \$30 million a season – so the Vikings will have to be confident he can propel the team to new heights if they decide to sign him.

Other options at quarterback are:

Drew Brees, who will probably resign with New Orleans but would clearly be the best quarterback the Vikings could get. Brees is 39-years old, so he would only be a temporary fix, but he is one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL.

Josh McCown, who is 38-years old, but is coming off a good season with the New York Jets and would hopefully provide the Vikings with a year or two of play similar to what Keenum provided last season.

A.J. McCarron, who is only 27-years old, and is a relative unknown because he's been a backup in Cincinnati since being drafted in the fifth round of the 2014 draft.

If I had to put money on it, I would say the Vikings bring back Bridgewater along with a veteran quarterback who will be the backup but could start if Bridgewater gets injured again.

The Vikings also have a few more offensive players who will be hitting free agency. Running back Jerick McKinnon played a vital role for the Vikings in 2017 – and the Vikings would love to bring him back if possible – but with Dalvin Cook coming back, it's likely McKinnon leaves for another team that will give him a more prominent

role. Joe Berger has been an important offensive lineman for the last few seasons, since he is able to play both guard spots and center, but he is 35-years old. If the Vikings bring him back it will only be for a year or two. Michael Floyd signed a one-year contract last offseason, but with the emergence of Stefon Diggs and Adam Thielen at wide receiver, Floyd will likely leave for another team that will give him a chance to start. The only other free agent on the Vikings offense is Bishop Sankey at running back, who will likely be let go since the Vikings could easily find a younger, cheaper option in the draft.

Next week, we will be looking at the Vikings defense and which players' contracts are up. If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright). Skol!



2018 Team members are: In back, left to right, are Sarah Schuster, Emma Kutter, Emily Overacker, Gretchen Dinger, Jeslyn Kosel and Jessica Bjerke, in the middle, left to right, are Payton Maine, Emma Bahr, Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Pilets, Kayla Lehr and Alexa Schuring; in front are Laila Roberts and Ashley Johnson; not pictured is Alexis Geffre. (© Groton Photography)

Johnsons catch a shark on their vacation



Here is the King Mackerel that Peyton caught. The Mackerel would then be used as bait to catch a shark.

It is one family vacation that will not soon be forgotten. Matt and Tanya Johnson and family went fishing in the Atlantic Ocean through Sea Leveler in Cape Canaveral, Fla., last weekend.

The captain of the boat, Ronny, took the family on the fishing exhibition. Peyton Johnson caught a king mackerel that took him 20 minutes to reel in. "He was really tired afterwards," Tanya said. Peyton hooked the mackerel in the side what is called the foul-hooked. Trying to reel those in can take a very long time. The mackerel was about 25 pounds. They put the Mackerel on ice and then sliced it up for bait while trying to catch a shark.

They had three lines out with slices of King Mackerel on them. They did hook an 8-footer, but it broke the line. A short while later, they hooked another shark, this one 5-feet long. It was a battle to reel it in. Matt and the boys along with the captain. The Johnson's took turns reeling it in. The captain had to go up to the front of the boat with the pole a couple of times because the shark was circling the boat. It was an effort to keep the shark facing the boat for if it turns away, it would snap the line.

The 20 minute battle with the shark was, as Peyton said, "Very intense." Tanya said, " They all got a workout!"

The captain grabbed the shark and pulled it on board. The captain would grab the tail to make it move so it would get tired. Once the shark was tired, it would be easier to hold it. The boys took turns having their photo taken with the shark. "Ronny was very careful about how we held the shark and that we stayed back when he pulled it in," Tanya said. The way they held the shark was important as well as it helped to immobilize the shark.

Once the photos were all done, the shark was released back into the ocean.

- Paul Kosel (Photos by Tanya Johnson)



Matt showing Deylon the shark.



Aeydon Johnson and Captain Ronny hold the shark.



Peyton Johnson is pictured with the captain of the boat holding the shark they had caught.



Trey Johnson holds the shark after the big catch.

Missionary Mike Picconatto serving in Berlin, Germany to make presentations in Groton



Missionary Mike Picconatto will be coming to Groton next week to share his experiences with their work in Germany.

Mike Picconatto, born in 1973, is the son of a retired Air Force officer and a Kindergarten teacher. After growing up being transferred with his dad all over the country (including 3 years in England), Mike attended Minot State University studying Computer Science before he transferred to Crown College where studied Youth Ministry and met his wife Elissa.

Mike served for six years as the youth pastor at Maple Plain Community Church before the district asked him to serve as the Senior Pastor at Staples Alliance Church, where Mike, Elissa, and their 2 year old daughter Johannah moved in 2002. Ten years later the family of five (new additions Caleb and Joshua now in the ranks) moved to Berlin, Germany, where the family has spent the last 5 years learning the language and assisting a partner church in leadership, worship, and children's ministries, starting and running a ministry center, developing a gallery ministry to artists, assisting the start-up of a new ministry to refugees, and struggling through some of the very challenging lessons of cultural adaptation and failure.

Mike and Elissa are preparing to return to Berlin to help start a new church, based on many of the lessons they have learned and utilizing the unique networks they have developed into East German culture and the artist community during their first term.

What was it that led you into the ministry field?

I felt called into the ministry when I was 12 years old at a missions conference in a small C&MA Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas. As I got older, I had a lot of experiences with youth ministry. After graduating from high school, I went to Crown College. I graduated with a degree in Youth Ministry, Bible and Theology, and Independent studies. My wife and I served at Maple Plain Community Church for six years (1996-2002), where I worked as the Youth Pastor. We then moved to Staples, Minnesota, where I served as Lead Pastor for 10 years (2002 - 2012). In 2012 we moved to Berlin, Germany, and just finished our first 5-year term in July, 2017. We will return to Berlin in July, 2018.

Do you do many of these presentations?

We have done quite a few! I have been in 21 churches since September. Every church is a little different, and I have spoken in churches, in schools, to Rotary groups, and have met with CRU students, FCA students, retirees, elementary students, geography classes, college students, those interested in missions, and have been involved in a lot of different activities as well - from dodgeball to bowling as well as the more traditional dinners, church services, and Q&A sessions.

What is the object of doing these presentations?

There are really two main purposes.

We serve as part of a denomination called the Christian & Missionary Alliance. There are close to 100 C&MA churches in Minnesota and Eastern North and South Dakota. When we visit the churches, we love to meet people in the churches and help build connections between the international work the churches support and people who are serving.

We also share about the work we are doing and other International Workers are doing, and ask people to continue to pray for the workers and continue to support the work financially.

How did you get hooked up with the Groton church that you are coming to Groton?

Because we serve with the C&MA, the connection was a pretty natural one. We heard they wanted an International Worker to come, and we are living in central Minnesota this year and I was able to come and share. I do know Pastor Jetto from when I served as a youth pastor, and he had some connections with students in my youth ministry.

What is it that you will be sharing with your audiences?

Pastor Jetto and the church have arranged a pretty diverse program for me.

I hope to share about the work we have been doing in Berlin. We had the unique opportunity to help a new church in Berlin and also be involved in running a ministry center/art gallery. We worked with artists, and hosted more than 20 exhibits in our space (17 of them under the name of Gallery2.) We really enjoyed the time we had to work with and invest in the artist and creative community in Berlin.

We also helped colleagues start a new ministry center to reach out to the large, mostly Syrian, refugee immigrants in Berlin.

In some settings, I will also be talking about the historical events that led to the need for church work to be started in Germany, the land in which the Reformation began.

What are some of the challenges in starting a missionary church in Germany?

Our first couple of years the largest challenge was language. We spent two years in language school.

The next several years the challenges are fairly broad. There are many aspects of culture we had to learn and adjust to.

In our church connections, we worked at connecting with families, creating programs that were meaningful for the people attending, and helping answer questions about faith. Former East Germany is the most atheistic geographic region on planet Earth. Due to the impact of post-modernism and communism, 73-83% of people in former East Germany have no religious belief. Fewer than 2% of people in Berlin attend church. This creates some specific challenges, often just with an understanding of what faith is, and why church or God are relevant.

In our connection with artists and the gallery work we started, the challenges were different! We also had to learn a lot about how galleries work, what the art public is looking for, how to best support our artists, and how to exhibit and display their works. Our goal was always to create communication, so selection of artists with specific themes and stories to tell was a large part of our work.

What is your home town?

That's a tough question for me to answer! My dad is retired Air Force, and we moved every couple of years. I graduated from Minot High School, and attended Minot State University for several years before transferring to Crown College in St. Bonifacius, MN.

Schedule

Sunday, March 4:

at Groton C&MA Church

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Monday, March 5

Morning/early afternoon - sharing with the junior high Geography Class

3 p.m.: Coffee time at Rosewood Court

Tuesday, March 6

7 p.m.: Ice Cream social at C&MA Church with Q&A

Wednesday, March 7

7 p.m.: Children and Youth Ministry at C&MA Church



And the heavens opened up and dropped six inches of snow (.32 moisture content) in the Groton Area on Saturday. Visibility was reduced to a few blocks at times due to the heavy snowfall.



Then Sunday morning, the piles of snow grew larger as clean-up was being done and the sun came out in all its beauty with the blue sky over Groton.

Brown County

Feb. 20

Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 20, 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 Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,395.76; Auditor \$8,151.55; Treasurer \$13,684.14; States Attorney \$22,880.61; SVAWA Grant \$1,282.08; Maintenance \$7,692.26; Assessor \$11,840.00; Register of Deeds \$9,518.94; Veterans Service Office \$4,452.75; GIS \$2,347.50; Information Technology \$7,910.64; Human Resources \$3,567.87; Sheriff Admin \$36,250.91; Jail \$51,054.94; JDC \$22,484.81; Welfare Office \$3,742.79; Museum \$8,385.62; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,807.35; Fair Board \$3,921.85; 4-H \$616.55; Weed & Pest \$709.82; Planning and Zoning \$1,903.34; Highway \$45,843.56; Communications \$24,583.48; Emergency Management \$4,039.58; 24/7 \$3,189.79; Landfill \$11,135.32.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,981.69; Medicare \$4,439.29; HSA \$75.00; SDRS \$39,425.13; Health Ins \$137,544.68; Life Ins \$999.60; Dental Ins \$7,317.90.

Professional Fees: Kelli J Aslesen \$94.90; Melissa Bourdon \$20.00; Ryan Dell, LLC \$1,128.00; DIGI Security Systems \$1,765.00; Dohrer Law Office \$1,062.20; Certified Languages International \$1,042.80; Eide Bailly \$920.00; Michelle Galkowski \$132.00; J Messer Enterprises \$718.49; Gateway Group #2, LLC \$100.00; Language Line Services Inc \$202.62; Vanessa Pahl \$20.00; Pauer Sound & Music Inc \$56.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$2,340.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$564.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$288.40; Taliaferro Law Firm \$5,992.50; Luther "Luke" Yellow Robe \$1,500.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$192.60; Daily Journal Corporation \$200.00; K Hanson 5 Inc \$22.00; Mike Sabourin \$255.00.

Rentals: Praxair Distribution \$24.53.

Repairs & Maintenance: Praxair Distribution \$6.45; E&R Industrial Sales Inc \$29.45; G&K Services \$282.44; Galls \$1,985.86; GCR Tires & Service \$891.85; Holloway Construction Co \$310,784.99; Mobile Electronic Services Inc \$239.37; Sheehan Mack Sales \$6,200.00.

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Travel & Conference: Brittany O'Day \$213.76; SD Assoc of Assessing \$175.00; Aaron Walberg \$166.34; Chris White \$193.40; Karly Winter \$481.91.

Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$303.13; Qwest Corporation \$2,314.79; State of South Dakota \$144.46; James Valley Telecommunication \$222.70; Northern Electric Inc \$2,589.80; Northwestern Energy & Comm \$3,009.52; Northern Valley Communication \$3,218.16; Verizon Wireless Services Inc \$3,316.22. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Approve hiring Erin Ackerman as full-time Dispatcher, effective February 26, 2018 at \$16.46 per hour.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective February 25, 2018: John Florey @ \$18.43 per hour, Cory Erhardt @ \$18.16 per hour, Samuel Hopcock @ \$16.49 per hour.

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of January 2018: Kendell Titze – 72 @ \$39.24, Dirk Rogers – 798 @ \$434.91, Mike Scott – 200 @ \$109.00, Gary Vetter – 143 @ \$77.94.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the following Abatements: Salvation Army @ 1,079.38 (tax exempt); Tomato LLC @ \$4,499.37, Brown Law Firm @ \$1,312.54, Aberdeen Development Corporation @ \$3,395.01, Dacotah Bank @ \$3,689.37 (discretionary formula error); Aspire @ \$718.23 (tax freeze); Bret Flihs @ \$960.78 (storm damage); Joshua Palmer @ \$80.47 (vacant remove SW); Brown County (tax deed property) @ \$264.19 in Claremont, \$2,865.53 in Columbia, \$519.41 in Hecla, \$5,922.44 in Aberdeen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Aberdeen Home Builders Association for lease of the Expo Building on March 3 – 4, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 115- SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to set public hearing for consideration of Ordinance #115, An Ordinance to amend Title 6 Traffic Regulations, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, by adding Chapter 6.05 Prohibiting the Lawful Use of Engine and Compression Brakes (Jake Brakes), to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45 a.m. on March 13, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign Quit Claim Deeds for the following properties sold by tax deed on February 16, 2018: Homes Are Possible, Inc – Lt 4 Blk 6 Boyd's Subdivision of Blk 6 Nicollet Park Addition to Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, SD @ \$10,500.00; Monte and Janet Riggs – The 150' first South of the North 1342.46' of the East 130' of the West 313' of the NW 1/4 of Sec 13-T126-R64W of the 5th P.M., according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, SD @ \$1,066.00; Dakota Plains Feed and Grain LLC – Lot M-1 NW of the SE & NE of the SW in Sec 22-T128R-R61W of the 5th P.M., Town of Hecla, Brown County, SD @ \$2,856.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANFILL COMPLIANCE REPORT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the 2017 Compliance Certification Report for the Brown County Solid Waste Landfill Permit #28.1101-03. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 114: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Sutton to adopt 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). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ASSESSMENT PLAN: Attorney Harvey Oliver met in regard to the recent assessment plan discussions, suggesting that a consensus of the issues, legal status, and the plan going forward be determined. Attorney General Jackley has offered assistance to the Commission, States Attorney and Department of Revenue to address the items. Based upon the letter requested and received from the Department of Revenue, the Interim Director of Equalization has made adjustments to the 2018 payable 2019 assessments.

OUTSOURCE PAYROLL: Moved by Hansen to sign au-

thorize the Chair sign agreement to outsource payroll. Motion withdrawn, as more research must be completed.

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, Gary Vetter and Gene Loeschke 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 Hansen, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:28 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Jake Breaking Ordinance

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION

REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 6

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 13th day of March 2018 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, to consider an ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 6 Traffic Regulations, by adding Chapter 6.05 Prohibiting the Lawful Use of Engine and Compression Brakes (Jake Brakes), as follows:

TITLE 6 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Chapter 6.05 – Prohibiting the Lawful Use of Engine and Compression Brakes (Jake Brakes)

Section 6.0501. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the excess, loud, unusual or explosive use of engine and compressed air braking devices within the designated areas of Brown County.

Section 6.0502. Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance the following words and phrases are defined as follows: Engine retarding brake means a Dynamic Brake, Jake Brake, Jacobs Brake C-Brake, Paccar Brake transmission brake or any other engine retarding brake systems that alters the normal compression of the engine and subsequently releases that compression and creates an excessively loud noise.

Section 6.0503. Prohibitions. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within designated areas in the County of Brown, State of South Dakota, any engine brake, Compression Brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle that results in excess, loud, unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle, unless such use is necessary to avoid imminent danger. Such prohibition shall be applicable only to those streets, roads, alleys easements, or rights of way established for vehicle operation within Brown County.

Section 6.0504. Areas of Prohibition. The prohibition set forth herein shall apply to any public roads or highways in Brown County and shall be designated as such by signage as approved by the Brown County Commissioners.

Section 6.0505. Exceptions. Emergency vehicles shall be exempt from application of this ordinance.

Section 6.0506. Penalties. Any driver and/or firm or corporation for whom the driver is employed who shall violate this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be summoned to pay a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) along with any court costs.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Title 6, adding Chapter 6.05 – Prohibiting the Lawful Use of Engine and Compression Brakes, (Jake Brakes). At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Brown County Ordinance No. 115

Dated this 20th day of February 2018

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
(0228.0306)

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DI Team performs at Kiwanis

Lee Schinkel was program leader for Groton Kiwanis Club. Lee presented Groton area high school DI or Destination Imagination team members, who gave a demonstration of their competition skits.

L-R, Robin Jensen, DI parent coach; Hailey Monson, Alyssa Fordham, Julianna Kosel, Rylee Rosenau, Sage Mortenson, Kayle Jensen, and JoAnn Donley, Groton DI coordinator.



DI holds Dessert Theater

The Destination Imagination dessert theater was held Sunday afternoon in the Groton Area Elementary School commons. Each of the six teams made their first public presentation to the crowd on hand. The regional DI tournament is scheduled for Saturday at the Groton Area Elementary School.

Schools participating are Groton Area, Rosholt, Webster, Deuel and Watertown.

Two local teams will participate in Improv: Treasure.

At the senior level, the DIsfunctional Nonsense made up of Alyssa Fordham, Kayla Jensen, Julianna Kosel, Hailey Monson, Sage Mortenson and Rylee Rosenau will be performing at 2:20 p.m.

The middle school team of the Bazang Boys made up of Carter Barse, Jackson Dinger and Ryan Groeblichhoff will perform at 1 p.m.

Three Groton Area teams will be competing in the Scientific: Unlikely Attraction division. The Snowbabes of Karlie McKane, Ashlynn Feser and Jeslyn Kosel will perform at 1 p.m. The Boiled Dino Dumpling Guys of Winston Clark, Corbin Weismantel, Axel Warrington, Lincoln Krause, Jacob Tewksbury and Nicholas Groeblichhoff will perform at 1:40 p.m. The Lava Girls of Keira Weismantel, Arabella Clark, Addison Hoffman, Claire Schuelke and Makenna Krause will perform at 1:20 p.m.

The non-competitive Rising Stars, Game Explorers, made up of Hudson Eichler, Novalea Warrington, Aurora Washenburger, Abby Fjeldheim, Shaydon Wood, Raelynn Feist and Mya Feser will perform at 2:20 p.m.

Groton School Election is Cancelled

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that no School Board Election for Groton Area School District No. 06-6 will be held on April 10, 2018.

The election for which public notice was given has been canceled because the following individuals have filed certificates of nomination in the office of the business official for the positions to be filled:

Groton Area School Board, 3-year term – Kara Pharis

Groton Area School Board, 3-year term – Martin D. Weismantel

Because each of the candidates is unopposed, certificates of election will be issued in the same manner as to successful candidates after election at the annual meeting held on July 10, 2018.

Michael J Weber, Business Official

Groton Area School District
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School Land Lease Auction Notice

SCHOOL LAND
LEASE AUCTION

A school land lease auction will be held at the Brown County Courthouse Annex in Aberdeen, SD on March 13, 2018 at 2:00PM (CT).

A list of tracts available for lease may be obtained at the Brown County Auditor's Office or by contacting the Office of School & Public Lands, 500 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 or phone (605)773-3303. You may also visit the SPL website at www.sdpubliclands.com. Disabled individuals needing assistance should contact the Office of School and Public Lands at least 48 hours in advance of the auction to make any necessary arrangements.
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Frederick Town Election is Cancelled

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

Notice is hereby given that no Municipal Election will be held in Frederick, South Dakota.

The election for which public notice was given has been canceled.

No new Certificates of Nomination were filed for (any of) the following position(s) and the incumbent(s) will hold over for the new term:

1-year Board Member for the Town of Frederick

Gary Schlosser, present Board Member

3-year Board Member for the Town of Frederick

R. Scott Campbell, present Board Member

Because (each of) the candidate(s) is unopposed, certificates of election will be issued in the same manner as to successful candidates after election.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2018

Diane Bruns,
Finance Officer

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Bates Township
BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave, Conde.

Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to

Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date.

Betty Geist, Township Clerk
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Groton Township
Groton Township Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual Groton Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Groton Community Center.

Jeff Howard
Groton Township Clerk (0221.0228)
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Henry Township
Henry Township Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual Henry Township caucus and election of officers along with the other business that may come before the board will be held Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 7pm at Doug Abeln's Seed Company Office. Will also take bids for gravel and maintenance.

Darlene Sass
Henry Township Clerk (0221.0228)
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Putney Township
Putney Township NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN PUTNEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Putney Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Mark Thompson's Shop.

Caucus at 5:00 p.m. followed by election of officers.

Sealed bids will be accepted for gravel, loaded and delivered, to designated places in Putney Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Mark Thompson, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Mark Thompson's Farm House shop at 5:00 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Mark Thompson
Township Clerk (0221.0228)
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Riverside Township

NOTICE OF CAUCUS AND ELECTION IN RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the annual Riverside Township Caucus and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Bruce Sippel's Shop. Caucus 7:30 p.m., followed by election of officers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sealed bids will be accepted for 2,000 yards, more or less, of gravel, loaded and delivered to designated places in Riverside Township. The township board reserves the right to inspect the gravel before awarding the bid. Bids must be addressed to Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk, sealed and plainly marked "Bids for Gravel." Separate bids will be accepted for mowing weeds along road ditches. Bidders are to furnish township with name and address of insurance agent. Bids will be opened by the Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Bruce Sippel's shop at 7:30 p.m. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bruce Sippel, Township Clerk (0221.0228)
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Shelby Township

Citizens of Shelby Township are hereby Notified that the Annual Township meeting will be held at the township hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, beginning at 1 p.m. for the following purposes: To elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term, one clerk and one treasurer and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Shelby Township will accept bids for gravel, road maintaining, snow removal, and other road work as necessary for the year 2018-2019. The gravel is to be delivered before August 1, 2018 and must meet the township board's specifications. The road maintaining, snow removal, and road work bids must state per hour and per mile charges and will be required to provide date and time records of all work done. Bids must be received at the clerk's residence on or before March 27, 2018. Bids will be opened at the township hall in Houghton on March 27, 2018 at 7 p.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Contractors Liability Insurance. The board of supervisor reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Colby Crawford, Township Clerk
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Full-time, 9-month teaching position to begin in August 2018. Instructor will be responsible for teaching fundamentals of natural gas installation, operations and maintenance and selected courses in HVAC installation and maintenance. Responsible for maintaining OSHA standards and basic safety practices in labs. Will be of benefit to be operator qualified for gas distribution function. Position requires a minimum three years' employment experience in the natural gas industry or the HVAC industry with natural gas experience. Associate degree preferred.
Instructors are responsible for developing lesson plans and teaching all courses as assigned; assessing student progress in classroom, laboratory and field settings; developing and updating curriculum; and using computers/software. Applicants should possess strong technical skills; the ability to communicate effectively; master change; work in groups; and have a strong customer orientation.
Applicants are required to use the online application system at https://www.mitchelltech.edu/about-mti/careers-at-mti. Inquiries should be directed to Liz Kitchens, Human Resources Manager, at liz.kitchens@mitchelltech.edu or by calling 605.995.7136. MTI is an EOE.

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Groton to host "Round of 16" game

Groton Area will be hosting a "Round of 16" Class B Girls Basketball game in the Arena on Thursday, March 1st at 7pm. Warner will be playing Ipswich.

Kassube, Thompson accepted at Honor Band

Kylie Kassube and Emily Thompson have been accepted into the Concordia College Honor Band in Minnesota. The event will be April 6-8.

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Brown County Ord. 114 Ball Rezoning

ORDINANCE #114
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 Merry Jo Ball Trustee for Ball Pioneer Farm Trust 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:

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)

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 31 & February 7, 2018

Passed First Reading: February 13, 2018

Passed Second Reading: February 20, 2018

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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Effective Date: March 20, 2018

Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City Seal Coat Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for the 2018 resurfacing of City Streets April 2nd, 2018 at 7:00pm (local time) at the Community Center, 109 N 3rd Street, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work on this project includes the following:

Approximately 60,000 square yards of bituminous seal coat.

All work areas are located within the City limits of Groton, SD.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

209 N Main, City Hall, Groton, SD

The approximate quantities mentioned above are subject to increase or decrease. Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, 605-397-8422, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.

February 26th, 2018

(0228.0307)

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GHS Show Choir, Band performs at Disneyland



Groton's Prismatic Sensations performed at Disney Performing Arts as part of the band/choir tour this past week. These photos courtesy of Cody Swanson features the show choir.



The Groton Area High School Marching Band in Orlando, Florida! According to what Desiree Yeigh posted on her Facebook page, "What an amazing group of students. They represented Groton extremely well!" These photos are came from her Facebook Page.



Lady Tigers end season



Gracie Traphagen
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Cold shooting, turnovers and a bad second quarter all contributed to the Groton Area girls finishing their basketball season with a 57-29 loss to the hands of the Tiospa Zina Wambdi.

The Tigers kept the game close in the first quarter and the game was tied three times and the Wambdi took a 15-12 first quarter lead. Groton Area made five of 13 field goals for 39 percent and Tiospa Zina made seven of 11 for 64 percent.

The Wambdi then outscored Groton Area, 20-1, for part of the second quarter as Tiospa Zina took a 35-16 lead at half time. In the second quarter, Groton made one of nine field goals for 11 percent and Tiospa Zina was six of 17 for 35 percent. In the second quarter, Groton Area had seven turnovers that resulted in 12 points for Tiospa Zina.

Tiospa Zina continued to run away with the game in the third quarter, outscoring the Tigers, 12-3, to take a 47-18 lead at the break. In the third quarter, Groton Area was one of 13 in shooting for 8 percent and the Wambdi were four of 13 for 31 percent.

Groton Area had the edge in fourth quarter scoring, 11-10. The Tigers made three of 16 field goals for 19 percent and the Wambdi were four of 11 for 36 percent.

Miranda Hanson led the Tigers with seven points, four rebounds and one steal. Harleigh Stange added six points and had three rebounds. Sam Gefre and Gracie Traphagen each had three, Eliza Wanner, Kaycie Hawkins and Ciatlynn Barse each had two points and Payton Maine and Nicole Marzahn each

added a free throw.

Gefre had the lone three-pointer for Groton Area.

Groton Area had 18 turnovers compared to nine for Tiospa Zina. The Tigers made 10 of 51 shots for 20 percent and Tiospa Zina made 21 of 52 for 40 percent.

Hailey Shepherd led Tiospa Zina with 19 points followed by Aubree Bearheart with 12, Kylee Deutsch with eight, Lexus Redthunder had seven, Jordyn LaBlanc, Gerlyn Felicia and Daylah Flute each had three points and Omany Bernard added two points. The Wambdi made eight three-pointers.

Groton Area finished its season with an 8-13 record.

In the other first round games, Redfield/Doland defeated Sisseton, 44-37, and Milbank Area defeated Webster Area, 64-44. Next round action is Thursday where Tiospa Zina will travel to Aberdeen Roncalli and Milbank Area will travel to Redfield. The winner of those two games will advance to the Round of 16.

- Paul Kosel



Harleigh Stange was the only senior playing on the team last night. The other senior, Jessica Bjerke, did not play due to an injury she sustained at the Milbank game. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Payton Maine
(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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